

Outcome of consultation on a proposal to expand Broomfield South SILC's capacity by up to 100 places for learners aged 2 –16 years as part of a proposed rebuild to the school

Representations received during initial consultation (1st – 28th July 2024)

Response no.	Response	Comments
1	Strongly Support	There is a massive need in the city for more specialist places. We have children in mainstream provision who need more tailored places at schools which can better meet the needs of the children.
2	Strongly Support	Leeds is in a crisis situation in trms of places for some of our most vulnerable young people and Broomfield have been overlooked in terms of the building for many years
3	Strongly Support	Leeds is extremely short of specialist places and there are may children who cannot manage in mainstream who are at risk themselves(educationally and emotionally) and are putting the education of children and safety of staff and other children at risk.
4	Strongly Support	-
5	Strongly Support	There arnt enough schools/places for SEND children in leeds many are stuck in mainstream which is the wrong environment as long as this doesn't effect the current learners at broomfield and is an expansion of site, resources and staff it's a wonderful thing
6	Strongly Support	We need more provision in the south of the city.
7	Strongly Support	Because there aren't enough specialist school places in leeds
8	Strongly Support	We are in dire need of SILC provision so expansions are brilliant
9	Strongly Support	More specialist school places are desperately needed.
10	Strongly Support	There is a lack of provision overall and there is a lack of provision in this area of Yorkshire
11	Strongly Support	Education for everyone is necessity. Housing for families with disabled children is at an all time low we can't limit school places too. They deserve at the very least to have an Education
12	Somewhat Support	SEND number continue to increase and specialist places are at capacity
13	Strongly Support	The need in the area and city requires this urgently. LCC need to take more timely action and address the send crisis.
14	Strongly Support	We need more places for children with SEND in Leeds so this is an excellent opportunity.
15	Strongly Support	The amount of children coming through to mainstream with additional learning needs has grown over the last few years. Children need the right environment for them to grow and flourish.
16	Strongly Support	There is a real lack of specialist school places in Leeds.
17	Somewhat Support	I think it will be amazing .. but I hope pray that whilst the transformation takes place , it won't be detrimental to the existing pupils Hopefully procedures will be in place to make sure it won't effect their daily routines etc too much .
18	Strongly Support	we have a great need for this within the area
19	Strongly Support	Broomfield supports silc partnerships and feel post 16 option is needed as feel [REDACTED] doesnt need middelton site needs more formal site for learning
20	Strongly Support	More specialist school places are desperately needed for children with SEN
21	Strongly Support	This provison is absolutely needed within the city.
22	Strongly Support	[REDACTED] attends this school and it's a great school it just needs updating and more places available. Also more parking available

23	Strongly Support	Leeds needs more send school places
24	Strongly Support	Too many SEND children without a school place in the whole of West Yorkshire, or in a mainstream where their needs are not being met
25	Strongly Support	More spaces are needed for leeds children
26	Strongly Support	-
27	Strongly Support	Leeds needs extra provision for young people with challenging issues
28	Strongly Support	There is a need for more places
29	Strongly Support	Too many children with send that do not have a silc placement
30	Strongly Support	This will create 100 spaces for students that are wrongly placed in mainstream schools if placed at all due to the lack of space! This expansion of broomfield school will help support students to their full potential. Unlike mainstream schools which are just housing Children with sen needs. Their needs are not being met due to being stuck in main stream classes branded as naughty!
31	Strongly Support	There is a desperate need in the south for these provisions
32	Strongly Support	There are so many special needs children who have no schooling currently due to primary schools not meeting there needs and special schools not having the places. Rebuild and expanding will give the opportunity to educate and meet these children's needs.
33	Strongly Support	There is a shortage of around 600 specialist places across the city in comparison with similar cities around the country. The LA has reacted slowly to an increased need for these places and they are needed urgently
34	Somewhat Oppose	I think the school struggles now so with a 100 extra students that'll get worse Also I don't like the fact dea of the 16+ learners being in a separate provision which would be some of them will be away from the friends they've grown up with
35	Strongly Support	So many young people are suffering in main streams school that are not suitable for their needs. Broomfield SILC does and will continue to offer a positive change for those young people
36	Strongly Oppose	The school cannot provide adequate staffing for the students already there, with very high use of agency staff who, in many cases, simply aren't able to meet the diverse needs of the students. Staff morale is currently at an all time low, which makes hiring adequate numbers of staff next to impossible. Put simply, the school is currently not equipped to meet the needs of the students currently on roll, let alone another 100+ students. The focus should be on providing a suitable building for existing students, with a view to expansion in the future.
37	Strongly Support	-
38	Strongly Oppose	██████████ are very very understaffed and overworked. ██████ are overrun by agency staff. ████████████████████, no teacher no lsas ████████████████████ agency staff to just get through the day. If you was to expand the same thing will be happening.
39	Strongly Support	There is a lack of SEN places in the area meaning children and young people are commuting miles away to find a suitable school for them to attend. It would create more local jobs for the community.
40	Strongly Support	I feel there are not enough spaces available currently for children requiring special needs education
41	Strongly Support	-
42	Strongly Oppose	The school is already over capacity. The school doesn't have enough staff to look after the children that already attend let alone adding more. The local street is over run with parents dropping their kids off at the school and is affecting the local area. As a member of the community that the school is placed I find it very irresponsible of leeds city Council to even think this is a good idea. The staff of the school park up at every street blocking local residents in their property's and the school buses that pick up up and drop the kids to and from school take up the remaining area available for residents that pay council tax. I find it disgusting that we are expected to suffer more with the council's negligence of not thinking of the local

		residents who have to endure the effects of building on to the school more. Ideally you should use the area it has taken to build a car park for its teachers and for the transport and parents to safely pick up and drop off their kids.
43	Strongly Oppose	-
44	Strongly Support	Need for additional SEND places across the city & learners deserve a better environment
45	Strongly Support	High level of need in Leeds for SILC places. South Leeds has no hydrotherapy provision, children at Broomfield are disadvantaged by this compared to other SILC. Many reception children last year and this being placed in SILC outside of their local part of Leeds resulting in long commutes. Other children not being placed at all and are being discriminated against and missing education. These children are either at home which impacts parent wellbeing and ability to work, or in a setting that cannot meet their needs adequately, resulting in their provision not being delivered and increasing staff costs and pressure as EYFFI and FFI does not cover the cost of 2.1 ratio.
46	Strongly Support	I am a [REDACTED] and I know first hand there are not enough specialist places for all the children that need them. Children [REDACTED] are having to travel across the city to access a suitable school place. I am [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] have children in [REDACTED] resource that need a SILC but there is no space.
47	Somewhat Support	I support the proposal in the fact that the school is in desperate need of an update in facilities for the children and staff to support them in there education and needs. The only worry in this off adding more places which I do agree needs to happen as there are so many crying out for them I don't want children to struggle of staffing issues because they can't support so many children or it to lose its personal touch that they have so strongly built
48	Strongly Oppose	I [REDACTED] and it's hard enough as it is with all the busses and when getting delivery's to [REDACTED] it's hard due to school times and their been no packing outside my house due to busses or staff parking outside so more pupils means more traffic on this road which is already hard to deal with as it is
49	Strongly Support	I have [REDACTED] is in [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] but I have [REDACTED] that I homeschool I refuse to send him far away to a school as I don't drive and it scares me... there is a lot more people like me that children deserve to be in a school close to home don't get me wrong as I love every minute of homeschooling my son but he deserves to be able to have a chance at going to school
50	Strongly Support	All children need education but it has to be from the appropriate source. Children with additional needs don't necessarily need the same education as other children.
51	Strongly Support	Pupil needs must be provided for before parents wants are taken into account.
52	Strongly Support	The amount of provision for children who require additional support in education is severely lacking in LS10. The expansion of Broomfield SILC will provide much needed places for local children so that they do not have to travel to the other side of Leeds to attend school.
53	Strongly Support	We need more spaces for children with additional needs that can't cope in a mainstream school
54	Strongly Support	As an Early Years provider why have high levels of children needing more specialized school places and there is a huge lack of this in our area
55	Strongly Support	There are still so many children who require specialist provision to learn and deserve the correct facility to do that in.
56	Strongly Oppose	The school has many failings with in the setting. It does not need any more students it needs re arrange rooms the layout and parking only. The staff keep leaving which does not help the students . In my view money could go to a building to help support out children outside school hours as they nothing in south Leeds for additional needs
57	Strongly Support	The facilities & experiences on offer are fabulous, with English, Maths, ICT & a full catering kitchen on offer.

		The link to local businesses within the Business Park & at the White Rose centre will give the students much needed help & support for work experience to help the students gain future employment skills and the possibility of jobs & independent living as they develop. This will be invaluable for the students. I'm more than 100% for this
58	Strongly Support	to bring more specialist provision places to the city, where the need for this is vast
59	Strongly Support	-
60	Strongly Support	Any additional places that can be made available for children with SEND can only be beneficial.
61	Strongly Oppose	The site location means that access can't support another 100 places. There is just one narrow road to access the site, and the site is exactly opposite a row of shops. Congestion on this road at start and finish times is challenging now for those of us who live nearby, and if there were to be 100 more places, that means many more vehicles coming, and this road can't support that. By all means consider the estate by White Rose for a satellite, but that satellite needs to become the main site, not Broomfield, as that location has major roads on approach, whereas in comparison to that, Broomfield is more of a small country lane.
62	Somewhat oppose	I am a resident in the area and the only consultation that we have been offered is while i am at work
63	Strongly Oppose	I am a resident and have not had consulting time. The 2 options you have offered are in person at Broomfield and advised 10 days after it occurred and 1 day before for a teams call that I cannot attend because the time overlaps my working day!
64	Strongly Oppose	I have opposed the proposal, because people who live in the area are not being taken into consideration ever. The constant road works and noise is disturbing sleep and quality of life and now we are being told there will be a school extension built [REDACTED], so noise is going to be constant for months on end. It's also taking away the very little green space we have left, school drop off and pick up times are a nightmare on broom place every day, and this being built here is going to make that road impossible to get between, which I don't think is fair to the others in the area like myself, that don't even have kids. Also, the people who are going to be directly affected by this happening were not given the opportunity to go to the drop in session on the 5th of July as the letter telling us about it was delivered on the 15th of July. Whist the council are seeing this as an opportunity to expand on education, I don't believe that the residents of the area have been considered once. It's the people who live locally that are going to have to listen to the constant noise, and be surrounded by the absolute ugliness of building works and then another building once completed. This area is also full of disabled adults that find comfort in enjoying the peace and quiet in their own home, something that will be snatched away when building works start and will be replaced with screaming kids once completed. It's also going to add chaos on the local roads which are already stressful at school times now, and it's going to cause nothing but accidents and arguments in the streets when parents are parking in residential streets or outside peoples homes to collect their kids each day. There is free space around the proximity of the already established school, choosing the green space behind the broom fields will create friction in the area between parents of children at the school And residents. Due to the increase of children and parents, it will create danger on the local roads and a stressful environment to live in. The bus drivers that drive the school busses at broom fields now are very rude, aggressive and all round not easy to deal with, and have had personal experience of their aggressive manner, so don't really want more of those type of road users in the area.
65	Strongly Oppose	The consultation period f2f was kept quiet and the teams call equally so. I will be working so can't attend conveniently. This will cause a lot of issues for residents during construction and on completion with disrespectful parents with children.
66	Somewhat Support	I broadly support the proposal as there there is a need for more specialist school places, especially in the South of Leeds. Ideally i would like to see a new build better provide for pupils with physical and medical disabilities in South Leeds. Children with physical and medical needs do not currently have the facilities they need in the school buildings e.g. hoists in halls/classrooms wheelchair access to all outdoor spaces and play equipment, hydrotherapy and rebound. The general

		<p>environment is not wheelchair friendly. I would hope a new build would be meet the needs of the children with physical and medical needs who require more space for equipment and funding for specialist staff e.g. onsite physio and physio assistants.</p> <p>Access in/out of the school is difficult, especially in wheelchair accessible vehicles which require more space. The area around the school is congested and its not always possible to safely park in a wheelchair accessible vehicle. The consultation doesn't share the proposed site plans so its difficult to say if they are suitable without more detail.</p> <p>I am concerned that increasing the number of places without increasing specialist staff and vital facilities such as hydro, rebound and wheelchair accessible classrooms could be detrimental to pupils. Also the building works on site could be a danger and cause disruption to access and learning if not considerately planned. Some children may find the building works too noisy and may create too much environmental disruption for several years. I also wonder if the current site is large enough to accommodate the increase in pupils and staff.</p>
67	Strongly Support	Because there isn't enough SEN provision in the city. Far too many children are being let down by either having to go to a mainstream school which cannot provide adequately for their needs or having to stay at home.
68	Strongly Support	We need more provision for children with SEND
69	Strongly Support	There is not enough provision. This HAS to happen!
70	Strongly Support	There should be more sen places available across the whole city
71	Strongly Support	SEND provisions are drastically taking on higher numbers and we need to adapt to ensure everyone is supported
72	Strongly Support	Working in a school, you see how the children that require special school are being failed by the system due to no places for them in specialist provision.
73	Strongly Support	Not enough SEN school provision places for the amount of children needing spaces in an SEN setting.
74	Strongly Support	Helps more children in need
75	Strongly Support	I work at [REDACTED], and the number of EHCPs that we recieve where we cannot meet need substantially is immense. Having a purpose built building for these learners would help aliviate stress from other post 16 providers but also give the correct support where they can meet needs properly for the learners. I have worked with the SILC for many years as part of my [REDACTED] role and it is needed.
76	Strongly Support	I have a [REDACTED] who has [REDACTED] and needs additional support at school. I am unsure what high school he will do to at the moment but already know there aren't enough options for children with additional needs. I feel this will be a huge step to support more children like my [REDACTED] who deserves an education, in an environment that is going to be most comfortable.
77	Strongly Support	Working as a teacher in a mainstream setting, I can see the rising numbers of children with SEND and how much these places at specialist provisions are needed. Every child deserves to learn in an environment that suits their needs and helps them develop.
78	Strongly Support	Insufficient SEND places in the city so this additional provision is much needed.
79	Strongly Support	There are so many children with SEN needs who are having to attend mainstream school who are not adapted or trained to help and teach these children. They then get kicked out of school or refuse to go which isn't fair all because the school doesn't understand their needs.
80	Strongly Support	We are in crisis with the low levels of available school places for our SEN children, specifically those who cannot attend mainstream settings. This would help 100 more children access an appropriate education
81	Strongly Support	There is a massive shortage of specialist SEND provisions which is having a great impact on the lives of children, their parents and the child's future.
82	Strongly Oppose	There are already multiple SILC schools and lots of options for children and young people who need a higher level of support. However there are no options for academic children in south Leeds, and for children who aren't severe enough to need a SILC so are forced to attend mainstream

83	Strongly Support	<p>As a [REDACTED], I strongly believe that expanding [REDACTED] by 100 places is a far better solution than using part of a shopping centre for this purpose. Here's why:</p> <p>First and foremost, Broomfield is already a place where [REDACTED] children feel safe, understood, and supported. The school is specifically designed to meet their unique needs, with tailored learning environments, sensory-friendly spaces, and experienced staff who know how to help our kids thrive. In contrast, a shopping centre, even if only part of it is used, is full of sensory overload – bright lights, loud noises, and crowds of people. For many [REDACTED] children, this would be extremely stressful and could hinder their ability to learn and feel comfortable.</p> <p>Expanding Broomfield means that we can continue to provide a consistent, stable environment for [REDACTED] kids. They won't have to adjust to a completely new setting, which can be very challenging for children with special needs. Instead, they will be able to stay in a place they already know and trust, with staff who are familiar with their individual needs and who can provide continuity of care and education.</p> <p>Moreover, by expanding the school, [REDACTED] can offer support to a wider age range of students. This is crucial because it means [REDACTED] children can grow and transition within the same supportive environment, without the disruption of moving to a different facility. It's all about creating a seamless and supportive educational journey for them.</p> <p>I also think about the practical aspects. Broomfield already has the necessary infrastructure and resources in place. Expanding an existing facility is much more efficient and cost-effective than trying to retrofit a commercial space to meet [REDACTED] children's needs. A shopping centre is designed for retail, not for education, and converting it would be a massive and likely imperfect undertaking.</p> <p>Finally, [REDACTED] children are part of the Broomfield community. They have built relationships with their peers and staff, and we, as parents, trust the school. Moving to a new location within a shopping centre, where they would be exposed to the noise and activity of shoppers, would disrupt this sense of community and security. It's not just about the physical space; it's about maintaining the environment that our children need to succeed.</p> <p>In conclusion, expanding Broomfield by 100 places makes much more sense. It provides a stable, supportive, and familiar environment for our children, accommodates a broader age range, and makes practical and economic sense. Let's focus on enhancing what we already have and what we know works, rather than venturing into an unsuitable and potentially harmful setting like a shopping centre.</p>
84	Strongly Support	Having been a teacher in the area I am acutely aware of the great need for far more places for SEND children to access education that meets their needs.
85	Strongly Support	My [REDACTED] who is a pupil at [REDACTED] loves the school. [REDACTED] it will not be long before [REDACTED] grows up and the post 16 site at Arlington would be ideal for [REDACTED] to attend in the future as we live just up the road in [REDACTED].
86	Strongly Support	There are not enough spaces in Leeds currently for children with severe learning needs and autism -as the school caters for this cohort it's important they are supported to increase numbers in the right way -through a building expansion rather than trying to cram more children in
87	Strongly Support	I have [REDACTED] in the local area and schools just don't have the provision for thus, West Yorkshire is crying out for specialist school and help to support their children
88	Strongly Support	Not enough space to cater Leeds as it is
89	Strongly Support	There is a shortage of provisions within the area. I do not have a child in need but have a friend that currently uses these provisions for her child within leeds
90	Strongly Support	There's not enough support for children with SEN
91	Strongly Support	More help for children needing additional support
92	Strongly Support	The city is in desperate need of more specialist places
93	Somewhat Oppose	Increased traffic to area. Insufficient staffing.

94	Strongly Support	This school and all it has to offer was a god send to my [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was almost non verbal when [REDACTED] went and [REDACTED] is now a confident [REDACTED] who volunteers in the community. The staff will always be remembered fondly And I can't praise them enough
95	Strongly Support	If it make life easier for these children and families to gain access Tom the correct education it will be a good thing as long as the roads and parking are enough for all staff and buses as at the moment the streets are always overloaded and parking can be an issue for residents