

## **STATUTORY PROPOSAL FOR PRESCRIBED ALTERATIONS TO PROVIDE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS PROVISION IN A MAINSTREAM SCHOOL**

### **1. Proposal relating to:**

Gorsewood Primary School, Gorsewood Road, Murdishaw, Runcorn. WA7 6ES

**Proposer:** Halton Borough Council, Kingsway, Widnes WA8 7QF

### **2. Description of Proposed Significant Change:**

The proposed significant change at Gorsewood Primary School, will be the establishment of an Inclusion Base for up to sixteen pupils in Early Years /Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2 with Speech, Language & Communication Needs.

### **3. Evidence of Demand for Places**

A review of special educational needs provision across Halton was conducted. This identified that there was a requirement for additional provision within Halton for children with Speech, Language & Communication Needs. This proposed provision is intended to assist in pupils remaining within borough for their educational provision.

### **4. Objectives of the Proposal and Educational Standards, and Impact on Parental Preference**

The overall objective of the proposal is to establish an Inclusion Base for Early Years /Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2 for pupils with Speech, Language & Communication Needs. The proposed provision will be appropriately resourced to ensure that the children placed will be supported in achieving their educational outcomes.

The proposed Inclusion Base will allow the Council and parents/carers the option to place children within local provision, rather than in independent provision.

### **5. Effect on other Education Establishments in the Area**

There will not be any effect on other educational establishments in the area.

## **6. Project costs and Value for Money**

If the proposal for this provision is agreed, funding for the additional accommodation will be provided directly through Department for Education High Needs Provision Capital Allocation funding. Any building works will be subject to the Council's Financial Standing Orders and Procurement processes, to ensure value for money.

## **7. Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation**

It is intended that any new provision will be implemented during the 2026/27 Academic Year.

## **8. Procedure for Responding to this Proposal**

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, i.e. by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026, any person wishing to submit any comments either in support of, or objecting to the proposal may do so by using the online consultation response form for Gorsewood Primary School which can be found at [www.halton.gov.uk/RBconsultation](http://www.halton.gov.uk/RBconsultation).

Alternatively, you can request any of the proposal details and respond to this consultation in writing to Mr M Reaney, Director - Legal and Democratic Services, Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes WA8 7QF.

**Applicable legislation: The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013.**

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