

## **Reasons for the increase in pupil numbers of Barndale House Special School through the creation of a satellite site in Amble**

Having considered all of the responses to the statutory consultation, the proposal to increase the number of pupil numbers of Barndale House Special School from 60 to 110 through the creation of a 50-place satellite site in Amble is approved for the following reasons:

- 1) There is currently no specialist provision within the Coquet Partnership, therefore the educational rationale to create provision for children and young people with SEMH, ASD, MLD and SLCN needs in this area of the county to meet the demonstrated growing need is sound.
- 2) Furthermore, the creation of specialist provision within the Coquet Partnership will enable this vulnerable group of young people to be educated within, or as close, to their home communities as possible, reducing the need for long journeys to school and supporting their ability to make local friendships.
- 3) The Governing Body of Barndale House Special School is fully supportive of the rationale and the proposal.
- 4) The funding of £5.6m for the necessary works to the proposed building at the current JCSC South Avenue site is in place.
- 5) This consultation has been extensive, reasonable and robust.