**Red Marsh/Northfold SEN Unit Consultation - September 2021**

The following provides a summary of the consultation. It is based on 68 responses received as at 22.10.21 to the online survey.

**How strongly do you agree or disagree with this proposal?**

# Please select one option only

3%

Strongly agree (56)

Tend to agree (6)

Neither agree nor disagree (2)

Tend to disagree (1)

Strongly disagree (1)

85

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2%

**Why do you say this?**

# Please type in the box below

1. Beneficial for children at northfold, use an empty site
2. Parking and road use is already dangerous. Cars parking over driveways and dropping off on yellow lines. My children have a few near misses. Additional road and car oark use will only exacerbate the problem. Not helped by additional traffic build up on to Cumberland Avenue and West Drive. There was already a serious car accident only last year where a car was tipped on its roof because of a driver rushing across the Cumberland Avenue crossing at school picking up time! My children witnessed the accident aftermath which was traumatic for them. Additional road use at these times only risks further accidents.
3. My fiancé’s son attends red marsh and my little boy attends Northfold! I think they are both great schools and we would welcome the decision to expand on this site! Better than it sitting empty too!
4. Children with additional needs should not be considered as second best, mainstream schools expand and have enough places for their pupils therefore LCC need to open more resources for children who require specialist support including education opportunities to enable them to develop and learn in a place they are safe and feel included. The satellite provision is a no brainer, why have an empty building when there are many children (including my Son) awaiting for the correct provision to suit their needs. As a parent I find it very upsetting and frustrating how many children and families are crying out for extra SEND support in the area due to very long waiting periods, oversubscribed schools, very slow EHC plan process which can cause more harm than good hence the Haven Site news bringing a glimmer of hope to us families who feel we are being treated differently due to our child's additional needs which is causing significant worry and stress.
5. Any increase in special need provision can only be a good thing.
6. There is a desperate need for more special needs places. Using a separate site will be better at school pick up times too
7. It is the best option for all involved, making use of space that is readily available and creating more space for pupils currently on roll. It will provide fantastic inclusion opportunities for pupils with the mainstream school being located next door.
8. There aren't enough places for sen children and by creating a satellite provision on the haven site will be a great idea also possibilities to make more spaces in years to come. Very exciting and a fantastic idea
9. We think this is a good idea as the buildings at North Fold are currently unused. Keeping the space at Red Marsh is important for the pupils that are already there.
10. There is a need for more special school places. It will benefit the pupils and staff of both schools
11. Gives children who need special education a better chance of getting it.
12. Meets the needs of the children
13. I believe we need more places for special needs children. By doing this on the other site nears are currently children will not be affect by the change
14. I agree with the need for expansion, however I’m slightly concerned the level of teaching & support to current pupils may be affected negatively.
15. To give places for sen children at an outstanding school
16. Amazing idea
17. A satellite site is favoured by me as the school is small in structure as it is and losing space would take away from the pupils already there
18. It will give our pupils more space which is desperately needed. It will give our pupils opportunities to transition to another building similar to mainstream peers. It will allow further professional development and opportunities for staff.
19. Spaces for children in special schools are woefully limited. A proposal that increases the number of available spaces to children with EHCP’s is a great idea and will certainly benefit not only the families and children attending the new site, but could also serve to alleviate pressure on mainstream schools that can struggle to meet the needs of children in the same situation.
20. It will be good to extend the provision provided by Red Marsh school and increase the numbers within the school so that more children can be catered for
21. it's needed..
22. There is a huge need for more special school places
23. I think it would be the most efficient way to expand facilities with a building already available and would create more spaces for children with additional needs without comprising room at the Red Marsh site as well as being cost effective.
24. I agree that more special school places for children should be available, but sharing the facilities eg pool, sensory rooms can only disadvantage the current children attending Red Marsh. It stands to reason that the more pupils that are using the main sites facilities will mean less opportunities for the current pupils to use them. The new site should house it's own facilities.
25. Easier transition for children on one site. Lack of nursing staff, so this puts much more pressure and responsibilities on staff.
26. Increasing pupil capacity by providing a second site is urgently needed to take children off the waiting list for special needs education. Red Marsh school is an award winning 5 star school with a highly skilled & dedicated group of staff, their priority is the children & no child should be denied a place at Red Marsh School the new site will provide this opportunity & a child’s education should always be a number 1 priority.
27. Red Marsh is an excellent school, this is a great opportunity to expand and enable other children to have a fantastic education.
28. I am concerned about the extra work on the teachers and senior leadership team. We would need to ensure that the standard of education and support for both pupils and staff remain outstanding.
29. To be able to offer as much help as possible to families in need of child care provision
30. Currently, Red Marsh School is 'bursting at the seams'. The hall is only big enough to accommodate half the pupils at a time, and there are other issues with lack of space. At The Haven, there is a larger hall, and extra kitchen facilities and storage space should be made available. The excellent education provided by Red Marsh would benefit more children who are in need of specialist education.
31. Additional special school places are needed. This building would allow more flexibility than a modular or extension at the current Red Marsh site
32. So children with sen needs are in the correct place
33. Creating more much needed special school places in a building that can accommodate them
34. Every child really does matter, providing all children that need a specialist provision with that opportunity. The satellite school seems like the most logical to provide this for them. Red Marsh is an outstanding school and such a warm and caring place for all and I think it’s exciting that more children will be able to experience the red marsh way
35. More children with special needs will be able to attend red red marsh school even though it’s at a different site. More space for the older children at red marsh school.
36. Agree that more space is needed for students at Red Marsh School. It would be great to know more of the logistics of this. How will the split sites both be managed etc
37. It’s a new project which offers change ,new opportunity and it is nice to develop community relationships. Although there are challenges this can also make for learning opportunities for us all to grow and develop. It is supportive to provide space for additional children with special needs at a time when they are in need of support and a place to learn and R M always try to accommodate children no matter how complex their need.
38. It will be beneficial to our current pupils, providing more space. It will be beneficial to the community through providing more places for pupils who require specialist provision.
39. Red Marsh is a fantastic school, the proposal would enable more SEN pupils to benefit from the education and opportunities provided by Red Marsh Staff.
40. The school needs more space and more children need places
41. Whilst I agree that more special school places are needed, this must not be to the detriment of current pupils and staff at Red Marsh School. The proposed satellite provision MUST provide its pupils with at least the same, if not better, provision and experiences than can currently be offered ie more space, the same facilities such as sensory room / 4D room. Whilst I appreciate that children will have to move between sites for swimming, the transferring of the youngest pupils between sites is not ideal. The school MUST be adequately supported financially to make this proposal viable, including increased staffing costs to ensure Senior Leaders are always available on both sites. Adequate provision must also be made by the authority to ensure that increased costs in buildings and maintenance eg water, heating, cleaning, transport costs do not negatively impact on the schools budget.

**Are you responding to this proposal as…?**

# Please select one option only

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Parent/carer of a pupil currently at Red Marsh Special School (22)

Parent/carer of a future pupil at Red Marsh Special School (-)

Member of staff at Red Marsh Special School (31)

School governor at Red Marsh Special School (5) 8%

Member of the local community of either school (2) 3%

Parent/carer of a pupil currently at Northfold Community Primary School (4) 6%

Parent/carer of a future pupil at Northfold Community Primary School (-)

Member of staff at Northfold Community Primary School (-)

School governor at Northfold Community Primary School (1) 2%

Other (1)

**Other**

* Supply staff

**Are you…?**

# Please select one option only

Male (8)

Female (59)

Other (-)

Prefer not to say (-)

12

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**What was your age on your last birthday?**

# Please select one option only

Under 16 (-)

16-19 (-)

20-34 (18)

35-49 (34)

50-64 (9)

65+ (4)

Prefer not to say (1)

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**Which of the following best describes your ethnic background?**

# Please select one option only

White (64)

Black or black British (-)

Asian or Asian British (1)

Mixed ethnic background (-)

Any other ethnic background (-)

Prefer not to say (2)

3

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**Are you a deaf person or do you have a disability?**

The Equality Act 2010 defines a disabled person as someone who has a physical or mental impairment, which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

# Please select as many as apply

2%

Yes, learning disability (1)

Yes, physical disability (1)

Yes, sensory disability (-)

Yes, mental health disability (-)

Yes, other disability (-)

No (62)

Prefer not to say (2)

95

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2%

3%

**Are there any children or young people in your household with special educational needs?**

*Please select as many as apply*

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No (34)

Yes, aged under 5 (3) Yes, aged 5 -11 (17)

Yes, aged 12 -15 (8)

Yes, aged 16 -17 (5)

Prefer not to say (3)

**What is your home postcode?**

# Please type in the box below

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