

Education Provision at Wixam Park

O&H are committed to delivering a community that provides for local residents' needs. As part of this, we have recognised the need to facilitate new schools on the site. The development will deliver up to 1,200 homes meaning there will be a large number of school-age children, therefore the education provision we have planned will meet the needs of the young people living in Wixam Park.

The current proposals that we are consulting on include a site for a 2.2-hectare, 2 Form Entry Primary School – this means having two classes in every year group. For reference, 2.2-hectares is approximately the size of 2 international rugby pitches. The school will also include ample space for playing fields and recreational facilities. This school will serve approximately **420** students, with priority entry given to students living in Wixam Park.

The proposals also include an option for a small 5 Form Entry Secondary School - this means 5 classes per year group. O&H are looking at this option as a sustainable education strategy for Wixam Park students who wish to remain local. A secondary school would not normally be required for a development of this size but there is no prospect of expanding the Wixams secondary school to meet the needs arising from Wixam Park. A 5 FE secondary school is considerably larger than is needed for 1,200 homes and is likely to mean that children from outside of Wixam Park will also be welcomed to join.

The Wixam Park development will have a wide range of play parks and sports pitches incorporated into its design for local use. It is intended that children from the primary and secondary schools will also be able to maximise the use of these facilities.