

## Consultation on a proposed expansion to Consilium Evolve

Consilium Academies is undertaking a consultation regarding a proposal to expand its 'Consilium Evolve' alternative provision by incorporating additional satellite sites to educate more children and young people with additional barriers to regularly accessing mainstream educational settings. This proposal aligns with our commitment to providing high-quality education to a greater number of students in response to the needs of our communities.

### **The Proposal**

The proposal is to expand Consilium Evolve over the next two academic years onto two additional satellite sites. This does not affect the intake, size or structure of the current Evolve provision. This will provide an extra 64 places above the school's current 48 places, bringing the total school capacity to 112 places from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025. It is anticipated that the first additional provision of 32 will be in operation from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025, and the remaining 32 places in operation before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026.

The proposal also includes expanding the age range of students to include Key Stage 1 and 2 (this is for 2026 opening) as well as the current provision of Key Stage 3 & 4 curriculum (extended site 2025).

As Consilium Evolve is an academy, the expansion proposal would need approval by the Department for Education (DfE). We are therefore seeking the views of stakeholders through this consultation to inform the DfE's decision making process on the following:

- The proposed satellite sites to be included as a Consilium Evolve provision to meet the needs of up to 64 additional children and young people, taking the total Published Admission Number to 112.
- The expansion of provision to span additional sites
- The expansion of provision to span Key Stages 1,2,3 and 4

### **The Consultation Process**

The consultation period on this proposal is from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024 to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and we invite you to take part in the following ways:

**Comments on the proposal** can be submitted in one of the following ways:

- By paper: please click on this link, or use the consultation response form annex, complete the form and hand it into the school office or by post to Consultation, Consilium Evolve, Thornholme Road, Sunderland, SR2 7NA



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- By email to: [consultation.evolve@consilium-at.com](mailto:consultation.evolve@consilium-at.com)

### **Next steps**

Following the consultation period, a report summarising the feedback will be reviewed by Consilium Academies Trustees, which will decide on proceeding with the expansion. Subsequently, applications for the necessary changes with the DfE will be made and the outcomes will be shared with stakeholders as appropriate.

### **Consilium Academies**

#### **1 City Approach**

#### **Albert St Eccles**

#### **M30 OBG**