



Children and Young People's Services

Appendix A – School By School Consideration

Introduction

This appendix provides more detail on the factors initially considered when developing proposals to implement the School Organisation Policy. The information on each school given below is not meant to be exhaustive. The purpose of the consultation exercise is to consider facts and arguments, and hear ideas and views on each proposal. This will inevitably mean that updated and additional information will be received.

Origin of Data

The majority of the data is taken from information provided by schools in September 2007. Some information is taken from the annual pupil level annual school census (PLASC) in January 2007, and some from other survey data which has been shared with schools previously (which includes pupil number projections). The 2008 PLASC was carried out on 17 January 2008. Pupil numbers have already been updated with this information. Other items will continue to be updated as the PLASC return is analysed in more detail.

Proposal to Close Adderley CE Primary

Background

Adderley CE Primary School is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School. It has 47 pupils in a building with 54 places. By 2012, pupil numbers are forecast to reduce to 39. This would take the percentage of unfilled places above 25%, although this projection does not take into account any changes in parental preference expressed for the school. 64.6% of the children come from outside the school's catchment area. The school is judged by the Local Authority to be "good".

School Buildings

The school has no hall or kitchen. The on-site team playing fields total only 588m². Backlog maintenance liabilities are estimated at £30,000 to keep the school at its current condition over the next three years.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The school sits some distance away from the Adderley hamlet. 68.5% of children arrive at the school by private car. 15 children walk to school. Data on school energy usage and estimated additional emissions from transport will be available in the school specific element of the consultation document.

Early Years and Other Education Services

Adderley has a small maintained nursery class. However, there is spare capacity in Norton in Hales, Woore and Market Drayton. Adderley is a base for a Forest School.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

Children can be accommodated at Norton-in-Hales (28 unfilled places), Woore (13 unfilled places) or Market Drayton schools (99 unfilled places). Actual numbers going to each school will depend on parental preference where this can be met, or catchment area of home address. The current catchment area would be divided between Market Drayton Infant and Junior and Norton in Hales. The relatively low number of children in the area north of Market Drayton means that consideration could be given to creating a new Market Drayton North Rural School in the medium term.

Proposal to Close Barrow CE (Aided) Primary

Background

Barrow CE School is a Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School. It has 31 pupils in a building which can hold up to 90 pupils. By 2012, pupil numbers are forecast to reduce to 20. This would take the percentage of unfilled places above 75%, although this projection does not take into account any changes in parental preference expressed for the school. 78.9% of the children come from outside the school's catchment area. The school is judged by the Local Authority to be "good" and by Ofsted in March 2006 to be "satisfactory".

School Buildings

The school has no kitchen. As an Aided school, there is limited data on backlog maintenance liabilities.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The school sits in isolation some distance away from any settlement. 90% of children arrive at the school by private car. Only one child walks or cycles to school. Data on school energy usage and estimated additional emissions from transport will be available in the school specific element of the consultation document.

Early Years and Other Education Services

There is no early years provision on the site. There are no additional services provided from the site.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

Children can be accommodated at Broseley CE or John Wilkinson Primary Schools, which have 109 unfilled places between them.

Proposal to Close Beckbury CE Primary

Background

Beckbury CE Primary School is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School. It has 53 pupils in a building with 60 places. By 2012, pupil numbers are forecast to reduce to 45. This would take the percentage of unfilled places to 25%, although this projection does not take into account any changes in parental preference expressed for the school. 37.7% of the children come from outside the school's catchment area. The school is judged by the Local Authority to be "satisfactory" and by Ofsted as "good" in September 2007.

School Buildings

The school buildings have some suitability problems. Backlog maintenance liabilities are estimated at £45,200 to keep the school at its current condition over the next three years.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The school sits on the edge of Beckbury village. 57.1% of children arrive at the school by private car. 16 children walk to school. Data on school energy usage and estimated additional emissions from transport will be available in the school specific element of the consultation document.

Early Years and Other Education Services

There is a popular pre-school on the school site. Consideration should be given to continuation of provision in the area.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

Children can be accommodated at the two Albrighton schools (one of which is CE Controlled) which have 165 unfilled places and at Shifnal Primary School which has 89 unfilled places.

Proposal to Close Buildwas Primary

Background

Buildwas School is a Community Primary School. It has 84 pupils in a building with 90 places. By 2012, pupil numbers are forecast to remain at or near this level, although this projection does not take into account any changes in parental preference expressed for the school. 55.6% of the children come from outside the school's catchment area, and many of these from outside Shropshire. The school is judged by the Local Authority and Ofsted to be "good".

School Buildings

The school has no hall. It has limited outside areas and a restricted site. The buildings have suitability and access issues. Backlog maintenance liabilities are estimated at £165,900 to keep the school at its current condition over the next three years.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The school sits in the settlement of Buildwas. 65.5% of children arrive at the school by private car. 20 children walk to school. Data on school energy usage and estimated additional emissions from transport will be available in the school specific element of the consultation document.

Early Years and Other Education Services

There is a pre-school on site. However, there is capacity in Cressage and Broseley in non-maintained provision, and good transport links. No other central education services are provided from the site.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

Pupils will be planned to go to Cressage Christ Church (currently with 49 unfilled places), Upton Magna St Lucia (6 unfilled places) or Broseley (77 unfilled places net of Barrow pupils). However, some families from Telford and Wrekin may express a preference for schools in that area.

Proposal to Close Cheswardine Primary

Background

Cheswardine School is a Community Primary School. It has 81 pupils in a building with 87 places. By 2012, however, pupil numbers are forecast to reduce to 66. This would take the percentage of unfilled places to 24%, although this projection does not take into account any changes in parental preference expressed for the school. 30.5% of the children come from outside the school's catchment area. The school is judged by the Local Authority to be "satisfactory". Ofsted have not inspected the school since 2004.

School Buildings

The school has no kitchen. Backlog maintenance liabilities are estimated at £32,050 to keep the school at its current condition over the next three years.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The school sits on the edge of Cheswardine village. 56.8% of children arrive at the school by private car. 31 children walk to school. Data on school energy usage and estimated additional emissions from transport will be available in the school specific element of the consultation document.

Early Years and Other Education Services

Cheswardine has a popular pre-school and consideration should be given to supporting its continuing operation. No other services are provided.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

It is proposed that pupils should be accommodated at Hinstock Primary School. This would require some expansion of the accommodation, but the larger numbers would mean that the school would remain viable as numbers reduce with time and the expanded accommodation could be used for other educational and community purposes.

Proposal to Close Church Preen Primary

Background

Church Preen Primary School is a Community Primary School. It has 69 pupils in a building with 90 places. By 2012, pupil numbers are forecast to reduce to 43. This would take the percentage of unfilled places above 50%, although this projection does not take into account any changes in parental preference expressed for the school. 37.3% of the children come from outside the school's catchment area. The school is judged by the Local Authority and Ofsted to be "good".

School Buildings

The school limited outdoor facilities. Backlog maintenance liabilities are estimated at £123,500 to keep the school at its current condition over the next three years.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The school sits in isolation away from any settlement in the catchment area. 63.8% of children arrive at the school by private car (although many of them share with other children) and 34.7% by bus. Only 1 child walks to school. Data on school energy usage and estimated additional emissions from transport will be available in the school specific element of the consultation document.

Early Years and Other Education Services

There is an early years provider in a nearby church hall, which is expected to continue to operate.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

It is proposed that Church Preen children are allocated places at Brockton CE Primary School. Brockton has 22 unfilled places. There would be some investment in Brockton, to provide an additional class base and extend other facilities.

Proposal to Close Dorrington CE (Aided) Primary

Background

Dorrington CE (Aided) School is a Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School. It has 74 pupils in a building with 89 places. By 2012, pupil numbers are forecast to reduce to 58, despite some recent development in the village. This would take the percentage of unfilled places to 55%, although this projection does not take into account any changes in parental preference expressed for the school. 23.5% of the children come from outside the school's catchment area. The school is judged by the Local Authority and Ofsted to be "good".

School Buildings

The school has no hall. The school site is restricted and there is limited parking. Backlog maintenance liabilities are estimated at £92,510 to keep the school at its current condition over the next three years.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The school sits in the village of Dorrington. There has been some development recently in the village, but this has not been reflected in pupil numbers. 47.3% of children arrive at the school by private car. 36 children walk or cycle to school. Data on school energy usage and estimated additional emissions from transport will be available in the school specific element of the consultation document.

Early Years and Other Education Services

There is a private pre-school on site. There is capacity in nearby provision, but consideration could be given to either a joint provision or separate provision in Dorrington and Longnor.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

It is proposed to have a single school serving Dorrington and Longnor, based in Longnor. This will require investment in the Longnor site, which has a hall and where there are currently proposals to provide a kitchen.

Proposal to Close Farlow CE Primary

Background

Farlow CE Primary School is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School. It has 47 pupils in a building with 60 places. By 2012, pupil numbers are forecast to reduce to 29. This would take the percentage of unfilled places above 50%, although this projection does not take into account any changes in parental preference expressed for the school. 18.8% of the children come from outside the school's catchment area. The school is judged by the Local Authority and Ofsted to be "good".

School Buildings

The school has no hall or kitchen. Its on-site team playing fields total only 654m². Backlog maintenance liabilities are estimated at £60,000 to keep the school at its current condition over the next three years.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The school sits in a very small hamlet and is difficult to approach from certain directions. 85.7% of children arrive at the school by bus or taxi, and a further 12.2% by private car. Only one child walks to school. Data on school energy usage and estimated additional emissions from transport will be available in the school specific element of the consultation document.

Early Years and Other Education Services

There is no provision on the site. The Council is currently investing in early years provision at Stottesdon School.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

It is proposed that pupils currently attending Farlow are provided with places at Stottesdon which will become a new area school.

Proposal to Close Hope CE Primary

Background

Hope CE School is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School. It has 50 pupils in a building with 60 places. By 2012, pupil numbers are forecast to remain broadly similar. This projection does not take into account any changes in parental preference expressed for the school, which could be a significant factor as 59.6% of the children come from outside the school's catchment area. The school is judged by the Local Authority and Ofsted to be "good".

School Buildings

Backlog maintenance liabilities are estimated at £20,700 to keep the school at its current condition over the next three years.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The school is separated from local settlements. 57.4% of children arrive at the school by private car and 27.7% by bus. 5 children walk to school. Data on school energy usage and estimated additional emissions from transport will be available in the school specific element of the consultation document.

Early Years and Other Education Services

There is a pre-school on site. There is also capacity in nearby provision.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

Children can be accommodated at Minsterley (currently with 31 unfilled places), Worthen (16 unfilled places) and Stiperstones (6 unfilled places).

Proposal to Close Hopton Wafers CE Primary

Background

Hopton Wafers CE Primary School is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School. It has 50 pupils in a building with 70 places. By 2012, pupil numbers are forecast to reduce to 46, taking unfilled places to 34%. This projection does not take into account any changes in parental preference expressed for the school. 76.7% of the children come from outside the school's catchment area. The school is judged by the Local Authority and Ofsted to be "good".

School Buildings

The school has no hall or kitchen. The school has access to a detached playing field and the main site is severely constrained. Backlog maintenance liabilities are estimated at £54,800 to keep the school at its current condition over the next three years.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The school sits in the hamlet of Hopton Wafers. 89.6% of children arrive at the school by private car. Only 2 children walk to school. Data on school energy usage and estimated additional emissions from transport will be available in the school specific element of the consultation document.

Early Years and Other Education Services

There is an early years provider on site to be considered. There is also capacity in provision at Cleobury Mortimer.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

Pupils would be planned to go to Clee Hill (currently with 15 unfilled places) or Cleobury Mortimer (17 unfilled places). There will be a need for investment in a temporary expansion of Cleobury Mortimer, which will then benefit from the additional space for non-class base teaching as numbers fall.

Proposal to Close Kinlet CE Primary

Background

Kinlet CE Primary School is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School. It has 37 pupils in a building with 60 places. By 2012, pupil numbers are forecast to remain low, at 34. This would maintain the percentage of unfilled places around 40%, although this projection does not take into account any changes in parental preference expressed for the school. 63.9% of the children come from outside the school's catchment area. The school is judged by the Local Authority and Ofsted to be "good".

School Buildings

The school has no kitchen and uses a demountable building as a hall. Backlog maintenance liabilities are estimated at £48,600 to keep the school at its current condition over the next three years.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The school is in Kinlet village. 77.1% of children arrive at the school by private car. Only 3 children walk to school. Data on school energy usage and estimated additional emissions from transport will be available in the school specific element of the consultation document.

Early Years and Other Education Services

There is a pre-school provider on site. Consideration should be given to maintaining this provision.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

It is proposed to accommodate pupils at Stottesdon CE Controlled Primary School which will be extended to become a new area school.

Proposal to Close Maesbury Primary

Background

Maesbury Primary School is a Community Primary School. It has 54 pupils in a building with 60 places. By 2012, pupil numbers are forecast to be 56. This projection does not take into account any changes in parental preference expressed for the school. 55.4% of the children come from outside the school's catchment area. The school is judged by the Local Authority and Ofsted to be "good".

School Buildings

The school has no kitchen and uses a classroom shared with the playgroup as a hall. Backlog maintenance liabilities are estimated at £4,086 over the next three years. The school itself has previously raised concerns about its administrative and reception accommodation.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The school sits some distance away from the Maesbury and Maesbury Marsh hamlets, at a junction on a busy road. 83.3% of children arrive at the school by private car. 5 children walk to school. Data on school energy usage and estimated additional emissions from transport will be available in the school specific element of the consultation document.

Early Years and Other Education Services

There is capacity at alternative provision in the area. The Council does not provide any other services through the school site.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

Pupils would be planned to go to Morda (currently with 24 unfilled places) and West Felton. Investment at West Felton would include an additional class base.

Proposal to Close Moreton Say CE Primary

Background

Moreton Say CE Primary School is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School. It has 80 pupils in a building with 84 places. By 2012, pupil numbers are forecast to reduce to 70. This projection does not take into account any changes in parental preference expressed for the school. 63.6% of the children come from outside the school's catchment area. The school is judged by the Local Authority and Ofsted (in January 2007) to be "good".

School Buildings

The school has no hall. The school has access to detached playing fields. The main site is restricted. Backlog maintenance liabilities are estimated at £7,400 to keep the school at its current condition over the next three years. There are some problems with the suitability of the buildings.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The school sits in the small hamlet of Moreton Say. 78.3% of children arrive at the school by car, and 21.7% by bus. No children walk to school. Data on school energy usage and estimated additional emissions from transport will be available in the school specific element of the consultation document.

Early Years and Other Education Services

There is a pre-school on site. There is alternative provision in Market Drayton.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

Children can be accommodated Lower Heath (where investment would include an additional class base) or Buntingsdale (where investment would result in conversion to a primary school). There could also be some fall back to Market Drayton. The school has proposed that they should take over a neighbouring small school. However, an establishment based on this model would not be sustainable unless it attracted pupils from Market Drayton. This does not meet the Council's Vision for Primary Education which envisages that schools will serve local need, and to principles of sustainability in that most pupils in towns can walk to school rather than using vehicular transport.

Proposal to Close Morville CE Primary

Background

Morville CE Primary School is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School. It has 68 pupils in a building with 2 classes and a nursery room which accommodates some Reception pupils. By 2012, pupil numbers are forecast to be 60. This projection does not take into account any changes in parental preference expressed for the school. 54.4% of the children come from outside the school's catchment area. The school is judged by the Local Authority and Ofsted to be "good".

School Buildings

The school has no hall or kitchen. Its on-site team playing fields total 1915m². Backlog maintenance liabilities are estimated at £26,900 to keep the school at its current condition over the next three years. The school is located in a difficult position on a busy main road.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The school is in Morville hamlet. 75.4% of children arrive at the school by private car and 13% by bus. 7 children walk to school. Data on school energy usage and estimated additional emissions from transport will be available in the school specific element of the consultation document.

Early Years and Other Education Services

There is a pre-school on site. There is another provider in the hamlet and there is capacity at Much Wenlock and Bridgnorth. There is no other provision provided by the Council from the site.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

Pupils would be planned to go to Bridgnorth St Leonard (currently with 70 unfilled places) or Brown Clee (25 unfilled places), based mainly on whether they lived in the rural catchment or from the Bridgnorth area.

Proposal to Close Myddle CE Primary

Background

Myddle CE Primary School is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School. It has 66 pupils in a building which can take up to 120 pupils. By 2012, pupil numbers are forecast to reduce to 60. This would take the percentage of unfilled places to 50%, although this projection does not take into account any changes in parental preference expressed for the school. 23.9% of the children come from outside the school's catchment area. The school is judged by the Local Authority to be "good", and by Ofsted (2006) as "satisfactory".

School Buildings

Backlog maintenance liabilities are estimated at £30,450 to keep the school at its current condition over the next three years.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The school is in Myddle village. 46% of children arrive at the school by private car and 9.5% by bus. 27 children walk to school. Data on school energy usage and estimated additional emissions from transport will be available in the school specific element of the consultation document.

Early Years and Other Education Services

There is an early years provider on site. Sufficient provision should be made at the alternative primary school locations for early years provision.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

Pupils would be planned to go to Clive (currently with 21 unfilled places), Hadnall (4 unfilled places) or Baschurch (which would have 28 unfilled places as a "one form entry" school. The latter school requires investment for extension.

Proposal to Close Nesscliffe St Andrews Primary

Background

St Andrews CE Controlled Primary School is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School. It has 62 pupils in a building with 90 places. By 2012, pupil numbers are forecast to be 76. This projection does not take into account any changes in parental preference expressed for the school. 32.8% of the children come from outside the school's catchment area. The school is judged by the Local Authority and Ofsted to be "good".

School Buildings

The school has no kitchen. Backlog maintenance liabilities are estimated at £42,900 to keep the school at its current condition over the next three years.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The school sits on the edge of Nesscliffe hamlet. 70.7% of children arrive at the school by private car. 15 children walk to school. Data on school energy usage and estimated additional emissions from transport will be available in the school specific element of the consultation document.

Early Years and Other Education Services

There is not currently an early years provider in the area and the early years service does not believe that there is the opportunity to establish sustainable provision. However, the school have indicated that they believe a sustainable provision could be established based on attracting commuters.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

Pupils would be planned to go to Bicton (currently with 40 unfilled places), Kinnerley (24 unfilled places) or Ford Trinity (31 unfilled places).

Proposal to Close Onny CE (Aided) Primary

Background

Onny CE (Aided) Primary School is a Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School. It has 67 pupils in a building with 115 places. By 2012, pupil numbers are forecast to reduce to 62. This would take the percentage of unfilled places above 45%, although this projection does not take into account any changes in parental preference expressed for the school. 73.9% of the children come from outside the school's catchment area. The school is judged by the Local Authority and Ofsted to be "satisfactory".

School Buildings

Backlog maintenance liabilities are estimated at £65,800 to keep the school at its current condition over the next three years.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The school sits in the Onny hamlet. 90.2% of children arrive at the school by private car and 3.7% by bus. 5 children walk to school. Data on school energy usage and estimated additional emissions from transport will be available in the school specific element of the consultation document.

Early Years and Other Education Services

There is an early years provider on site. Provision would have to be considered along with the destinations of pupils.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

Pupils would be planned to go to Stokesay (currently with 33 unfilled places), Corvedale (41 unfilled places) or fallback to Ludlow (42 unfilled places). The pupils who live in the Onny catchment would be offered places at Corvedale CE Primary, but if they were more than six miles from Corvedale would have the option of a place in Ludlow or Craven Arms as appropriate.

Proposal to Close Rushbury CE Primary

Background

Rushbury CE Primary School is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School. It has 63 pupils in a building with 90 places. By 2012, pupil numbers are forecast to reduce to 51. This would take the percentage of unfilled places above 40%, although this projection does not take into account any changes in parental preference expressed for the school. 27.7% of the children come from outside the school's catchment area. The school is judged by the Local Authority and Ofsted to be "good".

School Buildings

The school has no hall or kitchen. Backlog maintenance liabilities are estimated at £60,200 to keep the school at its current condition over the next three years.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The school sits in a small hamlet which is part of the dispersed community around Rushbury. 75% of children arrive at the school by bus and a further 20.6% by private car. 3 children walk to school. Data on school energy usage and estimated additional emissions from transport will be available in the school specific element of the consultation document.

Early Years and Other Education Services

There is an early years provider on site which will need to be considered. There is alternative provision at Church Stretton.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

Pupils would be planned to go to Brockton (see above), Corvedale (currently with 41 unfilled places) or Church Stretton St Lawrence (24 unfilled places). There are good transport links with Church Stretton.

Proposal to Close Selattyn CE Primary

Background

Selattyn CE Controlled Primary School is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School. It has 74 pupils in a building with 90 places. By 2012, pupil numbers are forecast to reduce to 70. This projection does not take into account any changes in parental preference expressed for the school. 57.9% of the children come from outside the school's catchment area. The school is judged by the Local Authority to be "good".

School Buildings

The school has no kitchen. Backlog maintenance liabilities are estimated at £11,550 to keep the school at its current condition over the next three years. There are some access problems.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The school sits in the small village of Selattyn. 84.2% of children arrive at the school by private car. 9 children walk to school. Data on school energy usage and estimated additional emissions from transport will be available in the school specific element of the consultation document.

Early Years and Other Education Services

There is no early years provider in the school or immediate area. Alternative provision is available nearby. The County Council does not provide any additional services from the site.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

Pupils would be planned to go to Weston Rhyn (currently with 31 unfilled places, but could be expanded to one form entry) or Trefonen (37 unfilled places). Some fall back to Oswestry would be expected. It is expected that the majority of children living in the rural catchment would be allocated places at Trefonen, but there would need to be a guarantee of a place within six miles where appropriate.

Proposal to Close Tilstock CE Primary

Background

Tilstock CE Primary School is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School. It has 44 pupils in a building with 56 places. There is some development in nearby catchments, and by 2012, pupil numbers are forecast to be 53 through a process of displacement, unless extra provision is made in the catchments where the development is taking place. In addition, this projection does not take into account any changes in parental preference expressed for the school. 74.4% of the children come from outside the school's catchment area. The school is judged by the Local Authority to be "satisfactory".

School Buildings

The school has no kitchen. Backlog maintenance liabilities are estimated at £50,500 to keep the school at its current condition over the next three years.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The school is in the Tilstock hamlet. 76.3% of children arrive at the school by car. 14 children walk to school. Data on school energy usage and estimated additional emissions from transport will be available in the school specific element of the consultation document.

Early Years and Other Education Services

Tilstock has a small maintained nursery. There is a maintained nursery at Prees, but there might have to be an adjustment to its capacity, depending on parental preferences.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

Pupils would be planned to go to Whixall (currently with 25 unfilled places) or Prees (46 unfilled places).

Proposal to Close Welshampton CE Primary

Background

Welshampton CE Primary School is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School. It has 81 pupils in a building with 84 places. By 2012, pupil numbers are forecast to reduce to 58. This would take the percentage of unfilled places above 30%, although this projection does not take into account any changes in parental preference expressed for the school. 22.2% of the children come from outside the school's catchment area. The school is judged by the Local Authority and Ofsted to be "outstanding".

School Buildings

The school has no hall. It has access to detached playing fields on the other side of a public road. The school's buildings are unsuitable and difficult to access and the main site is severely restricted, meaning that it is not possible to expand the school to four classes with a hall, or to provide sufficient hard place facilities. Backlog maintenance liabilities are estimated at £60,500 to keep the school at its current condition over the next three years.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The school is in Welshampton village but is situated on a bend on the busy A495 road which causes difficulties for safe access. 54.8% of children arrive at the school by private car and 13.7% by bus. 22 children walk to school. Data on school energy usage and estimated additional emissions from transport will be available in the school specific element of the consultation document.

Early Years and Other Education Services

There is an early years provider attached to the site which will need to be considered. There is alternative provision at Ellesmere.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

Pupils would be planned to go to Ellesmere (currently with 56 unfilled places), Cockshutt (30 unfilled places) or Criftins (15 unfilled places). Additional investment at Criftins could include an additional class base, depending on expressed parental preferences.

Proposal to Close Weston Lullingfields CE Primary

Background

Weston Lullingfields CE Controlled School is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School. It has 28 pupils in a building with 53 places. By 2012, pupil numbers are forecast to reduce to 23. This would take the percentage of unfilled places above 55%, although this projection does not take into account any changes in parental preference expressed for the school. 50% of the children come from outside the school's catchment area. The school is judged by the Local Authority and Ofsted to be "good".

School Buildings

The school has no hall or kitchen. Backlog maintenance liabilities are estimated at £27,100 to keep the school at its current condition over the next three years.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The school sits in the hamlet of Weston Lullingfields. 78.3% of children arrive at the school by private car. 5 children walk to school. Data on school energy usage and estimated additional emissions from transport will be available in the school specific element of the consultation document.

Early Years and Other Education Services

There is a small maintained outreach provision. Numbers are low and it is not anticipated that alternative provision will be an issue. No other central services are provided from the site.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

Pupils would be planned to go to Cockshutt (30 unfilled places), although parental preference could lead to pupils going to Baschurch, or West Felton.

Proposal to Amalgamate Ashford Carbonell CE and Caynham CE (Aided) Primary Schools

Background

Ashford Carbonell CE School is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School. It has 37 pupils in a building with 60 places. By 2012, pupil numbers are forecast to be 41. This would mean the percentage of unfilled places would remain above 25%. Caynham CE Aided School is a Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School. It has 49 pupils in a building with 76 places. By 2012, pupil numbers are forecast to have reduced to 37. This would mean the percentage of unfilled places would rise above 50%. These projections do not take into account any changes in parental preference expressed for the schools. Ashford Carbonell is judged to be “good” and Caynham “satisfactory” by the Local Authority. At Ashford Carbonell 62.2% of the children come from outside the school’s catchment area, with 55.1% at Caynham.

School Buildings

Caynham has no hall or kitchen. Ashford Carbonell has no kitchen. Backlog maintenance liabilities are estimated at £98,250 to keep the schools at their current condition over the next three years.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The schools sit in their respective hamlets. Only 8 children in total walk to school. The remainder use vehicular transport. Data on school energy usage and estimated additional emissions from transport will be available in the school specific element of the consultation document.

Early Years and Other Education Services

Early years provision would be part of the amalgamated school.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

It is proposed to provide a three class area school to serve both catchments. There is no clear preference on which site the new school should be based, and comments would be welcome through the consultation process.

Proposal to Amalgamate Lydbury North and Clunbury Aided Primary Schools

Background

Lydbury North CE School is a Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School. It has 41 pupils in a building with 60 places. By 2012, pupil numbers are forecast to be 40. This would mean the percentage of unfilled places would remain above 30%, although this projection does not take into account any changes in parental preference expressed for the school. 40.9% of the children come from outside the school's catchment area. The school is judged by the Local Authority to be "good". Clunbury CE Aided Primary School has 65 pupils in a building only designed for 60 pupils. Although pupil numbers are forecast to drop to 52 by 2012, this does not take into account any changes in parental preference. 23.8% of pupils come from outside the school's catchment area. The school is judged "good" by Ofsted and the Local Authority.

School Buildings

Neither school has a kitchen. Neither site has directly attached playing fields. Backlog maintenance liabilities are estimated at £181,750 to keep the schools at their current condition over the next three years. The Lydbury North building would be difficult to make fully compliant with the DDA.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The schools sit in their respective small villages. 85.5% of children from Clunbury and 51% of children from Lydbury North arrive at the school by vehicular transport. 11 children walk to school at Clunbury and 13 at Lydbury. Data on school energy usage and estimated additional emissions from transport will be available in the school specific element of the consultation document.

Early Years and Other Education Services

Lydbury North has no provision. Clunbury has a local authority maintained nursery class. This should be replicated in the new facility.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

It is proposed that a combined school serve both catchments. There is no preferred location at this time, and comments would be invited during the consultation period.

Proposal to Amalgamate Bayston Hill Oakland and Longmeadow CE Primary Schools

Background

The combined numbers at Bayston Hill Oakland and Longmeadow Primary schools is 336, and in 2012 this is projected to be 331. Longmeadow is judged “good” and Oakland “satisfactory” by the Local Authority. Although there is some movement across the catchments of the two schools, the majority of children are from within the area. Longmeadow is a CE Controlled School and Oakland is a Community school. The current capacity of Longmeadow CE Primary is 330 pupils. However, part of the building is occupied by the Music service, and if this is relocated there will be sufficient space for the pupils of both schools.

School Buildings

Both have good facilities and outdoor areas. Each school will need substantial investment in the near future regardless of organisation proposals.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The schools serve essentially the same community in the village of Bayston Hill. Data on school energy usage and estimated additional emissions from transport will be available in the school specific element of the consultation document.

Early Years and Other Education Services

Both schools have early years provision. Longmeadow also has a maintained nursery class which was intended to serve both schools. Continuing sufficient provision is not considered to be an issue.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

It is proposed that the schools be amalgamated. The preference is for the Longmeadow site, based on the more extensive buildings, but comments will be welcome during the consultation period. It is proposed that the Oakland site be retained to provide a base for centrally provided services including the music service.

Proposal to Amalgamate Shrewsbury Mount Pleasant Infant and Junior Schools

Background

Mount Pleasant Infant and Junior Schools are both Community schools. The current combined total roll is 194, falling to 184 in 2012. At present, this is larger than either building, so it is proposed that a combined school will retain both buildings for the time being, with the option to consolidate in a single building in due course.

School Buildings

Mount Pleasant Infant school has no kitchen as meals are provided from the Junior school kitchen for both schools. Both schools will need substantial investment in the near future. Consideration should be given in due course to expanding one building instead of investing in both.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The schools serve the same community.

Early Years and Other Education Services

The schools serve the same community.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

As noted in the main report, there are three possibilities to effect a merger: to expand the infants and close the junior, to expand the junior and close the infants or to close both and open a new school. Comments on the most appropriate method for this pairing will be sought during the consultation.

Proposal to Amalgamate Shrewsbury Grange Infant and Nursery School and Grange Junior (Foundation) School

Background

Grange Infant and Nursery is a community school and Grange Junior School is a Foundation school. The current combined total roll is 362, forecast to be maintained in 2012. At present, this is larger than either building, so it is proposed that a combined school will retain both buildings for the time being, with the option to consolidate in a single building should numbers reduce. Grange Infant and Nursery is judged “good” by the local authority. However, Grange Junior has recently been placed in special measures by Ofsted.

School Buildings

Grange Infant and Nursery has no kitchen as meals are provided from the Junior school kitchen for both schools. Both schools will need substantial investment in the near future. Consideration should be given in due course to expanding one building instead of investing in both, should numbers drop slightly.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The schools serve the same community.

Early Years and Other Education Services

The schools serve the same community.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

As noted in the main report, there are three possibilities to effect a merger: to expand the infants and close the junior, to expand the junior and close the infants or to close both and open a new school. Due to the fact that the Junior School is in special measures, it is proposed that the Junior School should be closed. Comments on whether this is the most appropriate method for this pairing will be sought during the consultation.

Proposal to Amalgamate Shrewsbury Meole Brace CE Infant and Junior Schools

Background

Meole Brace CE Infant is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled School and Meole Brace Junior is a Community School. The combined roll is 303, forecast to reduce slightly to 295 by 2012. At present, this is larger than either building, so it is proposed that a combined school will retain both buildings for the time being, with the option to consolidate in a single building should numbers reduce. Both schools are judged “good” by the local authority.

School Buildings

Meole Brace Infant has no kitchen as meals are provided from the Junior school kitchen for both schools. Both schools will need substantial investment in the near future. Consideration should be given in due course to expanding one building instead of investing in both.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The schools serve the same community.

Early Years and Other Education Services

The schools serve the same community.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

As noted in the main report, there are three possibilities to effect a merger: to expand the infants and close the junior, to expand the junior and close the infants or to close both and open a new school. Due to the fact that the Junior School has no permanent head teacher, and the Infant school has a religious character, it is proposed that the Junior School should be closed and the infant school expanded. Comments on whether this is the most appropriate method for this pairing will be sought during the consultation.

Proposal to Amalgamate Shrewsbury Springfield Infant and Holy Cross Foundation Junior Schools

Background

Springfield Infant is a Community School and Holy Cross Junior is a Foundation School. The combined roll is 317, forecast to reduce slightly to 291 by 2012. At present, this is larger than either building, so it is proposed that a combined school will retain both buildings for the time being, with the option to consolidate in a single building should numbers reduce. Both schools are judged “good” by the local authority.

School Buildings

Both schools have kitchens. Both schools will need substantial investment in the near future. Consideration should be given in due course to expanding one building instead of investing in both.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The schools serve the same community.

Early Years and Other Education Services

The schools serve the same community.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

As noted in the main report, there are three possibilities to effect a merger: to expand the infants and close the junior, to expand the junior and close the infants or to close both and open a new school. Comments on the most appropriate method for this pairing will be sought during the consultation.

Proposal to Amalgamate Oswestry Infant and Beech Grove CE Junior Schools

Background

Beech Grove CE Junior is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled School and Oswestry Infant is a Community School. The combined roll is 295, forecast to increase slightly to 318 by 2012. At present, this is larger than either building, so it is proposed that a combined school will retain both buildings for the time being, with the option to consolidate in a single building should numbers reduce. Both schools are judged “good” by the local authority.

School Buildings

Oswestry Infant school has no kitchen. Meals can be provided from the Junior school kitchen for both schools. Both schools will need substantial investment in the near future. Consideration should be given in due course to expanding one building instead of investing in both.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The schools serve the same community.

Early Years and Other Education Services

The schools serve the same community.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

As noted in the main report, there are three possibilities to effect a merger: to expand the infants and close the junior, to expand the junior and close the infants or to close both and open a new school. Comments on the most appropriate method for this pairing will be sought during the consultation.

Proposal to Extend the Age Range of Buntingsdale Infant School to Form a Primary School

Background

Buntingsdale Infant is Community School. The school serves the Tern Hill base as well as the surrounding area. Pupils transfer to Market Drayton Junior at the end of Key Stage 1. This is an issue for service children as it often leads to additional transfers, and for local children who do not want to attend a non-town school for one key stage and a town school for the other. The school currently has a capacity of 90 places. The school is judged “good” by the local authority.

School Buildings

The school has a hall suitable for Key Stage 1 activities. The school uses sports facilities provided by the Tern Hill army base. Backlog maintenance liabilities are estimated at £29,300 to keep the school at its current condition over the next three years.

Environmental and Community Assessments

By avoiding the transfer to Market Drayton Junior at Key Stage 2, the local community will have more stability and there will be environmental benefits.

Early Years and Other Education Services

There is an early provider on site. This will not change.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

It is proposed to expand the school to the full infant age range with a capacity of 105 pupils in 4 classes, and a hall suitable for KS2 activities.

Proposal to Expand Our Lady and St Oswald RC Aided Primary

Background

Our Lady and St Oswald RC Aided School is a Catholic Voluntary Aided School. It has 143 pupils in a building with 150 places. 23.1% of pupils come from outside the area. Numbers of baptised catholic children in the area forecast to rise, and the school is oversubscribed in several year groups. The school is planning to undertake an expansion by one class.

School Buildings

The school has been expanded in the past and this has caused access problems within the building. It is proposed to address these issues at the same time as expanding the total capacity. Backlog maintenance liabilities are estimated at £36,050 to keep the school at its current condition over the next three years.

Environmental and Community Assessments

The school will serve the same community.

Early Years and Other Education Services

The school will serve the same community.

Proposed Alternative Arrangements

It is proposed to expand the school by one further class to a total of seven classes so that in due course school organisation can be based on one class per year group. The admission number will increase from 20 to 30 per year.