

## **Chairman's Announcements**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Proposal to increase Downland School capacity</b>
<b>Web contact:</b>	<a href="http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal/education/consultation%20to%20increase%20capacity?tab=info">http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal/education/consultation to increase capacity ?tab=info</a>

Wiltshire Council is proposing to increase the number of places at Downland School from 69 places to 90 from September 2019.

Downland is a special school, situated on the southern edge of Devizes and opened in 1971, that continues to support the needs of children and young people who have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) identified to support their Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs.

Expanding the school is part of Wiltshire's SEND Local Area plans to increase the number of special school places across the county to meet the needs of the growing number of children and young people with SEND.

An informal pre-publication consultation has recently taken place which concluded on 14 July. It is now necessary to undertake the formal statutory process. This began with publication of a statutory notice on 18 of July 2019. The statutory requirement is for this period to run for 4 weeks. However, as a 4- week period would run into school holidays representation can be made up to 21 September 2019.

Comments can be made via email or letter no later than 21 September 2019 either by writing to Downland Consultation, Children's Commissioning, Wiltshire Council, Bythesea Rd, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN, emailing [SpecialSchools@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:SpecialSchools@wiltshire.gov.uk) or following the link above to the Wiltshire Council consultation portal.