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Winterstoke Hundred Academy Consultation

Expansion to Multi-Site Provision

Introduction

This consultation has been prepared with the support of officers of North Somerset Council.

The independent Planning Inspectorate, following public examination and on behalf of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, did not approve the West of England Joint Spatial Plan. Consequently, the Council is reviewing its housing locations. This has impacted on the timing and immediate need for the delivery of significant extra secondary school places in and around Weston-super-Mare.

In November 2019 the Housing Infrastructure Bid (HIF) for the Banwell and Locking areas of North Somerset was approved. The bid includes funding to deliver transport and education infrastructure improvements plus suitable housing for North Somerset over the next 15 years. Part of that bid is for new secondary school places in Locking Parklands, providing for an additional 900 to 1,200 students by 2023/2024.

The original concept was for these places to be provided by the delivery of a new secondary school to meet the growing need for pupil places in North Somerset as a result of general population increases and to factor in potential housing developments. Since the HIF bid application was drawn up there have been two significant changes to the housing and educational landscapes that affect the demand for student places:

- North Somerset Council's local housing plan submission was not approved in 2019, placing less certainty on the timing and future locations of the expected number of new houses.
- In the period leading up to the dissolution of the Inspirational Futures Trust, the Department for Education (DfE) ran an Expression of Interest process to determine the future of North Somerset Enterprise and Technology College (NSETC). The process culminated in the re-brokerage of the 14-19 specialist provision to Cabot Learning Federation, with the plan for it to be converted to an 11-19 secondary school. NSETC has been relaunched as Winterstoke Hundred Academy with 150 pupil admission number (PAN) for Year 7 to 11 and 100 in Year 12 to 13, opening for Year 7 and 12 in September 2020. The conversion of NSETC to a mainstream secondary school has provided the town with the fifth school originally imagined in the HIF bid, albeit with insufficient scope to meet the anticipated eventual growth in pupil numbers in the coming five years.



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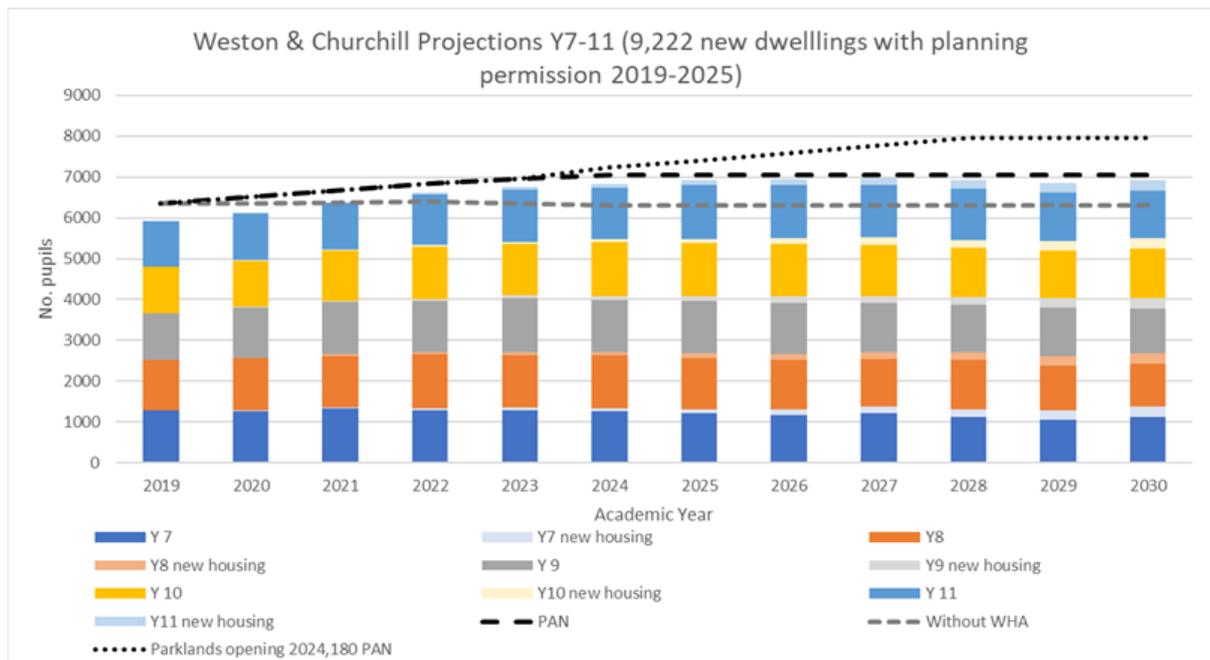


Pupil Placement Planning

The Council has reforecast its current pupil projections as at March 2020 for year groups 7 to 11 (see Figure 1 below). The chart shows the minimum projected pupil numbers for the next 12 years using the agreed housing planning trajectories for new developments with planning permission (plus an estimate of small sites numbers).

The three capacity lines show the capacity at the point of the HIF bid submission (without the WHA Year 7 intake – grey line), the current agreed PAN capacity (black dashed line) and the capacity that could be delivered from the new Locking Parkland site if an extra 180 PAN from 2024 (dotted line) were to be made available.

Figure 1:



A summary of the percentage of empty places is provided below for each of the three capacities. A negative number means a shortage of places, a positive number means a surplus.



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Table 1a:

Academic year	% surplus without WHA	% surplus (agreed PANs inc. WHA 150)	No. of additional places needed to provide a 5% surplus with agreed PANs & WHA 150	% surplus (agreed PANs inc. WHA 150 & Parklands 180)
2019	7%	7%	0	7%
2020	4%	6%	0	6%
2021	0%	4%	45	4%
2022	-4%	3%	131	3%
2023	-6%	3%	147	3%
2024	-8%	3%	123	6%
2025	-10%	2%	226	7%
2026	-10%	2%	245	9%
2027	-11%	1%	281	10%
2028	-10%	2%	221	13%
2029	-9%	3%	151	14%
2030	-10%	2%	224	13%

Table 1a demonstrates that even with the planned growth from new housing, an additional *sixth* school with a PAN of 180 is no longer required in the short-term, although demand for places may exceed availability once new homes are delivered. If an additional school were to be commissioned under the presumptive route, it would provide a surfeit of capacity. This, against the backdrop of three of the five current schools recruiting under PAN for September 2020, would ultimately in turn affect the viability of other schools in the area.

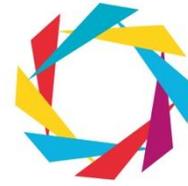
Winterstoke Hundred Academy (WHA) Site

The building and footprint at WHA is currently insufficient to meet the needs of a 950 place secondary school, as the original design was for a 700 place science / engineering specialist provision. Discussions with the DfE regarding capital funding to amend the site at WHA to make it fit to deliver a mainstream secondary curriculum were in advanced stages, however, this process was paused, initially due to pre-election purdah and then subsequently pending the outcome of the HIF application. However, some adjustment will be necessary to meet the needs of the changed type of provision, if all of the provision is to be based on the current site.



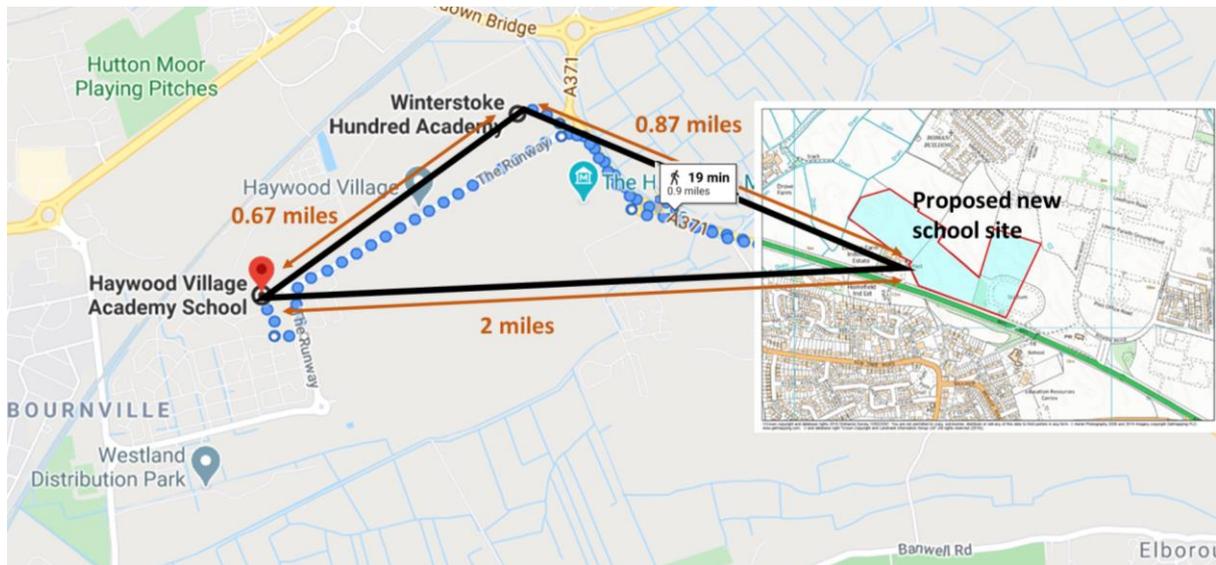
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Winterstoke Hundred Academy (WHA); Geographical Proximity to the proposed new site

Figure 2:



A site for the additional school places has already been identified by North Somerset Council and was included in the HIF bid. In Figure 2 the map indicating the new site is combined with a map showing the proximity (as the crow flies) of both the current Winterstoke Hundred Academy site and the site of Haywood Village Academy (HVA), both CLF academies. Also included is the distance and estimated walking time between WHA and the proposed new site using existing routes, which are **0.9 miles and 19 minutes** respectively. This compares to the other local secondary schools thus (in order of proximity, according to Google Maps):

1. Winterstoke Hundred Academy (0.9 miles, 19 minutes' walk)
2. Worle Community School (2.2 miles, 44 minutes' walk)
3. Hans Price Academy (2.7 miles, 53 minutes' walk)
4. Priory Community School (3.1 miles, 64 minutes' walk)
5. Broadoak Academy (2.7 miles, 73 minutes' walk)
6. Churchill Academy and Sixth Form (5.1 miles, 101 minutes' walk)

When considering the notion of expansion of an existing school, where the location of the additional accommodation has already been predetermined, it is clear that a multi-site solution at WHA is the most workable, with both sites being most easily accessible to pupils of the secondary key stages. The proximity of HVA will further reinforce the opportunity for cross phase collaboration, throughout the 3-19 age range.



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Multi-Site Proposal

1. Vision

The CLF is proposing to submit a significant change application to the DfE to expand Winterstoke Hundred Academy into a multi-site provision. The existing site on Beaufighther Road will predominately house Sixth Form and some Key Stage 4 students and courses.

The new Locking Parklands site will be developed under the same URN as a space predominately for Key Stage 3 and 4 provision. However, elements of the curricula at all three key stages will be delivered in both sites, which will be less than one mile apart.

The pupil admission number will remain at 150 in Year 7 to 11 until such time that North Somerset Council, in-conjunction with local schools, deem it necessary to expand by a form of entry (or 30 places). This would vouchsafe the viability of other schools in the area and ensure there is a considered approach to place planning. The current pupil projections support a potential final capacity of 240 pupils per year group.

While the younger pupils would have the opportunity to access some of the state-of-the-art science and technology spaces in the current building where appropriate, Post 16 students would have greater opportunity to access the anticipated outdoor spaces of the new site and those standard learning spaces (mentioned above), which are missing on the current site.

This proposal will ensure Winterstoke Hundred Academy has the necessary capital investment to meet the needs of its existing 950 capacity school and will negate the need to pursue other capital streams from the DfE or Council. It will also protect the future viability of WHA and the other local schools in the period until the anticipated growth in numbers is realised.

Cabot Learning Federation

The CLF has existed for over 10 years as a Multi-Academy Trust. In the course of that time the federation has developed from a small Bristol-based secondary education partnership to an instinctively collaborative organisation of over 19 schools and other provisions, serving the educational needs of 11,200 children and young people aged 3 to 19.

The federation is sponsored by the University of the West of England and Rolls-Royce PLC. Their academies are based in three 3-19 clusters in Bristol, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset.

The CLF employs around 1,900 people in a range of roles designed to help children to be successful in their lives. They also rely on the time and commitment of over 250 volunteer governors, who share the CLF HEART values (below) and ambitions for their schools and their pupils.



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- Establish **High expectations**
for all that we seek to achieve
- Create **Equity** of opportunity,
removing disadvantage
- Champion the success and life chances of **All children**
- Furnish pupils and staff with the **Resilience** to succeed
as lifelong learners
- Promote **Tolerance** and respect for ourselves,
our communities and our environment

The CLF believes firmly in the importance of a coherent learning journey throughout the education key stages and beyond and is committed to working with the community and other partners to deliver excellent learning experiences for all in Weston.

The mission of the CLF is:

‘To consistently deliver excellent educational experiences for pupils aged 3-19, improving their life chances and serving the communities of which we are a member.’

Consultation

The information within this letter forms part of the formal consultation that CLF is legally required to undertake to submit a significant change application to the DfE.

The proposal is to expand Winterstoke Hundred Academy to a multi-site provision to include its existing provision on Beaufighter Road and a site within the Locking Development. It is not seeking to vary the admissions arrangement or over-subscription criteria immediately. Existing arrangements will remain in place with phased increases planned as part of the annual School Admissions Consultations for an eventual PAN of up to 240 places.

Final comments, in response to this consultation are invited to be received **by 5pm on Wednesday 22nd April**.

Opportunities to find out more

An open event will be taking place to allow the community to find out more information about this exciting new development. The event will be held at WHA on Thursday 2nd April 2020 from 4pm to 6pm. Address as follows:

Winterstoke Hundred Academy - Beaufighter Rd, Weston-super-Mare, BS24 8EE



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Invitation to Submit Views

You can send us feedback and comments using this form by post to Winterstoke Hundred Academy Consultation, Federation House, King's Oak Academy, Brook Road, Bristol, BS15 4JT or by email to wha-info@clf.uk

Please tick the category that best describes you:

- Parent / carer of a local pre-school child
- Parent / carer of a primary school pupil (please specify which school)
- Parent / carer of a secondary school pupil (please specify which school)
- Member of school staff (please specify which school)
- School governor (please specify which school)
- Local resident
- Member of a community group (please specify which group)
- Other (please state)

Please state whether any comments are your own / your families or are on behalf of an organisation (please specify which organisation)

Do you agree with the proposed expansion of Winterstoke Hundred Academy into a multi-site provision?

Yes No

Please add your comments on the proposal below:



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If you would like to receive updates related to the new Academy, please include your email address:

Please return this form by 5pm on Wednesday 22nd April.



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