



Equality and Public Health Full Impact Assessment

Impact Assessment Id: #170

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Please give a brief description of the project

The establishment of a Mainstream Autism Base for 10 pupils in the age range 4-11. This will require a new detached building to be provided on the school site to be funded from the Special Provision Capital Fund.

This project is anticipated to have a positive impact for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and allow them to access education.

Data Protection screening result

Does not need a full impact assessment

Equality and Public Health screening result

Will require a full impact assessment

1.1 Background and Purpose

Background and Purpose of Project?

To support your answer to this question, you can upload a copy of the project's Business Case or similar document. Worcestershire Children First (WCF) are seeking to support schools to make capital investments in provision for pupils with Autism and has identified the need for investment in Mainstream Autism Bases (MABs).

MABs are an integral part of the special education provision commissioned by WCF they are classified as mainstream provision in law but are funded as specialist or High Needs provision in mainstream. They provide focused educational provision for pupils whose needs are well matched to a mainstream setting, but who require enhanced autism specific provision that is often difficult to create in mainstream schools, for reasons of accommodation, specialist staff and curriculum flexibility.

Expressions of interest were sought from existing MABs who wish to seek to expand their provision or from schools who do not currently have MAB provision and seek investment to create a MAB. A full assessment of the EOI submitted was undertaken and Chaddesley Corbett marked sufficiently well for us to consider the delivery of a new Mainstream Autism Base at the school. The Base will provide places for 10 pupils with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder and allow more pupils with this need to maintain within their local community.

Upload Business Case or Support documents

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Project Outputs

Briefly summarise the activities needed to achieve the project outcomes.

- Informal Consultation with families and other local stakeholders on the proposed project
- Development of feasibility for building works required and agreement of funding
- Service Level Agreement approved by commissioning service and school
- Approval to formally propose this project following the above
- 4 week statutory representation period
- Decision to formally approve the delivery of the project
- Building worked completed
- Pupils able to access the MAB from January 2022.

Project Outcomes

Briefly summarise what the project will achieve.

The establishment of a new Mainstream Autism Base at Chaddesley Corbett Endowed Primary for 10 pupils with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Is the project a new function/service or does it relate to an existing Council function/service?

Existing

Was consultation carried out on this project?

Yes

1.2 Responsibility

Directorate/Organisation

Worcestershire Children First

Service Area

Education and Early Help

3.3 Summary of relevant findings

Please summarise your relevant findings.

Five written responses were received: four in support of the new facility at the school and one against. The negative response was based on their child's experience with an autistic child and their concerns were discussed individually with the school leaders at a follow up meeting. The school feels these have been resolved and that many of the reasons she gave for not wanting the base have been mitigated.

4 Protected characteristics - Equality

Please consider the potential impact of this activity (during development & implementation) on each of the equality groups outlined below. **Please select one o**

