

The consultation into the provision of primary school places in Shevington has now closed.

The area of Shevington has a continuing surplus of primary school places and Wigan Council launched a consultation to seek people's views on how to manage this position in order to maintain the high educational standards pupils enjoy not only now but in the future.

This saw a number of engagement events in Shevington for people to find out more and also respond to the initial options through the consultation.

In total almost 645 people responded to the questionnaire, with a number of local community groups and organisations also submitting letters to add further detail to the consultation.

Alan Lindsay, assistant director for education at Wigan Council, said: "We would like to thank everyone who took part in this consultation and shared their views on the future provision of school places in Shevington. We have been clear throughout this process that our priority is to secure the highest standards of education for the children of Shevington.

"The helpful engagement of individuals and groups from the schools involved and across their communities during this consultation is now being evaluated. Due to the range of information submitted and our desire to ensure all views are thoroughly considered, we have decided to postpone the decision making process, originally planned for August."

Therefore a report into the consultation outcomes and any proposals will now go to Cabinet in October.

Please find below details of the revised timetable. It gives details of periods of consultation and when decisions are expected to be made. We will continue to keep you informed of any changes.

Event	Dates
Consultation – during this time you can make your views known by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attending the open consultation sessions (notes will be taken); • writing to or emailing the council; or • completing the response form at the end of this booklet 	13 June to 24 July 2016
Results of the consultation will go to the Cabinet of the council. Cabinet will decide whether it wishes to move on to the next stage of consultation	20 th October 2016
Representation period – Statutory notices are published. These are public notices that appear in the local newspaper, at the entrances to the school and in another public place in the area, such as a community centre or library. You can make your views known at this stage by writing to or emailing the council at: School Organisation Team, People Directorate, Wigan Council, PO Box 100, WN1 3DS – wsf@wigan.gov.uk The address and date by which you must send written comments will also be given on the public notice.	3 November 2016 to 1 December 2016
The council makes the final decision on the proposal	26 January 2017
Proposal to be implemented by	1 September 2017