

Building schools for the future

Statutory consultation
on a proposal affecting

Earlsheaton Technology College

Cllr John Smithson & Cllr Ken Smith lead members for Children and Young People Service

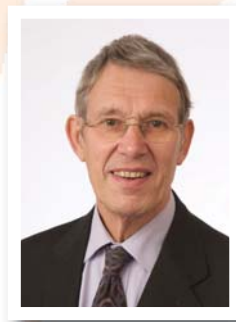
“The underlying rationale for our proposals for Dewsbury is that we would only require three 11-16 schools to serve the number of pupils in the area rather than the four we have now. When we look at the best location for three schools, it is clear that Earlsheaton Technology College is well placed to serve the eastern area of Dewsbury. It is one of the better sites we have and there is enough space to create a larger school than the initial proposal of 1200 places.”

“We are therefore proposing to increase Earlsheaton Technology College to 1350 places. This would also have the advantage of enabling the catchment area to be widened, and would bring different communities closer together.”

“Maintaining stability and creating a real improvement in the current standards of our children’s education will remain the backbone of everything we do. We recognise fully and value very much the continuing contribution of all our school staff to this end. We are therefore determined to ensure that each and every member of staff is provided with an individual pathway for moving effectively and smoothly into any new arrangements.”

“We are actively working with all the high schools in the Dewsbury area to develop a strong collaborative partnership that would ensure that all schools are working together to support pupils, families and staff during the proposed changes to the schools. This partnership would also help schools to drive the improvement in standards and the raising of aspirations for all pupils in Dewsbury.”

“Additionally, we have a strong ambition to provide a high quality sixth form college with an initial intake of 400 to 500 students and a clear expectation that this will grow to over 1000 within a relatively short time. One of our prime aims is to significantly increase the number of young people studying beyond 16 and we feel this will offer students in North Kirklees a great incentive to continue their education.”



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The Proposal:

Extensive investment and development of Earlsheaton Technology College as a 1350 place school for 11 to 16 year olds

This would mean prescribed alterations to:

- Enlarge the size of the school from 947 to 1350 pupil places from 1st September 2011
- Increase the annual admission number from 180 to 270 from 1st September 2011

Who could attend

Priority would be given to pupils who live in the priority admission areas of the following primary schools:

- Bywell CE(C) Junior School
- Chickenley Community J, I&N School
- Earlsheaton Infant School
- Eastborough JI&N School
- Hanging Heaton CE (VC) J&I School
- Headfield CE(C) Junior School
- Lydgate J&I School
- Mill Lane J, I& EY School
- Savile Town CE (C) I & N School
- Shaw Cross I&N School

Support through changes

We are preparing detailed plans to plot the path for pupils, parents and staff so that we can all effectively cope with any proposed changes. Maintaining stability and creating an improvement in the current standards of our children's education will remain the backbone of everything we do. The developing strong partnership between all the high schools in the Dewsbury area would help to support pupils, families and staff during the proposed changes to all of the schools.

Support for staff

Retaining our skilled teaching and support staff to maintain high standards of teaching and learning is fundamental to our plans. We have been working with staff groups and trade unions to develop a HR framework to support staff transitions that will ensure processes are fair and support individuals in terms of their career ambitions and personal aspirations.

Proposed timeline for changes to Earlsheaton Technology College

Date	Proposed timeline for changes at Earlsheaton Technology College
September 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The current Published Admission Number (PAN) of 180 will continue to apply.• Partnership working between all Dewsbury high schools would prepare arrangements to support pupils, families and staff during the changes.
September 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Birkdale High School closes. New Priority Admission Areas for Earlsheaton Technology College, The Community Science College @ Thornhill and Westborough High School.• Construction work would start at Earlsheaton Technology College†• The new PAN of 270 would apply to the number of Year 7 pupils admitted• All construction work should be completed by July 2013†

†The timetable for the building programme is indicative. Whilst every effort will be made to adhere as closely as possible to these time frames -as detailed planning and programming is carried out some changes to timing may be necessary. We are committed to ensuring a safe and well planned transition without compromising standards.

Your views on...

Changes to Earlsheaton Technology College

Complete this form to tell us what you think about the proposals affecting this school

So that you have all the information you need to comment, please make sure you read these documents first:

- Building Schools for the Future - Statutory consultation on proposals affecting secondary schools in North Kirklees
- Statutory consultation on a proposal affecting Earlsheaton Technology College

You can return your completed form:

By post

Mail to:
School Organisation and Planning Team, FREEPOST, Kirklees Council
(you don't need a stamp)

In person

Hand in at one of the consultation meetings.
You can find details of the consultation meetings on page 7

Or you can tell us what you think online:

Online

Complete this form online at:
www.kirklees.gov.uk/bsf

Please make sure you take part by **Friday 5th June 2009** to ensure your views are heard.

If you have any questions about this form, need help completing it, or would like more information, please contact:

Kirklees School Organisation and Planning Team

Phone: 01484 225014 Email: bsf@kirklees.gov.uk

Your views on...

Earlsheaton Technology College

Thinking about the proposal to develop Earlsheaton Technology College, how do you think it might affect...

(Please tick ✓ one box for each statement)

	Much better	Better	Neither better nor worse	Worse	Much worse	Don't know
• the quality of education and standards in the school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• the long term financial security of the school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• support and care available to pupils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• the range of subjects and courses available to pupils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• people in the area getting on well together	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• the carbon efficiency and carbon footprint of the school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• people getting to and from the school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• traffic in the area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• the ability for children to get a place at the school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• the range of facilities at the school for the local community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Considering your responses to the question above, how far do you support or oppose the proposal to develop Earlsheaton Technology College as a centre for learning for 1,350 11-16 year olds?

(Please tick ✓ one box only)

Strongly support	Support	Neither support nor oppose	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Finally, do you have any comments to make about any of these proposals?
 (Please write in below)

About you

This section asks you for some information that will help us to analyse the results of the survey and to see who has taken part. You will not be identified by any of the information you provide.

I am a: (Please tick ✓ and complete all those that apply to you)

<input type="checkbox"/> Parent/ carer	Your child's/children's school/s: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Pupil	Your school: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Governor	Your school: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Member of staff	Your school: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Local Resident	Please tell us: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	Please tell us: _____

How would you describe your ethnic origin? (Please tick ✓ one box only)

<p>White</p> <p>English/Welsh/Scottish/ Northern Irish/British <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Irish <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Gypsy or Irish Traveller <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Any other White background <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(Please write in).....</p> <p>Mixed</p> <p>White and Black Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>White and Black African <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>White and Asian <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Any other Mixed background <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(Please write in).....</p>	<p>Asian or Asian British</p> <p>Indian <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Pakistani <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Bangladeshi <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Chinese <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Any other Asian background <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(Please write in).....</p> <p>Black or Black British</p> <p>Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>African <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Any other Black background <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(Please write in).....</p>	<p>Other ethnic group</p> <p>Arab <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(Please write in)</p>
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Next steps

Subject to decisions made by Cabinet, the indicative timeline for the next stages of the statutory processes are set out below:

INDICATIVE TIMELINE FOR STATUTORY PROCESSES

Date	Further Consultation and Statutory Proposals and notices
20 April 2009 - 5 June 2009	FURTHER CONSULTATION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7 weeks (including 1 week school holiday) consultation on revised proposals
14 July 2009	FURTHER CONSULTATION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report outcomes of the consultation to Cabinet and decisions on next steps for revised proposals.
14 November 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Publication of statutory proposals and notices for Birkdale High School,* Earlsheaton Technology College* and 6 week representation period *subject to cabinet approval
8 December 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cabinet meet and decide proposals * for Birkdale High School and Earlsheaton Technology College* *subject to cabinet approval
September 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implement proposals

INDICATIVE TIMELINE FOR OTHER PROPOSALS

Date	Activity
Summer Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conclusion of informal consultation and 6 weeks statutory consultation on revised proposals for Batley Girls' High School – Visual Arts College and Batley Business and Enterprise College and any associated proposal for provision on the Batley Field Hill site.
Autumn Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 week statutory consultation on Sixth Form proposals

Consultation events

The following informal events are open to anyone who would like to hear more and discuss the proposals for 11 to 16 year olds for reconsultation.

All events run from **6pm to 8pm**, so please come along and see us anytime between these times.

Date	Venue
Wednesday 29th April	Birkdale High School
Thursday 30th April	Earlsheaton Technology College
Tuesday 5th May	Whitcliffe Mount – Specialist Business & Enterprise College (VC)
Wednesday 6th May	Birkenshaw Middle School
Thursday 7th May	West End Middle School
Thursday 7th May	Whitechapel Middle School
Monday 11th May	Westborough High School
Tuesday 12th May	Gomersal CE(C) Middle School
Thursday 14th May	Batley Girls' High School – Visual Arts College

In addition to these events we will arrange other opportunities for consultation, including engagement at Area Committee meetings and events for pupils, staff and governors.

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