

### Appendix 3: School Organisation - Skilts School Statutory Consultation Summary

Total number of responses:	17
Method of response:	
BeHeard	17/17
Email	0/17
Letter	0/17
Respondent by type:	
Parent	1/17
School Governor	3/17
Staff member	2/17
Staff from other Birmingham Schools/ City wide colleagues /LA employee	6/17
Members of Academy Trust	4/17
Local Councillor	1/17
Comment themes:	
Safeguarding concerns at school – should you be carrying out survey/consultation whilst review is being carried out?	1/17
Too far for Skilts pupils to travel – will increase their day	1/17
Pupils with Social emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs require small scale pleasant environment. Relocating to City eliminates benefits	1/17
Large number of staff and pupils does not benefit pupils with SEMH needs	1/17
If Council wishes to increase places they should build a smaller new school on the proposed site and invest resources in providing the different style provision found at Skilts currently.	1/17
Vacancies in other special schools for pupils with SEMH needs	1/17
Fit for purpose building to replace current failing building will benefit pupils	1/17
Site is well suited for Skilts to be established there	1/17
Need for SEMH places in the City	6/17
SEMH places required nearer pupils home/locality	3/17

Response ID	Type of respondant	Other please specify	In Favour?	Comments
ANON-2FJ6-QDWG-B	Other, please specify	SENCO at Birmingham school	Yes	none
ANON-2FJ6-QDWS-Q	Other, please specify	City wide Colleagues	Yes	none
ANON-2FJ6-QDWW-U	Parent		No	Given that there have been serious allegations made about hunters hill & skilts... is it wise to continue with this survey whilst a safeguarding review is being carried out?
ANON-2FJ6-QDWJ-E	Other, please specify	Vested interest in the care of children & young adults with special educational needs & disabilities	No	It is too far for skilts pupils to travel & this will increase their days by at least 2hours. Are these additional places from 90 to 120 in addition to the 200+ already at hallmoor bringing a total of over 300? You are not providing clear information in your consultation. The provision for this children needs to be in the area closest to where they live, not across different congregations. Fund Skilts school appropriately with the required places to accommodate the need & do not use Hallmoor as an overspill for other counties, improve it & the places will be filled by children within a reasonable travel area. Do not close special schools in order to open one big one, make them ACCESSIBLE within reasonable daily travelling distance.
ANON-2FJ6-QDW8-V	Other, please specify	LA employee	No	Children with SEMH clearly benefit from small-scale provision including residential in a pleasant environment. To get rid of residence, massively expand the PAN of the school and relocate to the city eliminates all of these benefits to the students. There is another primary special school very close to the proposed new site- travel times for students from South-east Birmingham will surely be increased not reduced as claimed in the proposal. To move Skills also paves the way for the council to try to do the same with Hunters Hill- both sites have been neglected for any significant maintenance for a number of years and the LA should not be able to absolve itself if this by simply operating a 'stack 'em high' model. This move is in the best interests of the council's budgets, not of the young people it serves (particularly those in the south east). If the council wishes to increase places it should build a smaller new school on the proposed site and invest some resources in providing the different style of provision which is found at Skills currently. Large numbers of staff and students on one site are not helpful to SEMH learners.
ANON-2FJ6-QDWB-6	Other, please specify	Employee of the Trust	Yes	This will provide a fit for purpose building to replace the failing building the children the children are in now. The ability to take more pupils will provide much need places for complex primary pupils with SEMH needs in their locality and not away from their local community and peers. This will address the shortfall of places in Birmingham for primary pupils with SEMH needs.
ANON-2FJ6-QDWA-5	Other, please specify	Teacher within the trust	Yes	It was be beneficial to have FET schools together in order to share good practice.
ANON-2FJ6-QDW6-T	Staff Member		Yes	I believe the site is well suited for new Skilts School to established there.
ANON-2FJ6-QDWV-T	Other, please specify	School Senior Leader in Birmingham Special School	Yes	There is appears to be a significant need for SEMH provision in the East of the city. The increase in numbers and relocation would enhance effective SEMH provision offer within the city.
ANON-2FJ6-QDWR-P	Other, please specify	Local school senior leader	Yes	No other SEMH provision in this part of Birmingham.
ANON-2FJ6-QDWZ-X	Other, please specify	Board Member of Forward Education Trust who are currently supporting this school.	Yes	
ANON-2FJ6-QDW9-W	School Governor		Yes	Bringing the school into the Birmingham area will offer much greater opportunity for the school to play a vital role within the authority and will enable more children to access the unique and special provision
ANON-2FJ6-QDWC-7	Other, please specify	Employee of Forward Education Trust	Yes	This proposal will help with the provision of education for more pupils with Special Educational needs. If it does not happen these vulnerable children will need to find places at other schools that do not exist
ANON-2FJ6-QDWY-W	School Governor	I am also a resident of Sheldon.	Yes	none
ANON-2FJ6-QDWK-F	School Governor		No	I am at the Federation of Springfield House & Lindsworth Schools. We currently have vacancies at our schools which so far, the Local Authority have been unable to fill. I have significant concerns if the LA is now proposing to increase pupil numbers at Skilts as we have been led to believe that there is insufficient demand for places for children with special educational needs. At Springfield House we are currently considering redundancies because of our projected increase in the budget deficit over coming years, part of which is caused because the LA has been unable to fill places.
ANON-2FJ6-QDWE-9	Local Councillor		Yes	I've long advocated for us ending the Edwardian practice of transporting children miles away for their education. Children with special educational needs or disabilities should have the same rights we give to children without: to be educated near their home. By bringing the school back into the city we will help bring these children back into our community.
ANON-2FJ6-QDWU-S	Other, please specify	Birmingham head teacher	Yes	Birmingham desperately needs more specialist provision for pupils with SEMH issues.