

STATUTORY NOTICE OF DECISION

Garfield Primary School proposal to establish a Designated Unit

Introduction

Enfield Council conducted a public consultation regarding a statutory proposal to establish a Designated Unit at Garfield Primary School for pupils with autism and complex needs, to be implemented from September 2026.

The proposed Unit will begin with 10 Local Authority commissioned primary places for pupils with EHCPs. Additional 10 primary places will be phased in over time as part of the planned expansion, 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 carefully considered the consultation responses and all other relevant information in determining whether to proceed with the proposal. Subject to approval, the next stage will be the publication of a Statutory Notice and Statutory Proposal in accordance with the **School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013** and relevant Department for Education statutory guidance. This report forms part of the evidence base supporting that proposal.

Consultation process

The consultation considered the proposal from Garfield Primary School for a designated unit offer.

The consultation period was for four weeks, from 3rd of June 2026 to the 3rd of July 2026.

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 these consultations. (Annex 1).

Individuals, groups, and organisations were invited to submit their views on the proposal either by emailing jeffreyjoib.mensah@enfield.gov.uk with "Response to Statutory Proposal" in the subject line, or by completing the accompanying [Microsoft Forms questionnaire](#).

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 or on paper as well as emails or letters.

Total Unique Responses	Staff	Parent	Local Resident
1	0	1	0

One response was received during the consultation period, submitted by a parent.

Were the responses supportive of the proposal?

The response was in favour of the new Designated Unit for pupils with autism and complex needs.

Decision

Following the conclusion of the statutory consultation period and careful consideration of all representations received, Enfield Council has approved, without modification, the proposal to establish a Designated Unit at Garfield Primary School for pupils with autism and complex needs.

The Designated Unit will begin with 10 Local Authority commissioned primary places for pupils with EHCPs. Additional 10 primary places will be phased in over time as part of the planned expansion. Placements will be allocated by the Local Authority's Special Educational Needs (SEN) Service, following formal consultation with the school and in partnership with parents/carers.

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@garfield.enfield.sch.uk for copies.

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Annex 1: Responses received as part of these consultations.

RESPONDENT 1: response received on 06/05/2026

I support the proposal