

ROCHDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESCRIBED ALTERATION TO SIDDAL MOOR SPORTS COLLEGE STATUTORY PROPOSALS

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 (2013/3110) that Rochdale Borough Council, Children's Services, Number One Riverside, Smith Street, Rochdale, OL16 1XU, intends to make a prescribed alteration to Siddal Moor Sports College.

1. The name and contact address of the local authority or governing body publishing the proposals:

Local Authority: *Rochdale Borough Council*

Address: *School Organisation and Development Team, Early Help & Schools, Rochdale Borough Council, Number One Riverside, Smith Street, Rochdale, OL16 1XU*

Date of Publication of Proposals for Consultation: *5th February 2018.*

2. The name, address and category of the school that is proposed to be altered:

Address: Siddal Moor Sports College, Newhouse Road, Heywood, OL10 2NT

Category of school: Community Secondary School.

3. The date in which the proposed changes will take effect in terms of both the buildings and additional place provisions:

1st September 2019.

4. The place to which representations can be made, and by when:

Any person can make representations on the proposal by using the following link to the council consultation website at: <https://consultations.rochdale.gov.uk/research/enlargement-of-siddal-moor-sports-college> or by sending them by 4th March 2018 to: Robert Aspinall, by e-mail at robert.aspinall@rochdale.gov.uk or in writing to this address: Robert Aspinall, School Organisation & Development Team, Early Help and Schools, Rochdale Borough Council, Number One Riverside, Smith Street, Rochdale, OL16 1XU.

5. What is proposed?

The proposal is to permanently enlarge Siddal Moor Sports College, Rochdale from 1050 places to 1350 places with effect from 1st September 2019. This would mean that the Published Admission Number would increase from 210 to 270 in each successive new year group.

6. School capacity and places- current pupil numbers and admissions- (distinguishing between compulsory and non-compulsory school age pupils), age range, sex, and special educational needs (distinguishing between boarding and day pupils) for whom provision is currently made:

Siddal Moor Sports College has 855 pupils on roll from Year 7 to Year 11 based on the October 2017 school census. The current age range of the children is 11-16.

OCTOBER 2017 CENSUS	Places 2017	Year 7 NOR	Places 2016	Year 8 NOR	Places 2015	Year 9 NOR	Places 2014	Year 10 NOR	Places 2013	Year 11 NOR	Total NOR
Siddal Moor Sports College	210	173	210	178	210	183	210	162	210	159	855

7. Why do we want to make the change(s)?

Reasons for the expansion of places

7.1 Rochdale Borough Council needs to make sure there are enough secondary school places for those who need them, taking account of the demographic growth and change and demand for places. Previous analysis of data and consultation has shown that there are three key factors driving the need for more school places in the Heywood Township:

- i. There has been a steady increase in Year 7 cohorts in line with birth rates in the area since 2012.
- ii. Movement of families into the borough and township has increased cohort sizes in all Primary year groups which has had a follow on impact on cohort sizes as they enter Year 7.
- iii. New housing developments.

The proposal to increase the number of school places at Siddal Moor Sports College will make sure that there are enough Secondary school places available for families within a reasonable distance of this popular school.

7.2 Additionally the Council has, in its 5 year housing plan, with proposals for a total of 500+ houses in the Heywood Township over the period, and approximately 950 per year within Rochdale Borough.

7.3 The proposal is therefore to enlarge Siddal Moor Secondary school by providing an additional 60 places in each new year group.

Quality of Provision

7.4 The current OfSTED report for Siddal Moor Sports College was published in November 2017 and the school was judged as 'Requires Improvement' for overall effectiveness. Its intake has a high percentage of disadvantaged pupils.

7.7 The Governing Body of Siddal Moor Sports College is committed to upholding the standards and ethos of the School. Through the Leadership and Management Team and alongside the Governing Body, the school aspires to provide an 'outstanding' education to all of the children in its community. A single class (30 children) of extra children are going to be recruited for September 2018 and accommodated in the existing structure of the school. The second extra form of entry will then be accommodated in the new accommodation in September 2019. It is helpful that the expansion will be on a progressive basis enabling the school to plan ahead, step by step, ensuring that all is in place as each additional class, in each year group, arrives. The school will maintain all staffing ratios: resources for which are provided through the school funding formula, and which will be increased accordingly each year as numbers grow.

8. The need or demand for additional places- a statement and supporting evidence about the need for school places in the area including whether there is sufficient capacity to accommodate additional pupils in the current schools:

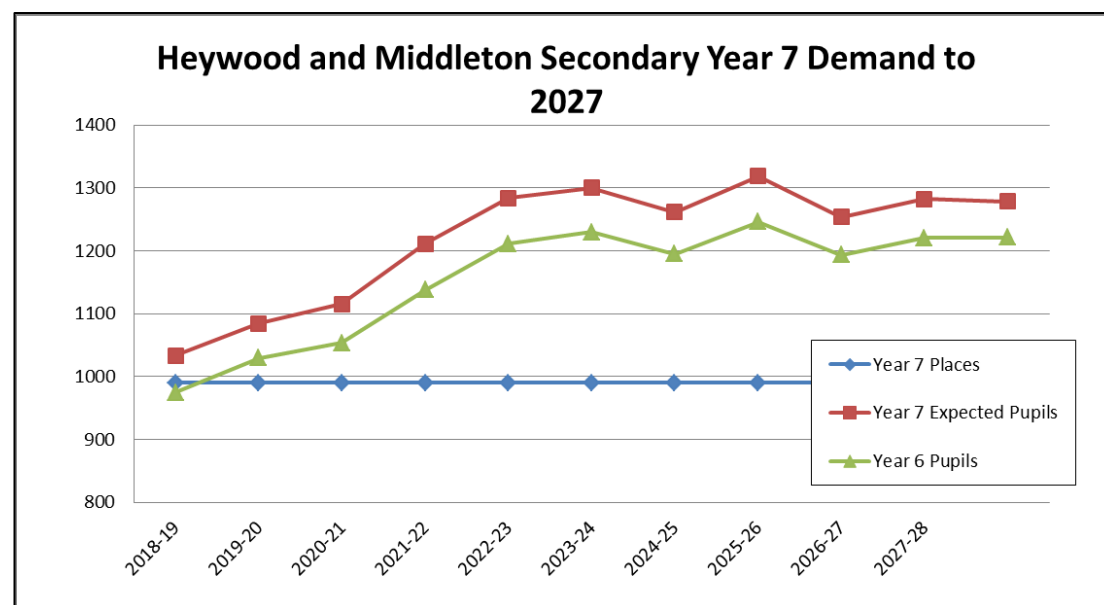
8.1 New pupil projections for Rochdale Borough and Township were published and consulted upon during October-December 2017. The consultation information can be found in the link below:

<https://consultations.rochdale.gov.uk/council-wide/extra-secondary-places/>

This highlighted the serious need for additional secondary school places within the Heywood and

Middleton Townships, key factors being:

- Increasing cohort sizes through the current Primary school year groups;
- Demand of in-year transfers in Primary year groups both in the borough and township;
- High number of extra housing being planned.



Heywood and Middleton Secondary Provision	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
YEAR 7 Places	990	990	990	990	990	990	990	990
Year 7 Expected Pupils	1033	1085	1116	1211	1284	1300	1262	1318
Year 6 Pupils	975	1029	1053	1138	1211	1230	1195	1246
Extra Places Needed	43	95	126	221	294	310	272	328

8.2 There is a net inflow of children to the Heywood/Middleton area at year 7 because of both the distribution of secondary schools in the borough and the popularity of those schools.

8.3 All of the secondary schools within the Heywood and Middleton townships are due to be full by 2018 and the expansion of Siddal Moor is required to meet the demands outlined in 8.1 above. No adverse impact on local schools is expected.

8.4 The extra capacity being created at Siddal Moor will not be sufficient to meet expected demand and a new school will be needed in the area by 2020. A second new school will also be needed in the Rochdale Township area to meet expected borough demand in 2022.

8.5 Siddal Moor Sports College is a popular and successful school. There has been a high level of demand for places at the school in each year group.

8.6 Consultation was undertaken during Oct-Dec 2017 with the school (face to face meetings) and Townships (via committee meetings).

- 9. Interim arrangements - details of the schools or further education colleges, taking the following into consideration:**
- any temporary arrangements;
 - the provision that is to be made for those pupils who receive educational provision recognised by the local authority as reserved for children with special educational needs; and
 - in the case of special schools, the alternative provision made by local authorities other than the local authority which maintain the school:

Not applicable.

10. Details of any other measures to be taken to increase the number of school or further education college places available in consequence of the proposed alterations:

Not applicable.

11. Impact on the community

- a statement and supporting evidence about the impact on the community and any measures proposed to mitigate any adverse impact, e.g during the build period:

The Local Authority aims to plan well in advance to ensure that the school, other users on the site and the contractors can work together to minimise disruption on site. The building contractors will be familiar with working on school sites and will be audited on considerate construction.

12. Rural primary schools- where proposals relate to a rural primary school designated as such by an order made for the purposes of Section 15, a statement that the Local Authority or the governing body (as the case may be) has considered section 15(4):

Not applicable.

13. Balance of denominational provision- where the school has a religious character, a statement about the impact of the proposed alterations on the balance of denominational provision in the area and the impact on parental choice:

Not applicable.

14. Quality and quantity measures of the proposed school-

- a) the LA's assessment of the quality and quantity of the proposed alterations on the school, and;
- b) to ensure that the convenience for local children and parents is also considered.

- a) *Careful consideration has been given to the additional teaching spaces required to ensure that an increase of pupils on roll does not negatively impact on the teaching and learning of existing pupils or new admissions. The class sizes will not increase as a result of the additional school places to ensure that this increase in places complies with regulations regarding adult to pupil ratios.*
- b) *The increased place capacity will help to alleviate any concerns with regards to local children as well as acknowledging parental preference.*

15. Travel requirements and provision of travel costs- details of the length and journeys to alternative provision and the proposed arrangements for travel for pupils to other schools including how the proposed arrangements will mitigate against increased car use:

A school travel plan will be produced to help reduce the impact of increased pupil numbers over the next few years by encouraging sustainable patterns of travel to school.

16. Capital

The capital cost of the proposals will be met by the Local Authority from capital grant resources already available. Approval for expenditure was given by Cabinet on 19th December 2017 and because contracts for the work have not been agreed the amount available is commercial in confidence. This will help secure value for money in procurement of the project. The site is in Council Ownership.

17. Implementation of the Proposals

Rochdale Borough Council as promoter has responsibility for implementing the proposals.

18. Public Sector Equality Duty

Not applicable.

