

Ormiston Sheffield Community Academy

Stakeholder Consultation Report

The academy sought feedback from stakeholders on three separate areas of development and expansion:



- Increase the existing dining capacity within the academy.
- Construction of a Sixth Form centre, providing an extra 6/7 classrooms, alongside additional office space and administrative resources.
- A satellite provision for the Shepwell School, working independently from the academy creating its own routines and systems.

The consultation ran for three weeks, beginning Wednesday 19th March 2025 and ending Wednesday 9th April 2025. As per the DFE (Department for Education) tier 1 change guidance we consulted widely in the following ways:

- Students, parents and carers were informed through a letter that was sent on Wednesday 19th March 2025. The letter shared details of the proposal and consultation, directing parents and carers to the academy website to complete the consultation questionnaire. A frequently asked questions document also featured on the website. An open parent forum was held on Tuesday 1st April 2025, at 5.00pm, providing the opportunity for families to ask any questions.
- All academy staff were formally informed of the consultation during a staff briefing and a follow up email on Friday 21st March 2025. All staff were encouraged to complete the questionnaire.
- Mr Riley presented the proposal to the Local Governing Board on Wednesday 12th March 2025. The proposal was agreed by governors.
- A poster was prominently displayed outside the academy for the wider community's information throughout the consultation period. A member of academy staff also met with a wide number of local community groups, businesses and residents to share details of the proposal and consultation.
- Mr Riley shared details of the proposal and the stakeholder consultation during the Walsall Association of Secondary Headteachers (WASH) online conference, held on Monday 31st March 2025 at 2.00pm. This meeting had all leaders of local secondary schools in attendance. Mr Riley requested those in attendance share details with the parents/carers of the students at their schools.
- Mr Riley shared details of the proposal and the stakeholder consultation during a network meeting, held on Monday 7th April 2025 at 8.45am. This meeting had 6 staff from local primary schools in attendance. Michael Riley requested those in attendance share details with the parents/carers of the students at their schools.
- The Local Authority were already aware of all plans, as they approached the academy to request assistance with the sufficiency issues within Walsall. However, Mr Riley also met with two local Councillors on Friday 14th March 2025 at 9.00am. Councillors were already aware of the proposals and details of the consultation were shared.

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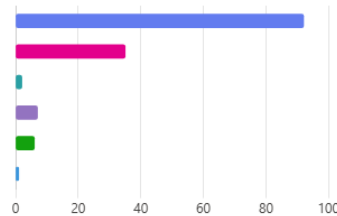
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The consultation questionnaire received 143 responses.

1. How far do you agree or disagree with our overall proposal to expand Ormiston Sheffield Community Academy?

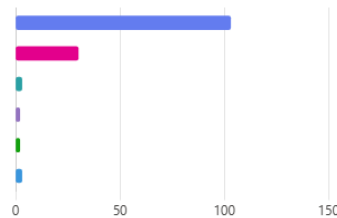
Strongly agree	92
Agreed	35
Neither agree nor disagree	2
Disagree	7
Strongly disagree	6
Don't know	1



Strongly agree:	92 (64%)
Agreed:	35 (24%)
Neither agree nor disagree:	2 (1%)
Disagree:	7 (5%)
Strongly disagree:	6 (4%)
Don't know:	1 (1%)

2. Part of the plan is to expand the dining area for our students. How far do you agree or disagree with this part of the proposal?

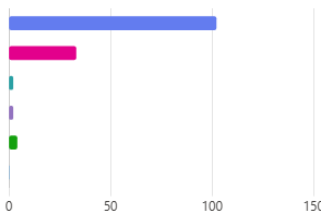
Strongly agree	103
Agreed	30
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	2
Don't know	3



Strongly agree:	103 (72%)
Agreed:	30 (21%)
Neither agree nor disagree:	3 (2%)
Disagree:	2 (1%)
Strongly disagree:	2 (1%)
Don't know:	3 (2%)

3. Part of the plan is to expand the academy building, including new classrooms and offices, through Local Authority funding. How far do you agree or disagree with this part of the proposal?

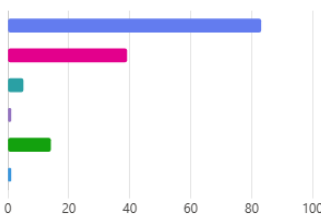
Strongly agree	102
Agreed	33
Neither agree nor disagree	2
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	4
Don't know	0



Strongly agree:	102 (71%)
Agreed:	33 (23%)
Neither agree nor disagree:	2 (1%)
Disagree:	2 (1%)
Strongly disagree:	4 (3%)
Don't know:	0 (0%)

4. An area of the academy is being refurbished, allowing space for a specialist satellite provision in partnership with Shepwell School.
I. How far do you agree or disagree with this?



Strongly agree	83
Agreed	39
Neither agree nor disagree	5
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	14
Don't know	1



Strongly agree:	83 (58%)
Agreed:	39 (27%)
Neither agree nor disagree:	5 (3%)
Disagree:	1 (1%)
Strongly disagree:	14 (10%)
Don't know:	1 (1%)

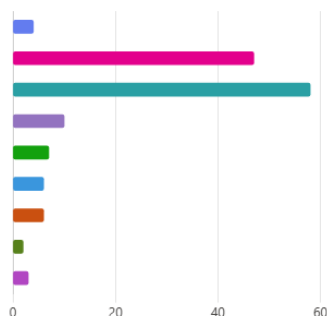
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5. We would like to hear from many different people, as your views help us to decide whether or not we make these changes. We will process your personal data in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations, which means that we will not give your personal data to any third parties. By providing your details, it will help us to validate responses and answer any specific queries. Your comments will be anonymous, your name or anything that could identify you will not be included in any report. However, we cannot guarantee that this information will be withheld if it is requested under the Freedom of Information Act. Please tell us who you are

Student	4
Parent/Carer	47
Staff	58
Local Resident	10
Local Business Owner	7
Local Sports Group	6
Local Community Group	6
Local Neighboring School	2
Other	3





Student:	4 (3%)
Parent/carer:	47 (33%)
Staff:	58 (41%)
Local Resident:	10 (7%)
Local Business Owner:	7 (5%)
Local Sports Group:	6 (4%)
Local Community Group:	6 (4%)
Local neighbouring school:	2 (1%)
Other:	3 (2%)

Please see below a sample of positive and supportive responses received:

Local Community Group	Great for the local community.
Local Neighboring School	No, great idea and good to have a local SEN provision.
Local Resident	No, nice to see money being spent on the children.
Parent/Carer	As a parent of a current pupil and a new pupil starting in September 25, also a senior officer in the EHC team and a local resident I strongly agree with the proposals and believe this is a fantastic opportunity for Ormiston, Shepwell and the children /YP who require the provision.
Parent/Carer	The proposed improvements can only be a positive move for the School.
Parent/Carer	As a parent with 3 children with additional needs, one of which attended Shepwell for a period of time with the help and support of Ormiston Sheffield Academy, I think this is a good idea. I'd be interested to know whether children who are attending Ormiston who are struggling with mainstream would have access to working within the Shepwell provision if needed.
Parent/Carer	It is always important to extend facilities to help the children learning. I am already aware that the dining area is insufficient so this has to be an asset.
Parent/Carer	I think it's wonderful to hear of an academy providing extra support for young people with additional needs and i only wish the rest of Walsall schools would be just as inclusive.
Parent/Carer	Looking forward to seeing the 6th form center
Staff	I think the changes are exciting and will lead to a great partnership which supports our community.
Staff	Great idea, much needed space for students to thrive

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Staff	Space is greatly needed for 6th form provision and large groups/classes we have so the new plans help meet this demand.
Local Community Group	More of this provision needed in our community.

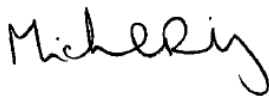
There were some responses that shared concerns around traffic, littering, pupil numbers and behaviour. These concerns were discussed during the parent forum and further information was provided through the Frequently Asked Questions document. The academy has taken all of these concerns on board and will work with Walsall Local Authority to address them. Please see below a sample of concerns received:

Local Business Owner	Extra bins please near school and area to stop littering.
Local Resident	Increased traffic and parking problems I am also live local (spring lane) and find traffic and parents' choice of parking challenging. With the satellite school this would generate more traffic causing additional problems for local residents trying to commute to work and to take their children to other schools.
Parent/Carer	The school pupil numbers are too large as it is.
Local Resident	Concern around safety of students crossing the road on Broad Way - gate required at the top of the gully to ensure students on bikes slow down before going straight onto the road and/or school crossing patrol
Parent/Carer	My main concern is children with severe behavioural issues posing a risk to the current student population, but Mr Riley has allayed these worries.

Thank you to all who took the time to complete the consultation questionnaire, the feedback we received is very important to us and it is encouraging to see so much support for the future of the academy.

We will now move forward with the proposed plans, finalise funding agreements with Walsall Local Authority and complete the information required by the DFE (Department for Education).



Kind Regards



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