

11 May 2026

Dear Stakeholder

**Re: Proposed SEND Resource Base – Colton Hills Community School**

The main challenge that the City of Wolverhampton Council (CWC) faces, in relation to the organisation of specialist school provision, is ensuring sufficient high quality school places are available to meet the needs of local communities across the City.

Part of the vision in Wolverhampton's SEND Joint Commissioning Strategy 2022-25 and the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and Inclusion Strategy 2024-2027, is to ensure that children live in an inclusive City and achieve their full potential through education into adulthood. This includes providing environments that can appropriately meet their educational needs.

Demand for specialist school places has risen significantly in recent years and there has been an increase in the number of children with Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP). At present Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) is one of the most common primary needs for children who have an EHCP.

A resource base is a dedicated area within a mainstream school that supports children with specific special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Pupils in the resource base spend part of their day learning within mainstream classes, and part of their day in the base, where they receive extra help using specialist resources and facilities suited to their needs.

Additional resource base provision is required to meet demand for SEND across the City and is commissioned by the Council and service level agreements (SLAs) are in place with individual providers/schools.

**Proposal**

The City of Wolverhampton Council proposes that a 20 place SEND Resource Base, for Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH), be established at Colton Hills Community School to enable the school to support the increased demand for specialist places.

The school is already well-equipped to support pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), demonstrating a strong commitment to inclusion and tailored learning. Existing SEND and inclusion provision is delivered through The Hills, The Bridge and Zen facilities. An experienced staff team provide targeted, individualised support to meet the diverse needs of students, ensuring they can thrive academically and socially.

This proposed resource base will provide additional school places in the city for secondary pupils with SEMH needs, thereby enabling pupils to attend a school near to where they live, give them the opportunity to learn alongside their peers in a resourced facility where they can benefit from the expertise of a wider range of educators and support services.

### **Decision Making Process:**

Initial consultation on the proposed SEND Resource Base at Colton Hills Community School commenced on 11 May 2026 and runs until 14 June 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 September 2026 with a final decision being made by the Council in December 2026.

### **Initial Consultation:**

The Council welcomes any comments you may wish to make on the proposed Resource Base at Colton Hills Community School.

You can offer your opinions by visiting:

<https://consultation.wolverhampton.gov.uk/education/coltonhills-send>

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 14 June 2026. All comments received will help the Council to make a decision on the proposed Resource Base.

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

Yours sincerely

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