

Proposed Closure of the Oakdale Learning Centre

Appendix 1

The number of consultation documents distributed was approximately 230. Comments/issues/points raised at consultation meetings and within written/electronic/on-line responses were as follows:

	No. responses received	No. responses received	No. responses received
	Agreed	Disagreed	No view
Parent/Carer of pupil attending Oakdale Learning Centre	0	0	0
Parent/Carer of pupil not attending Oakdale Learning Centre	0	0	1
Member of Oakdale Learning Centre Management Committee	0	0	0
Staff employed at Oakdale Learning Centre	0	0	0
Staff not employed at Oakdale Learning Centre	0	1	0
Pupil attending Oakdale Learning Centre	1	2	1
Pupil not attending Oakdale Learning Centre	0	0	0
Other	1	2	1
TOTALS	2	5	3
Where reply forms indicated more than one type of respondent, only one has been included in the table above using a priority order of 'parent/carer', governor, 'staff' and then 'other'.			

A total of 10 responses from consultation documents issued were received from stakeholders of whom five were opposed to closure, two agreed and three had no view.

In addition formal consultation meetings were held with staff, the Management Committee, schools, other service users, parent/carers and residents/community groups.

Oakdale Learning Centre arranged for individual meetings with learners who were invited to respond to the proposal.

Staffing matters

The staff sought clarification on their rights and entitlements if the Centre was to close. Staff also expressed a strong view that if the Centre does close the alternative provision required needed to meet the needs of those learners who would otherwise have attended.

At the staff consultation attended by staff and Recognised Trade Unions (RTUs) clarification was provided that were Oakdale Learning Centre to close all staff would be in a redundancy situation and in the event of it remaining open there would need to be sufficient demand for places for it to be viable from 1 September 2015.

Building and site related issues

A local neighbour who responded to the consultation expressed a concern about the future use of the building and site.

Pupil, Curriculum, Community and other related issues

Of the four pupils who completed the questionnaire one agreed with the proposal to close saying that *'when I was excluded and went to Oakdale I didn't like it, it was just like school*. This learner now attends an Alternative Provision which he likes much more: *'It would have been better to come straight onto provision'*.

Two pupils disagreed and one had no view or did not comment specifically on the matter. One pupil identified that the Centre gives a second chance to pupils who are badly behaved. One pupil said *'I've got back into school because this is smaller with fewer people. It's better to work in small groups'*.