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Introduction

This report is an analysis of responses gathered on the proposal to change the designation of the specialist base at Stepgates Community School.

Surrey County Council published a consultation from 24 September to 6 November 2026.

Consultation Summary

The aim of the consultation was to seek views on the proposal from all interested parties, particularly from pupils and their families who attend Stepgates School, pupils and their families who may attend the school in the future, other local schools and the local community.

The consultation was open from 24 September to 6 November 2026.

The associated documentation was published on the Surrey County Council 'Surrey Says' website and circulated to local stakeholders. Interested parties were invited to return responses to the consultation via an online form or alternatively using email or postal responses.

A public meeting took place online via Teams on the 15th October at 10:00am.

An Equality Impact Assessment is being completed throughout the informal consultation period and will continue during the statutory notices. Responses to the consultations will contribute to Equality Impact Assessment.

Key points from the consultation responses:

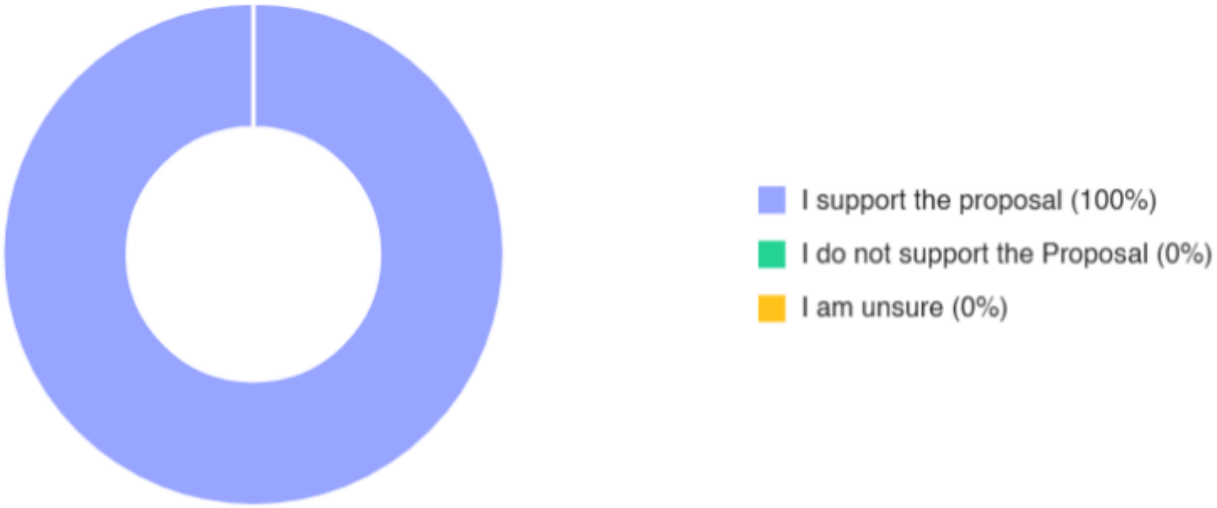
- There were 2 responses to the consultation
- 100% of responses supported the proposal to change the designation of the inclusion base

Quantitative Analysis

A total of 2 responses were received during the consultation period,

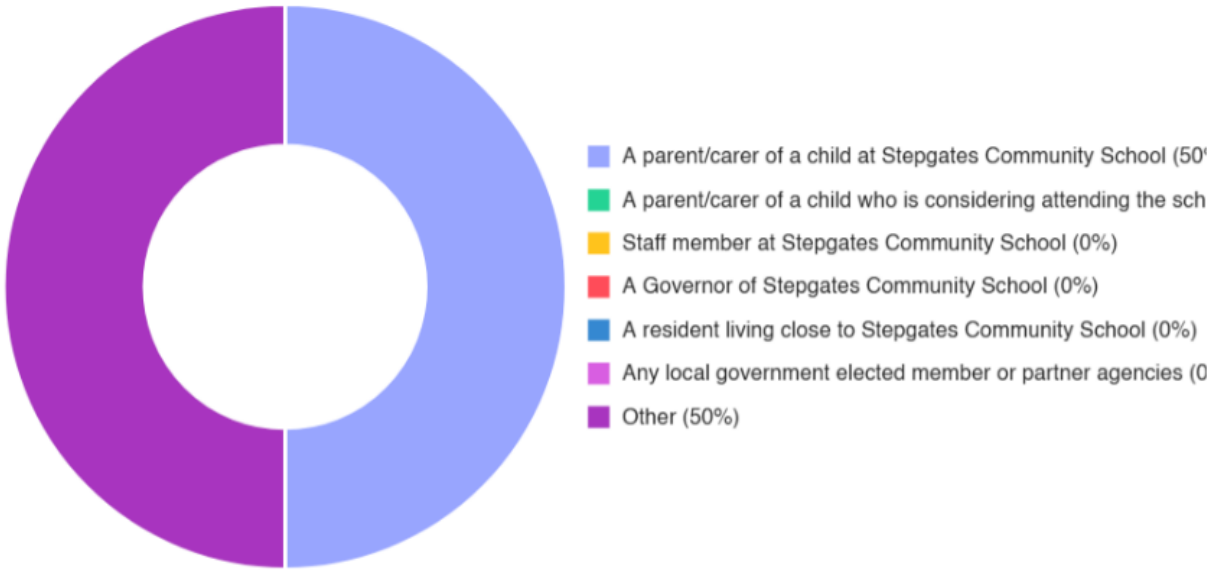
Respondents were asked, "Do you agree with the proposal to change the designation of the inclusion base from Speech Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) to Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) at Stepgates School" and were given the option to select Agree, Disagree or Don't Know.

The chart below shows the distribution of online responses to the consultation. 100% respondents agreed with the proposal.



Who responded to the survey?

To understand who responded to the survey, respondents were asked what their relationship to the school is:



Qualitative Analysis

Respondents had the opportunity to add comments at the end of the survey. Out of the 2 responses received,1 comment was made on the proposal:

Being the Headteacher of a local school, I am acutely aware of the lack of specialist places for children with ASD, so I wholeheartedly agree with this proposal.

Public Meeting

A public meeting took place on the 15th October at 10:00. There were 3 attendees.

What happens next?

The recommendations are that the proposal should continue to the next phase and that Statutory Notices will be published for a final decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Education and Learning at the decision meeting in January 2027.