

## Summary of the responses to the statutory consultation for the proposal to reduce the number of places available in the Speech, Communication and Language Needs Department at Caroline Haslett Primary School

A statutory consultation relating to the proposed change to reduce the number of places available in the SCLN Department at Caroline Haslett Primary School took place between 5 January 2017 and 2 February 2017

### On 5 January 2017 the link to the consultation document was distributed to interested parties as follows:

- Caroline Haslett Primary School, all special schools, all mainstream schools with a SEN department
- Relevant parents and carers
- High Needs Reference Group
- Council Officers
- Health and interested professionals
- Local ward councillors
- Constituency MPs
- Shenley Brook End and Tattenhoe Parish Council
- CoE Diocesan Board of Education and NORES, Parish Centre Holy Ghost Catholic Church
- Trade unions
- Neighbouring local authorities

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

In addition, a statutory notice was published in the local press and displayed at the entrances to Caroline Haslett Primary School.

A total of 10 responses to the statutory consultation were received

### Key themes in support of the proposal were:

1. No points were raised from respondents to the statutory consultation that were in support of the proposal

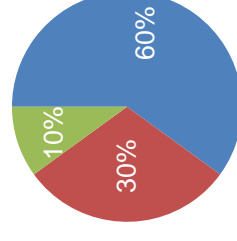
### Key themes of concern:

1. Children should be able to attend the department so that they become more confident
2. Communication skills are essential for children
3. Provision at the school is of a high standard and children have been able to progress so that they can access the curriculum
4. The population is growing and this will lead to an increase in children with special needs. More places in departments are required. Children will fail if they do not have access to this provision

### Alternative suggestions identified by consultees:

1. None

60% were in agreement with the proposal



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