

STATUTORY NOTICE OF DECISION

Suffolks Primary School proposal to establish Designated Units.

Introduction

Enfield Council undertook a public consultation about a proposal for establishing Designated Units for pupils with autism and complex needs at Suffolks Primary School from September 2025 within Enfield Local Authority.

The proposed Units will offer two Local Authority classes for pupils in Key Stage 1 with EHCPs, with additional Key Stage 2 places being gradually introduced starting January 2026, in agreement with parents/carers. Local Authority places will be allocated by the LA's SEN Service after formal consultation with the school.

This report summarises the consultation process and the responses that were received.

The Council has considered the consultation responses, as well as other information, in deciding on the proposal. The next stage in this process is to publish a Statutory Notice in accordance with **The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013**. This report would form part of that Statutory Proposal.

Consultation process

The consultation considered the proposal from Suffolks Primary School for Designated Units offer.

The consultation period was for four weeks, from 9th of June 2025 to the 11th of July 2025.

There was a single consultation document that was mainly posted on all the Council's digital media platforms and school website and physical copies placed outside school premises.

No in person consultation meeting was held in this instance. This report includes the responses received as part of this consultations. (Annex 1).

Individuals, groups of individuals, or organisations were able to respond to the consultation by sending their response to jeffreyjoib.mensah@enfield.gov.uk with Response to Statutory Proposal in the subject line or by completing this [Microsoft Form](#).

All consultation responses were reviewed. Quantitative information was analysed to ascertain who had responded (i.e., carers, staff, parents, residents).

Who responded?

The following table outlines the written responses to the consultation. These include responses submitted online.

Unique Responses	Members Staff	Parent	Other
7	5	1	1

There were 7 **responses** in total in relation to the consultation, five from members of staff, one from a professional within the borough, and the last one from a parent.

Were the responses supportive of the proposal?

6 of the responses were in favour of the new Designated Units for pupils with autism and complex needs with 1 objection.

Decision

Following the official consultation period, the council has reviewed all relevant information and approved Suffolk's Primary School's proposal to establish the Designated Units for pupils with autism and complex needs. Starting in September 2025, the units will offer two Local Authority Key Stage 1 classes for pupils with EHCPs, with additional Key Stage 2 places to be introduced gradually from January 2026, in full agreement with parents and carers, and without any modifications to the original proposal.

Enfield Council's decision was primarily based on the priorities within its [SEND Strategy \(2023 – 2027\)](#) , to identify needs early and provide the right support, in the right place at the right time.

This means making sure all our children and young people receive an excellent education, and their needs are effectively met in an education setting or environment that is right for them.

To support this, we are using our data and knowledge to accurately plan the right number of places, this includes increasing the number of Specially Resourced Provisions (SRPs) and Designated Units (Units) in mainstream schools to meet high demand for places.

Further information about SRPs and Units can be found in the [Position Paper for Specialist Provisions](#).

Copies of the complete proposals with this statutory notice and final decision will be published on the Council's website at www.enfield.gov.uk and The School Hub or email office@suffolks.enfield.sch.uk for more information.

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Annex 1: Responses received as part of this consultations.

RESPONDENT 1 (16/6/2025)

I support the proposal

RESPONDENT 2 (16/6/2025)

I support the proposal

RESPONDENT 3 (16/6/2025)

I support the proposal

RESPONDENT 4 (18/6/2025)

I support the proposal, there is much need for more specialist places in Enfield as mainstream schools find it challenging to provide the most appropriate environment.

RESPONDENT 5 (18/6/2025)

I support the proposal; Mainstream schools are struggling to provide appropriate support for the most severe needs and other children and staff are repeatedly getting hurt. Provision of the suggested type is critical and long overdue.

RESPONDENT 6 (19/6/2025)

I support the proposal, would like to know more information about how to apply for children to get in.

RESPONDENT 7 (25/6/2025)

I object to the proposal, to many small units around the borough run by leadership with no knowledge of send taking in these children just for the money. They want mainstream kids but there's not enough, so they take SEND instead. This is not inclusion. Kids with SEND need to be in special schools with expert teachers properly funded so they don't mind expanding.