



Consultation regarding the expansion of
Landau Forte College Derby

December 2021



Introduction

We are pleased to announce a consultation on exciting expansion plans for the provision of additional school places at The College. We are sharing these proposals with you here, and setting out how these will benefit education provision in Derby and at the College. A later planning application will cover planning and building matters from the expansion.

Following a high level of growth in the primary sector, pupil numbers are now increasing in secondary schools. Secondary school expansions were implemented in September 2018 and September 2019, through close partnership working with schools and academy trusts, to meet the increasing demand for places. Based on projections, the peak year for the City-wide Year 7 in-take will be 2023-24. Work has, therefore, taken place to scope a further secondary school expansion proposal, at Landau Forte College, as part of Derby City Council's (DCC) forward planning to ensure the provision of sufficient school places over future years. The Council is working closely with Landau Forte Charitable Trust (LFCT) in order to meet the needs for pupil places needed at Landau Forte College Derby.

Landau Forte College Derby was purpose built and opened in 1992 as the 14th City Technology College in England, the College became an academy in 2005. Ofsted rated Landau Forte College as 'outstanding' in May 2012 and the school continues to provide a great standard of education and enrichment opportunities for all its students.

The Proposal

The Trust has worked closely with DCC to bring forward an exciting expansion scheme to add an additional 104 places in each year group, over years 7-11. The proposal is for an increased admission number to gradually feed through the school from September 2023 onwards, until reaching all year groups.

	Current admission number	Proposed admission number	Increase per Year Group	Increase across Years 7-11
Landau Forte College	196	300	104	520

In addition, the Trust has given its agreement in principle to increase the College's PAN to 260 from September 2022, as an interim measure, to help increase flexibility in the secondary schools' sector, subject to having sufficient accommodation as the proposed expansion project progresses.

The proposed scheme consists of four principal elements:

- Purchase of an additional site and the construction of a new 2 storey extension, containing teaching and ancillary space.
- Remodelling of the existing College site to provide additional capacity.

- The purchase of a second additional site, and the remodelling of the building to provide additional teaching space for the College.
- Remodelling of approximately of an existing College block to provide a new 15 place SEND unit to support children with autism and Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs.

There are no proposals to make any changes to school catchment areas or admissions arrangements as a result of the proposal.

Rationale

The proposed expansion scheme is needed to ensure that DCC can deliver its statutory duty to provide sufficient school places.

Landau Forte Charitable Trust are supporting DCC through the proposed expansion of Landau Forte College Derby to give more children in Derby access to outstanding provision in a popular and highly successful school.

As background information, City-wide primary pupil numbers increased significantly between 2012/13 and 2016/17 resulting in 18 primary school expansions being carried out to accommodate the growth in primary pupil numbers. Following the high level of growth in the primary sector, pupil numbers are now transitioning to secondary schools. Additional secondary school capacity was created at Bemrose School, Derby Cathedral School, Derby Moor Academy, Murray Park School and West Park School in 2018 and 2019, through close collaborative working with schools and academy trusts, to meet the increasing need for secondary school places.

Projections of student numbers across the City are included below

Academic Year	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Total
2016-17	3026	3026	2851	2743	2737	956	841	29	16209
2017-18	3076	3015	2985	2837	2700	1004	728	16	16361
2018-19	3245	3028	2969	2942	2784	897	854	13	16732
2019-20	3385	3246	2999	2896	2874	771	786	18	16975
2020-21	3416	3368	3213	2972	2910	882	740	13	17514
2021-22	3459	3419	3352	3184	2967	876	806	14	18077
2022-23	3464	3465	3405	3325	3180	887	800	15	18541
2023-24	3600	3480	3461	3387	3330	945	810	15	19028
2024-25	3492	3606	3467	3434	3383	980	863	15	19240
2025-26	3379	3497	3590	3438	3428	989	895	16	19232
2026-27	3387	3363	3460	3538	3410	996	904	16	19074
2027-28	3347	3371	3328	3410	3509	990	910	17	18882



Site developments

The College, LFCT and DCC are working in close partnership on plans for developing the College site and acquiring additional space in the immediate vicinity of the College. This will provide the College with modern high quality purpose built facilities for teaching the College's wide and engaging curriculum. Once final plans have agreed these will be shared and be put forward for planning permission approval. Comments relating to any building planning permission or highways matters will be invited as part of the separate planning application process.

Building Work

The proposals include the following works around College's existing site:

- Nine new classrooms.
- New toilets and associated ancillary and circulation space.
- A new entrance and increased dining capacity.
- Reconfiguration of space and widening corridors.
- External works, including landscaping, fencing and drainage.
- Additional fixed ICT equipment and necessary furniture.

It is proposed to purchase two additional sites for use by the College, to provide the necessary additional places. It is proposed that the scheme will include a new block on one site, and internal remodelling of the other site.



The scope of this project also includes provision of a designated 15 place SEND Enhanced Resource (ER) Unit, as part of the Local Area SEND Strategy to support pupils with SEND.

This element of the project will enable the College to designate space as a SEND ER unit to create a new 15 place SEND unit for children with autism and SEMH needs, as part of the Local Area SEND strategy. The proposal includes the remodelling of the existing art block to create dedicated and specialist SEND group rooms:

The programme of construction works is being carefully developed and programmed to ensure the provision first class facilities for the College, to minimise any potential impact and to ensure the continued provision of excellent teaching and learning provision both during the works and for future years.

Finance and Resourcing

Once the Council have completed the site purchases for two additional neighbouring sites, it is proposed that a capital scheme will be developed by the Trust. The Trust will then undertake remodelling works to one building and an extension of the current college building necessary for the College to accommodate the additional pupils.

Funding for the necessary site acquisitions and building works needed for the provision of excellent new facilities as part of this exciting proposal is included in the overall budget of £11.936m approved by the Council. The Council will be providing a grant to LFCT to undertake the necessary works.

On completion, the additional pupil numbers will also bring additional pupil funding through the Government's funding formula for schools. As school budgets are largely based on pupil numbers, if there is an increase in numbers at the school, the extra pupils will result in increased funding for the schools to employ the extra staff they need. Larger schools have the ability to offer a wider curriculum and a greater range of opportunities to all pupils.

Landau Forte Charitable Trust and Landau Forte College support

LFCT's Board of Trustees and Landau Forte College support this exciting proposal which will bring additional pupils and additional investment into the College as we continue to grow and provide a rich and engaging curriculum and outstanding teaching and learning opportunities for pupils in Derby.

Have your say

LFCT and Landau Forte College Derby would like to know your thoughts.

Should you wish to make any comments with regards to these proposed changes, we have set up a specific email address for you to share your thoughts regarding this exciting proposal. Please complete the form at the end of this document and send through to consultation@lfct.org.uk



Please note that only responses which are fully completed with the respondent's name and address will be accepted.

Alternatively, you can print and complete the consultation response form that is available alongside this document and send it back to the address below:

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All responses must be received by 3pm on 21st January 2022.

What happens next?

Throughout the consultation period, LFCT will review all responses received and publish their response on Landau Forte College Derby website within a 'Frequently Asked Questions' (FAQs) section

Subject to the views expressed, if the proposal is to proceed, the next stage would be for LFCT to submit a Fast Track application about the proposed expansion to the Regional Schools Commissioner for approval (RSC).



Consultation Response Form

Proposal to expand Landau Forte College Derby.

Please give us your views. Please tick the box that best shows what you think about the proposed expansion and also give us any comments you have. You can write on the other side of this sheet if you want more space to write comments.

1. Do you agree with the proposal to expand Landau Forte College Derby from September 2022?

Agree Don't know Disagree

2. Please tick the box(es) that apply to you.

- A parent/carer of a child at the school
- A parent/carer of a child in an Early Years setting
- A parent/carer of a child at another school
- Someone who works at the school
- A Governor of the school
- Some other link to the school

Someone else with an interest – please give details

3. Please state if you have also written comments on a separate sheet

4. Your Details

Name:

Address:

Post code:

Your comments: