



Windsor
Olympus
Academy



Proposed free school opening September 2023

Report on Section-10 public consultation

17 October - 27 November 2022



Executive Summary

Windsor Olympus Academy is a non-selective, non-denominational 11-16 secondary school in the pre-opening phase, with a planned opening date of September 2023.

Windsor Olympus Academy will be much more than a school. It will be at the heart of the community, supporting families and transforming lives through the power of education.

Our purpose is simple. We want our students to achieve their academic and personal potential. We will do this by inspiring students to follow their passions, providing them with the skills and experiences to thrive in learning and life. Students will learn in brilliant facilities, be taught by inspiring teachers and be part of a welcoming and inclusive community. In short, Windsor Olympus Academy will provide students with everything they need to succeed. The school will be part of Windsor Academy Trust (WAT), alongside nine other successful schools in the West Midlands.

Engagement with stakeholders has been ongoing since spring 2018 and the formal statutory Section-10 consultation ran from 17th October to 27th November 2022. Suggestions and comments from the consultation have been considered, and responded to where appropriate. This report outlines the engagement with our stakeholders following the consultation period.

About Windsor Academy Trust

Windsor Academy Trust is an education charity and not-for-profit multi-academy trust. We are a family of schools committed to unlocking students' academic and personal potential. We put children at the centre of everything we do, delivering excellent education to 7,000 students aged 2 to 18 driven by 1,000 committed, inspiring and talented staff.

Established in 2011 with Windsor High School and Sixth Form, our family has grown to nine successful schools. We currently have five primary and four secondary schools and school improvement is at the core of our work. This is underpinned by a culture of continuous improvement and extensive professional learning. We have developed exceptional teachers, leaders and professional services staff within our family - and for schools and school trusts across the country - for over a decade.

Through collaborative leadership and future thinking, our vision is to continue to grow and provide the highest quality education to enable every student to realise their potential. A powerful component of this success is the synergy of primary and secondary collaboration and our innovative approach. Building on our first 10 years and striving to reach new frontiers, we have developed a compelling [strategy](#) that will power Windsor Academy Trust into its second decade.



About Windsor Olympus Academy

Windsor Olympus Academy will become the tenth school in the Windsor Academy Trust family when it opens in September 2023. It will be built on a decade of excellence and putting children first.

We believe in delivering education for the greater good, positively impacting the local community and the world. For us, this means providing students with opportunities to make a difference in their community and more widely. As such, Windsor Olympus Academy will be at the heart of the community, with students becoming civic actors. Furthermore, the school will be a welcoming place for all, with local residents, community groups and sports clubs able to use our excellent facilities. Students will also play a critical role in driving sustainability across the school to support our vision of leaving the world in a better place for future generations.

We want all students to be excited to attend school and generate a love of learning that stays with them throughout their life. With this in mind, our teaching and learning will engage, enthuse and inspire students in every lesson, every day. Our curriculum will provide students with the knowledge, character virtues and learning skills to thrive. Through our one-to-one iPad strategy, we will power up students' learning, developing the digital skills they need to succeed in the future.

To help students settle into life at our school, we will run a comprehensive transition programme during the summer of 2023 where both children and parents will be invited to visit their new school. Once at our school, each child will experience a welcoming and inclusive community with excellent pastoral care. Our house system will provide further support and opportunities for each child, which will build students' confidence and allow them to enjoy school life to the fullest.

Providing students with opportunities to extend learning beyond the classroom is crucial to supporting their development. At our school, students will be able to take part in a huge range of extracurricular activities allowing them to follow their passions and develop new skills. As part of our 'WAT Pledge', all students will achieve 12 experiences and accomplishments before leaving our school that will inspire them and boost their development.

Ongoing Stakeholder Engagement

Following a kick-off meeting in April 2018 for the Sandwell secondary school project, an ongoing programme of stakeholder engagement has continued as part of our commitment to the local community.



Activity has included:

- visits to primary and secondary schools;
- parent-consultation meetings and assemblies at local schools;
- attendance at primary and secondary headteacher forums;
- school prospectus;
- website, media and social-media updates;
- community-engagement plan in partnership with local charity, Newbiggin Community Trust;
 - working with charity leaders
 - tours of hope in the Winson Green Community
 - attendance at community hub events;
 - relationship building with local businesses;
 - hosting community open-day events, including a summer 'meet and greet'; BBQ;
- information door drops.

Statutory Consultation

The statutory Section 10 consultation commenced on 17 October 2022 and ran for six weeks to 27 November 2022.

Information provided to stakeholders took the following forms:

- public consultation booklet. This was made available in electronic format and was specifically sent to a wide range of stakeholders;
- the Windsor Olympus Academy website carried information about the proposed new school, the consultation process and the downloadable consultation booklet;
- the Windsor Olympus Academy website also provided an online (and downloadable) questionnaire to complete;
- a community open day and consultation event took place at The Windmill Community Centre in Smethwick;
- a community consultation event also took place at Lodge Road Community Church in Winson Green, in partnership with Newbiggin Community Trust;
- letters including links to the consultation website sent to key stakeholders;
- local resident door drop;
- a paid social media campaign.

Stakeholders

A wide range of stakeholders were consulted including:

- local parents and carers;



- local residents;
- headteachers, governors and staff at Birmingham and Sandwell primary schools
- MPs for Warley, and Birmingham Ladywood;
- local authority ward councillors;
- local authority;
- community groups and charities.

Statutory Consultation Results and Responses

Website

There were 147 views by 75 users of the Windsor Olympus Academy Section-10 consultation web page.

Social media

1,502 post views and 26 landing page clicks.

Community consultation events

95 attendees at two community-consultation events held during the period.

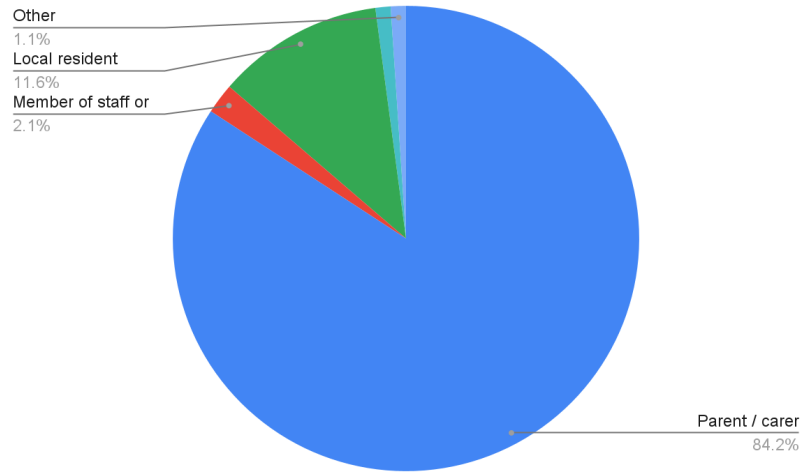
Online questionnaire

92 consultation questionnaire responses were received - 52 online and 40 at events. No responses were received via the post.

Replies to the seven questions asked were as follows:

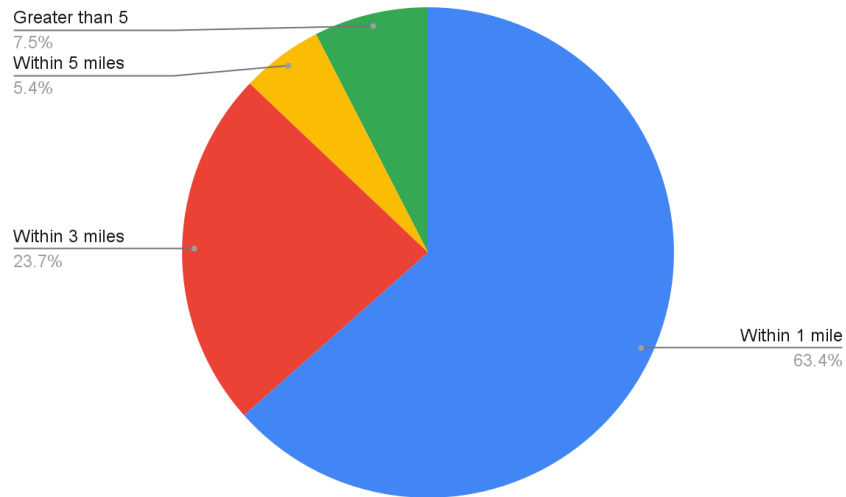
1. About you: which of the following best describes you?

Parent/ carer	80
Member of staff or governor at a local school	2
Elected member	0
Local resident	11
Local business owner	0
Local authority employee	1
Other	1



2. Where do you live, approximately, in relation to the proposed site?

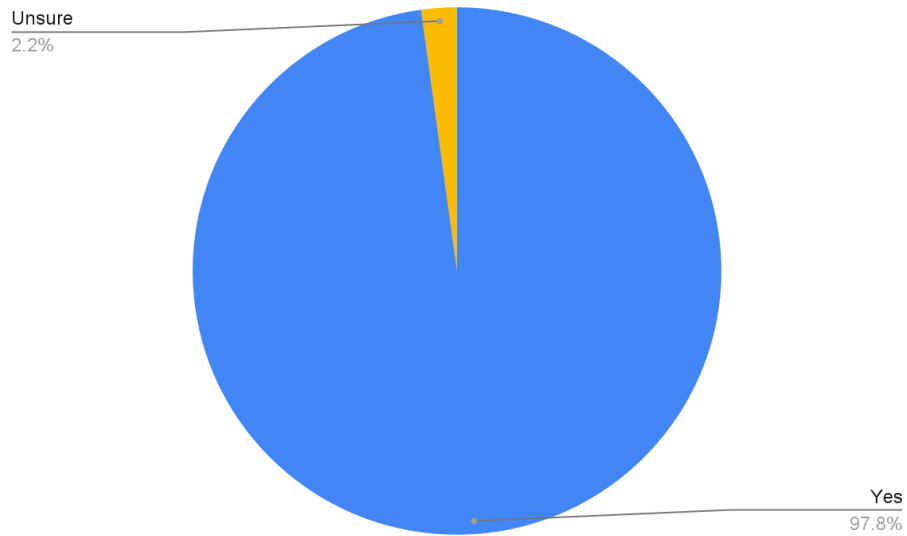
Within 1 mile	59
Within 3 miles	22
Withing 5 miles	5
Greater than 5 miles	7





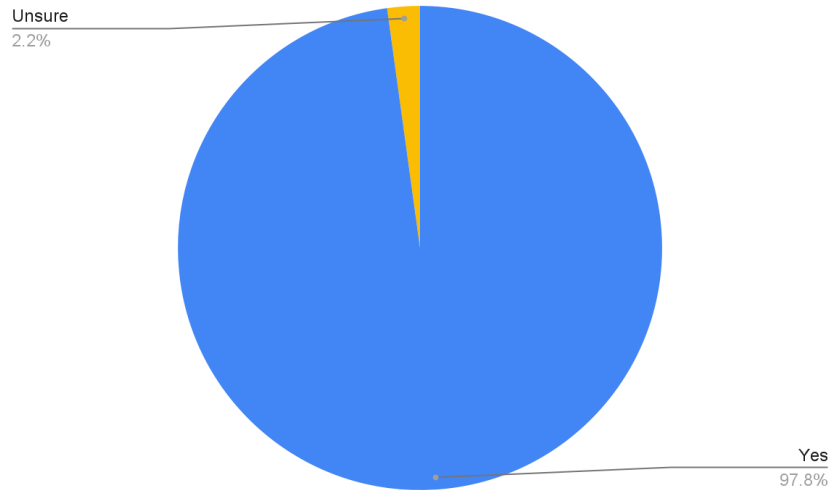
3. Do you agree that opening the proposed Windsor Olympus Academy will provide extra choice for parents and meet a need to provide additional school places in the area?

Yes	90
No	0
Unsure	2



4. Do you agree that the vision and values of Windsor Olympus Academy meet the needs of the community?

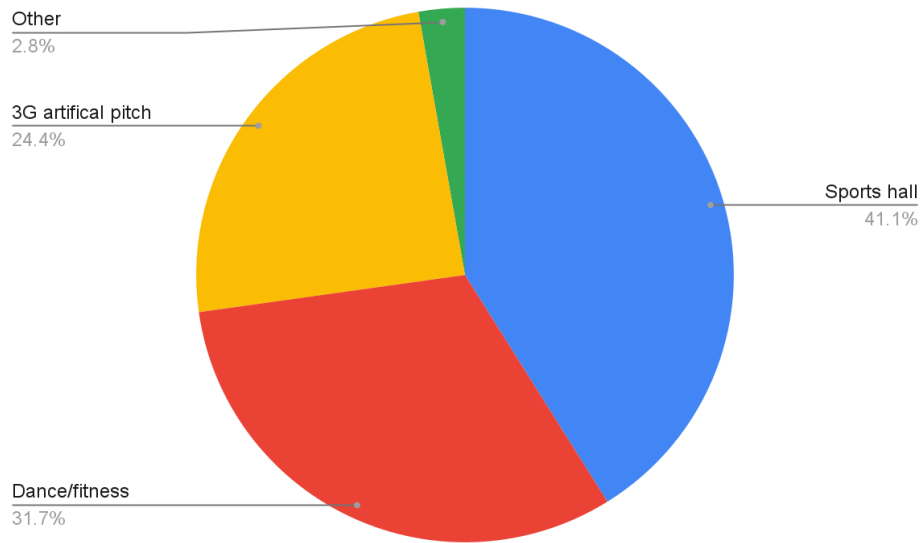
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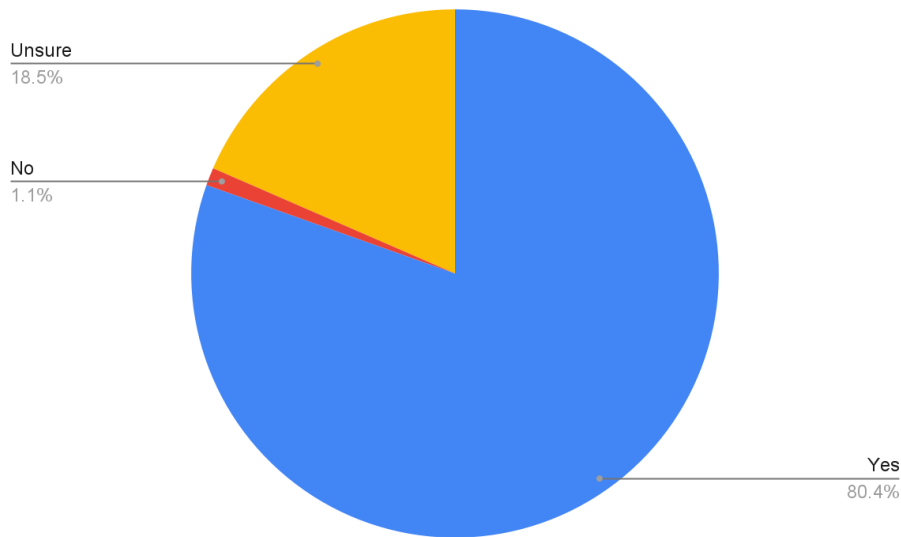
5. We want the school to be an important part of the local community. Are there any services you would like the school to offer the local community?

Use of sports hall	74
Use of dance/ fitness studio	57
Access to 3G artificial pitch	44
Other	5



6. Should Windsor Academy Trust enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for Education in order to open this school?

Yes	74
No	1
Unsure	17



7. Please let us know if there is anything else you would like to share relating to the opening of Windsor Olympus Academy.

There were 27 qualitative responses to this question (below) and responses to questions have been shared on the consultation message board on the website:

Response 1

“Looking forward to a brand new school and all the things to come.”

Response 2

“Looking forward to it, very excited to be a part of the journey.”

Response 3

“Workshops at school to help support learning at home. Free adult education courses. Any keep fit activities for parents.”

Response 4

“We wish you all the best and we are happy to have you around the area. My daughter is excited to be in the school with you.”

Response 5

“Looking forward to the opening of the school because this is going to change the future of our kids.”

Response 6

“I believe the opening of this school will add value to the local community. The meet and greet events were welcoming and residents are excited.”



Response 7

“Hope to see you soon.”

Response 8

“The school will provide my child with everything that he needs to succeed with brilliant facilities.”

Response 9

“It would be nice to have access to community activities to involve local residents more in the progress of the school.”

Response 10

“It would be nice if the school would put dramas on for the community to pay and watch.”

Response 11

“A good support for the community and community children. Adult learning opportunities. Jobs for the community, catering/cleaning.”

Response 12

“It is a great opportunity to offer jobs in the area for local people, facilities in the area for locals. Adult education classes, IT/metal work/wood work.”

Response 13

“Jobs for locals - catering.”

Response 14

“Adult classes for locals to attend.”

Response 15

“IT classes for adults locally to help us learn as adults. Social/parenting classes and mental well being activities or a centre. NHS facilities.”

Response 16

“Adult education classes - basic literacy and numeracy to teach us to write.”

Response 17

“I would like equal opportunities for everyone to work/volunteer with the school regardless of background.”

Response 18

“Can't wait for the school to open. The vision of the school and its place within the community is just what the area needs.”



Response 19

“My friends' children and my grandchildren who come from Winson Green will go there and good luck to all!”

Response 20

“It's great to see a new local school being built giving more choice to parents, with modern facilities, creating an environment that allows students to excel and thrive.”

Response 21

“It is important children have the correct discipline in and outside of the school.”

Response 22

“It would be nice if the teacher came in again so that we could get to know her and the teachers a bit better.”

Response 23

“It would be nice to attend a meeting so that parents and carers find out more about the school and the opportunities that are available and also to have the opportunity to ask questions.”

Response 24

“Great opportunity for children and inspire their future.”

Response 25

“It will be good for the local area.”

Response 26

“Looking forward to positive changes.”

Response 27

“Will there be ESOL and literacy workshops for parents to support learning at home? Will the school work with local groups to support adult learning in the community e.g. Saheli or Active Wellbeing Society?”

Message Board

A message board on the consultation website provided published responses to specific responses/questions as required. A snapshot is provided below:

We wish you all the best and we are happy to have you around the area. My daughter is excited to be in the school with you.

Thank you very much, we are extremely proud to be serving the community!



Looking forward to the opening of the school, because this is going to change the future of our children.

Thank you for your support. We completely agree, we are extremely passionate about unlocking academic and personal potential!

Will there be ESOL and literacy workshops for parents to support learning at home? Will the school work with local groups to support adult learning in the community e.g Saheli or Active Wellbeing Society?

Workshops at school to help support learning at home. Free adult education courses. Any keep fit activities for parents.

Windsor Olympus Academy will be at the heart of the local community and will endeavour to listen and support parents and local residents in as many ways as possible. We will work with local groups to ensure a variety of activities are offered. We will provide opportunities to support adult learning and enable parents/carers to support their children's learning at home. There will be a plethora of well being opportunities made available to enhance the activities and work of local groups already in the local area.

It would be nice if the school would put dramas on for the community to pay and watch.

We will have an active performing arts department with opportunities for the community to support

A good support for the community and community children. Adult learning opportunities. Jobs for the community.

There will be potential for job opportunities at Windsor Olympus, you can provide your details via the school website and we will keep you up to date with opportunities.

IT classes for adults locally to help us learn as adults. Social/parenting classes and mental well being activities or a centre. NHS facilities.

We understand the importance of Health and Wellbeing within the community and will be working closely with partners in the area to offer the best facilities and access to external agencies wherever possible.

It is important children have the correct discipline in and outside of the school.

We will create an environment where students will feel safe to learn and meet their academic and personal potential.

Conclusion and Next Steps

There has been extensive ongoing consultation with a wide range of stakeholders since the earliest stages of development of the proposal for this school. Feedback has been overwhelmingly supportive and positive.



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We are confident that Windsor Olympus Academy will provide much needed places for students in the community and this is fully supported by Sandwell Council and Birmingham City Council. The trust will now begin the process of agreeing a Funding Agreement for Windsor Olympus Academy with the Secretary of State for Education.

We would like to thank all stakeholders who have taken the time to read and hear about our exciting plans and provide feedback. We will, of course, continue to work with stakeholders throughout the building phases of the new school.