

### **Analysis of Responses to Public Consultation Summary Report**

Re: Increasing space at Manor Green Primary Special School, Crawley

A public consultation exercise was undertaken by West Sussex County Council between 8 October 2018 and 13 November 2018 to seek feedback from the community on the intention to increase the space at Manor Green Primary School.

There were 79 responses directly entered on the County Council's 'Have Your Say' website by parents, local residents, school staff and governors. No responses were discounted as all were correctly inputted. There were no postal responses or emails received.

The majority of respondents gave a RH postcode which would indicate they live in and around Crawley so are resident locally. Two responses were from Worthing, two from Chichester post codes and one from Seaford in East Sussex. Forty-four of the respondents described themselves as parents/carers, sixteen as local residents, nine as school staff and seven as school governors. A number of respondents were both parents and governors or parents and local residents.

Respondents were asked to indicate if they belonged to any of the protected characteristics groups using the corporate 'About You' socio-demographic questions to enable an Equalities Analysis to be undertaken and to fulfil the Public Sector Equalities Duty. There was representation from each of the age groups (16 or under, 17-24, 25-44, 45-64 and 65 plus), although the majority (91%) were aged between 25-64. 81% of respondents identified as female, and just over 16% as male. Although 82 of respondents identified as White British, there was also representation from a range of BAME ethnic backgrounds including Irish, Indian, Pakistani, Arab and other Asian backgrounds. There was also representation from all the main faith groups except Buddhist and Sikh faiths. 10% of respondents indicated their day-to-day activities were limited to some extent because of a health problem or disability which has lasted or is expected to last at least 12 months. There were no discernible differences in responses or issues raised between groups, although a clear concern for adequate SEND provision was expressed by 33 respondents – see table below.

Seventy-five respondents (95% of the total number of survey respondents) supported the proposals, three objected to the proposals, and one neither supported nor objected. Some of the supporters welcomed new special school places in the area but were concerned about car parking, and pick up and drop off, and also suggested that the funding for staffing should be increased to match the increased intake. In general the proposal was strongly supported with recognition of the greater need for places in the area.

## Appendix

Below is a summary table of comments/themes and the number of times these were raised:-

<b>Theme</b>	<b>No of comments</b>	<b>Verbatim example</b>
Welcome more places and space for vulnerable children	33	There is very little provision for SEN children in the area. This school desperately needs the additional space to enable safer and more efficient support of the many children in need of places at this school.
A matching project may be required at Manor Green College	4	If increasing the size of primary will there be a need to increase the size of the college.
Further car parking required/pick up and drop off to be improved	3	If the space is expanding it will need a considerable amount of car parking spaces as there is currently inadequate parking on site for existing provision.
Concern that revenue funding is increased to allow for increasing staffing	3	My son loves that school because of these amazing teachers and by getting more fund they can also help other children and family like ours and have enough teachers to help these special needs children. School really needs more funds.
Welcome local facilities and reduction in out of county placements	3	Some pupils are travelling out of their catchment area to be in other specialist provision. There is also a huge amount of West Sussex money being spent on out of county provision and so some of these places may help to address this.
Further specialist facilities required not just classrooms	2	Areas such as the cooking room, soft play, and other areas that were used for activities for life skills have had to be removed. There is not enough storage for equipment.
Drainage needs to be looked at	1	Are your plans with the modular builds incorporating drainage issues? As...this land was a meadow and we are at the bottom we get a lot of flowing water from all sites.
Class sizes are too large	1	We strongly support the need to have increased capacity at the school. We believe that the class sizes have got too large currently 27 children!
Suggestion that a new school is built and the college expanded into existing building	1	Use existing 2 buildings for the college students and build another school for the primary children. There is loads of land around the current school particularly the areas that are unused by ICC (Ifield Community College).
Some children would be	1	The answer to the problem is more taking

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better off in mainstream with good SENCO provision		a closer look at the pupils as there's lots that would do well in mainstream with a good senco.
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