

# Place planning for Nottingham's secondary schools

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# Pressure now on secondary schools

- Added capacity of approximately 5,000 additional primary places through a capital programme of approx. £40m
- Significant increase in demand for Secondary places since Sept 17 as larger cohorts have started to move through
- Projections against current school capacities show shortfall of Y7 places from 2019 (2018 shortfall was met by negotiating extra capacity with a number of schools)
- At least 7-9 new forms of entry are still required. Y7 demand peaks in 2022, overall capacity pressure will peak in 2027 as the larger cohorts work through
- Additional demand is likely from the increased pressure on places in county schools and the number of housing developments in the city



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# Secondary place planning strategy as commissioners of education

- To ensure the supply of school places meets demand remains a statutory duty of LAs, even though LAs are no longer able to open new schools
- NCC is striving to meet school place needs in a way that promotes parental choice, diversity and enabling access to good schools close to home
- Goal to increase the % of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> preferences, which has decreased from 92% in 2016 to 88.7% in 2018. More secondary places are required to achieve this goal
- To increase capacity in Good/Outstanding secondary schools. We have been developing strong relationships with a range of providers to explore and identify strategies and solutions
- To support schools with developing proposals, funding bids, free school applications and consultation arrangements

# Challenges

- Challenging context of a fragmented education system. Relying on direct bids from MATs to deliver the required capacity
- Insufficient Capital / Basic Need Grant for the LA to deliver all the required secondary capacity. LA led Free School presumption competition route is also dependent on availability of sites and sufficient Basic Need funding to build a new school
- Disparity of performance and popularity across the schools
- Children of all school ages continue to move in to Nottingham, with an increasing number of multi-sibling families

# Meeting our priorities – confirmed solutions

School	Forms of entry	Date of Yr 7 PAN increase
Trinity School	1 form	Sept 2017
NUAST	4 forms	Sept 2018
Fernwood Academy	3 forms	Sept 2020 (possibly partial increase from Sept 2019)



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# Proposed solutions

- The Archway Learning Trust (ALT) has submitted direct bid to the DfE for an 8-form entry school, which the LA is supporting
- Crucial to the success of this bid is likely to be the ability of the LA to identify and acquire a suitable site. Preferred site is city central
- Djanogly Learning Trust propose to increase their PAN back up to accommodate 2 extra forms of entry, using existing capacity at the Sherwood Rise site from Sept 2019
- Contingency plan – to expand existing city schools, although site restrictions and limited capital / Basic Need resource to deliver all the required capacity