

Outcome of consultation on a proposal to permanently increase learning places at Leeds City Academy from September 2023

Representations received during public consultation (7th March – 3rd April 2022)

Response no.	Response	Comments
1	Strongly support	The number of students is huge. How student can ask, understand? How teacher can send the idea and explain? Less students mean more attention and advice.
2	Strongly support	-
3	Strongly oppose	I feel that the school is currently large enough and while I understand the reasoning behind wanting extra places available I don't think it's a good idea. The class sizes and support given to students at the moment is good, adding in all these extra would increase the workload for staff and also leave less time for each individual student.
4	Strongly support	Children needing quality school places in the area within walking distance.
5	Strongly oppose	The school is too small and the cohort of students (primarily EAL) need more availability of staff in smaller groups rather than creating large classes. I do not think this would benefit the existing students. Many of the students there come from Harehills and Burmantofts, which now has Trinity Academy Leeds, Co-op and local GORSE schools.
6	Strongly oppose	The school is already very full and even after an expansion of the canteen, there is not enough space for students (and breaks are already split into 3 sittings). There is only one set of student toilets for the whole school, corridors are cramped and classrooms are tiny. The school also has high EAL, SEND and disadvantaged students who need smaller classes so their teachers can respond to their needs effectively. Filling the school would be ignoring these needs and make teaching them as individuals impossible. Physically, there is not enough space for students, classes and teachers as it is.
7	Strongly support	I believe that children should be able to attend excellent schools in the vicinity of where they live, be able to access their school easily and not have to spend time travelling by car, bus or train on a daily basis.
8	Somewhat support	There are few other secondary school options nearby. Other secondary schools can only be accessed by bus.
9	Somewhat support	It's great for more children to have spaces to learn at your school. We live on [REDACTED] and not had any issues with the students apart from maybe some extra noise at start and end school time. However, there are always a lot of cars blocking our car park and taking up street parking spaces or even stopped in the middle of the road at drop off and pick up times. It would be great if you could offer more buses for the children to use to get to school. Better for the environment that way as well.
10	Strongly support	The school serves a community that requires many different aspects of support, ranging from high quality teaching and learning to EAL specialist support. However, more car parking is needed. Electric car charging points would also be beneficial. More sports facilities such as a 4G pitch, a fitness suite & dance studio would help us deliver high quality PE and allow the community to lease the facilities during evenings and weekends. There is no facility in the area that our community can use other than the university or the local parks. Having a fitness suite would allow us to improve teaching of KS4 courses as we can keep up with changing technologies and allow students to experience the physical demands of exercise. It will also help them learn how to lead a healthy and active lifestyle post 16, having the knowledge, skills and understanding to use fitness equipment in their lives beyond school.
11	Strongly support	Leeds City Academy is a fantastic place for staff and students from all corners of the world staff and students would benefit from more classrooms and the local community would too.
12	Somewhat oppose	The school is too small for the current students never mind even more students. Corridors are too small, not enough sporting and IT rooms, not enough staff.

13	Somewhat oppose	I am a local resident. I am concerned about increased numbers impact on traffic and congestion around the school which is already difficult. The school is on a small site in a built up area with limited access.
14	Strongly support	I understand that there is a demand for school places in the local area. This school has a Good ofsted rating and provides high quality learning experiences for the students.
15	Somewhat oppose	I cannot make either of the 2 consultation sessions so I have no idea what the expansion of student numbers means in real terms - ie will this mean further buildings or expansion of the school premises? This has not been made clear. Neither has the issue of traffic congestion at school drop off and pick up times. This already creates a problem with current school numbers so how will the school manage even greater numbers?
16	Strongly support	It would be good to continue to build on the current progress in improving the school and reduce the extent of those pupil travelling from outside the immediate area and thus reduce the current traffic problems.
17	Strongly oppose	I live at [REDACTED]. The parking by parents collecting their children make it impossible to get out of our drive, from about 2.45 to 3.15 every day. The road had developed large pot holes, and cars are also parking on the grass on the edge of the moor, churning it up when wet. It is awful. This got so much worse over the last couple of years, and a further expansion of pupils would only exacerbate the problem which is already having a detrimental and very upsetting effect on my husband and myself.
18	Somewhat support	If more places are available to local pupils I would hope that, in time, this would reduce the need for cross-city travel and benefit the environment.
19	Somewhat oppose	The access and car provisions are problematic.
20	Somewhat support	You say there is a need for more school places in this area.
21	Strongly oppose	The school is struggling now, to put more children in there is not the answer, children will suffer even more and staff will be over worked to which they are now. The answer is not to expand it's to concentrate on the children they have at this moment the school is run like a business not a school 4 years ago this school was amazing, not now it's shocking going down hill putting more children in there is not the answer.
22	Somewhat oppose	Large amount of traffic that pick up children now would be many more. If that could be solved (School busses?) I would fully support it.
23	Strongly support	Leeds City Academy provides an excellent education and cultural experience for some of the most deprived students in the city. The academy has the expertise and the correct ethos to support these students to be successful.
24	Strongly support	Leeds City is a rapidly improving school and the more places that can be provided will add capacity to the ever increasing demand within the city. The school also requires significant development in the number of dining, teaching / specialist classrooms / sports facilities in order to provide a world class education. The expansion provides this opportunity redesign / expand the current campus to accommodate this.
25	Somewhat support	I understand the need to increase school places but I am concerned about the impact this will have on an already stretched staff at the academy.
26	Somewhat support	I support the proposal if the site itself is expanded to accommodate these pupils. As it is the classrooms don't seem big enough.
27	Strongly oppose	By having a small 150 year group to allows the needs of the most vulnerable to be catered for. What stands out about the school is the small family like feel, and sets it apart from all other schools.