

APPENDIX 2 – Secondary Consultation Feedback

Question	Response
I support the proposal to provide extra year 7 class places in Heywood & Middleton Townships	Yes
I support the proposal to provide extra year 7 class places in Pennines & Rochdale Townships	Yes
Any further details - please comment	I would like to see additional SEND provision for this age group as currently parents /carers have very little choice
Date:	2017-10-11

Question	Response
I support the proposal to provide extra year 7 class places in Heywood & Middleton Townships	No
I support the proposal to provide extra year 7 class places in Pennines & Rochdale Townships	Yes
Any further details - please comment	
Date:	2017-10-11

Response from
Peter Eavers
Director of Education

DIOCESE OF  SALFORD

Response to Heywood and Middleton School Place Consultation 2017:-

The Heywood and Middleton consultation paper outlines the potential increase in demand for school places and proposes that 60 extra places be provided at Siddal Moor (30 in 2018 and 30 more in 2019) and that a 180 place Free School be established in the Middleton area by 2020. The previous consultation on school places in 2014/15 also indicated an increased need for places in Heywood and Middleton, with both Holy Family and Cardinal Langley providing an additional 30 places, and St Anne's providing an additional 10 places. Cardinal Langley is supportive of plans to increase capacity in Heywood and Middleton if it is based on accurate information and responds to local need. There are specific concerns however whether the projected number of places is accurate, that the consultation does not identify the specific site for the school, and that the proposal does not address the lack of SEN provision in the local area.

In response to the specific areas of the consultation:-

1. Does the proposal include sufficient places?

The Diocese are concerned that the additional 240 places proposed will potentially provide more places than required and have a destabilising effect on the admission arrangements at existing schools.

Predicted short term need outlined in October 2016 for September 2017 indicated that 33 additional places would be required in Heywood and Middleton for 2017/18. Additional temporary places were provided at local schools but it was found in September 2017 that only 21 places were required which was 36% lower than expected. Short term predicted need should be the most accurate and a similar overestimate of 36% would reduce the peak need in 2023/24 by 100 students and mean that there would be significant overcapacity in the local area.

The place planning document in October 2016 did not include any increased provision in Heywood, and numbers presented at the place planning group in April 2017 showed that there would be an overcapacity in Heywood in 2018/19 by 8 places and only a 1FE required by 2019/20 including assumed growth due to housing. It is unclear why an additional 60 places are being proposed in an area which the April 2017 forecasts do not indicate such a demand.

In the April 2017 forecast, the number of additional places required in Middleton peaks in 2022 and then declines to 95 in 2026. This estimate includes the potential housing and would mean significant surplus places. Updated forecasts have not yet been made available and, even if these indicate an increased demand, there is concern both that the original proposal would seek to create overcapacity and that the estimates on which the proposal are based can vary so significantly in such a short time.

2. Are the places in the right locality to meet the need?

The consultation paper does not include the proposed location of the Free School. This is important for any comment on whether the places are being provided in the right area. There is significant movement of students across Local Authority boundaries and it is essential to consider the location of a new school so that the impact of this can be included in estimates of need.

3. Would you suggest something different about the need for extra Year 7 places?

All schools are experiencing an increase in SEN students, particularly with ASD, which require complex support. While schools are developing their capacity in this area, this was a specific area identified in the recent Local Authority SEN inspection. The Diocese would like consideration to be given to specific SEN places being provided in the Heywood and Middleton area. This could be at an existing school, or as part of the Free School proposal, and would respond to a need in the local area.

Cardinal Langley RC High School

'An Outstanding Catholic School' 548, March 2017

Rochdale Road, Middleton, Manchester, M24 2GL T: 0161 643 4009 | E:
admin@clrchs.co.uk | W: www.clrchs.co.uk Headteacher: Mr A Bridson B.Sc. (Hons), MA
(Education), NPQH

Mr Robert Aspinall
School Organisation & Development Team
Rochdale Borough Council - Schools Service
Number One Riverside
Smith Street

Rochdale
OL16 1XU
7th November 2017
Dear Mr Aspinall,

Response to the Heywood and Middleton School Place Consultation 2017

The Heywood and Middleton consultation paper outlines the potential increase in demand for school places and proposes that 60 extra places be provided at Siddal Moor (30 in 2018 and 30 more in 2019) and that a 180 place Free School be established in the Middleton area by 2020. The previous consultation on school places in 2014/15 also indicated an increased need for places in Heywood and Middleton, with both Holy Family and Cardinal Langley providing an additional 30 places, and St Anne's providing an additional 10 places. Cardinal Langley is supportive of plans to increase capacity in Heywood and Middleton if it is based on accurate information and responds to local need. There are specific concerns however whether the projected number of places is accurate, that the consultation does not identify the specific site for the school, and that the proposal does not address the lack of SEN provision in the local area.

In response to the specific areas of the consultation:-

1. Does the proposal include sufficient places?

At Cardinal Langley we are concerned that the additional 240 places proposed will potentially provide more places than required and have a destabilising effect on the admission arrangements at existing schools.

Predicted short term need outlined in October 2016 for September 2017 indicated that 33 additional places would be required in Heywood and Middleton for 2017/18. Additional temporary places were provided at local schools but it was found in September 2017 that only 21 places were required which was 36% lower than expected. Short term predicted need should be the most accurate and a similar overestimate of 36% would reduce the peak need in 2023/24 by 100 students and mean that there would be significant overcapacity in the local area.

The place planning document in October 2016 did not include any increased provision in Heywood, and numbers presented at the place planning group in April 2017 showed that there would be an overcapacity in Heywood in 2018/19 by 8 places and only a 1FE required by 2019/20 including assumed growth due to housing. It is unclear why an additional 60 places are being proposed in an area which the April 2017 forecasts do not indicate such a demand.

In the April 2017 forecast, the number of additional places required in Middleton peaks in 2022 and then declines to 95 in 2026. This estimate includes the potential housing and would mean significant surplus places. Updated forecasts have not yet been made available and, even if these indicate an increased demand, there is concern both that the original proposal would seek to create overcapacity and that the estimates on which the proposal are based can vary so significantly in such a short time.

2. Are the places in the right locality to meet the need?

The consultation paper does not include the proposed location of the Free School. This is important for any comment on whether the places are being provided in the right area. There is significant movement of students across Local Authority boundaries and it is essential to consider the location of a new school so that the impact of this can be included in estimates of need.

3. Would you suggest something different about the need for extra Year 7 places?

All schools are experiencing an increase in SEN students, particularly with ASD, which require complex support. While schools are developing their capacity in this area, this was a specific area identified in the recent Local Authority SEN inspection. Consideration should be given to specific SEN places being provided in the Heywood and Middleton area. This could be at an existing school, or as part of the Free School proposal, and would respond to a need in the local area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,
A Bridson
Headteacher

From Donna Shepherd, director of Personnel & Finance St Annes Academy

Thank you for your email. Our Vice Chair of Governors, has some initial queries. Please could you advise on the following:

- The information states that 3 classes are still needed in 2019/20 [Consultation Paper Borough Summary, point 6. Please can you advise where these classes are needed, i.e. in Middleton or Rochdale?
- Are you able to provide information in relation to extra Primary School places during the same period and is there any agreement where they are to be built or is there a chance they will be built in the same place as the Altus Partnership proposal?

I look forward to hearing from you in due course. Kind regards,

Donna

Donna Shepherd
Director of Personnel & Finance
St Anne's Academy

LA Response

- [The information states that 3 classes are still needed in 2019/20 \[Consultation Paper Borough Summary, point 6. Please can you advise where these classes are needed, i.e. in Middleton or Rochdale?](#)

I have attached the consultation documents relating to the Heywood & Middleton and Pennines & Rochdale areas. The issue with Secondary is that we currently have large flows of secondary school pupils from one area to the other. As shown in the graphs attached Heywood and Middleton have approximately 100 extra year 7 than year 6 children, when Pennines and Rochdale have the opposite. This is largely because the high number and concentrations of Primaries in the Rochdale township.

In the Rochdale Township we are currently expanding Kingsway, Falinge Park and Matthew Moss. Kingsway and Falinge Park took an extra form this September. Matthew Moss will take 2 extra forms in September 2018.

Taking these into account as the tables attached show, for 2019 Heywood and Middleton need 72 extra place in 2019, and 109 in 2020. Rochdale and Pennines need 71 extra places in 2019, 129 in 2020. We will be consulting on increasing Siddal Moor by 2 forms of entry to meet some of this need. Ideally we would be looking for an extra 30 places in Heywood and Middleton, and an extra 60

places in Rochdale and Pennines. However because of the extra building we have already done, we are very mindful that the schools that have had extensions have already had major disruptions, and can't revisit them.

The two Free schools that the council is aiming for would be timed for 2020 in Middleton and 2022 in Rochdale.

- Are you able to provide information in relation to extra Primary School places during the same period and is there any agreement where they are to be built or is there a chance they will be built in the same place as the Altus Partnership proposal?

Current Primary need as shown in the reports are attached are focused on extra capacity needed in Rochdale and Heywood Townships as this is where birth rates are still increasing. In Pennines and Middleton birth rates are reducing in line with national trends. In particular the council need extra capacity in central Rochdale. However you may be aware of the Greater Manchester spatial Framework and the associated extra housing developments that are in the pipeline. According to this document sufficient extra housing will be created in both Pennines and Heywood Townships to warrant new Primary schools. These are not yet in the forecast as the developments are not yet agreed. The need at Primary and Secondary are in different areas, and I cannot currently foresee them being built in the same place as the Altus Partnership Proposal.

Regards

Fay

HOUSING RESPONSES

From Terry Linden

As vice chair and assets chair and lead governor link with RMBC on behalf of St Anne's Academy and my previous input over many years on needed school places in the Borough, I have been asked by my chair to give my views on the proposals for the future of secondary school places needed till September 2020.

I am approaching you for clarification of what planning applications have been passed for new homes (detail on how many bedrooms per dwelling would help) in Middleton and Heywood without starting on site yet? I am a little out of touch but know off Keepmoat on Willow Park, Taylor Wimpey on Hollin and Langley Lane and others on Don street (old Vitafoam site) and smaller sites on old school Alderman Kay off Waverley Road and old Factory off Oldham Road and Fielding Street, all in Middleton.

If there are others in the process due to the new combined authority proposals or Government change of policy it would be helpful if any update could be included? The consultation period is only too November the 8th and with half term next week, it does not leave much time for debate by senior management teams and Trustees or Governors, therefore I hope for a quick response?

I have added Robert to my request to stop any duplication of the same questions or lack of clarification.

Regards

Terry

LA Response from the Assistant Director of Planning and Development– A spreadsheet of new housing was supplied on the 31st October by email

LA Response from Pupils Place Manager –

Terry,

The housing data that went into the forecast for the consultation is from the yearly published housing plan for 2016. This gave a total of 554 new houses over the next 5 years in Heywood, and 780 new houses over the next 5 years in Middleton.

Once new housing is populated and children have started in school the pupil forecast model calculates this increase as cohort survival ratios. These show that Middleton in particular has seen survival ratios of over 100% for the last five years in Primary school years. This means, in most primary cohorts, each subsequent year has slightly more children than the year before (approximately 1 or 2 extra per hundred children). These add up over the Primary years and impact on how many places are needed at Secondary. This growth is as a direct consequence of extra housing over the last five years.

I have only just been given equivalent figures for housing in 2017. Consequently the forecasts that have been put into the public domain are on the older figures and will not correspond with a review of the ones that are now in the pipeline that Mark will update you on. I think that this needs to be highlighted. The consequences are that the forecast estimates could be conservative and particularly for the estimates 3-5 years in the future and particularly for the Middleton area.

Regards

Fay

Response 2 from Terry Linden

Thank you for details. I think it would help if we could meet in relation to questions I have on behalf of the Trustees at the Academy in relation to possible proposals for the 60-90 extra places also needed in the future?

Also as a resident and grand parent I have other questions which have not been answered in the consultation paper?

Could you direct me who can answer or can you answer “what percentage of Trustees at Hopwood College and Rochdale 6th form reside in Middleton?”

With the short period to give our views, is it possible for us to meet ASAP? I am available any time except Tuesday the 31st between 12 and 4 when I am at a Academy board meeting.

Regards

Terry

LA response – A meeting was held with the Pupil Place Manager and Terry Linden on 2nd November 2017