

Trumpington Meadows New School Competition

Proposal Summary

Your opportunity to comment on the proposal to establish
a new primary school in Trumpington Meadows



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1 The new school

Cambridgeshire County Council has identified a need for a new primary school in Trumpington Meadows. The new school is required to meet the needs of the 1,200 new homes on the Trumpington Meadows development. The new school is expected to open in September 2010.

2 The competition

In line with the provisions of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, Cambridgeshire County Council, the local Children's Services Authority, published a notice on 8 April 2008 inviting proposals from organisations interested in establishing the new school. One organisation submitted a proposal: The Fawcett Federation Group. The local authority published this proposal on 26 August 2008.

You can obtain electronic copies of the proposal from:

- robert.lewis@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
- www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education/schools/planning/

For hard copies please contact the proposer directly:

- Judith Osler, Headteacher, Fawcett School, Alpha Terrace, Cambridge CB2 9FS
T: 01223 840258, E: head@fawcett.cambs.sch.uk

3 Public meeting

Publication of the proposal triggers a six-week representation period during which the local authority is required to hold a public meeting. It will hold this meeting on **Tuesday 9th September from 6.30 – 9.00pm, at the Cambridge Professional Development Centre, Foster Road, Cambridge. There will also be a drop in session to meet the proposer informally from 3.00 – 4.00pm.**

Members of the community will have the opportunity to hear more about each proposal and ask questions.

The meeting will be chaired by Sinead Burke from Deloitte. This Firm has been appointed by the Department for Children, Schools and Families to support school competitions.

The speakers will include representatives from The Fawcett Federation Group.

4 How you can comment on the proposal

Cambridgeshire County Council wants to hear your views. You can provide your comments in the following ways:

You can attend the public meeting on **Tuesday 9th September from 6.30 – 9.00pm, at the Cambridge Professional Development Centre, Foster Road, Cambridge.**

You can provide written comments (using the attached form if you wish) to: **Rob Lewis, CYPS Infrastructure, Cambridgeshire County Council, Room C203, ELH 1404, Castle Court, Cambridge, CB3 0AP.**

You can send your comments by e-mail to: robert.lewis@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

The closing date for responses is **5pm on Tuesday 7 October 2008.**

5 Summary of proposal

Fawcett Federation Group

The Fawcett Federation Group, c/o Fawcett School, Alpha Terrace, Cambridge has submitted an independent proposal to establish a foundation primary school in Trumpington Meadows under a formal federation with Fawcett Primary School.

The proposal is for an inclusive local school to serve the new community of Trumpington Meadows in partnership with Fawcett Primary School which is the established local primary school for the Trumpington community.

The admissions policy would be in line with the Cambridgeshire Admissions policy and the admissions policy of Fawcett School. The order of preference for admission would be: children looked after or with a statement of special needs which names the school, children living in the catchment area, children with siblings at the school and children living closest to the school.

The Fawcett Federation Group is made up of individuals who are also members of the Fawcett Primary School Governing Body. Together they will bring a wide range of experience and knowledge of education, project management and community leadership to the proposal. They are supported in this proposal by the Governing Body of Fawcett Primary School, the Big Wide Talk education charity, Homerton Children's Centre and Granta Special School. These partners mean that the proposers and the new school will benefit from the proven expertise of a high achieving, inclusive primary school who know the area well, a charity set up to promote parental involvement in their children's learning, an outstanding early years and care centre and a special school who are pioneering joint work within main-stream schools.

The Federation Group and their partners believe that by creating a federation with a high achieving, established and local primary school and by drawing in specialist knowledge from other partners, they will create equality of provision across Trumpington whilst allowing the new school to respond to the particular needs of its own local area.

The Federation ethos will be to promote high quality teaching and learning as the most significant feature of both schools within an environment where every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential and to celebrate their learning achievements. The ethos will be achieved through a close partnership with parents and the community and a spirit of collaboration with all stakeholders in the new community, with the local authorities and with neighbouring schools.

The Trumpington Meadows School will provide out of school activities, extended services and access to early years education and childcare. Working in collaboration with Fawcett School, these will include a wide variety of activities and will be available from 8 am – 6pm, five days a week and for 48 weeks of the year.

The new school building will include the main community spaces for the new Trumpington Meadows development; working with the local community will be a key feature of the school.

Trumpington Meadows new school competition: response form

You are welcome to use this form to comment on the proposal; or if you prefer you may write a letter or send an email (contact details below).

The Fawcett Federation Group

please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

Are you?

A pupil A member of staff at a school A school governor A parent

Name of school _____

A local community representative A local resident

Other (please state) _____

Contact details (optional)

Please return this form to

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Thank you for your interest.

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6 Complying with the specification

The proposal from Fawcett Federation Group complies with Cambridgeshire County Council's specification. The proposer has indicated that they will work with the Local Authority if changes are required to the proposed timing of the opening of the school and/or the initial intake numbers. The proposed school would comply with the Schools Admissions Code and would reflect Cambridgeshire County Council's admissions policy.

7 The decision

As the local authority has not published its own proposal and is not involved in any of the proposal, it will decide the competition, taking account of everyone's comments and the guidance published by the Secretary of State.

Regulations require the local authority to make a decision by 3 December 2008 at the latest.

Notes

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