

Formal Consultation: Proposed relocation of Wilby CE VA Primary School to the Glenvale Park Development (new school), Wellingborough

Consultation Questionnaire

The purpose of the Formal Consultation:

This formal consultation is about a proposed primary school relocation opportunity to move into a brand-new school building:

- Following North Northamptonshire Council receiving two completed expressions of interest applications to relocate, the panel met following a robust interview process and recommended that Wilby CE VA Primary relocates to the Glenvale Park site

Wilby CE VA Primary School:

- Provides education for children aged 4 to 11 years
- Wilby is a Church of England village primary school located in the village of Wilby
- The distance from Wilby CE VA Primary School to Glenvale Park development is 2.4 miles
- The vast majority of pupils reside in Wellingborough
- Wilby is a Local Authority Maintained School
- Currently has a Good Ofsted rating

The Glenvale Park site is located in Wellingborough, to the north of the town. Once complete there will be circa 3,000 homes. As part of the infrastructure and Section 106 (S106) proposals for the Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE), a 2-form entry, 60 places per year group, primary school was proposed to meet increased demand and serve the local community. The school building construction completion date is August 2023.

As part of the annual strategic Pupil Place Planning exercise undertaken in January 2023, it became clear that, due to demographic changes, there would be insufficient demand to support the school opening until September 2025 or beyond.

Based on this position work has been undertaken to assess the options for the new school to ensure:

- The local community has access to sufficient school places
- No schools are disadvantaged
- Available assets are used as effectively as possible

The Proposal

This consultation seeks your views on the proposal that Wilby CE VA Primary School relocates to the new school at Glenvale Park, opening at the start of the new school year in September 2024. There will be no change to the current arrangements regarding the provision of SEN places at Wilby CE VA Primary School.

What is the relocation of an existing school?

A relocation of an existing school to a new school building means that the whole school including all children, all staff members and all fixtures and fittings and resources will be relocated to the new school. This move will be planned and managed to ensure that there is no disruption to learning.

Advantages of relocating an existing school

- There is no need to create additional capacity
- The relocated school will not impact on other schools
- Relocating an existing school can be delivered relatively quickly
- If approved by the North Northamptonshire Executive Council, it will be ready to open by September 2024
- The school will bring with it all year groups, rather than filling from year R upwards as would happen for a new school
- Children from an existing school site will be able to utilise a brand-new building with capacity to expand
- The vacated site can be reutilised for other educational purposes
- A new and purpose-built facility supports improved outcomes for all members of the school community
- It enables the LA to fulfil its statutory duties to provide sufficiency of places
- The Department for Education (DfE) support this approach

Risks of relocating an existing school

- There may be local opposition to relocating an existing school
- Consideration would have to be given to support existing pupils to access the new site

Further information is available on our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document.

Timetable and Next Steps

Stage	Description	Timescale	Comments
1.	Representation (Formal consultation period)	5 th Sept – 5 th Oct 2023	Representation for a period of 4 weeks
2.	NNC Executive	16 th Nov 2023	Decision – on Wilby CE VA Primary relocating to the Glenvale Park site
3.	DfE relocation process	17 th Nov – 17 th Dec 2023	Making a significant change to a maintained school process

Have your say

Please tell us your views by completing this questionnaire. All views submitted during the representation period will be considered, including all support for, objections to, and comments on the proposal.

Your feedback will be part of a report with many other people’s feedback, so you will not be personally identified.

You can also access this online questionnaire free of charge at any North Northamptonshire Council library. Customers are asked to check the opening times of the library you wish to visit and book an appointment in advance. Please see the [Library website](#) or telephone 0300 126 3000 to check times and make a booking.

Alternatively, you can email or send your comments in by post by using the contact details below.

If you have any queries, comments or would like a copy of this questionnaire in another format (including paper, easy read or large print) please contact us.

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This consultation will run from Tuesday 5th September 2023 to midnight on Thursday 5th October 2023.

Thank you for helping us by completing this questionnaire.

For information about how consultation and engagement responses are managed, please see the [consultation and engagement privacy notice](#).

Questions

About you

Q) I am:

- Pupil
- Parent/carer/guardian
- Member of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- Member of staff
- North Northamptonshire Councilor
- Town or Parish Councilor
- Local resident
- Local business
- Local support group
- Local community group
- Local community group who uses the school for running activities
- Other, please give details

Q) How does the primary school relocation affect you, are you connected to?

- Wilby CE Primary School
- Resident of the Glenvale Park development
- Both
- Neither

The Proposal

As a reminder, we are proposing to relocate Wilby CE VA Primary to the Glenvale Park new school building. This means that Wilby CE VA Primary School will be located on the Glenvale Park site, and the vacated smaller school be reutilised for other educational purposes.

Q) To what extent do you support or oppose the proposal?

- Strongly support
- Tend to support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Tend to oppose
- Strongly oppose
- Don't know

Q) If you think the proposal will have a positive impact, then please tell us why here:
[comment box]

Q) If you think the proposal would have a negative impact, please tell us why, along with any suggestions on how any potential negative impacts could be reduced or avoided:
[comment box]

Q) If you have any other comments you would like to make that you have not already told us, then please tell us here:
[comment box]

More about you

Q) Are you responding to this questionnaire as an individual or on behalf of an organisation, business or community group?

- As an individual
- On behalf of an organisation, business or community group

Organisations

Q) Please tell us the name of the organisation, business or community group that you are responding on behalf of and your job title/role:

Name of organisation, business or community group: [comment box]

Job title/role: [comment box]

Individuals

Q) What is your postcode?

By providing us with your postcode, you are consenting for us to use this information to understand where respondents live. If you do not consent to us using this information in this way, please do not provide your postcode.

[Individuals will then be asked to complete our standard equality monitoring questions upon completion of the questionnaire]