

## **Springfield Court (Day School), Marland Foundation Trust Community Special School, North Devon**

### **School and LA details**

Devon County Council, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, Devon, EX2 4QD

Springfield Court (Day School) is part of Marland Foundation Trust Community Special School.

Springfield Court (Day School), Brannam Crescent, Roundswell Business Park, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 3TD  
Marland School, Peters Marland (Residential School), Torrington, Devon, EX38 8QQ.

### **Description of alterations**

It is proposed to increase capacity at Springfield Court (day provision) from 25 to 36 places and a change in the age range from 10-16 to 8-16 with effect from April 2016.

### **Evidence of demand**

The Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties provision at Springfield Court, Barnstaple was established in 2012 as there was a significant need for day provision in North Devon. The school serves the whole of North Devon and we are seeing an increase in the number of students with identified behavioural, emotional and social difficulties in primary schools. Springfield Court provides a central location with ease of access to Marland School providing residential places. It also avoids the need for pupils to travel to independent school placements away from their local area. Springfield Court has easy access to commerce and industry hubs to facilitate work related learning and vocational learning opportunities.

We are consulting on this proposal for our special educational needs provision in order to ensure an improved level of accessibility and ensure that there is access to specialised services and provision for all children within their local communities and as near to home whenever this is possible.

These proposals are in line with Devon County Council's Local Offer, which can be viewed at: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/send/> Devon's Local Offer ensures that children and young people with special educational needs should have the expectation to be part of their local community.

### **Objectives:**

This provision would fill a gap in provision available as demand for places increases.

### **Education standards**

Marland Foundation Trust Community Special School was last inspected on 11 February 2014 and required improvement. A Section 8 monitoring visit by HMI took place in June 2014 and confirmed senior leaders and governors are taking effective action to tackle the areas requiring improvement and provided further advice to support the school's continued development.

### **The effect on other Schools, Academies and educational institutions in the area:**

This proposal would not have a negative impact on any local schools and would in fact support them by providing specialist provision for children who are not coping/progressing in a mainstream setting.

## **Project Costs**

The proposals for Springfield Court will require no capital funding as the day provision has space for these additional changes.

## **Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation:**

It is proposed these changes will take place with effect from April 2016.

## **Effect on existing pupils**

In planning and commissioning SEN provision the proposals are in line with Devon's Local Offer to ensure that children and young people with SEND should have the expectation to be part of their local community. Our multi-agency approach has a strong focus on improving outcomes for children and young people with SEND as well as involving them and their families in developing provision. The provision takes into account the demand for places at this setting and will provide access to specialist support for more pupils in this area. No pupils currently on roll will be displaced as a result of the proposals.

## **Consultation**

The consultation period was from 8 September to the 20 October 2015. Three responses have been received in support of the proposal, including a letter of support from the Parish Council.

## **Response to Brief Notice**

You can object to or comment on the proposals by:

On line survey via: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/>

Email: [schoolconsultations@devon.gov.uk](mailto:schoolconsultations@devon.gov.uk)

Writing to: Strategic Planning Children's Services, Room AB2, Devon County Council, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, EX2 4QD.

by the closing date of 5pm on Thursday 3 December 2015