

Summary of Public Consultation Responses

Proposal to

- increase the designated number of places offered at Five Acre Wood (FAW) School from 330 to 465 places (including Satellite and Nursery provision) from 15 March 2019; Via the expansion of the FAW Satellite provision at Holmesdale School from 70 to 150 students and the establishment of a FAW Primary Satellite for 30 students at Palace Wood Primary School from September 2019.
- to establish a Specialist Resource Provision (SRP) at East Borough Primary School from September 2019.

This summary includes information from all the responses received during the 4 weeks consultation period that ended Thursday 18 October 2018 (midnight).

There were approximately 2300 consultation documents (hard copies) distributed via the school to parents, members of staff and governors. The consultation was emailed to all key stakeholders and was available on the KCC and school websites.

There were 65 responses received via emails, digital and paper response forms to the Five Acre Wood, Palace Wood and Holmesdale School proposals. Additionally, 83 responses were received regarding the proposal to establish an SRP at East Borough Primary School.

The consultation response form was split into two parts and required the respondents to indicate whether they agreed with the FAW changes and then separately if they agreed with the establishment of the SRP at East Borough.

Responses regarding the FAW changes are summarised as follows:

	Agree	Disagree	Undecided	Blank	Total
Parent/Carer	38	6	6		50
Member of Staff	14	1			15
Governor					0
Pupil					0
Other Interested Party					0
Total	52	7	6	0	65

Responses regarding the establishment of an SRP at East Borough are summarised as follows:

	Agree	Disagree	Undecided	Blank	Total
Parent/Carer	58	2	6	1	50
Member of Staff	14			1	15
Governor	1				0
Pupil					0
Other Interested Party					0
Total	73	2	6	2	83

Note: The numbers in brackets shown below represent the occurrence of broadly aligned comments, not the number of respondents.

Comments raising concerns with FAW for the expansion and Satellite at Palace Wood:

- Concerned about the addition traffic at main FAW site (6)
- Objection to, or concern regarding, the additional traffic at Palace Wood (3)
- Concern about potential disruption to existing Palace Wood students (2)
- Objection due to the impact on the resources/facilities at FAW (2)
- Concern based on the loss of learning space at Palace Wood (1)

Comments in support of the FAW for the expansion and Satellite at Palace Wood:

- Expressions of support, with comments indicating that it was an excellent idea/development (9)
- In favour of integration/inclusion of FAW into mainstream and positive opportunities for both sets of students (2)

Public Information Sessions

Public 'drop-in' information sessions were held as follows:

- Open session 16:00 to 17:30, Thursday 27 September at East Borough Primary School
- Dedicated session for current East Borough FAW Satellite students' parents 16:00 to 17:00, Monday 1 October at Five Acre Wood School
- Open session 17:00 to 18:00, Monday 1 October at Five Acre Wood School
- Open session 16:30 to 18:00, Wednesday 3 October at Palace Wood Primary School

The sessions were well attended, with parents and stakeholders given the opportunity to ask questions and to seek clarity on any issue relating to the proposal.