

To Consultees.

Cheshire East Borough Council
Children's Services
School Organisation & Capital Strategy

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DATE: November 2020

OUR REF: ConsultationCongleton

Dear Consultee,

PROPOSED EXPANSION OF CONGLETON SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The Local Authority has a statutory duty to provide sufficient school places for children resident in its area. An analysis of the latest pupil forecasts has identified the need to provide additional secondary school places in Congleton in response to increasing pupil populations. The data produced indicates the need for an extra 300 school places (year 7 to year 11) which, if agreed, would provide 60 additional places per year group, implemented on a phased basis from September 2023.

A consultation document providing full details of the proposal, including the decision-making process and key dates, is published on the Council's website together with a link to the electronic survey response or a PDF form for you to feedback your views on this proposal.

All feedback will be collated for consideration at a meeting of the Academy Trusts whereupon a decision can be taken on whether to proceed with the expansion. It is important to note that this is all subject to the usual section 77 requirements and relevant planning permissions.

As a key stakeholder in this process, we would really welcome your views on this proposal in order that a fully informed decision can be taken at the next stage.

Feedback your views

All feedback received during the consultation period, which starts on 20 November and finishes on 18 December 2020, will be considered before a decision is made on the proposal. It is important to note that no decision has been taken at this stage.

We therefore urge you to visit the Council website at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk where you can read the consultation document and complete the feedback form before the closing date of **18 December 2020**.

If you have any questions about this letter please email the Local Authority at SOCS@cheshireeast.gov.uk

We look forward to receiving your comments.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Bayley', written over a light grey rectangular background.

Mark Bayley
Head of Service – School Infrastructure & Outcomes