

Appendix A

Background Information

Approval for funding for early design works to expand Mellers Primary and South Wilford Endowed CE VA Primary

Mellers Primary School:

The ward of Radford has a shortage of school places and limited option for further expansions. Currently the shortfall of school places is being met through temporary provision at Dunkirk Primary. Dunkirk was recently expanded on to a new site and the temporary classes are being provided by classrooms currently empty in the new building, but the space can only be provided on a temporary basis as a number of children on the second Dunkirk site start to grow and filter up from the bottom year groups. A permanent expansion is required to provide the places necessary in the area.

Of the schools in the Radford area considered for expansion, Mellers Primary is considered the most suitable location. Dunkirk Primary has recently expanded by 210 places and Edna G Olds Primary's proximity to the new Dunkirk site makes it less appropriate to also be expanded. In addition, Edna G Olds Primary is on a comparatively small site making it difficult to accommodate a large expansion. Mellers Primary, further north within the ward than Dunkirk's two sites, means additional provision will be shared across the area and not concentrated in one area of the ward.

Following a consultation exercise undertaken November 2014, the Mellers Primary Governing Body agreed to expand the school from 210 to 420 pupil places and to increase the size of the nursery from 26 to a 52 full time equivalent (FTE) place nursery. In order to meet the increase in pupil numbers 8 classrooms are required on site ready for use from September 2016.

South Wilford Endowed CE VA Primary:

South Wilford Endowed CE VA Primary has been oversubscribed in recent years and the PAN (published admission number) of 45 per year group is no longer sufficient to provide school places for the children who live in the area. In addition, two housing developments in the area will see an increase of 400 family houses which will place further demand on the local school. A third development is also in early planning stages and this will put further pressure on school places in Wilford.

Following a consultation exercise undertaken December 2014, the Governing Body agreed to expand the school from 300 to 420 pupil places. In order to meet the increase in pupil numbers 3 new classrooms are required on site ready for use from September 2016.