

25th January 2024

Section 10 Consultation for Bowman Academy

CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

The consultation window opened on Thursday 14th December 2023 and closed on Thursday 25th January 2024

The Feedback

In total, CIT received 18 responses. 7 people requested to be kept up to date with further news from the school. Please see further detail below.

1. Should CIT enter into a funding agreement to run the new free school?

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2. Any other comments about Bowman Academy?

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Responses

Latest Responses

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4 respondents (57%) answered **needs** for this question.



1	anonymous	CIT have a great reputation in Leicestershire and already run a very good school in Blaby for similar needs. Bowman will provide much needed extra places for youngsters with SEMH.
2	anonymous	It is important for the children in this area of Leicestershire as there is a desperate need for places. I would welcome working with the school.
3	anonymous	Not required
4	anonymous	Keep up the great work
5	anonymous	Specialist provision for children with SEMH need is desperately needed. I am hoping that places will be available for primary aged children within the Leicestershire catchment?
6	anonymous	There is a huge increase of students with SEMH and this school will provide additional places.
7	anonymous	This will provide a much-needed facility within the local and wider community for children with additional needs

Q&A from the face-to-face event

Q. We have a hidden driveway on Butthole Lane and are concerned about safety with a lot of buses coming down the lane when the school opens.

A. There will be no parents parking up on Butthole Lane. Most pupils will be bused or taxied in. School will open at 8.50am so drop off will be from 8.30 until 8.50am. School will close at 3.10pm so pick up will be from 3pm and 3.20pm. Traffic will be on a one-way system in via Butthole Lane and out via Forest Street.

Q. We are concerned about the upstairs of the school looking into our houses and gardens. The builders have installed a wooden fence, will that be staying? Will there be any extra screening?

A. CIT advised that on a previous visit to site, Bowmer & Kirkland were discussing the screening. CIT ensured they will follow this up with B&K to gain a solution.

Q. The lights are on all night, flooding into our houses resulting in disrupted sleep.

A. CIT talked about how they work closely with their school's communities and intend to do just the same at Bowman Academy. We will work with our residents near to the school. Once CIT move into the building, we have no intention of leaving any lights on (as part of our commitment to NetZero2050).

Q. When are you opening?

A. Staff will be in from 21st August. Pupils are likely to in from 27th August. We are only expecting 25 to 30 children in the first academic year of opening (11 years old and younger, initially). Second year, around 50, 3rd year 64 (PAN).

Q. Will there be sporting activities outside of school hours?

A. No. The school playground is just for the use of the school during school time only.

Q. Will there be any other transport coming and going?

A. Food deliveries will be once a week. Other deliveries will be sporadic. Parents will visit for review meetings every so often.

Q. We are concerned about the Iveshead expansion too?

A. CIT is not a part of Iveshead but we will work with them to ensure any issues related to the site will be mitigated where possible.

Q. What alarm system will the school have? Because there is one there at the moment that is so loud.

A. That is likely to be B&K's own security system which is only in place while they are responsible for the site. We will have our own security system that will only trigger if there is an attempted break in.

Q. What is the curriculum going to be?

A. Bowman Academy will use the national curriculum subjects plus extensive outdoor education. Our ethos will be to prepare our pupils for adulthood, so we take them out into the community a lot.

Q. Why have they put the school in such an enclosed space?

A. Bowman Academy is also a part of the reorganisation of St Boltoph's moving site. If the LA had a larger area of land outside of town, we are sure they would have used that.

Q. What will happen to the original old stone wall? The builders have put up a wooden fence. We would like that to stay. There are major issues with aesthetics and screening.

A. Screening is being looked at by B&K currently, between the wall and soft planting. CIT will liaise with our neighbours to get this right and, after taking the building on, consider

planting options to improve screening. We will work with our community. We want any impact on you to be as little as possible.

Q. What entrance planting will there be at the entrance to the school?

A. We will liaise with the LA and Highways about safety signage and planting.

Q. Concerned about security of the special needs children. What are their needs?

A. SEMH (social, emotional, and mental health needs), those who struggled in mainstream, this school has been designed to support them (much smaller classrooms, 8 per class). Security wise, there is a secure fenced perimeter inside the main external fencing. The site will be fully secure.

Q. What will the front gate security be?

A. All visitors will need to press a button and speak to reception in order to gain access through the gate.

Q. There seem to be a one-way system through Butthole Lane, where is the exit? How will children come to school?

A. That's correct. Forest Street is the exit. Pupils will arrive mostly by taxi's (3/4 children in each one). There will be no parents parking up on Butthole Lane. We will encourage our parents to come into the school car park, drop off/collect their child and carry on through, out the exit on Forest Street.

School will open at 8.50am so drop off will be from 8.30 until 8.50am. School will close at 3.10pm so pick up will be from 3pm and 3.20pm.

Q. Our biggest concern is for the general public. Butthole Lane has always been a thorough fair out of Haven Way, it is a public pathway. All pedestrians currently walk in the middle of the road. There is only one pavement, not two.

A. CIT will work with Highways around safety signage for this. We will have more control over transport because it will be LA run. We can give timings for taxi drivers to stick to.

Q. We would like you to put pressure on the LA to make it very clear to pedestrians that Butthole Lane is becoming a daily used road again. Iveshead pupils leave their campus via Butthole Lane. ALL walk in the road because for years the road has been a quiet one for traffic. This has been a problem for years but now with Bowman opening there will be daily traffic on the road.

A. We will work with the LA to support this to happen.

Q. We hear there will be a MUGA?

A. No, just a playground for the pupils of Bowman Academy.

Q. Will the school be open to the public on weekends?

A. It is not our intention to do this, as the outdoor area isn't very large.

Q. The communication from the council has been terrible and we wish for our concerns to be listened to.

A. CIT works with all its communities closely. We intend to invite all our local neighbours for a tour of the school once we are open.

