



Consultation Document Increasing space at Manor Green Primary

Response deadline: 13th November 2018

West Sussex County Council would like to hear your views on increasing the space at Manor Green Primary, Lady Margaret Road, Crawley RH11 0DU.

Background

Manor Green Primary is a mixed community special school located in the Ifield neighbourhood of Crawley. The school provides education for vulnerable pre-school and primary aged children ranging in age from two to eleven years old. The school caters for a wide range of special educational needs (SEN) particularly for children with moderate and severe learning difficulties, complex social and communication difficulties, or identified as having an autistic spectrum condition. All children have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). The school opened in 2004 and is rated by Ofsted as outstanding. The school currently caters for a higher than average number of children eligible for pupil premium (who are either entitled to free school meals or are Looked After Children in Local Authority Care).

Pupil population and the need for more places

West Sussex County Council has been closely monitoring the number of pupils across the County and this number has been rising for the last five years including the number of children with SEN. Manor Green Primary has accommodated increasing numbers of pupils over recent years and this proposal seeks to improve the schools buildings to enable them to continue to accommodate a greater number of pupils than their PAN originally set out.

School Buildings and Capacity

As a generic special school, providing for a broad range of needs, there is no proposal to alter designation or the type of SEN provided for. Manor Green Primary has a current number on roll (NOR) of 198 but a physical capacity of 164 places. The school is therefore short of building capacity and keen to have this addressed to cater for the additional pupils coming through.

Feasibility work has been undertaken to consider how to provide additional teaching spaces (two classrooms and hygiene space) to extend facilities. It is likely that this would be of a modular construction and sited adjacent to the current school buildings. Work on exact location is still ongoing and will be subject to a full planning application submission. The expansion of a special school by 10% or more requires a statutory public consultation. The Headteachers and Governors support the proposal welcoming enhanced facilities that will benefit the children in their care. The proposals also comply with the SEN Improvement Test by improving the standard and quality of educational provision for children with SEN.

Who is being consulted?

A statutory notice is being placed in the local newspaper The Crawley Observer and copies of this document have been sent to all parents, students, staff and governors of the two schools, the Unions and Staff Associations, neighbouring schools, the West Sussex Parent Carer Forum, the Sussex Autistic Society, Crawley Borough Council, the Ward Councillor, the Primary Care Trust, the local MP and the Dioceses of Chichester and Arundel and Brighton. Additional copies will be available from the receptions of both schools. A copy of this document may be downloaded from West Sussex County Council website at www.westsussex.gov.uk/ManorGreen.

To ensure your views are known?

Complete the online survey at www.westsussex.gov.uk/ManorGreen

The deadline for receiving your views online is 13 November 2018. Alternatively you can pass your comments to either of the schools offices and they will send them to the School Organisation and Development Team in Chichester:-

School Organisation and Development Team
2nd Floor Northleigh
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If you have any concerns or queries or wish to discuss the proposals further you can contact school.consultations@westsussex.gov.uk or telephone 0330 222 3046. People who are deaf can contact us using NGT Text Relay 18001 01243 777100 (available on computers, tablets and smart phones through a free downloadable app).

Also if you wish to receive a copy in an alternative format such as large print or in another language please also contact the number above or speak to a member of staff in either of the school offices.