

Statement of Community Consultation: Provision of a newly built special school on Deighton Road in Deighton, Huddersfield

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This document has been prepared following the public consultation on the proposed new building for Joseph Norton Academy.
- 1.2 At Kirklees Council we want our children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) to live and be educated in Kirklees.
- 1.3 To enable more children and young people to secure places and thrive in local educational settings, the replacement and rebuild of two special schools was approved and is part of the wider SEND Transformation Programme.

2. Public Consultation

- 2.1 Between 12 June 2023 and 23 July 2023, public consultation took place on the proposed newly built special school on Deighton Road in Deighton, Huddersfield.
- 2.2 The details regarding the consultation were shared by both a public consultation poster and leaflet ([Appendix 1](#)).
- 2.3 The consultation involved sharing draft site plans ([Appendix 6](#)), including red line boundary, proposed landscape spatial arrangement, proposed floor plans along with an artistic illustration.
- 2.4 The public's views were gathered via a survey, asking four questions ([Appendix 3](#)). The survey was available both online and a paper copy.
- 2.5 The online survey was set up and managed by the Kirklees Council Consultation Team. A freepost address was available for paper surveys, and these were received to the Kirklees Council Mailing Services.
- 2.6 Two key stakeholder groups were identified, in addition to the wider Kirklees population, for the consultation:
 - a. The Deighton area;
 - b. Parents / carers of children and young people with SEND and partners / professionals supporting children and young people with SEND.

The Deighton area

- 2.7 979 addresses neighbouring or close to the site were identified ([Appendix 2](#)). A letter, information poster and paper copy of the survey (with freepost return address) was sent via mail directly to these addresses.
- 2.8 Ward Members shared a community contact list. Emails including the information poster were sent to 17 contacts (3 email address not recognised/email rejected).

- 2.9 Deighton community links were collated from the Kirklees Directory. Emails including the information poster were sent to 5 contacts.
- 2.10 The Head Teachers of the neighbouring schools on the same road (Christ Church CE Academy and North Huddersfield Trust School) were emailed and follow up telephone calls were made.
- 2.11 Ashbrow Ward Members were emailed providing electronic copies of consultation material, with printed copies available on request.

Parents / carers of children and young people with SEND and partners / professionals supporting children and young people with SEND

- 2.12 The information poster was shared with Joseph Norton Academy and cascaded to parents and carers of existing pupils and shared with their staff and academy teams.
- 2.13 Consultation information was shared with 326 individuals signed up on the Additional Needs Register.
- 2.14 Information was accessible on the Kirklees Local Offer website which is accessible to all.
- 2.15 Information was shared with parent carer forum PCAN (Parents and Carers of children with Additional Needs) to cascade via their channels.

Kirklees wide

- 2.16 Three drop-in sessions were held:
- a. 20 June, 3pm-6pm at the Chestnut Centre – representatives from Kirklees Council, Frank Shaw Associates, Joseph Norton Academy were in attendance – 5 conversations took place.
 - b. 24 June, 11am-2pm at the Deighton Carnival (at Ward Members' request) – representatives from Kirklees Council, Frank Shaw Associates were in attendance – 8 conversations took place.
 - c. 27 June, 5pm-7pm at Brian Jackson House – representatives from Kirklees Council, Frank Shaw Associates, Joseph Norton Academy were in attendance with support from PCAN – 5 conversations took place with 2 paper surveys completed.
- 2.17 A webpage for the development was available ([Appendix 5](#)), a QR code and weblink to this page was included on the information poster. The page had 451 unique views (662 views in total). The page included a link to the online survey.
- 2.18 An article was published on the Kirklees Together platform on 12 June including the link through to the webpage above. The article had 76 views.
- 2.19 An article was included in the Councillor e-newsletter on 23 June, which is shared with all Kirklees Council Councillors.

- 2.20 An article was included in the July edition of the SEND Transformation Newsletter, which was published on 7 July. The distribution of the newsletter includes Portfolio Holders, MPs, Cabinet Members, Councillors, various Boards, partners across Health, Education, Social Care, internal council services and via the Local Offer platforms.
- 2.21 The SEND Transformation Newsletter was shared on Heads Up (Kirklees Business Solution) accessible by Kirklees schools on 10 July.

3. Consultation Findings

- 3.1 35 survey responses were received ([Appendix 4](#)), of which 31 were submitted online, 2 paper surveys were completed during drop-in sessions, and 2 paper surveys were returned via the freepost address.
- 3.2 Question 1 of the survey asked “Please tell us anything you like about the proposed development”. Out of a possible 35 responses; 23 were positive, 5 negative, 1 comment/neutral, 6 were blank.
- 3.3 Broad themes of positive comments were:

Theme	Comment
a. Creating more special school places	“There is a pressing need for additional SEMH places in Kirklees and the new school will enable pupils with special educational needs to fulfil their potential.” “Excellent idea. So needed for kirklees. There really aren't enough places like this for children with special needs and or behaviour problems. The waiting lists for the ones we do have it far too long. The idea is brilliant.” “It's great as there isn't enough special needs schools to cater for purposes” “We need more specialist schools there just isn't enough in Huddersfield and this would allow a fair few children to attend the right school and have the education they deserve.”
b. Central location	“The central location is an improvement. The green space is helpful. The long driveway will be beneficial.” “The central location in Deighton will reduce travel times for pupils and visiting professionals.” “My son attends Joseph Norton Academy so having the school move closer to home is ideal, a 30-40 min taxi journey to and from school can get a bit much for my son so I know he will be excited with the plans of

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	being able to cycle to school.”
c. Use of the site	“Will be a good use of the derelict land and also more than happy with anything to help disabled and children with learning disabilities” “I am proud for the future prospects for this site and as a past pupil of the school before it has great scenery for this proposed development.” “It is re-using an old education site and giving the land a purpose as well as improving the facilities for SEMH pupils which will enable their needs to be better met.” “Good use of space already owned by Kirklees”

3.4 Question 2 of the survey asked “Please tell us anything you dislike about the proposed development”. Out of a possible 35 responses; 8 were positive, 11 negative, 6 comment/neutral, 10 were blank.

3.5 Concerns regarding the proposed development related to:

Theme	Response
a. Location and issues within this area	When selecting a site to build the new school building Kirklees Council appraised several sites in the borough, including developing the existing site at Scissett. The size of the site required, planning constraints and project requirements meant that the former Deighton Centre site was the most appropriate location for the new school. There are numerous benefits to locating the school in a centrally in the borough including reduce journey times and travel distances for the students (which is reflected in some of the positive feedback received). Further detail and justification for the site selection is provided in the Planning Statement.
b. Impact on local community space	There are no reasons why the new school building would impact on existing community use of the playing fields or the Deighton Sports Arena once built, however, some impacts during construction may be experienced but these will be managed and minimised. Some Urban Greenspace is impacted by the development – this is currently a steep bank which is

Theme	Response
	deemed to be of limited community benefit – the Planning Statement deals with this issue in further detail. All necessary physical educational facilities required for the school will be within the school site boundary. It is acknowledged how important these facilities are to the local community, and school are keen to integrate and support local community events.
c. Pupil cohort	The school is for children and young people who have Social, Emotional and Mental Health difficulties. The prolonged journeys, from across the borough, to and from the existing site have a detrimental impact on pupils. The central location for the school will reduce the travel time for pupils. Increasing the school capacity will mean more children and young people from Kirklees can be educated within Kirklees, therefore, reducing the number of pupils being transported outside of the borough each day to attend school. The layout of the site offers an opportunity for locating the school building discreetly on site, and provides a sheltered outlook, suitable for providing outdoor facilities for SEMH pupils.
d. Traffic	The central location of the proposed development reduces transport distance of children to and from school overall. This is acutely seen where currently children are having to be taught in other authorities due to the lack of places in Kirklees. The site also offers greater flexibility in modes of transport with available bus, train and cycle infrastructure close by than the current site reducing the reliance on car travel. The development has been designed to accommodate the drop-off and pick-up arrangements for this cohort with a large drop off zone to facilitate efficient arrival and departure. The car park has also been designed so that queueing taxis waiting to pick up do not queue back on to the local highway network and sufficient parking is provided on the site. Kirklees Council has employed a Transport Consultant to assess the traffic impacts, produce a

Theme	Response
	Transport Statement and develop a Travel Plan with the school. The Transport Statement submitted shows that the traffic generated should not have a significant impact on traffic on the local highway network.
e. Anti-social behaviour / security	Development of the site and investment into the local area should reduce any anti-social behaviour currently attributed to the site. We are liaising with the Designing Out Crime Officer to design a secure site and the measures included are detailed in the Design and Access Statement.

- 3.6 During the consultation period, 1 email was received to the available email address (SEND.TransformationProgramme@kirklees.gov.uk) with a question.
 Question: Could I just ask, is the school only for boys?
 Response: Joseph Norton Academy is a school for both boys and girls, however, there are only boys currently placed there. As the pupil numbers will be increasing at the new building it is hoped there will be more opportunities for co-education for both boys and girls.

Appendix 1: Public consultation poster and leaflet

Consultation Poster

Public consultation on proposed new building for Joseph Norton Academy



We're consulting on the new Joseph Norton Academy development.

Get involved and give your opinion on the plans between 12 June and 23 July.

Visit kirklees.gov.uk/joseph-norton-academy or attend one of our in-person sessions dates as below:

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The preferred site for the replacement new school is land that was formerly home to The Deighton Centre, which is central to the borough. An illustrative layout for the new school building and site is shown overleaf. Our intention is to apply for planning permission in the coming weeks, but we are very keen to hear your views on the project first.

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If you are unable to attend a drop-in event, please scan the QR code and have your say. The consultation finishes on 23 July 2023.







■ Site Boundary









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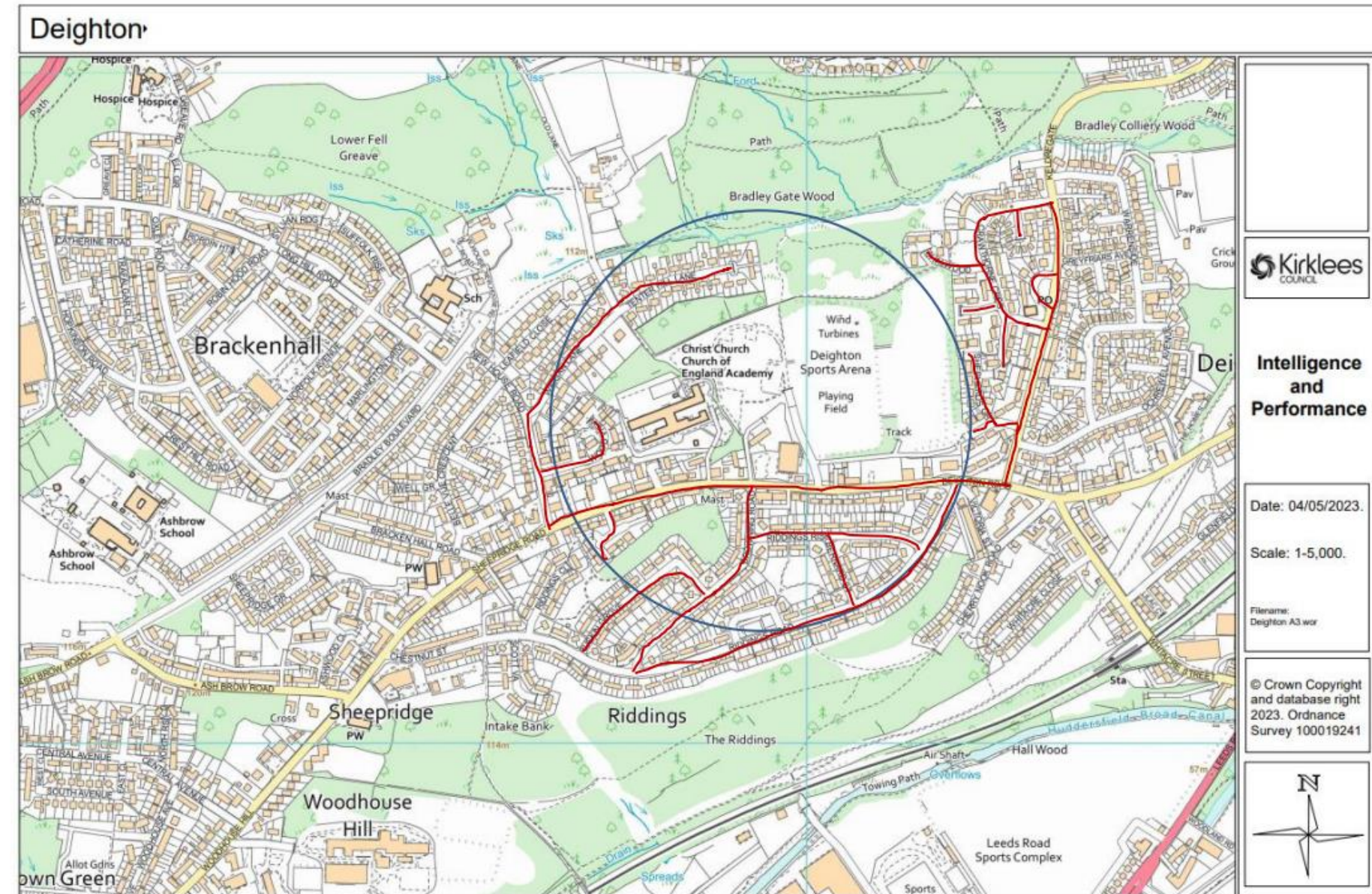





Site Boundary




Appendix 2: Public consultation targeted mailout



Appendix 3: Public consultation survey questions



Consultation on Joseph Norton Academy

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our proposals for the new Joseph Norton Academy site in Deighton, in partnership with Wellspring Academy Trust.

The questions below will give you an opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed development.

The proposals referred to here are available online at kirklees.gov.uk/joseph-norton-academy

Please provide a response by 21 July 2023, either online, by post, or by handing in this paper questionnaire at one of our in-person consultation events.

Q1 Please tell us anything you like about the proposed development.

Q2 Please tell us anything you dislike about the proposed development.

Q3 Is there anything you think could be improved?

Q4 Do you have any further comments?

Thank you for participating.

You can find details of our in-person consultation sessions at kirklees.gov.uk/joseph-norton-academy

You can return your questionnaire by post to:
**Freepost Kirklees Council
Deighton Consultation**



Appendix 4: Public consultation responses

Joseph Norton Academy - New Building
Consultation Responses

Q1 Please use this box to tell us anything you like about the proposed development?

Online response(s) submitted

- The central location is an improvement. The green space is helpful. The long driveway will be beneficial.
- Layout of the building and car park. Student drop off and collection is safer and more effective. Urban location but rural features maintained.
- This is a progressive initiative with enormous potential for Kirklees generally and the generations of young people whose lives will be enhanced by virtue of their attendance. The Council and its partners should be applauded for this commitment.
- It is re-using an old education site and giving the land a purpose as well as improving the facilities for SEMH pupils which will enable their needs to be better met. The site is also shielded by trees from the local community.
- Location is away from the main road and private with surrounding trees. Development does not encroach onto community field spaces which the community utilises well. Building looks good and fits into the area.
- My son attends Joseph Norton Academy so having the school move closer to home is ideal, a 30-40 min taxi journey to and from school can get a bit much for my son so I know he will be excited with the plans of being able to cycle to school.
- There is a pressing need for additional SEMH places in Kirklees and the new school will enable pupils with special educational needs to fulfil their potential. The central location in Deighton will reduce travel times for pupils and visiting professionals. Wellspring Academy Trust has a strong track record of delivering positive outcomes for pupils with SEMH needs and is very well placed to operate the new school. I fully support the proposal for the new school.
- Nothing
- It's a good development for our area. I am totally in support of the construction. Looks fantastic
- Nothing
- Will be a good use of the derelict land and also more than happy with anything to help disabled and children with learning disabilities
- the school itself is a great idea
- I am proud for the future prospects for this site and as a past pupil of the school before it has great scenery for this proposed development.
- Excellent idea. So needed for Kirklees. There really aren't enough places like this for children with special needs and or behaviour problems. The waiting lists for the ones we do have it far too long. The idea is brilliant.
- It's a great idea and a great area
- N/a
- It's great as there isn't enough special needs schools to cater for purposes
- I think it is wonderful that children with these very specific special needs are

Q1 Please use this box to tell us anything you like about the proposed development?

to have a brand new building which will enhance their learning. Joseph Norton has proved time and again how as a school they can get the best out of the children in their care. This new school will provide an excellent opportunity for the good work to be available to more children and with a new building so many of the current disadvantages will be overcome. Such good news.

- Nothing
- It seems an excellent idea and is desperately needed.
- Nothing
- In principle this is to be welcomed. However how it impacts on the local community is a concern. I went to the carnival at 2pm to consult in person but your representatives had left so I was not able to ask questions.
- Location, capacity and provision.
- Good use of space already owned by Kirklees
- We need more specialist schools there just isn't enough in Huddersfield and this would allow a fair few children to attend the right school and have the education they deserve.

Paper response(s) received during drop-in sessions

- Thrilled about the development.

Paper response(s) received via freepost address

- It looks good need to have a special school
- It seems an excellent proposal. Desperately needed, myself is new to the area. My family is grown up but I do have a grandson, but there in Almondbury

Q2 Please use this box to tell us anything you dislike about the proposed development?

Online response(s) submitted

- The site will need to be very secure as there has been a lot of anti-social behaviour in this area and the site has been vacant for too long.
- the carpark looks a little small
- It looks good- no dislikes
- There is nothing I dislike about the proposed development.
- It is ridiculous to have a site for troubled children so close to the edge of a large council estate that has a lot of problems itself. How you can build somewhere like this where there is already a crime and drug problem is beyond me! You expect any kids going here to get a decent education? I'm sure the kids will be protected from the riff raff they house on this estate but no-one really cares about some of decent people that live here and we don't matter as it's social housing. Nobody is going to take any notice of any complaints against this build as it's all a formality really and you're going to build it anyway.
- Where you are proposing to put this why on earth would you even consider putting this on an already troubled estate????????????
- The development may seem sound, but the location is not. The area already has traffic issues and by building another school here will exacerbate the situation. The woodland behind the proposed lot is also

Q2 Please use this box to tell us anything you dislike about the proposed development?

- home to several fallow deer and a school and children will entice littering and invasion of their space.
- you have picked the wrong area for such a project.. first of all did anyone go online and look at the shootings that have happened on the main road next to the centre? the fact that even though the proposed area of the school does not count the fields there will most likely be conflict should people local want to relax and the school has decided to do a day on the field etc people use the area to walk pets. test projects, have bonfires (bonfire night),
 - Use more or build in natural reclaimed it possible to give caricature
 - Nothing
 - I believe this to be a terrible idea. This is an area that is going through its own struggles and has been for many years. Putting a pupil referral school here in this area I believe it would be almost like you are promoting kids to fall out of mainstream school to go here. What should be built is community spaces and areas/ or housing developments for more people within this area. There are plenty of un-used and spaces whereby this could be made. Children who cannot be apart of mainstream school should not, then have to be subject to the temptation of what the Deighton community can sometimes offer. I believe real thought and effort should be put into this decision. As I believe this would be a failure to the kids that have to attend and to the community.
 - The impact to the community removing the facilities that are been used by community groups such as football (Deighton FC) Netball the teams that use the facilities for the Huddersfield Netball league, other service users of the Deighton Arena. If letting out this new building will be more expensive than current prices due to the external services that will let the buildings and run. Again taking away from the Deighton community. Why are we placing a school for children who struggle with mainstream education in an area of deprivation with their own community issues around, gang and knife crime is ridiculous. There are other places the school could go. The fact that this site is been removed from a suburban area to an area of deprivation is ridiculous. Promoting the exclusion to incarceration system and promoting this within an area where there are already challenges. This space should be used to build back a community that has had funding removed from youth services.
 - Nothing. It's great!
 - There is nothing I don't like
 - It will take away the only green space in the area which is used a lot by the community. This is a somewhat deprived community taking away the green space will lead to further problems in the area Furthermore, this community has already taken on various care homes and care in the community facilities.
 - There is nothing I dislike about the proposal but there will be significant disturbance in the area when construction starts and it will be a long wait until the building is completed in 2025-26
 - This development will lot help the community, there are schools already

Q2 Please use this box to tell us anything you dislike about the proposed development?

here that need funding and this space is more for the community, where the local football teams play , and where the local carnival is , which won't happen if this school is built.

- These people get paid way too much for their stupid ideas. How about investing in the local community. Instead Kirklees as usual see £ signs at the expense of local residents.
- The lack of information about the impact on playing fields, public land and the sports centre.
- N/A
- Still not enough places. If 63 places are already allocated from Scissett then that only leaves 69 new places. Surely, when so many places are needed and the area proposed to be used it could be a bigger facility??
- Noble

Paper response(s) received during drop-in sessions

- Having had a young person with SEMH he massively benefit from small groups located away from noise and sensory overload. Being moved around a site whilst agitated or disregulated always resulted in other students moving around being targeted or damage to walls and furniture.

Paper response(s) received via freepost address

- Nothing I dislike about the development. Be difficult, will cause significant disruption when the construction starts and it will be 2025/2026 when completed which is a significant long time.

Q3 Please use this box to tell us anything you think could be improved?

Online response(s) submitted

- I think another fence should be put around the sports field to keep this clean and tidy and safe. The more additional planting and biodiversity that can be incorporated into the scheme, the better.
- The 3d image included at present looks to propose extensive hard surfaces - could more be done to soften / diversify this space?
- I am sure the architects have taken into account the children's needs.
- Nothing.
- Spend your money finishing all the half done jobs that have been started before you all ran out of money!
- Security around the grounds and plenty of room for Safe parking for Staff and for The many Taxis dropping off and collecting students
- Don't put it in Deighton
- pick a better location. the school will most likely bus/taxi in the kids who will be going since they have more needs than regular kids, meaning the proposed location won't be providing much service for the people who live locally anyway. and with a lot of the local people being from poor families for them to see others being given the help they needed but are aged out so they cannot get the help will lead to bad things like robbery burglary etc etc so just pick another location in a better area
- May be buildings closer to the field as to take advantage of the landscape towards Mirfield and beyond
- No this school I'd an excellent idea. It should be one of many for children

Q3 Please use this box to tell us anything you think could be improved?

- with additional needs. It's on the rise
- I think they should move the Deighton center somewhere else
 - N/A
 - A different site in an area on the outskirts of a community that hasn't got its own issues. Jails are not situated near communities. This school and the evidence surrounding removal from mainstream to pupil referral unit shows a strong correlation to the prison system. Promoting again the lack of regard for the community in which this is placed.
 - Small classes. Sensory reasons. Essential activity rooms
 - There may be an opportunity to make good use of the sports centre and its grounds for the children the school.
 - Build it somewhere else
 - Need more sports fields for sport. If you need to get in touch I live at XXXX, Deighton. My name is XXXX. I live alone
 - Don't build it
 - Try investing in the local community to better the lives of the residents.
 - Set out clearly the impact on the above - will the pitches available be reduced, who will control them, will the sports centre continue to run and overall will there be access to paths and public land?
 - N/A
 - Make the unit bigger than 132 place facility More specialist schools need to be built.

Paper response(s) received during drop-in sessions

- Spreading the site out with small cluster buildings to ensure small similar pupils are put together are of similar abilities.

Paper response(s) received via freepost address

- More sport field etc for sport. I think if you need to get in touch. I live at XXXX Deighton. My name XXXX. I like alone.

Q4 Please use this box to give us any further comments you may have?**Online response(s) submitted**

- This facility is desperately needed in Kirklees and the pupils deserve to have a bespoke school that can cater for and meet their needs, I think it has been developed sensitively allowing for local community feeling too as re-establishing the site as an education facility was what they asked for when the only building was demolished,
- I have no further comments only that I hope planning approval will be given. No further comments.
- There is wonderful ancient woodland adjoining the site which would be attractive for some activities with the children. If there is any thought of adding a school farm to the plan, I would suggest extreme caution as vandalism would be a serious issue, especially if there were any animals. The neighbouring primary school had issues with children climbing onto the flat roofed area, out of school hour and this might be an issue with the areas which appears to be single storey. The plan does not appear to include the old school playing field. Is this correct?
- Move it
- n/a

Q4 Please use this box to give us any further comments you may have?

- As above
- I hope the above comments are taken seriously and this can be reconsidered.
- Recruitment and employment of local residence to this school, what will be the impact on employment for people in the area? The impact of staff at the local schools that are in the catchment area of this school. Residence and the impact on them when children abscond the school site. The impact of these vulnerable children been situated in a area where gang and county lines issues are prevalent. The impact of the fencing that will be placed around the school and facilities used by locals to walk or go to for local events such as Deighton carnival, football matches and so on.
- I find this is a great idea and I'm happy to say yes.
- I am so pleased that there will be room for the farm at the new site. This has proved such an inspiration for so many of the Joseph Norton children.
- This would have a massive impact on the local community and be a big loss to the only green space in the area.
- Could it be built any quicker? I will be going to one of the purpose meetings possibly at the Chestnut Centre.
- This is an appalling decision. No wonder they are trying to get Deighton Sports Arena closed. Again £ signs. A development like this should be put out in the hills somewhere but no dump it in Deighton. As Kirklees don't want to bring the 'nicer' areas down. Quite possibly the worst council in the country.
- See above.
- Great decision.
- Think its a great idea

Paper response(s) received during drop-in sessions

- Please take care with the drainage as there have been issues in the past with water washing down into resident's gardens (Tenter Hill Lane).
- More trained Educational Phycologist or Senco's that are trained and have spent time in Pru's, specialist provisions not just promoted to the job. Incusion works to spend quality time incouraging pupils to stay in main stream.

Paper response(s) received via freepost address

- Some children with special learning need travel distance. Was its good to have one in this area. There use to be Deighton High School before Deighton Centre.
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Appendix 5: Development webpage

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Joseph Norton Academy



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 [Consultation leaflet](#)

 [Proposed landscape spatial arrangement](#)

 [Proposed floor plans](#)

Consultation

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Appendix 6: Draft site plans

Red Line Boundary



Artist Impression – Entrance Aerial



Landscape Spatial Arrangement Plan



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- KEY**
- Site Boundary
- SOFTSCAPE**
- Existing Tree Cover
 - Existing Trees
 - Existing Trees to be removed
 - Proposed Trees
 - Grass (3242m²)
 - Shrubs (1190m²)
 - Hedges (406m)
- HARDSCAPE**
- Hard Paving (572m²)
 - Class Gardens (Surface TBC) (954m²)
 - Active & Passive Informal Outdoor Spaces (Surface TBC) (2073m²)
 - MUGA (Surface TBC) (793m²)
 - Car Parking Spaces (Surface TBC) (1551m²)
 - Access Road (1989m²)
 - Retaining Structure
 - Proposed Fencing
 - Public Right of Way

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