



Cardinal Langley RC High School

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Dear Rochdale Council Planning Department

Rochdale Council has a statutory duty to ensure there are sufficient school places in the borough and has identified there is a need for 52 additional secondary school places in Middleton from September 2027. In partnership with other Middleton secondary schools, the Governing Board of Cardinal Langley RC High School has agreed to increase its Published Admission Number (PAN) from 210 to 220 from September 2027 to respond to the increased need. Over a five-year period, this would increase the student population by 60. The 2025 net capacity assessment for the school shows a maximum capacity of 1200 students which is in line with current numbers. In order to accommodate the additional pupils, funding has been agreed by Rochdale Council to increase the net capacity through providing a new teaching block.

Cardinal Langley RC High School educates a high number of pupils with SEND and the school has decided to build a dedicated SEND base to increase capacity. A range of areas were considered for the new build but this location was specifically chosen as it will provide easy access for disabled pupils and link directly to the existing SEND area. Having level access for wheelchairs from the car park, and being close to the existing area, are essential components to promote inclusion for those with SEND needs. This location will provide students and staff with easy access to the main school building for curriculum teaching while providing a dedicated base for additional support and intervention. Other locations at the side and rear of the school would not be able to provide these essential requirements and would not promote inclusion for disabled students due to the difficulty to access and distance between new and existing SEND area.

Yours sincerely

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