



28 April 2025

Dear Consultee,

Re: Significant Change Application – The Hub School

Following the Covid-19 pandemic, there is been a rise in the number of children and young people with social, emotional and mental health needs (SEMH) which has led to an unprecedented demand for school places.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council recognised the demand for school places and using the Free School Presumption process, were successful in their application to the Department for Education to open a 120 place SEMH Free School to be located in Welton. In early 2024, The Education Alliance (TEAL) were named as the successful sponsor for the school which will be known as “The North Star School”, the project is now in the feasibility stage with an anticipated opening date of September 2027 following completion of the new building.

Until The North Star School opens, there continues to be a sufficiency of places for children with SEMH needs and The Hub School, an alternative provision, also part of TEAL is currently offering places from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 4 in collaboration with the East Riding of Yorkshire Council at the Anlaby site. There is currently a shortfall in Key Stage 2 places and The Hub School is able to offer a further 12 primary places via a satellite provision which would be based on the site of Beverley Minster CE Primary School.

The site has been identified due to having a self-contained, four classroom block which will be no longer utilised by the school from 1 September 2025 alongside an outside area which could be utilised by The Hub School without any detriment to the current pupils of Beverley Minster. The provision would be run independently from Beverley Minster by staff from The Hub School who are currently operating across two sites in the East Riding and providing significant outreach support to other local schools due to the increasing demand for specialist support. Due to the rationalising of the published admission number at Beverley Minster, from September 2025, there will be 30 children less on roll than currently attend the school, therefore adding any additional children onto the school site will continue to have a net impact.

As the East Riding of Yorkshire Council are responsible for commissioning places and transporting any children with Educational Health Care Plans, it is anticipated that children may be allocated a place at the new provision who live anywhere across the East Riding of Yorkshire and will therefore arrive later and depart earlier than Beverley Minster pupils, which will mean there will be little to no impact on the current start and end of day arrangements for existing pupils and their families.

This proposal is intended to be a temporary arrangement until The North Star School opens in Welton in 2027 in order to support with place sufficiency for children with SEMH needs. As part of the significant change process, we are consulting on these plans and we would be grateful if you would take the time to answer the following questions:

<https://forms.office.com/e/ie4WiRZ4We>

The consultation will close at 9am on Monday 19 May 2025. Thank you in anticipation of your support

Yours faithfully

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