

12 January 2026

Dear Stakeholder

Re: Proposed Expansion Scheme – Colton Hills Community School

Levels of demand for secondary school places in Wolverhampton are projected to increase. In order to ensure sufficient school places are available, the City of Wolverhampton Council propose to permanently expand Colton Hills Community School with effect from September 2027.

Proposal

The City of Wolverhampton Council proposes that the capacity of Colton Hills Community School is permanently increased to enable the school to cater for a greater number of pupils.

It is proposed that with effect from September 2027, the school's Year 7 admission limit is increased from 161 to 240 (79 places). The admission limit for subsequent years would also be 240. The school would grow over a seven year period and by September 2031 would cater for up to 1200 pupils in Years 7-11.

To accommodate this proposed expansion, additional accommodation will be constructed on the existing school site, subject to final approval.

Furthermore, subject to approval of the proposal, the Council's Highways Team will assess the effect of the school's expansion and may propose measures to enhance road safety.

Although the proposed increase in places is substantial, the school has supported the Council over the past four years by temporarily admitting additional pupils to meet local demand. The current number of places currently offered at the school is 240 for Year 7, 224 for Years 8, 9 and 10, and 180 for Year 11. These extra pupils have been accommodated through internal remodelling and a small extension to the dining facilities. Further works are underway this year to enable the school to take 240 pupils in September 2026. However, demand for school places continues to rise, and a permanent expansion is therefore now being proposed.

Decision Making Process:

Initial consultation on the proposed expansion of Colton Hills Community School commenced on 12 January 2026 and runs until 08 February 2026.

Following consideration of the outcome of this period of consultation, the Council will determine whether to proceed to a period of Formal Representation which offers stakeholders the opportunity to make formal comments or objections to the proposals.

Should the Council decide to proceed to Formal Representation, a 4 week consultation period would commence in April 2026 with a final decision being made by the Council in July 2026.

Initial Consultation:

The Council welcomes any comments you may wish to make on the proposed expansion.

You can offer your opinions by visiting:

<https://consultation.wolverhampton.gov.uk/education/colton-hills-community-school>

Alternatively, consultation forms are available from the school. Please return to:
Colton Hills Community School
Jeremy Road
Wolverhampton
WV4 5DG

Please note that the deadline for responses is 08 February 2026. All comments received will help the Council to make a decision on the proposed expansion.

Should you have any queries regarding this letter please do not hesitate to contact the School Organisation Team at school.organisation@wolverhampton.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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