

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**21 OCTOBER 2014**

**Report of the Strategic Director for Children & Younger Adults**

**REPORT ON THE OUTCOME OF THE CONSULTATION REGARDING THE  
PROPOSAL FOR A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL IN CHELLASTON FIELDS –  
(Children and Young People)**

1. **Purpose of Report** A report was put to Cabinet on 25 March 2014 and subsequently approved, seeking authority to undertake a consultation on a proposal for a new primary school to serve the Chellaston Fields area of South Derbyshire and Holmleigh Way in Derby City and Derbyshire.
2. **Information and Analysis**

The consultation was held from 23 June to 25 July 2014. A consultation paper was circulated to parents, staff and governors of schools within a three mile radius of the development site, within both Derby City and Derbyshire (attached as Appendix 1). Also, copies of the paper were published on the Derbyshire website and on the websites of the normal area schools (Sale and Davy in the County and Holmfield Primary in Derby City), and sent to other interested parties and statutory consultees.

One response to the consultation was received from the Chellaston Residents Association. The response was supportive of the proposal for new infrastructure in general and for a new primary school specifically. The Residents' group raised concerns about pressure on all infrastructure, and in particular the lack of information on how the secondary school places will be delivered for this housing development.

**Authority Response**

The Local Authority welcomes the support for the proposal for a new primary school at Chellaston Fields to serve the new housing. Officers work with colleagues in the Planning Authority to assess the impact of new housing on a range of infrastructure provision, such as schools and highways mentioned in the Chellaston Residents Association response, and will continue to seek developer contributions towards the provision of additional primary, secondary, and post-16 places. In this instance, the developer has offered to provide the land and part of the cost of a new one form entry primary school to serve the development, to work with the Local Authority and, through S106 agreements between Derby City and Derbyshire with other developers, to provide a one form entry primary school. In addition, the developer has agreed to limit the number of dwellings built to 200 until a strategy to address pressure on places at secondary and post-16 level is agreed. It would be appropriate for the procurement process for this new primary school to be run in tandem with the process to deliver a new school at Hilton as these schools are likely to be delivered on a similar timescale.

3. **Financial Considerations** The developer has accepted that his development generates a need for a 0.5 form of entry primary school as part of the cost of developing the Chellaston Fields site. Furthermore, he has agreed to provide a one form of entry primary school so that places can be made available to serve the Holmleigh Way development, on condition that he is provided with funds to enable the additional places to be provided. In particular, a contribution of £600,000 is required. The Authority will seek to secure S106 funds from the developer at Homleigh Way to cover this amount. Once the S106 for Chellaston Fields is completed, the Authority will be committed to providing this amount, so there may be a short-term funding issue pending receipt of funds from Homleigh Way. Revenue funding over and above the formula budget for the Academy will be provided from the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) until such time as it can operate within the limit of its formula budget allocation from the DSG.
4. **Legal and Human Rights Considerations** The Education Act 2011 requires Local Authorities to seek proposals to establish an academy or free school where it thinks there is a need for a new school in its area. The Authority has no alternative but to follow this route in its area.
5. **Human Resources Considerations** The establishment of a new school in Chellaston Fields will require the appointment of staff, both teaching and non-teaching, but this will be a matter for the Academy sponsor to address.
6. **Other Considerations**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered – prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity, health, environmental, property and transport considerations.

**7. Background Papers**

A file is held in the Children and Younger Adults Development Team office which holds information on the response to the consultation.

**8. Key Decision?**

Yes.

**9. Call-in**

Is it required that the Call-in period be waived in respect of the decisions being proposed within this report? No.

**10. Strategic Director's Recommendation**

That the Authority proceed with the proposal to open a new one form entry primary school at Chellaston Fields and that a paper be brought to Cabinet for approval, with details of the process of securing an academy sponsor, including selection criteria. A timescale will be identified so that the development of the new school at Chellaston Fields can run in parallel with that at Hilton.

**Ian Thomas**

**Strategic Director for Children & Younger Adults**



## **Appendix 1 – Consultation Paper**

### **Derbyshire County Council**

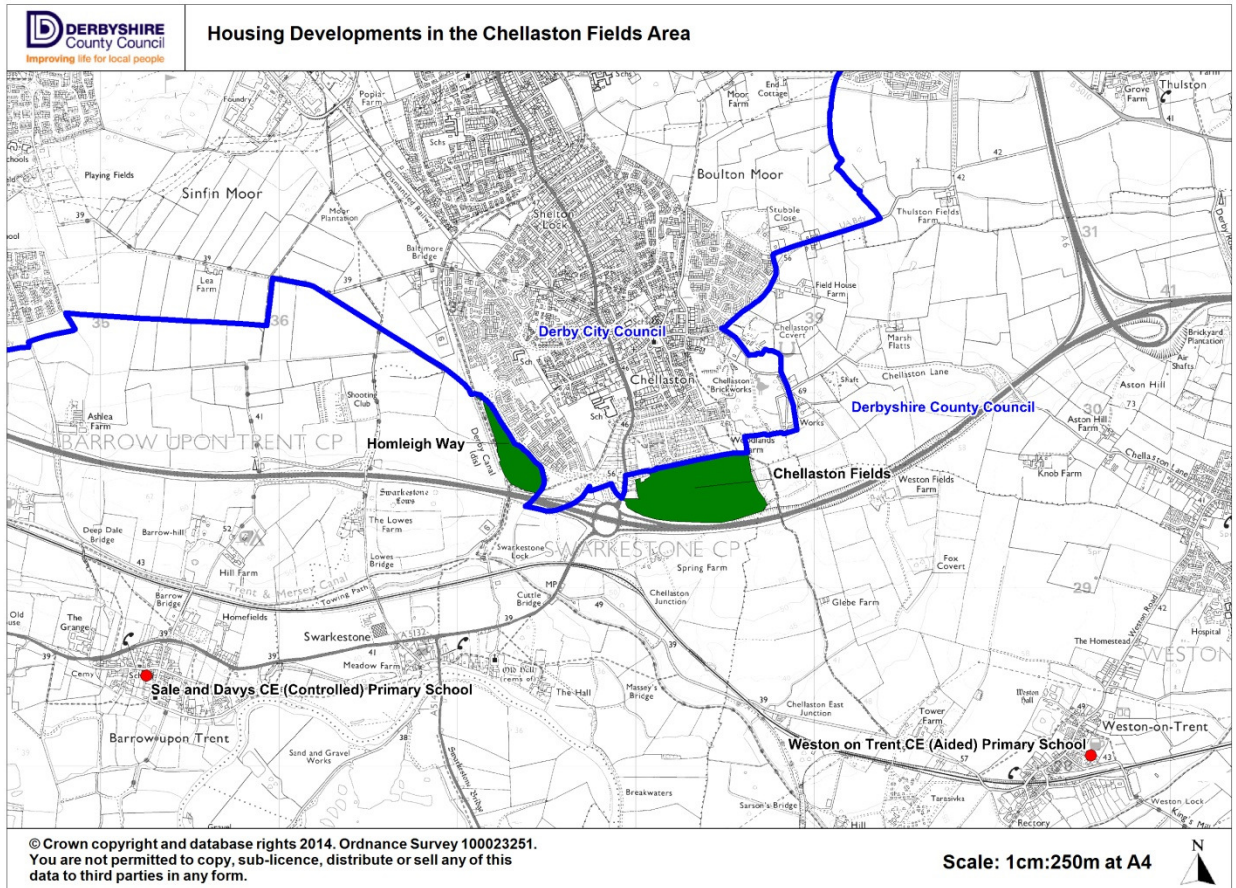
#### **Consultation on the Provision of a New Primary School in Chellaston Fields Area**

##### **Context**

The Chellaston Fields area, on the boundary between Derby City and Derbyshire, has a number of planning applications submitted to each planning authority which will impact on education infrastructure for primary and secondary provision.

The housing applications are –

Chellaston Fields (Derbyshire)	450 dwellings
Holmleigh Way (Derbyshire)	150 dwellings
Holmleigh Way (Derby City)	45 dwellings
<b>Total</b>	<b>645 dwellings</b>



This number of houses in this location would mean there would be an additional 180 places required in primary schools in the area, and an additional 120 places required for secondary education. These developments lie within the normal area of Sale & Davy CE Primary School (Derbyshire) and Homefield Primary School, and Chellaston Academy (Derby City) currently. The schools in both Derby City and in Derbyshire have reached capacity, and have sites which cannot be expanded to create the necessary accommodation for this level of demand for places. Pupil projections for the next five years indicate that the schools will continue to exceed their capacity. Because of these factors, it is imperative that Derby City and Derbyshire County Councils plan for new provision to meet the demand for education from the new housing as it progresses. This issue was reported to Elected Members at the Cabinet Meeting on 25 March 2014 and this report can be seen here –

[http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/images/2014-03-25%20Chellaston%20Fields\\_tcm44-242839.pdf](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/images/2014-03-25%20Chellaston%20Fields_tcm44-242839.pdf)

## **Housing Development at Chellaston Fields**

The developer of the site at Chellaston Fields has agreed to make available a site and contribute towards the cost of building a new primary school to serve the new housing development. The balance of funding for the new school building would be from contributions made by the developer(s) at Holmleigh Way.

Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council are working together to draft a strategy for secondary school provision, and this will be the subject of a future consultation.

## **Design**

The design of the new primary school would be to Building Bulletin 103, the official guidance from the Department for Education on the facilities to be built for all schools. Derbyshire County Council would ensure that the design meets all requirements and is fit for purpose.

## **Process and Timescale**

The process to deliver a new primary school is a complex one with a variety of deadlines to meet for information, consultation and action. The Education Act 2011 requires that any new school will be an Academy or Free School and that a sponsor for the new school must be sought through a process of competition. The Local Authority manages the process and works with the sponsor and the developer to establish the new provision. The timescale for this process would follow this indicative calendar –

Consultation	23 June 2014 to 25 July 2014
Cabinet approval on whether to launch the formal process	Cabinet Meeting 21 October 2014
Advertise for expression of interest from potential sponsors	October 2014
Authority evaluation of proposals, including presentations	November 2014
Authority recommendation to the	January 2015

DfE	
DfE in principal notification of successful promoter	March 2015
Conclusion of funding agreement	June 2015

## Issues for Consultation

There is a need to consider the issues arising from the proposed housing development and its impact on the local community and existing school(s). Derbyshire County Council would welcome your views on the principle of providing the primary school places that are required in a new primary school at Chellaston Fields.

Any comments in response to this consultation should be sent by **25 July 2014** to –

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The outcome of this initial consultation will be reported to Elected Members as detailed in the timetable above, and Cabinet will make a decision on whether to progress the proposal or not.

## On-going Consultation

If Elected Members decide to proceed with the proposal for a new primary school, there will be further consultation on the proposal to address the normal area (catchment area) of the new primary school, the stages of opening a new school, and how the new school would work alongside the existing schools



amongst other issues. Under the 2011 Education Act, any new school that is opened would be an Academy. The Local Authority would work to appoint a sponsor for the school and with that sponsor to establish the design and ethos of the new provision.