

Appendix 1: Consultation Responses

Response	Do you agree with the proposal to expand Springfield School from 170 to 250 places?	Your comments (if any):	Cheshire East Response to Concerns Raised
1	Yes	There is clearly identified urgent need for these places	The council has an identified need for additional SEN placements across the borough. These additional places would provide much needed accommodation at an Ofsted outstanding provision.
2	Yes	This is desperately needed to accommodate children with additional needs especially catering to early years children	The council has an identified need for additional SEN placements across the borough. These additional places would provide much needed accommodation at an Ofsted outstanding provision.
3	Yes	-	
4	Yes	The area is in desperate need of these places.	The council has an identified need for additional SEN placements across the borough. These additional places would provide much needed accommodation at an Ofsted outstanding provision..
5	Yes	There is high levels of demand for this and children in mainstream who urgently need specialist placements where none are available.	The council has an identified need for additional SEN placements across the borough. These additional places would provide much needed accommodation at an Ofsted outstanding provision.
6	Yes	More provision for children with complex needs is urgently required in this area. Children with a high level of need require the resources and teaching that Springfield provides. Families need to feel confident that the needs of their children can be met locally.	The council has an identified need for additional SEN placements across the borough. These additional places would provide much needed accommodation at an Ofsted outstanding provision.
7	Yes	As a school who has a primary Resource Provision for children with Autism we are experiencing a number of children who need more specialist provision than we can provide. Children with a high level of need are not able to access provision in specialist because there simply isn't enough places.	The council has an identified need for additional SEN placements across the borough. These additional places would provide much needed accommodation at an Ofsted outstanding provision.

		I am strongly in favour of this much needed expansion.	
8	Yes	This is very much needed in this area	The council has an identified need for additional SEN placements across the borough. These additional places would provide much needed accommodation at an Ofsted outstanding provision.
9	Yes	-	
10	Yes	-	
11	Yes	-	
12	Yes	-	
13	Yes	-	
14	Yes	-	
15	Yes	My child is starting secondary in September. County currently pays 35000 a year to take my child to a school out of county and will continue to do so if my appeal does not go through! This should have been done 5 years ago.	This proposal forms part of a wider council programme to provide more specialist in-borough SEN provision, a problem faced by most councils across the country due to demand for provision being considerably in excess of available specialist school placements. The council's ambition is aimed at benefiting the families and the children in order that the children remain within their communities and with reduced travel time which ultimately will also benefit the council's SEND budgetary position.
16	Yes	-	
17	Yes	-	
18	Yes	-	
19	Yes	-	
20	Yes	My daughter was unable to get a place for September 2022. She will now have to wait until 2023.	The council has an identified need for additional SEN placements across the borough. These additional places would provide much needed accommodation at an Ofsted outstanding provision.
21	Yes	More places are required for special needs provision. There isn't enough places within Cheshire East and so	The council has an identified need for additional SEN placements across the borough. These additional places

		many children are missing out on their education and access to the curriculum.	would provide much needed accommodation at an Ofsted outstanding provision.
22	No View	Size of the school will also have an impact on students. My child ASD/ADHD struggles with large groups / class sizes / crowds. For him a smaller setting would always be preferable.	This concern is understood and fully appreciated and the proposed expansion of Springfield School is part of a wider programme to deliver additional specialist provision within Cheshire East.
23	Yes	-	
24	Yes	-	
25	Yes	-	
26	Yes	There is an ever increasing need for SEND provision and the expansion of Springfields will help to relieve some of that demand. It will mean that children who require a specialist provision will be able to access it faster and therefore progress.	The council has an identified need for additional SEN placements across the borough. These additional places would provide much needed accommodation at an Ofsted outstanding provision.
27	Yes	-	
28	Yes	As a parent of a child in need of a SEND school placement this expansion is definitely needed. As of yet my child is still waiting to be allocated a placement as his current mainstream school are unable to cope with his needs which has resulted in him attending school for less than one hour a day.	The council has an identified need for additional SEN placements across the borough. These additional places would provide much needed accommodation at an Ofsted outstanding provision.
29	Yes	Provision for children with special needs is paramount.	The council has an identified need for additional SEN placements across the borough. These additional places would provide much needed accommodation at an Ofsted outstanding provision.

30	Yes	<p>My grandson is entering high school in September and is currently in special provision in Leek. Springfield School is over subscribed but would meet his needs.</p> <p>Stockport was the first school area identified for him. This makes no sense to me. Not withstanding the transport funding, this would limit his place in the local community, making him even more isolated. He lives within a 5 minute car ride from Springfield School or a thirty minute walk. I live within a twenty minute walk from the school and am retired so could have more time with him. I am informed the school is so outstanding that children come from out of Borough. This also seems senseless. As the school has excellent links with local colleges and employment opportunities my grandson could only benefit in the long term. He presently spends hours every week in a taxi.</p> <p>This is neither helpful to him or the environment.</p>	<p>This proposal forms part of a wider council programme to provide more specialist in-borough SEN provision, a problem faced by most councils across the country due to demand for provision being considerably in excess of available specialist school placements. The council's ambition is aimed at benefiting the families and the children in order that the children remain within their communities and with reduced travel time which ultimately will also benefit the council's SEND budgetary position.</p>
31	Yes	-	
32	Yes	<p>This expansion is so desperately needed as a huge number of children's needs across Cheshire East are currently not being met.</p>	<p>The council has an identified need for additional SEN placements across the borough. These additional places would provide much needed accommodation at an Ofsted outstanding provision.</p>
33	Yes	-	
34	Yes	-	
35	Yes	-	
36	No	-	
37	Yes	-	
38	No	-	

39	No	This will significantly impact the teachers as they will have even larger classes than normal and as such the quality of education for the kids will be reduced, and the traffic and parking will be majorly impacted.	The new classrooms being provided by the proposed expansion will accommodate the additional children taken by the school thus not impacting on existing class sizes. Additional teaching staff and assistants will be employed to oversee the new classes. Traffic and car parking will be considered as part of the planning application process going forward.
40	Yes	-	
41	Yes	Children with complex additional needs should be able to access outstanding care and education in their own locality and not be expected to travel long distances. I totally support the expansion of Springfield's School.	The council has an identified need for additional SEN placements across the borough. These additional places would provide much needed accommodation at an Ofsted outstanding provision.
12	Yes	-	
43	Yes	-	
44	Yes	These local places are urgently needed	
45	Yes	As the local MP this proposal has my full support. My office and I are fully aware of the gap in SEND provision locally and believe expanding provision at Springfield School can only help improve the educational opportunities for local children, ease the pressure on their families and provide value for money for the taxpayer.	This proposal forms part of a wider council programme to provide more specialist in-borough SEN provision, a problem faced by most councils across the country due to demand for provision being considerably in excess of available specialist school placements. The council's ambition is aimed at benefiting the families and the children in order that the children remain within their communities and with reduced travel time which ultimately will also benefit the council's SEND budgetary position.
46	Yes	-	
47	Yes	-	
48	Yes	There is a chronic shortage of local places and this will make a huge difference to some people's lives.	This proposal forms part of a wider council programme to provide more specialist in-borough SEN provision, a problem faced by most councils across the country due to demand for provision being considerably in excess of available specialist school placements. The council's ambition is aimed at

			benefiting the families and the children in order that the children remain within their communities and with reduced travel time which ultimately will also benefit the council's SEND budgetary position.
49	Yes	Definitely a good idea	
50	Yes	<p>It is clearly needed. Too many children who need a place in a Special School are either being sent to a school a long way away (Macclesfield or Leek), or required to stay in a mainstream school. Both these options can be detrimental to their education and wellbeing, and have huge impacts on their families, who are already under pressure. Mainstream schools may be an option for some pupils with learning disabilities, but they should not be expected to provide quality education to all students; when a child is wrongly placed, everyone suffers.</p> <p>Long bus journeys, with frequent stops for other pupils to board or alight, are not helpful - the children are tired and over-stressed before they even get to school. An autistic child arriving home after a full day at school, and two hours on a bus, is much more likely to struggle when they get home, making life so much more difficult for parents, carers and siblings. Some children are frail, and their physical health can be undermined by long hours on a draughty bus, with the back doors opening frequently for other students in wheelchairs to be taken off through the tail lift. Parents should have the option of choosing a school that is appropriate for their child within county, and within a reasonable distance.</p>	<p>This proposal forms part of a wider council programme to provide more specialist in-borough SEN provision, a problem faced by most councils across the country due to demand for provision being considerably in excess of available specialist school placements. The council's ambition is aimed at benefiting the families and the children in order that the children remain within their communities and with reduced travel time which ultimately will also benefit the council's SEND budgetary position.</p>
51	Yes	Know personally a child who has a recommendation for a place but none available. Good location for school and space around the buildings.	The council has an identified need for additional SEN placements across the borough. These additional places would provide much needed accommodation at an Ofsted outstanding provision.
52	Yes	-	

53	Yes	My son is currently waiting for a place at a special school but they are all full. We live in Shavington so Springfields is a great location for us. Macclesfield is too far for a 4 year old child to travel to school	This proposal forms part of a wider council programme to provide more specialist in-borough SEN provision, a problem faced by most councils across the country due to demand for provision being considerably in excess of available specialist school placements. The council's ambition is aimed at benefiting the families and the children in order that the children remain within their communities and with reduced travel time which ultimately will also benefit the council's SEND budgetary position.
54	Yes	-	
55	Yes	I have family friends whose children get shipped off all over in buses. It would be a joy to them and the children to know they were just round the corner. One in particular is in need of some attention and being on a bus is frightening and distressing.	This proposal forms part of a wider council programme to provide more specialist in-borough SEN provision, a problem faced by most councils across the country due to demand for provision being considerably in excess of available specialist school placements. The council's ambition is aimed at benefiting the families and the children in order that the children remain within their communities and with reduced travel time which ultimately will also benefit the council's SEND budgetary position.
56	Yes	Children need to go to a school in their own area and not have to travel miles which takes hour or more. Detrimental to their wellbeing. A school closer helps the child and their family.	This proposal forms part of a wider council programme to provide more specialist in-borough SEN provision, a problem faced by most councils across the country due to demand for provision being considerably in excess of available specialist school placements. The council's ambition is aimed at benefiting the families and the children in order that the children remain within their communities and with reduced travel time which ultimately will also benefit the council's SEND budgetary position.
57	Yes	I am a member of the local community & there is a need for this	The council has an identified need for additional SEN placements across the borough. These additional places would provide much needed accommodation at an Ofsted outstanding provision.

58	Yes	There is such a shortage of places in Special Needs schools in the area. Therefore, expanding this schools ability to offer more places for local children would make a tremendous improvement to these children and their families.	This proposal forms part of a wider council programme to provide more specialist in-borough SEN provision, a problem faced by most councils across the country due to demand for provision being considerably in excess of available specialist school placements. The council's ambition is aimed at benefiting the families and the children in order that the children remain within their communities and with reduced travel time which ultimately will also benefit the council's SEND budgetary position.
59	Yes	-	
60	Yes	I have relative in this school and appreciate the need for more places in the local area.	The council has an identified need for additional SEN placements across the borough. These additional places would provide much needed accommodation at an Ofsted outstanding provision.
61	Yes	There is great need for the expansion	The council has an identified need for additional SEN placements across the borough. These additional places would provide much needed accommodation at an Ofsted outstanding provision.
62	Yes	Extra places are desperately needed in special schools so those who need it can get an education suited to their needs and are looked after appropriately. Sending them so far away on buses is detrimental in so many ways.	This proposal forms part of a wider council programme to provide more specialist in-borough SEN provision, a problem faced by most councils across the country due to demand for provision being considerably in excess of available specialist school placements. The council's ambition is aimed at benefiting the families and the children in order that the children remain within their communities and with reduced travel time which ultimately will also benefit the council's SEND budgetary position.
63	Yes	-	
64	Yes	Cheshire East & Crewe in particular needs further capacity as a matter of urgency	The council has an identified need for additional SEN placements across the borough. These additional places would provide much needed accommodation at an Ofsted outstanding provision.

65	Yes	Yes indeed!!! The places are needed asap	The council has an identified need for additional SEN placements across the borough. These additional places would provide much needed accommodation at an Ofsted outstanding provision.
66	No	With this expansion to increase student capacity, there is no detail given for traffic management and parking on the road "Old Crewe Green Road" which is often blocked by parents queuing in their cars alongside numerous school Minibuses parked on the road, sometimes preventing access to/from Mill Bridge Close difficult. In addition, on parents evening having lots of parked cars (owned by parents of students) on Old Crewe Green Road and Mill Bridge Close make access to residents homes difficult. As this is already an issue for residents of Mill Bridge Close, what plans or provisions will be made to handle the extra car and minibus traffic the increased capacity will cause? In addition, the school's car park is usually full during school days, so what plans will be made to handle car parking for the additional staff that I'm assuming be need to handle the increased student capacity?	Concerns about traffic and current parking concerns for local residents is understood and both matters will form a consideration as part of the planning application process which will follow in due course. The planned works at the school will provide additional parking to mitigate the needs of additional staff/pupils as a result of the expansion and ensuring that suitable arrangements are in place at the start and end of the day when traffic issues are most common.
67	Yes	-	

68	No	<p>There is no doubt that Springfield School provides an excellent and valuable service. However, the long-standing problems regarding parking issues on the access road continue to be ignored, both by the school and by the council. As a resident of Mill Bridge Close, I have witnessed on a daily basis a complete disregard for the safety of other road users by the minibuses (many of which are contracted to, or provided by, Cheshire East) who collect the children mid-afternoon. This is worsened by some parents who also take the view that there is an automatic right to park and wait where they choose. The attitude of some drivers seems to be that they can obstruct where they like on the basis that they are providing a service to a special needs school, and this situation will only get worse rather than better with an increase in school placements. Already there are instances of buses protruding onto the main Crewe Road, and waiting there for some time. I do not accept that there is an automatic right to ignore road safety legislation simply because of the school's circumstances, and an increase in child places will undoubtedly compromise the situation even further. Do we have to wait until there is a serious accident before someone will take notice? There is also a public children's playground on the corner of Mill Bridge Close, and the very restricted views</p>	<p>Concerns about traffic and current parking concerns for local residents is understood and both matters will form a consideration as part of the planning application process which will follow in due course. The planned works at the school will provide additional parking to mitigate the needs of additional staff/pupils as a result of the expansion and ensuring that suitable arrangements are in place at the start and end of the day when traffic issues are most common.</p>
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