

# **COMPLETE PROPOSAL**

**PRESCRIBED ALTERATION  
TO GREEN PARK SCHOOL  
FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2027**

**CITY OF  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
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### **Introduction**

The City of Wolverhampton Council (the Council) as the Local Authority for Wolverhampton is consulting on a proposed change to Green Park School (the School). This document describes what is being proposed and why.

### **Local Authority Information**

City of Wolverhampton Council

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### **School Information**

<b>Type:</b>	Community Special School		
<b>Name:</b>	Green Park School	<b>DFE Number:</b>	<b>336/7008</b>
<b>Address:</b>	Green Park Avenue, Bilston, West Midlands, WV14 6EH		
<b>Ward:</b>	Bilston North		
<b>Age Range:</b>	3 - 19 years		
<b>Gender:</b>	Mixed	<b>Current Capacity:</b>	147
<b>Last Ofsted:</b>	April 2025	<b>Rating:</b>	Good

### **What changes are proposed?**

The Council is proposing to carry out the following change to the School:

- Permanently increase the number of places the school can offer to pupils, from 147 to 174 (27 additional places).

### **Why do we want to do this?**

#### **Background:**

The School currently offers up to 147 pupil places for pupils with Severe Learning Difficulty (SLD) and Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulty (PMLD).

#### **Evidence of Demand:**

In recent years, there has been an increase in the number of children with Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP) that require specialist provision. Following the Covid pandemic, younger children are presenting with more complex needs and require suitable provision to support their education.

The number of pupils of statutory school age with an EHCP has increased by 63% from 1,382 in June 2019 to 2,258 in June 2024. The number of post-16 pupils with an EHCP rose from 360 in June 2019 to 648 in June 2024, an increase of 80%.

### **When will these changes happen?**

Following this consultation period, if the proposal is approved by the decision maker the changes will be implemented from 1 September 2027.

**Will there be any effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area?**

There are not expected to be any adverse effects on other special or mainstream schools, as the proposed expansion will provide specialist city-wide provision that is currently in demand. There is a need for additional places for pupils with Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD) and Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD), and there is no evidence to suggest that existing providers will be negatively impacted. The proposal is likely to have a positive effect by creating new places, consequently freeing up capacity in other schools.

The Council remains committed to ensuring that future school places are developed in areas where they are most needed, enabling children to attend schools closer to home and within their local communities. The proposed increase in pupil numbers at Green Park School will increase the number of places for pupils requiring SLD and PMLD provision at a 'Good' school and provide greater choice for parents.

**How will this affect pupils at the school?**

Current pupils may notice the increase to the total number of pupils at the School. The SEN designation for the school will not change. With the additional pupils, the school may decide to organise the school differently to ensure educational continuity but that would be the school's decision.

**How will this affect staff at the school?**

As a result of the proposed expansion, the School will need to appoint additional staff to accommodate increased pupil numbers. It is acknowledged that the expansion of the school will have an impact on all staff members, who may have questions or concerns regarding the changes and any potential disruption to the school environment.

While staffing levels are expected to rise in line with the expansion, the responsibility for the future organisation, deployment and duty of care for staff rests with the Headteacher and the Governing Body.

**Travel and Transport:**

It is recognised that car parking and traffic congestion in the vicinity of schools is a sensitive issue and can cause disruption for residents. Parking on the school site is limited and there is potential for the proposed expansion to exacerbate local issues. Subject to approval of the proposals, additional car parking for staff and minibus parking will be considered and delivered where required.

As part of any associated planning applications, the Council's Highways Team would consider the impact of any proposed new build and may make some recommendations or impose certain requirements.

**Will there be changes to the school building?**

To provide the school with sufficient accommodation to cater for the increase in commissioned places the following is required:

- An extension consisting of three classrooms; a rebound room; sensory room; sensory pod; and reflection room.

- A modular building to be utilised as a staff room to help accommodate the increased staffing levels.

### **What are the project costs for this proposal and how is it funded?**

The funding for the proposed expansion will come from the Local Authority's High Needs Budget and Basic Need Budget. £4,050,000 has been allocated for this project. The ongoing maintenance and running costs for the building will be the responsibility of the school and will be funded from the school's budget.

### **Will this definitely happen?**

There is a statutory process to be followed when making these sorts of changes to schools. Following this statutory consultation, the proposal will be presented to the Council's Cabinet on 10 December 2025; they are the decision maker for this type of proposal.

It is only after a decision and right of referral period (whereby certain bodies have a right to appeal the final decision) has taken place will we be able to say with certainty whether the proposal will be implemented. The decision will be published on the Consultation Portal on 12 January 2026 and stakeholders will be notified.

### **What will happen if this proposal is rejected?**

If the proposed increase in pupil places is not approved for implementation, the school will continue to operate at 147 pupil places. Alternative and additional places would need to be at other schools, which could have a negative impact on pupils out of school and on travel arrangements to other provision.

### **How do I comment on this proposal?**

We welcome any responses to consultation and interested parties are invited to object to, support or comment on the proposal in one of the following ways.

### **Any responses must be received no later than 12 October 2025**

You can comment online via:

<https://consultation.wolverhampton.gov.uk/education/green-park-school-expansion-scheme>

You can write to us:

- By email: [school.organisation@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:school.organisation@wolverhampton.gov.uk)
- By letter:  
Miss J Heaton  
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Wolverhampton, WV1 1RL

### **What happens next?**

The dates set out below meet the government requirements for the Council to consult fully with the people affected by the proposal.

#### Key Dates

Action	Date
Statutory notice published	15 September 2025
Start of 4-week consultation period	15 September 2025
End of 4-week consultation period	12 October 2025
Final decision deadline	10 December 2025
Publication of decision	12 January 2026
Changes implemented	1 September 2027

#### **Stakeholders consulted:**

Green Park School: governors, staff, parents/carers and pupils

Local Councillors

Members of Parliament

Local Diocesan Authorities

Other/Neighbouring Local Authorities

Trade Unions