

Summary of the statutory consultation for the proposal to expand Slated Row School to include a new site at Kents Hill Park

The statutory consultation took place between 12 January 2017 and 10 February 2017 inclusive

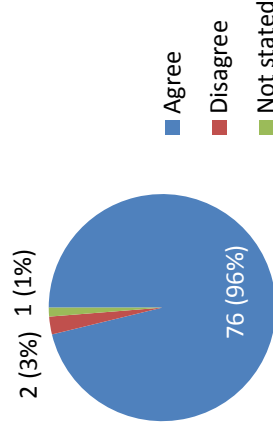
On 12 January 2017 the consultation document was distributed to interested parties as follows:

- All Milton Keynes schools, early years settings, and the faith boards
- All staff, governors and parents of Slated Row School
- All ward councillors, parishes and constituency MPs
- Trade unions, internal colleagues, neighbouring local authorities
- Specialist teachers, psychology and health professionals
- Parent/carer support groups for SEN children

The consultation was also available on the council's website, alongside an electronic response form.

A total of 82 responses were received

- 79 respondents agreed with the proposal, 2 did not agree and 1 respondent did not state whether they agreed or disagreed
- 88% of respondents were parent/carers of pupils attending Slated Row School and staff/Governors at the school



96%, a significant majority, were in agreement with the proposed expansion

Key themes in support of the proposal were:

- The growth in population means that there is increased demand for special school provision.
- The expansion will enable students to further develop their health and fitness through physical exercise and sports. Shared sports facilities and supervised integration with mainstream children will benefit pupils.
- Slated Row School will be able to expand their ethos onto a further site.
- Slated Row is currently judged by Ofsted to be an outstanding school and has the expertise which it would readily be able to transfer to a new site.
- Staff are highly trained and have the expertise to develop a further site. They are particularly skilled in the use of therapeutic teaching approaches which are relevant to specific SEND so that the provision is broad and balanced.
- The school works well with Denbigh Teaching School, the LA and other special schools. It works particularly well with White Spire School, which share some of the same specific needs in their pupil populations.

Key themes of concern:

- More provision is needed in Milton Keynes for children with Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs
- Secondary age children provide positive role models for the younger children at the existing site and this could be lost if they are moved to the new site
- Concern that Home to School Transport for pupils is maintained if they are moved to the new site
- Security between other schools in the Kents Hill Park development.

ANNEX C

Alternative suggestions identified by consultees:

1. No alternative suggestions .