

Public Notice: Proposal to expand and operate the Hunsbury Park Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) unit from an annex site at Chiltern Primary School

West Northamptonshire has seen a significant increase in demand for SEND places in recent years and additional capacity is urgently required to ensure that there are sufficient places available in forthcoming academic years. This proposal forms part of a wider programme of works that aims to deliver up to 600 new SEND places across West Northants by September 2025.

As part of this programme, WNC established plans for a 50 place Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) Unit at Hunsbury Park Primary School. The provision caters for primary aged pupils who are in receipt of an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) with a primary need of Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASD). 20 places have already been delivered with children now in attendance. However, due to construction constraints and a delayed delivery date, the remaining 30 places cannot be accommodated on the same site.

As a result, WNC have explored alternative options with sufficient spare accommodation having been identified at Chiltern Primary School. This can be converted into bespoke SEND teaching spaces that can be used to accommodate up to 30 pupils initially and increasing to 45 pupils in subsequent years. The unit will continue to be operated by Hunsbury Park Primary School.

The publication of this notice will see a four-week period of consultation begin on this proposal. Any stakeholder wishing to express support, object to or make any other comment can do so using the contact information below. A copy of the full proposal can also be obtained in this manner or by visiting:

Website: https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com

Email: placeplanningconsultation@westnorthants.gov.uk with the subject 'FAO Hunsbury Park SEND unit'.

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All responses must be received by midnight on Wednesday 19 July 2023