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From: Dr. Fay Davies
Sent: 24 October 2025 15:35
To: Nick Brookman
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Subject: RE: Consultation Letter for Planning Application Ref: 25/01014/FUL:Please see attached letter

Dear Sir/Madam,

This planning application 25/01014/FUL for a Single storey extension to school to provide integrated SEND facility including formation of additional car park and new boundary fencing at Edgar Wood Academy off Heywood Old Road has the full support of Rochdale's Children's Services.

Funding for the extension is being provided by the council, and the project was within the scheme of capital works approved by Cabinet in August 2023. The additional SEND places being created by the extension are a significant element of the expansion of SEND places within the Rochdale Borough. Rochdale along with many councils nationally has a large and growing High Needs financial deficit position being driven by increasing numbers of children with SEND requiring specialist places. The rise in children with SEND has meant that the council is increasingly reliant on school places in independent special schools which are extremely expensive. The increasing deficit position of the council is directly due to needing to pay independent special school costs.

This provision, once it is open, will allow more children to be provided specialist education within the borough and within our maintained sector and thus directly influence the current financial deficit recovery programme.

Dr. Fay Davies

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