

Crewe Engineering and Design UTC (CUTC):
Proposal document to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN)
Consultation Summary

In November 2023 The Learning Partnership Trust (TLP), the governors and the leadership team of Crewe UTC propose to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for new Year 10 and new Year 12 pupils from to take effect from September 2025.

The proposal was for Year 10 intake to reduce from 200 to 125 and Year 12 from 200 to 75.

The change was being proposed to enable college leaders to more effectively plan our financial resources in the years ahead.

The following background information was provided:

When Crewe UTC opened in 2016 the PAN was 200 in each year, making 800 in total. This figure has never been realised and the average total on roll has been 220.

The college is now growing in popularity and in the last 12 months we have grown by 14%. Early indications suggest we will continue to grow, and we must now have a PAN which allows us to deliver an effective curriculum with the resources available. The proposed change will not affect current pupils.

Outcome of Consultation

The consultation ran from 5 December 2023 until 30 January 2024. There were 56 responses from a wide range of stakeholders including parents of current students, parents of prospective students, alumni, local education partners, local businesses, teachers and the wider community. Representatives from other local education providers (37.5%) and current parents/carers (19.6%) were the two groups who provided the most responses.

91.1% of respondents were in favour of the proposed reduction in PAN. As a result, the local governing board for the UTC approved the change in their meeting of 31 January 2024.

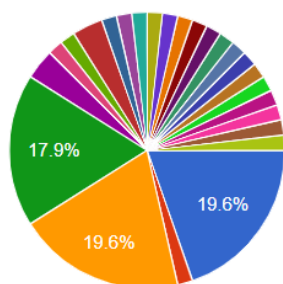
Attached to this document are the summary results of the consultation and the updated admissions policy.

Yours sincerely,
Will Chitty
Principal

Stakeholders: I am a

56 responses

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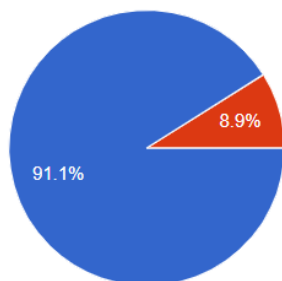
- Current parent/carer
- Current student
- Representative of a local secondary school
- Representative of another local educational institution
- Previous parent/carer
- Previous student
- Representative of the local authority
- Representative of another local authority

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Overall response

56 responses

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- I support the proposal to adjust the PAN of Crewe UTC
- I do not support the proposal to adjust the PAN of Crewe UTC

Respondents' additional comments	Response
The decreases proposed are significant during a time when students are seeking alternative options to traditional sixth form. The requirement for STEM-based skills is increasing in many sectors - the Institute of Engineering and Technology estimates a shortfall of 173,000 workers in the STEM sector. This in turn impedes improvements to economic growth and policy goals such as energy security.	<p>Thank you for your contribution. Although the proposal is a reduction to the current published PAN, the new upper limit of 400 pupils (across four year groups in total) is nearly double the actual number of students the college has previously had.</p> <p>While student intake had been static for some time we are now growing at a rate of approximately 14% year on year. We have set the new PAN at a figure which allows us to continue to provide a high quality technical education while taking into account the existing facilities, available teaching spaces, specialist workshop spaces and the availability of specialist teachers.</p>
Support the proposal to reduce PAN as this will ensure that pupils will have access to resources needed with those resources being spread too thinly	Thank you for your support
A sensible rationale on the need for change. A vocational study programme must have appropriate access to facilities and equipment and this proposal to reduce PAN makes the case successfully	Thank you for your support
It is not good that practical stem courses are not available and being reduced	Thank you for your contribution. Although the proposal is a reduction to the current published PAN, the new upper limit of 400 pupils (across four year groups in total) is

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<p>An amazing place for young adults to thrive!</p>	<p>Thank you for your support</p>
<p>This is sound business and financial planning! I fully support this move.</p>	<p>Thank you for your support</p>
<p>Reducing the PAN seems unusual, when pupil numbers are increasing locally</p>	<p>Thank you for your contribution. Although the proposal is a reduction to the current published PAN, the new upper limit of 400 pupils (across four year groups in total) is nearly double the actual number of students the college has previously had.</p> <p>While student intake had been static for some time we are now growing at a rate of approximately 14% year on year. We have set the new PAN at a figure which allows us to continue to provide a high quality technical education while taking into account the existing facilities, available teaching spaces, specialist workshop spaces and the availability of specialist teachers.</p>