**SECTION 19 (1) OF THE EDUCATION AND INSPECTIONS ACT 2006 (AS AMENDED) and the SCHOOL ORGANISATION (PRESCRIBED ALTERATIONS TO MAINTAINED SCHOOLS) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2013**

**PROPOSAL TO LOWER THE AGE RANGE AT WIVELSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

1. School and local education authority details

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| **Name of Local Authority making the proposal:** East Sussex County Council**Address of Local Authority:** County Hall, St Anne’s Crescent, Lewes, BN7 1UE**Name of school:** Wivelsfield Primary School**Address of school:** South Road, Wivelsfield, RH17 7QN**Category of school:** Community |

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2. Description of alteration

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| It is proposed to lower the age range at Wivelsfield Primary School from 4-11 to 2-11 with effect from 1 September 2023. |

3. Evidence of demand

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| The village of Wivelsfield lost its only early years provision when the voluntary run pre-school located in the village closed in July 2020. The governing board of Wivelsfield Primary School wishes to lower the school’s age range from 4-11 to 2-11 to accommodate families who wish to access funded early years provision in the area. The East Sussex Early Years Forecasting model is showing a need for early years provision within the area. It is proposed that the nursery offers 24 full-time equivalent places for 2–4-year-olds.  |

4. Objectives

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| The aim of the proposal is to integrate, fully, nursery provision into the Early Years Foundation Stage within the school. The governing board wishes to ensure that there will be nursery provision to support the local area and to offer high quality early education delivered by experienced and well-trained staff across the Early Years Foundation Stage. The aim is to build on the work already done by the school to secure good outcomes for all children in the future. |

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5. The effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area

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| The local authority does not believe the proposal will have a negative impact on other early years provision, schools, or academies in the surrounding area. The proposal is about re-providing places in the village that were previously lost in 2020. |

6. Project costs and indication of how these will be met, including how long-term value for money will be achieved.

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| The local authority proposes to install a modular building on the school site to accommodate the nursery. The estimated cost is £340k. The full cost will be met from the local authority's approved capital programme |

7. Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation

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| It is proposed to implement the proposal on 1 September 2023. It is not intended to implement the proposal in stages. |
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8. Objections and comments

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| Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to, or comment on the proposal, by sending their representations to: Alison Jeffery, Director of Children’s Services (FAO: Jane Spice, Early Years Funding Manager), East Sussex County Council, G Floor, East Block, County Hall, St Anne’s Crescent, Lewes BN7 1UE, or by emailing: school.consultations@eastsussex.gov.uk |

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