

APPENDIX 2 – Primary Consultation Feedback

Question	Response
I support the proposal to provide extra reception class places in Heywood Township	Not Applicable
I support the proposal to provide extra reception class places in Middleton Township	Not Applicable
I support the proposal to provide extra reception class places in Pennines Township	Not Applicable
I support the proposal to provide extra reception class places in Rochdale Township	Yes
Any further details - please comment	I would like to see additional provision for SEND children from this age group .
Date:	2017-10-11 08:42:27

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I support the proposal to provide extra reception class places in Heywood Township	Yes
I support the proposal to provide extra reception class places in Middleton Township	Yes
I support the proposal to provide extra reception class places in Pennines Township	Yes
I support the proposal to provide extra reception class places in Rochdale Township	Yes
Any further details - please comment	
Date:	2017-10-11 10:55:04

Question	Response
I support the proposal to provide extra reception class places in Heywood Township	No
I support the proposal to provide extra reception class places in Middleton Township	Not Applicable
I support the proposal to provide extra reception class places in Pennines Township	Not Applicable
I support the proposal to provide extra reception class places in Rochdale Township	Not Applicable
Any further details - please comment	As the Headteacher of Harwood Park Primary school

	<p>over the last three years there has been significant disruption across the school as the PAN number was increased from 45 to 60 in 2013. I am currently in my fourth year of headship at Harwood Park and the 60 places have never been filled due to the local authority making the decision to increase St Luke's reception places to 60 in 2015 and 2016 even though there were surplus places at Harwood Park. In affect what has been created is a school that has become a sink school for those children throughout the year who have not received a school place. During the last academic year 2016-17 the school placed 80 in-year transfers across the school with 18 of these being in Reception. This causes significant pressure across the school due to the needs of the in year transfers. How can you ensure that the increase in Heywood Reception places does not have a detrimental impact on the other schools in the area particularly Harwood Park.</p>
Date:	2017-10-17 15:58:53

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I support the proposal to provide extra reception class places in Heywood Township	Yes
I support the proposal to provide extra reception class places in Middleton Township	Not Applicable
I support the proposal to provide extra reception class places in Pennines Township	Not Applicable
I support the proposal to provide extra reception class places in Rochdale Township	Not Applicable
Any further details - please comment	<p>From the forecasts it would appear that additional reception places are required in Heywood. However, I am wondering how we can ensure that all schools are full before these additional places are offered. If that would be a parental decision, rather than a Rochdale Authority decision, then I would prefer it if Harwood Park's reception intake was also increased as I believe it's location serves a more central catchment area and the school offers a high quality education.</p>
Date:	2017-10-23 12:23:58

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I support the proposal to provide extra reception class places in Heywood Township	Yes
I support the proposal to provide extra	Not Applicable

reception class places in Middleton Township	
I support the proposal to provide extra reception class places in Pennines Township	Not Applicable
I support the proposal to provide extra reception class places in Rochdale Township	Not Applicable
Any further details - please comment	<p>St. Luke's CE Primary supports the expansion of becoming a two form entry school. We are a very popular and oversubscribed school. Currently our Reception and Key Stage 1 classes have a cohort of 60 and we have successfully accommodated the increase from 210 to 300.</p> <p>We do however feel if we are to expand further we would need to address extra hall space, playgrounds, corridors, entrances and exits, the staff room, car park and the library. Space is very limited and this does impact behaviour.</p> <p>Additionally we would like to be considered for a nursery to be built. We currently take from approximately 16 different nurseries and many of our children start school well below age related expectations. We feel we could raise standards further by having a nursery and preparing the children to be school ready.</p> <p>We would prefer to continue to expand in the academic year 2018/2019 as we have established and set up two Reception Classes and KS1 classes. Legally this will cause difficulties with staffing and consistency in school by having to have one cohort of 30 and the rest 60 if we expand in 2020/2021. We would be prepared to have a temporary classroom if the building couldn't be completed in time for 2018/2019.</p> <p>If you require any further information please don't hesitate to get in touch.</p>
Date:	2017-10-30 14:24:50

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I support the proposal to provide extra reception class places in Heywood Township	Not Applicable
I support the proposal to provide extra reception class places in Middleton Township	Yes
I support the proposal to provide extra reception class places in Pennines Township	Not Applicable
I support the proposal to provide extra reception class places in Rochdale	Yes

Township	
Any further details - please comment	Extra school places should be provided by schools that are large enough to accommodate the extra burden on the school resources, funding, space. etc
Date	2017-11-08 07:54:41

Dear Sandra Bowness

I am writing this letter to you on behalf of the Governing body of Harwood Park.

It is of concern to us that there is a decision being made regarding increasing primary school places. As a school we have had and do have reception places which are not taken up. Harwood Park has twenty places for new starters which are not being used so how can increasing places across the town make sense.

We ask that you look again carefully at the increase in provision being proposed.

Harwood Park has historically been asked to take a large share of children needing a school place throughout the school year which can cause huge disruption.

We are a school being asked to take hard to place children and children with complex needs. This is something we have always tried to accommodate, we also understand there will always be mobile children.

However we are concerned about the negative impact this proposed increase could have on our school. There is the potential for parents to use the new provision rather than our school meaning Harwood Park could become a sink school.

This has the potential to cause problems for Harwood Park, which is now a school Ofsted has judged Good, only because of a dedicated and determined teaching ethos.

We as a governing body object to the perceived need to increase primary reception places when we have 20 unused places. We would prefer that you make sure these places are taken up at our school.

Kind regards

Ellen Yates

Chair Harwood Park

Tuesday 31st October 2017

Below is the response from the Governing Board of Hollin Primary School to the proposal of the need for extra Reception places from September 2018 – September 2020.

The Governing Board of Hollin Primary School wish to propose the following solution:

In September 2018, for one year only, offer 60 Reception places at Hollin Primary School.

This is based on the following rationale:

Local Need and Pupil Numbers

The Governing Board of Hollin Primary School believes that there is need locally. Hollin Primary School Nursery currently has 26 children on roll and, as they live locally or have siblings in school, a large number of these children would be eligible for places in our Reception class. Therefore only a small number of places would be offered to other families.

Due to a good reputation locally, the demand for places at Hollin Primary School is high and the number on roll has increased over recent years to its current high of 338 (November 2017). The Governing Board therefore feels that the additional Reception places in September 2018 would meet local need.

Existing Accommodation and Costs

Hollin Primary School has been recently extended to accommodate the increase in pupil numbers locally. The school benefits from modern and up-to-date accommodation, including outdoor facilities and play equipment, the extended classrooms are a little over two years old.

The Governing Board of Hollin Primary School therefore feels that the proposed solution is cost effective, as it would involve no additional capital costs or changes to the fabric or structure of the building. No demountable classrooms would be required or extensions to current buildings.

Staffing

Hollin Primary School can offer a team of dedicated, highly qualified and highly trained staff. We have a devoted and enthusiastic Early Years leader and other staff, who are already in place, so there would be no need to appoint additional teachers or teaching assistants.

Hollin Primary School has offered two Reception classes in September 2014, September 2015 and September 2016, therefore the Governing Board of Hollin Primary School feels well placed and experienced to admit up to 60 Reception children in September 2018.

Local Housing

New families are going to be attracted to the local area in the next few months as local housing developments are set to be completed.

Seddon Homes are building 33 new homes on Sherbourne Road, only a four minute walk from school.

Countryside Properties are building approximately 75 homes on Tintern Road, only a four minute walk from school.

The Governing Board believes that there needs to be places at local schools to meet this increased demand.

Minuted Governing Board Agreement

On Monday 30th November 2017, the Governing Board met for a termly meeting where the Middleton proposal for the need for extra Reception places from September 2018 – September 2020 was discussed.

The Governing Board of Hollin Primary School have a minuted note that they are in support of offering 60 Reception places, for one year only, in September 2018.

On behalf of the Governing Board of Hollin Primary School.

Sa ib Connor
Chair of Governors

9th October 2017

Dear Dr Davies

Re: Future Primary School Places in Middleton

I am writing as Chair of Governors at St Gabriel's CE Primary School, Middleton.

Previously, when I Chaired the Primary Places Working Party, it was decided that the future need was towards the west of Middleton. Although we offered to accommodate more children, it was not felt necessary to extend our school then. The situation has now changed and we would very much like to offer, again, to make our school into a 1 and 1/2 or 2 cohort admission.

There is now some substantial house building taking place on land to the east of Baytree Lane which has previously been industrial land. On the Middleton site, we are told that there will be 120 dwellings in total, of which 82 will be 3 bedroom and 20 will be 4 bedroom homes, on the Middleton side of the railway. There is also house building on the Oldham side of the railway but we do not know the extent, although it is likely not to be greater. Although the second site is in Oldham, the Borough boundary is the middle of Baytree Lane at this point. We are the closest school to both these sites. The closest Oldham primary school is Mills Hill Primary, which is some distance away.

We believe that this is a game changer, and will make a substantial difference to the number of children requiring local places. Added to that, this year we had 9 more first choice applications than we could provide places for. These were children who had attended our Nursery and whose parents wanted, very much, for them to continue their education with us. We, therefore, believe that there is a need for such places.

We consider ourselves to be a good school, and we have been rated as "Good" by Ofsted and "Outstanding" by the Church of England Diocese. We also recently received an award from the Department of Education for being one of the most improved schools in the country. We would very much like to extend our expertise to other children who wish to come to us. Present and past Governments have made much of the concept of Parental Choice, but we feel that, at present such choice can be limited by the lack of local places.

We are a school that is at the heart of our Community and we have some families who have been pupils here for a number of generations. St Gabriel's Church, which was our Founder, is over 125 years old, and has been educating children for most of that time. We are a Voluntary Controlled School, so we subscribe to the Admissions Procedure of the Local Authority. Children are not accepted here on the basis of parental attendance at Church. The Diocese allows us latitude in decision making and would support us should we be allowed to expand. We are concerned that, if we are not allowed to expand, that the extra number of places required by families in the newly built estates could mean that, in future, families who have supported us over the years would be excluded and their children would have to attend elsewhere. We do not want that to happen

At St Gabriel's, we have the space to extend without detracting from the facilities we already have. We would be happy to have permanent work done, or accommodate demountable classrooms. We have some money to be able to put towards this, More than anything, we have the will to expand, and the enthusiasm and drive to go forward. We would like to offer our school to more children.

I hope this explains our position

Yours sincerely

Janet Bailey

Chair of Governors

11th October 2017

To whom it may concern,

When are you going to realise that parents do not want their children in a huge primary school. Bowlee is big as it is and I have had parents that have been turned down for a place here and allocated Bowlee in my office in tears. Parents want their little ones in a friendly caring environment and they clearly feel that Bowlee is not the place for this. They also want a school where their children are with friends. Allocating a distance away from their home often means that children have 2 distinct groups of friends and can cause out of school socialisation issues.

Are you aware they are building 100+ houses within quarter of a mile of St. Gabriel's? So much of the increase in demand is going to be right on my doorstep and not just for reception but across the school age. We are ready and willing to expand yet haven't even been consulted.

Yours, Karen Race – Headteacher

St Mary's CE Primary would like to be considered for some additional funding to support the building of a KS1 unit on the land opposite to the school. At present the land is only useable for 3 months of the year by the school and we have a MUGGA pitch attached to accommodate sports activities.

Due to the fact that the main school is grade 2 listed we are unable to alter the outside of the school to support a fit for purpose outdoor provision. The building of a fit for purpose early years provision and Key stage 1 provision would ensure children would be able to access the external provision more successfully.

Mr Burgess has approximated the cost for the units at £250,000. This would enable the school to become a one and a half form intake school as demand for places at our school are high and with the new proposed building of houses around us, the potential to support families moving in would increase significantly.

Many thanks
Kay

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