

Chairman's Announcement

And Subject:	Extended Consultation on Vision for Special School Provision
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We would like to draw your attention to the news that Wiltshire Council is extending its consultation on special school provision.

The Council has withdrawn the statutory proposal to close Larkrise, St Nicholas and Rowdeford schools and create one new, larger school in Rowde by 2023 to enable further wider views and thoughts to be put forward. An explanation of why this has been done can be found here: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/articles/extended-consultation-on-vision-for-special-schools-in-wiltshire>

Wiltshire Council has now opened the extended pre-publication consultation outlined in the link above. You can find the new consultation (alongside a briefing paper) here:

http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal/education/special_schools_consultation_extension Please note that **consultation responses already provided** to the council will be automatically considered as pre-publication consultation, and **do not need to be resubmitted**.



We have also set up two opportunities to have a face-to-face discussion. These are:

Friday 5 April 10:30am-12:00noon in Chippenham (Venue: Hardenhuish School, Colborne Room – SN14 6RJ)

Thursday 2 May 6:30pm-8:00pm in Trowbridge (Venue: The John of Gaunt School, The Hub – BA14 9EH)

A third session in Devizes is also planned (Fri 3 May, 10:30-12noon) – venue to be confirmed.

If you would like to attend one of these events, please email Specialschools@wiltshire.gov.uk to book your place.

In the summer, the council will provide revised statutory proposals (that is, firm proposals on how we plan to produce the additional places) which will go out for further consultation for another four weeks.