



GREENWOOD ACADEMIES TRUST

Consultation Report

Satellite Post-16 (sixth form) provision at Nethergate Academy

This report summarises the findings of the public consultation about the proposal to develop a satellite site for Post-16 provision at Nethergate Academy.

The proposal being consulted on is that from **1 September 2025**

1. Nethergate Academy will provide up to additional sixteen places for pupils with ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder) from 1 September 2025 and up to another eight from September 2026 (twenty-four in total).
2. This will include the adaptation of an existing City Council building (Green Lane Youth Centre) to provide accommodation which will meet the needs of our Post-16 pupils. The adaptations will be fully funded by Nottingham City Council as part of their SEND Strategy.

The consultation period ran for 4 weeks and commenced on Monday 24 February 2025 and concluded on Monday 24 March 2025.

The process involved the circulation of a letter (see Appendix 1) to a wide range of stakeholders including:

- All parents of pupils who attend Nethergate Academy
- All staff at Nethergate Academy
- Local Authority
- Local residents of both Nethergate Academy and Green Lane Youth Centre
- Union members
- Local Ward Councillors/MP
- All schools within Nottingham City
- Local community and faith groups / community centre, library, children's centre, leisure centre, medical centre
- SEN providers providing services to Nethergate Academy
- NHS Commissioners

All information was published on The Nethergate Academy website as well as the Greenwood Academies Trust website.

The letter included an email address to respond to the consultation. The Chief Executive met with unions and the Clifton Town Board Programme Manager shared it at the Clifton Town Board Meeting and Collective Impact Meeting.

Results from respondents

We received a total of 4 responses to the consultation by email. Below gives a summary of the responses:

1. Headteacher – Local Academy
This is a positive step for young people with additional needs across Nottingham and will provide much needed support for post 16 children with complex needs. They also believe it's positive for the Clifton community and will allow much needed offer of support for young people. They believe Nethergate Academy have the necessary experience, skills and resources to implement this project and hope sufficient funding can be put in place by the City Council to meet the needs of the project going forwards.
2. Resident – Green Lane (near Clifton Youth Centre)
The resident of Green Lane wished to add their full support for this proposal. Knowing the premises as well, they feel they would make an excellent building and facilities.
3. CEO – Nottingham College
Nottingham College were appreciative of the opportunity to be invited to contribute the consultation and are willing to work with Nethergate and Nottingham City Council for Post-16 provision and are happy for any visits to view their new SEND centre and the offer they already have available and set up. They would like work collaboratively to meet the rising need for SEND provision in Nottingham and believes that this can be achieved by closer collaboration.
4. Director, NCHA Homes and Wellbeing
Fully support the development of this provision in principle. However, has some observations regarding the proposal to develop the Green Lane Youth Centre. The building has been empty for some time due to lack of funding to pay for staffing and facilities to operate as a youth centre facility. However, feel that there is now confirmed investment for Neighbourhood monies that the Youth Centre could be recommissioned for its original intended purposes.

Conclusion

Only received 4 responses and after reviewing the comments, the Trust has agreed to proceed with submitting a significant change proposal to the Department for Education.

Next Steps

The consultation report will be added to the Nethergate Academy and Greenwood Academies Trust website.

A significant change business case will be submitted to the Department for Education – this will then be reviewed by the Advisory Board who will make the final decision.

Updates will be published on the Nethergate Academy website and the Greenwood Academies Trust website.

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