SCHOOL ORGANISATION ADVISORY BOARD

3RD SEPTEMBER 2014

RESPONSES GUISELEY INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

From: [redacted].
To: EDUC School Organisation
Subject: Guiseley Infant & Nursery School
Date: 26 June 2014 20:57:48

Dear Mr. Turner

I am writing to object to the proposal to change the age range and capacity of Guiseley Infant and Nursery School.

My primary objection is that I do not believe the site is able to cope with an increase in numbers of more than 50%. The pupils currently have one-to-one reading in cramped corridors filled with storage for books, packed lunches, teaching aids etc. Also, the school needs to introduce two lunch sittings from September this year to cope with the increase in numbers having a free school meal. Unless the floor space of the school is going to increase proportionally with the increase in pupils, these problems can only get worse - more things to store in the cramped corridors, more pupils crammed into the dining hall during more sittings. I do not want my child educated like a battery chicken. As a five year old moving through those corridors with boisterous 11 year olds I would be intimidated.

If play is staggered to separate older and younger children I do not believe that concentration levels of the pupils inside would not be affected by the noise of the playing children outside. I am also sceptical of the kind of team sports - football, rugby, athletics that can be offered to older children on such a small patch of grass as currently exists at the front of the school. Do we aspire for our children to make do? Because it happens elsewhere should we accept that it's ok?

I am also concerned about the impact on the local community of this expansion. I genuinely hope I am wrong but it seems to me that given the choice between 3 primary schools - Tranmere Park Primary, St Oswald's and GINS, the parents who are actively involved in their children's education would place the crowded school with little outdoor space at the bottom of their list. This can only result in fewer pupils from supportive families attending GINS and an inevitable drop-off in attainment. I would hate for this to be true, but in the situation that will be created with 3 competing primary schools in such close proximity it must be recognised as a possibility.

While I accept that no objections from parents are likely to make the slightest difference, I am compelled to make my position known anyway.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

From: [redacted].
To: EDUC School Organisation
Subject: Guiseley Infant and Nnursery School
Date: 26 June 2014 11:37:54

I am writing with regards to the proposal to expand Guiseley Infant and Nursery School.

I am really disappointed that the Governors of the school did not ask the Council to revisit the plans for a new junior school in the grounds of the High School, with a view to it becoming a through primary school. I understand there was a lot of local objection to building a new school, but there was equally a lot of objection to increasing capacity at GINS during the two consultations, and I image there will also be objection from residents local to GINS to the additional traffic and building works on the site?

I am deeply concerned about the effect of shoehorning an extra 160 pupils into a school that was designed as an infant school. The will be very limited space for much larger children to participate in proper sports activities, to play out, and will they have a library, a computer suite, a chance to sit together as a whole school - all the things that pupils in other local primary school have the luxury of?

I am also very sad that hundreds of children will be split up from their friends at a crucial stage in their education, and about the effect of being the oldest child in the school at age 7 will have on them.

What plans are in place to ensure those children that enter year 3 in 2015 have the opportunity to learn how to mix with older children before they reach high school?

We all want the very best for our children, and we all want them to attend schools with fit for purpose facilities. To me, this decision is very misguided, and will create a real split in the community in terms the facilities that primary school children have access to, depending n which school they attend.

Leeds City Council prides itself on being a child friendly city - please reconsider this decision to squeeze hundreds of children into a facility intended for a maximum of 250, and ensure all children in Guiseley and the local areas have access to proper facilities, for their good of their education, their health and their social development.

Regards,
[redacted]

Sent from Windows Mail

From: [redacted]
To: EDUC School Organisation
Subject: FAO Richard Turner and Roy Stevenson re. Guiseley School Expansion
Date: 08 July 2014 20:27:59

Please could you forward the following response to Richard Turner and Roy Stevenson Thank you.

Dear Mr Turner and Mr Stevenson,

I have copied my response to the initial consultation when this change was first proposed as there do not appear to me to have been any substantive changes made since then.

As you are no doubt aware I am not in favour of this proposal, for a number of reasons which are laid out below. To those specific comments I would also like to point out that the manner in which this and other recent consultations have been managed by both the Council and the Schools (Guiseley Infants School in particular) has greatly added to the frustration felt by myself and many others. A complete lack of transparency or clear, open communication from both the school and the Council have dogged this process from the start, and it appears that true motivations and strategies have been deliberately concealed. This does not help to create trust or to foster good community relations between parents and the school.

In addition to those comments below I would like to register my extreme disappointment that despite the overwhelming opposition to these plans by the majority of parents the schools are still pushing ahead. My view is that while these plans may be best for the interests of the schools, they are not the best solution for families in Guiseley or the community as a whole. I also do not think it is the best solution for children, who could have benefitted from the same excellent Infants & Juniors system Guiseley is fortunate enough to have, plus the provision of a modern custom built Primary school on the site of the high school to provide additional capacity. Given the fight and effort that parents went to in order to allow that option to be considered by the Council I think it appalling that the schools have pushed it to one side to follow their own agenda, without taking into account the needs of the wider community.

One final point is that since the original proposal more detail has emerged concerning the anticipated numbers of pupils. I have gathered all available data and analysed it in detail. Given that such data analysis is also my day job you can be confident that I know what I'm talking about in this respect. Although there is inevitably no certainty, from these figures available it seems most likely that in the long term more than 30 places per year will be required in the mid to long term. I am more than happy to talk through

these figures in detail should you wish to be made aware of them. I have already discussed them with the relevant Council representative who described them as a perfectly reasonable analysis. It seems to me that to fail to plan for this future need now is the most irresponsible negligence.

Yours Sincerely,

[redacted]

Inherent inequality between the two schools under the proposal

1. The proposal will result in two primaries, with equal numbers of pupils. However, the two schools have widely differing facilities: St Oswald's has a larger hall, more space indoors, a dedicated IT suite, and significantly more outdoor space.
2. The difference between facilities will be further exacerbated by the variance in proposed expansion. While Guiseley Infants would be expanding by 56%, St Oswalds would only expand by 17%. The burden of expansion falls heavily upon the Infants school, which is smaller to start with, and has already expanded to stretching point over the last 3 years. This is not fair or equitable.
3. As a faith school St Oswalds has the capacity to set their own admissions criteria. This is not just a potential problem in the short term, but also in the long term. Any change in the board of governors in the future could trigger a change in approach and policy. If, at any point, St Oswalds wished to they could adopt a policy which effectively selects a higher proportion of 'good' students.

These factors in combination leave me extremely concerned that in the long term the proposed changes will lead to a 'two-tier' school system in Guiseley. Especially given the close proximity of the two schools, and the inevitable competition that would arise. I cannot stress enough the devastating consequences this would have for the cohesion of the community and the quality of life in the town.

Benefits of primaries versus infants/juniors

1. I believe there are many advantages to an Infants/Juniors system. As any one who has any experience of children will tell you the needs of children in the 4-7 age group are radically different to those of the 7-11 age. The Infants/Juniors system allows each school to focus on the needs of their specific age group, and develop specialisms in teaching those children. I strongly believe that the existing strength of the two schools stems, at least in part, from this cause. Another aspect of school life at Guiseley Infants that I think is good for the children is the close relationship across the year groups. This is possible because all the year groups are close in age but would be lost in a through primary. The year 2s

would also lose out: presently they are the oldest year and are given lots of responsibilities such as being on the school council, helping younger children etc. In a through primary they would still be a 'young' year, and would not have the same development opportunities. Although these factors are not academic, they strongly contribute to the education of well-rounded, considerate individuals.

2. The consultation document put forward a very one sided view about the benefits of primaries over infants & juniors. This largely focussed on the lack of a transition between the two schools. In actual fact the transition process between the schools in Guiseley is well managed and can have several benefits including: preparing the children for the much more significant transition to high school, providing a 'rite of passage' for the Y2/3 children, enabling a clear line to be drawn in terms of teaching approach (ie. provision is much more focused and less play based at St Oswalds).

3. Whatever my personal experience of the benefits of an Infants/Juniors system I think it unacceptable that the Council put forward a one-sided view unsupported by any empirical evidence.

4. To change from an Infants/Juniors system to a through primary system will create significantly increased disruption for staff and children compared to an expansion which maintains the current system. I would have expected that his additional burden would only be placed on staff & children for good and concrete reasons, however these reasons have not been made clear.

Location of proposed expansion

1. The area of Guiseley local to both schools is beset by existing traffic problems. Both Oxford Road and the A65 are gridlocked during rush hour already, and there is no availability of parking at either school site. To consider increasing the traffic problems in this location is ludicrous.

2. The traffic problems will be exacerbated by the fact that the proposed expansion of school places is not near the location of much of the new housing. This means that all the additional places will be taken by children who will be driven to school. A newly constructed school could provide places closer to the additional demand.

Long term / wider view

Local residents, myself included, have long been complaining that seemingly unlimited planning permission has been granted for new housing developments without any corresponding investment in infrastructure. Although I appreciate that these plans will have been under discussion for some time there is nevertheless a distinct 'last minute' feel to them. This problem has been looming for the last 5 to 10 years: caused directly by the actions of the Council in granting an unsustainable level of development. Even now only school places are being considered as these are approaching crisis point, there is still no talk of much needed investment in roads, public transport, health care provision etc. Under the current government policies this expansion is only increasing,

with several recent policies aimed at promoting new house building. Guiseley is a prime target for such housing, primarily due to the train station and (ironically) the schools.

In particular I would like to know what consideration has been given to the following issues:

1. St Oswald's, as a faith school, can set their own admissions. There is no guarantee that the extra places will actually go to Guiseley children.
2. What happens at secondary level? Guiseley High is already, I understand, full to capacity. I would welcome reassurance that plans are in place to deal with the inevitable knock on admissions problems there.
3. Is the proposal sufficient for the long term? A large number of additional houses are still to be built, and if a significant proportion of those sold in the last 5 years were sold to young couples then we will not yet have seen the full impact of the increased birth rate from the existing developments. The proposal only seems to create an additional 30 places per year, which I cannot imagine will be enough for the long term. Although I am not privy to the admissions figures for this year I would guess that those 30 places could probably be filled by existing demand. If a new school is ultimately required then it is a false economy to carry out this expansion now, and still need to build an additional school in another 5 years.

Bell, Sue

From: [redacted]
Sent: 10 July 2014 14:04
To: EDUC School Organisation
Subject: Response to Statutory Notice to make prescribed alterations to Guiseley Infants to change to a Primary School
Attachments: Dear Mr Turner.doc

These comments are directed to Mr Turner, Chair of Governors, Guiseley Nursery and Infants School

Please use [redacted] for all future communications. Please can you confirm that Mr Turner has received my comments to the bt address. Thanks

[redacted]

10th July 2014

Dear Mr Turner

Response to Statutory Notice

I think this expansion to a Primary has a high risk of having a **negative impact on the educational excellence and culture of our school**. The teaching team and the Head have developed a 'family' at our Infant school, a nurturing atmosphere with a real community feel starting at 3 years old in the Nursery. The Nursery is a vital way of assisting transition into the school. This proposal does not include a nursery at St Oswalds which is a disadvantage to parents wanting their children to attend there. Plus it puts a lot of pressure on the Nursery at Guiseley Infants. How will this issue be addressed? I would like a response on this please.

This proposal adds 180 older children to our school who will have very different learning and welfare needs and, notwithstanding the skills and effort of the staff, this will change the dynamic of the school entirely. A partner of a Governor has already said to me privately they are worried about the first couple of years having 'teething troubles'. This obviously does not inspire confidence. **Why cant Guiseley Infant and Nursery School expand as an infant school and St Oswalds expand as a junior school** – each playing to their respective strengths, history, expertise, learning resources and staff resources? I believe it would only mean adding 2 additional classrooms at St Oswalds on top of the expanded number. So, for the want of only 2 classrooms we have to have two Primaries, with all the uncertainties and adjustments that will require, rather than a larger Infants and a larger Junior?

I am very concerned that **the transition arrangements** have not been thought through enough. In the years between 2015 – 2017 there will be years when children will be in the school with no older children in 1-2 years above them and will spend 4 years being the oldest children in the school. There will also be children in St Oswalds who will be younger than anyone else in school by 2-3 years. Both these situations will have negative impacts on learning, development, integration and play opportunities and ultimately damage their transition from primary school to secondary school. This is a very difficult transition for children to make at the best of times, never mind coming from a school where they have had no contact with older children. I don't want my child being a guinea pig in these transition years, however much the staff reassure us that "it would be managed". I would like a comment on this please. How exactly would it be managed by a school which hasn't done this before?

This proposal does not offer parents more choice and infact I believe **it diminishes choice in the long term and discriminates against parents** who do not have an active Church of England background. With St Oswalds able to operate its own admissions criteria in future based on faith we are looking at the situation of a divided community – not "more choice" as the proposal suggests. We do not want competition between the schools, but St Oswalds may become the preferred option – it will retain better outdoor space, it is near to the swimming pool, church facilities, (slightly) better parking (using the Leisure Centre parking) and attracting parents with a faith background. This situation would be tragic for a community which benefits from little ones going to Guiseley Infants and then 'moving up' to the big school at St Oswalds marking a valuable watershed in their lives. This early transition experience helps and facilitates the later transition to the High school.

I am concerned that the relative expansion at each school penalises Guiseley Infant and Nursery more than it does St Oswalds. St Oswalds is a c. 17% increase and Guiseley Infants is a c.56% increase. Firstly the St Oswald's site is overall larger to accommodate expanded facilities and secondly the surrounding land ('buffer zone' if you like) has more space. Guiseley Infants will end up having less outdoor space for children, far more children per square metre of outdoor space and this will inevitably impact the quality of the experience. The impact on adjacent residents at Guiseley Infants will be more significant than at St Oswalds.. **Why are we squashing a higher % increase of children onto a site which is less able to accommodate that increase?** It is totally illogical and not cost effective. I would like a response to this please.

Why do you believe that through-primary education is better than infant/junior education? What is the evidence that there are educational benefits superior in a Primary than in a two tier infant/junior system? The responses I have had to this question at the consultation meetings have been flimsy and not evidence based. Just suggesting that "there are hardly any infant/juniors in Leeds any more" is not a good reason to destroy a system that works so well here in Guiseley. Can parents see some statistical evidence that Primaries produce better educational results that the two tier system please?

I am **concerned about what will happen to the excellent wrap-around care** currently provided by two private providers at Guiseley Infants. The need for this will increase under this proposal. Will the council build them bigger facilities? That seems totally unlikely. Can these broader age ranges be accommodated in one setting? I don't believe Leeds is obliged to provide bigger facilities and therefore this means that our children could end up being bussed or walked to another provider (infact a commercial operator has already picked up on this business opportunity and is advertising their services), or worse, not getting a place because adequate provision has not been built into the plans or there is a guarantee of funding for it. This discriminates against working parents who desparately need the convenience and peace of mind that their child is in a familiar and safe setting at all times and has the convenience of going to the school site later in the day for a pick up. Our children may not be able to take part in after school activities organised by the school as they have to go off site for their wrap around care. How will that be managed if a walking bus takes them at 3:15 to another site? At the moment the children can access these wonderful extras as the private providers facilitate this easily as it is all on one site. I would like a response on wrap around provision please.

I am also concerned about the proposals **impact on the health of children**. As you will be well aware, in Leeds 9.3% of 4-5 year olds are obese, rising to 19.7% at age 10-11 and Leeds already has a worse than average number of children participating in 3 hours of sport a week. Whilst I agree that responsibility for this lies with the parent as well as the school, the reality for most working parents and for children in full time education is that they need at least half of that provision to come from school. Having just attended an excellent sports day at GINS taking place on the front field, I cannot physically see how an additional 150 students could be accommodated. Even with phasing of events such as sports day, how all 420 children could play out or be on a rota to play out during the day is very hard to comprehend? Plus most of the extra children are coming from houses which are a relatively long way away – ie they are almost certainly going to be to driven to school (the northern edge of Guiseley is a very long walk). Another target of schools is to encourage walking and so children with no outdoor play are going to be doubly penalised.

My next concern is the **extra traffic** which this proposal will certainly create – and this does not just impact the immediate streets around the schools. The A65/Station Pub cross roads, and the roundabout at Town Gate and the whole Guiseley gyratory will be seriously impacted. Guiseley roads are already very congested and school traffic and the lack of parking regularly creates serious inconvenience (and accidents) for local residents and businesses. Local businesses regularly already complain to the school and some (eg the Mobility Shop) have to alter their business arrangements due to parent drop off – possibly to the detriment of their customers). The vast majority of the extra 210 school places at these two schools in Guiseley will be for parents who live in the new houses in White Cross and Highroyds and will not be able to walk their children to work, they will get in the car. Even if we assume 50% will drive to school, this would result in ***at least*** 400 more journeys (drop off and pick up plus the return journeys) up and down the A65 and into the quieter streets of Guiseley. Journey totals could be much higher. These extra journeys plus the need to park near the school will seriously impact business, deliveries, train parking, increase congestion, accidents risk, residents access to their homes, business access to their businesses etc etc. Again, using the estimate of 50% of the new parents driving – then this would mean 100 extra cars needing to park in an area which reaches **full** capacity for parking twice a day. The Leeds council officers during the consultation have suggested mitigations such as traffic calming and parking restrictions (although the expansion proposals at St Oswalds despite everything their Travel Plan states still doubles the number of on-site parking – when the teaching staff are not being doubled!). What about the impact of slow traffic on health (poor air quality from exhausts), well being and economic development – preventing businesses from operating properly?. Mitigation measures suggested (calming and parking restrictions) will infact make matters worse, for more people, across a wider area. No reassurances have been given on how these extra cars will park outside of school – the St Oswalds Travel Plan mentions the parking at the Drop Inn, obviously that pub has been demolished sometime ago and converted to homes!. Integrated traffic management schemes (eg "shared space" schemes for the whole gyratory system in Guiseley) need much more serious consideration to support this expansion properly as does parking. I don't understand why the Tranmere proposal was thrown out on the basis that the traffic would be too much for the estate. Tranmere has wide roads and no businesses or through traffic. The area of Guiseley with these two schools has all these other factors which mean further congestion would impact heavily on economic activity and safety. The Highways consultants I have already spoken to at the St Oswalds drop in to look at plans were not joined up with the Guiseley expansion plans at all – and this needs to be the case, they even didn't know where the Station pub was (!). This is not good planning for parents or the schools. There should be a mandatory 20mph from the Oxford Road entry to the A65 all the way round to the Green entry to the A65. I will be making these comments as part of the planning process but I would like a response from the Governors on this too please as I am sure you have spent a lot of time discussing this in your meetings?

I have wider concerns about this proposal - the possibility that **30 extra places wont be sustainable in the longer term**. All the local councillors admit this concern is a real one. The consultation papers state that Leeds *has* considered the number of under 5s living in the area. But the trouble is that *a lot* more houses (2,300 by 2028) are planned for Aireborough. Can we have an evidenced assurance that school place planning over the next 15 years have indeed been properly and statistically considered? Otherwise we could go through all this disruption only to find in 10 years time that we need yet more places or indeed a new school!

There needs to be a much more holistic approach to planning houses, school places and other infrastructure. More of the schools locally need to share this problem solving, we need joined up planning with neighbouring authorities and **revisit the idea for a new school**.

I would also like to mention the nature and level of communication we have received from the school, the Head and the Governors. Throughout this process there has, it seems to me, been minimal communications, deliberately (?) limited to the absolute minimum required by procedure and process. This is not a good way to secure the goodwill and buy-in from parents. Many parents I have spoken to say that they feel like we have been treated like children in the way that these upheavals have been dealt with and communicated over the last year – with more communication about hamsters, guinea pigs and loom bands than issues like the Trust or the expansion plans! Even if the information is not something we agree with, as adults we should be kept informed as this impacts life decisions about where to live, where our children will go to school etc. We understand that communications with parents was highlighted by Ofsted as a weakness of this school. The last year has certainly not improved the situation in many people's views. Although I understand the Governors are not a representative body surely they have a responsibility to retain the good faith of parents. Unless there is culture change in terms of better, clearer and more regular communication about expansion issues as they unfold then this bad feeling which I encounter regularly will continue. Over the last year it has been impossible to understand (even if we disagree – it is good to understand) the views of the head or the Governors on the expansion plans and indeed the move to Foundation trust status. Just knowing some background to your views would be a good thing. It is as if the school has either had something to hide, or they didn't trust parents to respond responsibly or they were divided in their opinions and therefore felt wary of communicating this to parents. Honesty and openness is always the best policy – a lesson I try to promote to my children. However I certainly don't want this to be seen as negative and I would be happy to suggest ways in which I think this aspect could be improved. I believe it can be better than it is and I would work hard to achieve this, to try to make the coming 3 years a better experience for us all.

Yours sincerely

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Parent and Resident

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13 July 2014

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Dear Mr Turner

PROPOSAL TO CONVERT GUISELEY INFANTS SCHOOL TO THROUGH PRIMARY AND INCREASE ADMISSION LIMIT TO 60 PLACES FROM SEPT 2014

I write to object to your proposal to change the upper age limit from 7 to 11 **and** increase the admission limit to 60 places from Sept 2015 expanding the capacity from 360 to 420 pupils.

My objection is based on the following

1) **Safeguarding issues:-**

The increase in school population to the size proposed will inevitably lead to an increased in the volume of motor vehicles attempting to enter and leave the surrounding streets and school site. At present the situation around the roads leading to the school is already unsustainable. The risk posed to the local population including children of preschool, primary and secondary school age and vulnerable elderly residents who reside in sheltered accommodations that are situated very close to the site of Guiseley Infant School is already intolerable. At present the access roads around the site are very narrow and cannot accommodate parked cars and large vehicles i.e. school buses, delivery and emergency vehicles. This in turn could lead to a situation becoming increasingly dangerous as the road becomes blocked.

Prior to any decisions being made the local council have a responsibility to survey the traffic situation at busy times of the year (i.e. winter months, not during the summer holidays) and times of the day where this dangerous situation is experienced first hand. Were a disaster to occur, they would be held entirely accountable for this.

2) Insufficient space for expansion at the school site.

Any proposal to increase the building size at this site will reduce the outdoor learning space provision for pupils. In addition there is insufficient space to allow KS2 pupils the room that they need for PE and participation in competitive interschool league fixtures. There is no provision to allowed segregated areas between the keystages at playtimes and dinner times without potential for unnecessary accidents, overcrowding and potential behaviour issues.

3) Conservation area:

Due to Guiseley Infant School being located within the conservation area the cost of materials to ensure that the building is built in a manner consistent with the orginal school is prohibitive. The recent application to erect a modular building at the rear of the school only reiterates this point. Clearly there has been no consideration given to ensuring the retention and preservation of the conservation area and I consider that this is offensive and insulting to the local residents. The fact that the council allowed the ugly plastic box (the Childrens Centre) to be erected again reiterates that point.

Any additional building works to the site would lead to significant overdevelopment and would alter the aesthetic appearance of the area. In addition the green area at the rear of Guiseley Infant School is a protected green space. Any attempt to remove this protection would be strongly objected to and destroy a valuable haven.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Sir

Planning Application 14/03616

As a local resident who lives near to the school, I wish to object to various aspects of the proposed building works at Guiseley Infant School. I also own a house on Ashtofts Mount which directly overlooks the back of the school.

I am not particularly concerned about the plans to become a through primary. However, the increased number of children and the attendant parking issues desperately need to be addressed by the council. I think it is likely that people are parking on West Villa Road all day and heading off to Guiseley Station: it should be a one hour drop-off zone only on weekdays. I'm aware that the local PCSO is already involved in trying to solve the issue.

Another thing that would improve the situation is to sort out the car park so that it is no longer a potholed, muddy mess.

A secondary problem is that it is becoming more and more difficult to freely drive through Guiseley at certain times of day. Oxford Road is often at a standstill and increased traffic to the infant school site will only make this worse. The safety of older children and parents with smaller children walking to the site needs to be considered too.

This brings me to my main concern which is the moving of the "temporary modular structure" that is currently the playgroup and the Children's Centre further towards the car park, and into the hillside on designated protected land. It is an ugly building. When the Nursery extension was built about 20 years ago, it had to be built in stone and be "in keeping" with the surrounding stone houses in the conservation area. Why was this structure allowed to be so different from the rest of the building? If it has to be moved then it should be a requirement that landscaping and screening are provided for the sake of the local residents.

It is important that any physical extension to the school itself should also be properly constructed in stone also.

I hope you will give these points due consideration.

Yours faithfully

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
To: EDUC School Organisation
Subject: Guiseley infants and nursery school expansion.
Date: 18 July 2014 13:37:13

Sir or Madam,

I would like to feedback regarding the expansion plans at the above school.
I have viewed the proposed alterations to the building and feel that there is still a shortage of play space, a small designated space for the library and no proposed it suite.

I would suggest using the green space at the back of the school as additional play space, obviously would require some landscaping due to the slope, this is currently unused and wasted space, if the older children were to be in the 2 storey extension then this could be the allocated outdoor space for them thus reducing the stress on the younger pupils as they would continue to use the quadrangle and front of the school.

A larger library would be of obvious benefit to the school, and this should be reflected in the plans.

Lack of IT provisions is a big worry as technology is such a massive part of everyday life for children today this may impact on their education, again allocation of space for this should be reflected in the plans, or a more robust plan of how IT can be integrated into the classrooms, one terminal per classroom and access to netbooks does not feel adequate, children in reception are already using tablets, laptops and games consoles at home!

I would like to see some more information regarding how the transition is to happen ie how are the older children to be integrated into the school, and if access to external activities such as swimming and sports is to be set up as there will clearly not be enough room at the school to provide this.

Lastly I think it would be beneficial to ask the children/parents/staff how they will like the school to be, layout of classrooms,school hall, play space etc, could we adopt a different approach not just tables and chairs? asking the children about their school day what works for them and what frustrates them could be the key to maximising the space the site has.

I am an NHS worker and in my experience the best hospitals, clinics etc are the ones designed with patient/public/staff input, we need to involve, challenge and inspire our children into taking ownership of their surroundings and this would have a positive influence on their education.

Many Thanks
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From: [redacted]
To: EDUC School Organisation
Subject: Guiseley Infants Proposal Comments
Date: 22 July 2014 20:12:05

I am writing to register my objection to the proposal to change Guiseley Infant & Nursery School to a 2 form entry primary.

Whilst I am not questioning the argument that additional school places are required, purely as I have no evidence to base a counter argument, I do not believe that this proposal provides the best solution for the community of Guiseley or the pupils at the school.

Firstly, if a new school is required, disrupting the education of the pupils at both schools during the construction and transition periods is not in the interest of either school. With regards to the proposals for Guiseley Infants, whilst care has been taken to protect external space, the scheme lacks what I consider to be basic requirements for schools, certainly at junior age, particularly an ICT room. Lack of space in the school hall is also concerning as although we have been promised these can be managed by split lunches etc, the junior roll will not be significantly lower than the current infant roll yet the children are larger, this is coupled with the impact of free school lunches for infant age pupils.

My opinion is that the governors only changed their view to support this proposal as the alternative proposed during the second consultation was considered so detrimental to the welfare of their pupils and the community of Guiseley due to the distance between the site and that of the proposed junior school.

The logic would appear to be to leave the status quo at Guiseley Infants and St Oswalds and build a new primary on the Bradford Road site and I can only assume the reason this has never been considered is due to the desire of St Oswalds to become a primary, and presumably ultimately select on faith, broadening their catchment and not addressing the local need. The only logical incentive for the local authority to accept this must be related to St Oswalds voluntary aided status.

Whilst immediate concerns about admissions etc have been addressed you cannot provide long term guarantees the above will not happen and appear to be opting for the easiest, but not best solution.

Regards

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From: [redacted].
To: EDUC School Organisation
Subject: Guiseley Schools Expansion
Date: 22 July 2014 21:41:38

To whom it may concern,

I would like to comment on the Statutory Notice posted by Guiseley Infant School, regarding their proposed expansion to become a two-form entry primary school (extending the age range from 4-7 to 4-11). I am not generally in favour of the expansion, due to the increased numbers of children who will need to use the site, which has limited space and is in an already busy area for traffic and parking.

However, I suspect that it will go ahead anyway, and having seen the proposed building plans and spoken to staff, it appears that the school intend to expand the building appropriately and manage the inside space well. One personal concern was the before and after school provision onsite (run by an independent company, Eye Spy Club) but I have been assured this will be retained.

I believe the school are planning staggered playtimes, which will go some way to optimise the use of the available outside space, but I would like to suggest that more could be done to enhance the green space at the back of the school. At present the space between the car park and the hard standing at the back of school is largely unused. It could be developed into a wild / nature garden, and with appropriately re-worked fencing, children could walk safely between the school and this area, without being in danger of wandering onto the car park.

Outside the school there remains the problem of extra traffic and cars attempting to park on already busy roads. I would like to see the Council and the school work together to provide some practical ways of addressing this (so far I have seen no evidence of practical solutions). For instance, this could be an opportunity to install proper pedestrian crossings on the crossroad by the Station Pub, or to impose a 20 mph limit around the local roads. I didn't spot a bicycle / scooter shelter on the school plans, but this could be another way of encouraging people out of their cars.

Because Guiseley Infants is proposing its changes at the same time as the local junior school (St Oswald's) also proposes becoming a through primary, the transition period has to be considered. I was very concerned to see that for some years during transition, there could be as many as 540 children at the (current) infant school. This is an extra 28% above the 420 they propose to accommodate longer term. The junior school on the other hand will never have to accommodate more than the 420. I appreciate that this extreme is unlikely to happen in reality but I wonder if any protective measures could be put in place, for instance to ensure an upper limit of 420 is not breached, regardless of fluctuations across year groups.

Another concern is the "gap" years in both schools during transition. Personally, this is particularly relevant - my eldest son is in the first year who can choose whether to stay at Guiseley Infants or to move to St. Oswald's. If he stays at Guiseley Infants, he'll be one of the oldest children for 5 years. My youngest son starts school in 2015, so is in the first year who could start reception at either school, but if he goes to St Oswald's the next oldest year group will be his big brother's age, with no one in between. It has been suggested that closer links between the schools and shared activities would go some way to close these gaps, which in theory sounds good, but I would like to hear more detail of what is proposed.

To conclude, I am still against the expansion, but accept it will probably happen anyway! The schools do appear to be making sensible, positive plans and I hope they continue the process in partnership with parents, but I would also like to see the council addressing issues such as traffic.

Yours faithfully,

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4 July 2014

Dear Mr Turner

Guiseley Infant School Proposed Development

We consider that there is more than enough traffic and congestion around the school and in Guiseley generally due to overdevelopment in recent years. If the development goes through this will become even more chaotic and it is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs. Parking outside the school and surrounding streets is problematic enough already.

Yours sincerely

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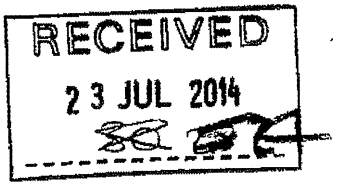

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Please tell us more about your views and your reasons for them.

If there is enough green space to build 2,300 new houses in area, surely not build some houses + build a new school instead.

It makes sense the more houses, the more children to educate, therefore the need for a new school.

- on design it looks good, well planned out, its a lot like my childrens schools layout and that works out well - where reception have their own play area.

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About you: (please tick and complete all those that apply to you)

✓	Parent/carer	Your child's/children's school/s: Yeadon Westfield Infant & Junior School
	Governor	Your school:
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From: [redacted]
Sent: 16 July 2014 23:26
To: EDUC School Organisation
Subject: Proposal to convert Guiseley Infant & Nursery School into a 'Through Primary' from September 2015

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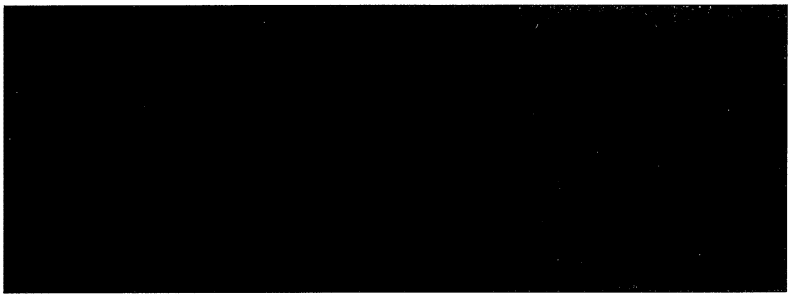

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you ,yet again to voice my opinion on the proposal put forward by Guiseley Infant School to become a 2-Form entry primary school. I feel this is a completely unreasonable proposal for the following reasons:-

1. GINS is situated in one of the most built up areas of town where the road infrastructure is already struggling to cope with the traffic. The parking at 9am and 3.15 is just ridiculous and quite frankly dangerous. Cars park on both sides of West Villa Road making it more or less impassable to other traffic - an ambulance or fire engine would struggle to get through and the local 'hopper' bus often has to stop or reverse back down the road. Cars park across the corners and on the pavements and mothers with push-chairs often end up pushing their buggies down the middle of the road! Not exactly safe practice? I enclose another set of photos that show just how bad the parking can be. Cars are also parking on Willow Gardens which is perfectly legal but they are parking so near to the corner that they are creating 'blind spots' for the residents wanting to leave our estate.

2. There was a meeting at the school today where the plans (very nice architect drawings) were on display but no-one in the local area was told about this. There were no letters sent out , no notices up around the school and the times were 2.30-5.30 so any working families would not have been able to attend. The letter from the Chair of Governors on June 23rd states that when plans were ready everybody would be notified. Really? On questioning this I was told by the Chair that they had no legal obligation to tell the neighbours/surrounding residents anything.

3. The plans were very attractive but the representatives at the school seemed very 'sketchy' about where The Guiseley Children's Centre was to be relocated to, saying that had yet to be decided. Odd to say the least! The plans also showed that there would be more provision for staff parking and just a few 'dropping off' places for parents - are the rest of the cars meant to form an orderly queue down the already congested road?

4. I understood the school to be in a conservation area and this does seem to be the case as Leeds City Council has put up notices mentioning this in connection with the modular classroom they want to erect this summer. When I mentioned this point to the Chair she said this was true at the front of school but at the back 'it didn't matter'. When my neighbour pointed out that it might if you had to look at it , it was more or less inferred that she could always move!! How very considerate! I recall when the Nursery extension was built they paid great attention to ensure it fitted in with the area. Obviously this makes the build a great deal more expensive and maybe they are trying to cut corners?

5. The land at the back of school will need to be used as an extra playing field so will need some degree of earthwork to make it flatter and safer. Another expensive job. It will also need to be made secure yet the gate needs to remain open both for deliveries and in the case of an emergency.

6. Leeds City Council had decided to erect a temporary classroom for 3 years to mop up the additional numbers in Sept.2014 and says numbers drop again in future years. If both GINS and St. Oswald's are to expand we could find we have a surfeit of primary school places in the future. If this were to happen the two schools could end up competing against one another for pupils. This could mean they would have to widen their catchment area thereby increasing traffic to the area. The two

schools are in such close proximity to each other that I am not sure Guiseley could sustain 2 such schools in such a small catchment area. St. Oswald's school has more land on which to expand, has the leisure centre car-parks across the road and instant access to the main road through town so the traffic has a lot less impact. It is already planning extra buildings so would seem an obvious choice at this time.

7. I feel that the Head and Board of Governors have shown little or no regard to the local residents around school. It was only last year they were asking for our support to help 'save our school' - remember the children with the joined hands? Now we are told we have no say, the traffic is NOT a problem and the school needs to grow. Something of a turnaround? I fear money may be the sole incentive in this somewhat cavalier approach and not the long term interests of the school or the area. I hope this is not the case but do feel it is all a bit of a 'stitch-up'.

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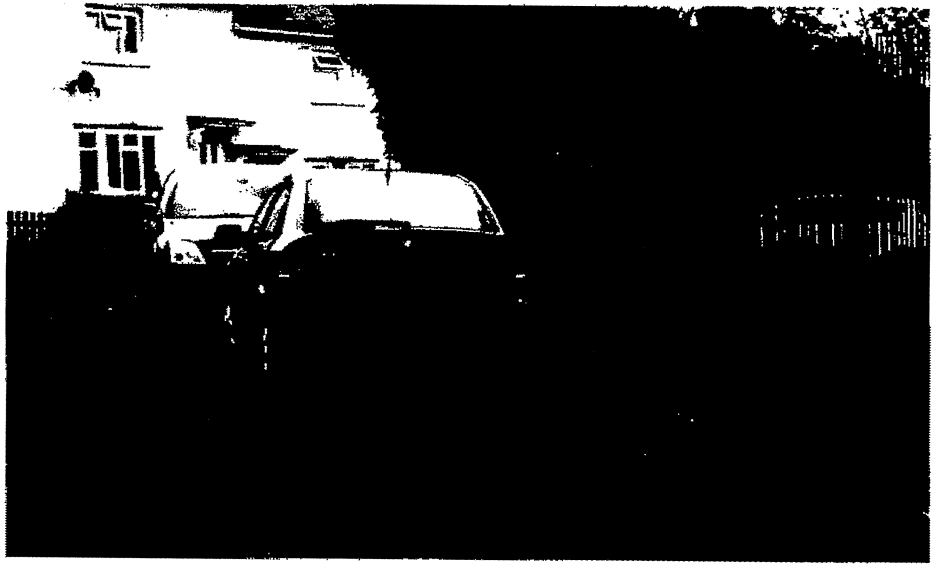

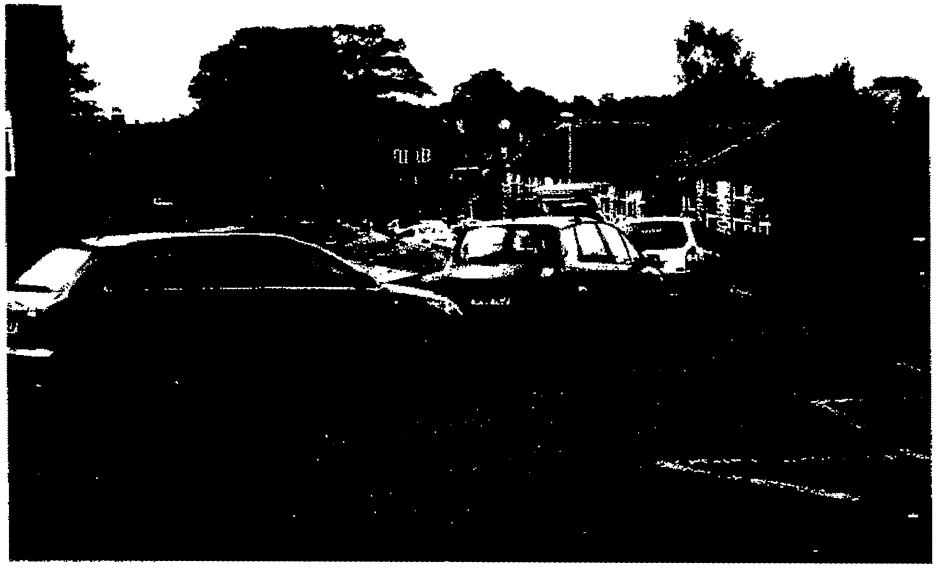

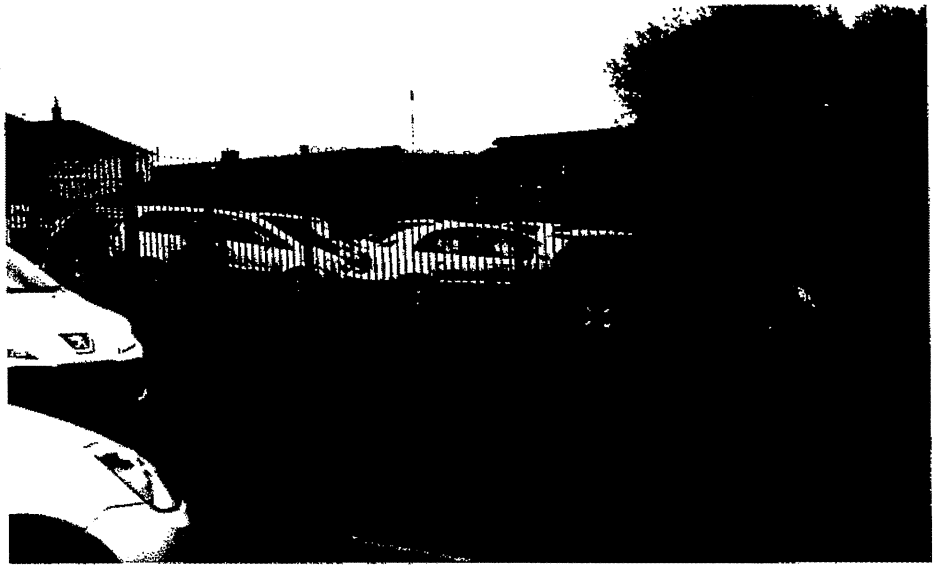

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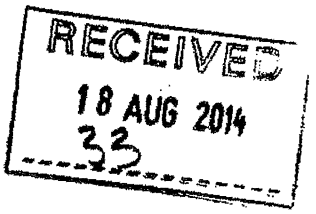

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The current system of an Infants and Juniors Schools work for Guiseley. Any additional school places should be in Tranmere Scool or other local schools. The curent proposal is not the most cost effective one.

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Contact details/email address: 21/07/2014.

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From: [redacted]
To: EDUC School Organisation
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Guiseley Infant School Expansion
Date: 23 July 2014 13:35:14

To: Mr Richard Turner, Chair of Governors, Guiseley Infant and Nursery (Community) School

[redacted]

Dear Mr Turner,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed expansion of Guiseley Infants School. I was myself a school governor for several years at a Bradford Primary and I do understand that there are sometimes changes which are necessary and which can cause concern in the local community – but I do feel very strongly that 'growing' Guiseley Infants from 270 to 420 pupils is going to cause some major issues and that I must object to this proposition.

KS2 NEEDS

We have been told that the extra class and toilets/dining capacity needed for the additional 150 pupils will be met on the existing footprint. Even if this is possible (although it seems unlikely) – are the external grounds big enough to meet the energy/space/sport requirements for these older and larger children? I can't see that the area of land is adequate for this proposal. I am sure that there are better sites available where a modern and purpose-built school could be established with classes designed for today's e-learning and forward-looking facilities for science, sports and the arts.

PARKING AND TRAFFIC

I have already written to the Head in the past about this. If you live locally to the school, as I do, there are times in the day when it is barely possible and certainly far from safe to drive out of your own road and down West Villa – indeed, many of us go the long way round to avoid the possibility of an accident. Cars ignore road markings and Highway Code rules completely. The parking has now turned the corner onto/right to the end of/on pavements next to/ Willow Gardens and is creeping up Willow Close. The road outside our house is private land and we as residents are responsible for the cost of upkeep. You can say it's NIMBY, but I really don't want people using my land as a car park. I am also amazed that there hasn't been a serious accident so far with all the irresponsibly parked cars. I see children wandering into the main road and it really worries me. Acceptably 150 extra pupils won't mean the same number of extra vehicles, but proportionately there will still be far more than the infrastructure was designed for.

BUILDING

I'm not really sure what will happen to the building – will there be a second story or will it go out to the side/front? Or will the Nursery be moved up to the top? I have

heard rumours of Portakabins. These are an eyesore in any landscape and not good to work in. I do hope this isn't going to be what we can expect.

PLANNING

When High Royds was developed, I do remember that there was to be a village made with shops and, I thought, a school. What happened? House building in Guiseley has gone off the chart now – it's ridiculous.

I can't understand why proper provision wasn't factored in for the future development of Guiseley by the provision of space for a new Primary School.

It's funny, but when we moved here over 10 years ago, our children were at secondary school. I used to wish we'd always lived here, so they could have gone to the lovely little school at the bottom of the hill – Guiseley Infants. I think something will be lost to the community if this change is made.

Thank you for reading my concerns. I realise you won't have time to reply to individuals, but if you feel there is anybody else in the council who might be interested in my comments, do please feel free to forward this to them.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
To: EDUC School Organisation
Subject: RE: Guiseley Schools expansion update
Date: 27 June 2014 16:26:17

Dear Team,
I think the plans to provide 30 instead of 60 places is better because it will reduce traffic and deter any further overdevelopment of the area. In cases where the extra places are not needed locally, to deter commuters who congest our roads, can I please suggest that the highways department make the streets around the expanded schools residents parking only? This would definitely help reduce objections from local residents. I would also like to see the areas around Tranmere Park Primary made into residents parking only as there are no pavements and pedestrians are constantly having to wait on people's private driveways to allow lazy parents to pass in their cars. (I say this as a parent not a resident). I hope highways will apply this to the areas around The Oval and Ridgeway/Ridge Close.

Many thanks,
[redacted]

> From: educ.school.organisation@leeds.gov.uk
> Subject: Guiseley Schools expansion update
> Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2014 12:37:35 +0000
> To:
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> Dear Sir/Madam
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> Having responded to a recent consultation in the Guiseley area, please find attached a letter updating you with proposals to expand primary school places within Guiseley. You can find more information on this at the following link:
http://leedsschoolplaceplanning.wordpress.com/category/guiseley/
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> If you have any queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact us.
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> Regards
> Capacity Planning & Sufficiency Team
> Children's Services
> Leeds City Council
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> Tel: 0113 24 75793
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From: [redacted].
To: EDUC School Organisation
Subject: FW: Guiseley area schools proposal
Date: 30 June 2014 13:47:34

From: [redacted]
To: educ.school.organisation@leeds.gov.org
Subject: Guiseley area schools proposal
Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2014 13:15:53 +0100

Dear Sir/Madam,

Having received the latest proposal for the school places planning in the Guiseley area I would like to support the proposal to change the age limits of Guiseley Infant and Nursery School and St Oswald's CE Junior School to full Primary schools.

Both of these schools are already good and are popular with parents. To expand both schools would allow parents to have choice between faith and non-faith schools.

The expansion of the existing schools allows for the extra places required in the foreseeable future and would be a more cost effective solution than the previously proposed expansion of Guiseley School.

This proposal also has the advantage of providing extra places without over-supplying. this can only be a positive solution as this could help to discourage more house building in an already over-developed area.

These two sites would inevitably cause less disruption within the town at peak school times, as many parents would be collecting multiple children from the same school. These schools are also more accessible to those travelling from the Yeadon area.

The benefit of this proposal is also that the green playing fields between Bradford Road and Back Lane will not be lost to the general public. Bradford Road is already very busy with an abundance of fast traffic, so this proposal has the benefit of not exacerbating the traffic issues on this road. Acknowledging the present levels of traffic on Oxford Road and The Green, would a traffic management strategy be put in place to cope with any envisaged rise in traffic levels?

Bearing in mind the pros and cons of this proposal I feel that this is the best solution for the school places provision in Guiseley.

Yours faithfully,

From: [redacted].
To: EDUC School Organisation
Subject: Guiseley Infant and Nursery School Proposals
Date: 30 June 2014 09:58:16

Dear Leeds Council

I have seen the proposals put forward for the Guiseley Infant and Nursery Schools and I am writing to advise you that you have my support for these proposals as a welcome alternative to earlier proposals to build on the playing field(s) of Guiseley Secondary School.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

From:	[redacted]
To:	EDUC School Organisation
Cc:	Highways
Subject:	Observation about PROPOSAL TO MAKE PRESCRIBED ALTERATIONS TO,GUISELEY,INFANT,AND NURSERY,(COMMUNITY),SCHOOL,FROM SEPTEMBER 2015
Date:	02 July 2014 11:26:12

Richard Turner,

I wish to make observations on the above proposal. I am a local resident to the school.

I have no problem whatsoever with the development of facilities for children in the local area. In these austere times, that should be applauded.

However, having lived around the above school for some years - what is clear is that the road outside the school is insufficient for it's current capacity. To nearly double the school capacity, without consideration to other impacts would be a grave mistake.

West Villa Road is now used as a parking area for nearby businesses and Guiseley Railway station. This narrow road has cars parked during the week on both sides. This makes the only road available, a narrow long single track which has to accommodate the remaining traffic. That situation is exacerbated at times when children depart and leave the school - as of course the parents feel it absolutely necessary to park only a few yards from where they meet their child.

The above creates chaos, with cars abandoned and children and adults alike swarming in that area. This has meant recently that I had to reverse the whole length of the narrow stretch, to allow another car facing me to get through. There really being no alternative. This was not safe for anybody - me or the children walking in the area. Although the speeds driven are slow due to the conditions - it will not be long before a serious collision occurs.

So, please go ahead with your school expansion plans. But do not do it in isolation to considering the whole picture. It may be a benefit for you to visit the site at busy times.

Please let me know how you plan to address my concerns.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
To: EDUC School Organisation
Subject: Guiseley School Proposals
Date: 06 July 2014 19:05:22

Dear Sir / Madam

Thank you for the latest update with regards school places in Guiseley.
The latest proposals seem to be a good compromise. Whilst I am aware of some opposition, I am also aware that a lot of parents support these latest proposals.
My children attended Hawksworth C of E school during similar expansions to the ones proposed now. The process was helped greatly by continued consultations and the sharing of information which kept parents and residents informed.
From the information available and consultations on previous proposals this latest suggestion seems to meet the requirements of Guiseley and also appear to be best use of public funds.

[redacted]

From:	[redacted]
To:	EDUC School Organisation; Sinclair, Sarah; Buckland, Vivienne
Subject:	Support for Statutory Notices to Expand Primary School Places Within Guiseley
Date:	07 July 2014 13:47:17

Dear Sirs

Re: Statutory Notices to Expand Primary School Places Within Guiseley

I am writing to advise that, following extensive research into the data and options for primary school places in Guiseley, I am IN FAVOUR of the current proposals as set out in the two statutory notices to expand Guiseley Infants and St Oswalds Juniors, making both schools primary schools admitting 60 pupils per year.

I am IN FAVOUR of these proposals for the following reasons -

Number of places –

- These proposals create 30 extra school places in the Guiseley area - the statistics show that this is the number reasonably required even allowing for existing building.
- Places will be provided for local children and will not encourage excessive travelling to Guiseley for schooling thus encouraging walking to school and preventing traffic congestion in the town.
- This year (Sept 2015) was a bulge year in terms of births in the area and Guiseley Infants took an extra 30 places – we understand that not all of these places are filled and at least 5 families are not from the Guiseley area – this supports the fact that 30 places is sufficient going forward. In addition, current reception year at Tranmere Park has several families travelling from Shipley/ Idle etc.
- This solution does not over- supply places, something that could encourage house building in the area.
- There are currently sufficient places at the High School and will continue to be if in the future the school looks to change its' admissions policy (as there are currently around 1/3 of pupils commuting in from the Bradford area) so there is no need to extend Guiseley high school in the short or medium term.

Location –

- Housing under construction/building plots with a green light in Guiseley/Yeadon going forward are nearer to these schools than the Guiseley High School Site.
- These plans do not require building on green playing fields and spoiling public open space or exacerbating traffic issues around Back Lane which is a very small Lane already bursting with High School children.

Choice –

- The details regarding transition include options and choices for parents with children already at both schools.
- There are a range of options for transition to provide choice for existing pupils.
- The proposals provide a C of E primary for those who would like this option something that I feel will be well received in Guiseley and provides further choice for parents.

Flexibility –

- These plans expand two of Guiseley's already good existing schools and can allow for flexibility if birth rates and cohorts change, in a way that a new school could not
- Longer term, if there is a further need to expand there is still the option for a small increase (15 places) at Tranmere Park which would require the addition of just one extra classroom

Local Support –

- Whilst no one option is going to please everybody, I understand that the plans have the support of the Council and the schools and Governors themselves
- There was huge local opposition to the previous proposal to extend Guiseley School by building on the playing fields - Of 96 responses to the previous proposal to expand Guiseley School, 93 were against along with a further 162 signatures collected via a petition and Tranmere Park Governing Body being against a new school so close to their own catchment area.
- The Councils' summary to the Executive Board recommends that the proposals be supported.
- I understand that, on the whole, St Oswalds' parents are happy with the plans although there is some resistance from a few Guiseley Infants parents; these issues appear to centre around transition arrangements, facilities and traffic issues – the first two appear to have been catered for within the proposal, but it is important that traffic issues are properly considered in the final plan delivered.

I feel strongly that expansion of our good existing schools is the best option rather than creating excess places on green fields that will encourage further building and shipping children in from out of area. I therefore support these proposals as long as they are supported by a properly managed traffic plan and the proposed choice and flexibility for transition arrangements for the affected pupils.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
To: EDUC School Organisation
Subject: Guiseley Infants/St Oswalds Statutory Notice - support
Date: 07 July 2014 14:24:40

Dear Sirs

I would like to respond to the Statutory Notices to expand Guiseley Infants and St Oswalds Juniors School and make them two separate primary schools.

As a retired primary school teacher, I feel that making use of our already good schools is the best option to provide places in the local area. Extending the schools in that part of Guiseley can also take some excess pupils from Yeadon if required.

I was strongly against the previous proposal as I felt that it was providing too many places and encouraging children to travel by car to school when it is much healthier to walk. Also I was specifically against the use of Guiseley High School fields for the building of a new junior school as this is where my grandchildren (and many other local children) play and it would have been a huge loss of green space in Guiseley.

The transition options in this proposal seem to offer a lot of choice and flexibility for existing pupils and the Governors of both schools are in support of the proposals.

I also think it is good that there will be a Church of England primary school available in Guiseley.

In summary therefore I feel the Executive Board should allow these changes and go ahead with the proposed changes.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
To: EDUC School Organisation
Subject: Guiseley Primary School Places
Date: 15 July 2014 15:58:06

Dear Sirs

Re - Recent Proposals to increase age limit in Guiseley Junior Schools

I am writing to you to fully support the recent proposals from Guiseley infant School and St Oswalds Junior School to increase their age intake limit from reception to 11.

These proposals to expand the two existing School places, instead of the proposed building of a new junior school on Bradford Road Guiseley are in my opinion, the most sensible, logical, safest and economically viable approach to solving the anticipated number of extra places needed to fulfil demand in future years in the Guiseley area.

The 30 extra places that this proposal will allow would more than cover the needs for the present and future community of Guiseley with out over supplying places and allowing options for neighbouring communities to travel from Shipley.

I understand that longer term, if the need should arise, Tranmere Park would also have the facilities to comfortably increase their own intake by an additional 15 places which would only require the addition of one extra classroom.

These proposals would also eliminate any need to build on green playing fields on Bradford Road, causing major traffic issues and spoiling open recreational space for many young children, teenagers and families who would otherwise lose this wonderful facility they now have for ever.

Thank you for your time taken to read this email and I strongly encourage you to support the proposals from the two Schools.

Yours Sincerely

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
To: EDUC School Organisation
Subject: proposed expansion of Guiseley schools
Date: 17 July 2014 11:48:19

Hello

I understand that following previous consultations regarding primary school place planning in the Guiseley area, proposals have been put forward by Guiseley Infant & Nursery School and St Oswalds' Junior School to change the age limits of their schools from reception to 11.

I am in support of these proposals if it means that there will no longer be a requirement to build on the green playing fields next to where I live on Fieldhead Grove.

Regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
To: EDUC School Organisation
Subject: Re: Guiseley School Expansion & Primary School Places
Date: 22 July 2014 00:46:57

I am writing to express my view in relation to the current plans to expand Guiseley Infants and St Oswalds Junior Schools.

Overview - Strongly Support the Expansion of Guiseley Infants and St Oswalds Junior Schools

After three rather frustrating and poorly managed consultations I strongly believe that whilst no option is going to please everybody, the expansion of our good existing schools is the best option rather than creating excess places on green fields that will encourage further building and drawing in excessive levels of children in from out of the local area.

I also note that of 96 responses to the previous proposal to expand Guiseley School, 93 were against and in addition the United Guiseley petition had a 162 signatures against the proposal from across Guiseley.

I have identified in my rationale below the benefits of the current plans and therefore support these proposals as long as they are supported by a properly managed traffic plan and the proposed choice and flexibility for transition arrangements for the affected pupils.

Rationale

I believe that this plan is advantageous for the following reasons, (numbers in brackets refer to issues raised in the Executive Board paper):

- These plans expand two of Guiseley's already good existing schools and can allow for flexibility if birth rates and cohorts change, in a way that a new school could not
- The plans have the support of the Council and the schools and Governors themselves
- There are a range of options for transition to provide choice for existing pupils
- They provide a C of E primary for those who would like this option though Governors intend to closely align to Leeds admission policies (section 3.1.16)
- It provides 30 extra places for Guiseley – the statistics show that this is the number reasonably required (not 60) even allowing for existing building (section 3.1.5 and conclusions 5.3)
- It does not over- supply places, something that could encourage house building in the area

This year (Sept 2015) was a bulge year in terms of births in the area and Guiseley Infants took an extra 30 places – I understand that not all of these places are filled and at least 5 families are not

from the Guiseley area – this supports the fact that 30 places is sufficient going forward. In addition, current reception year at Tranmere Park has several families travelling from Shipley/ Idle etc.

In addition:

- Housing under construction/Building plots with a green light in Guiseley/Yeadon going forward are nearer to these schools than the Guiseley High School Site.
- These plans do not require building on green playing fields and spoiling public open space or exacerbating traffic issues around Bradford Road/Back Lane.
- Longer term, if there is a further need to expand there is still the option for a small increase (15 places) at Tranmere Park which would require the addition of just one extra classroom
- There are currently sufficient places at the High School and will continue to be if in the future the school looks to change its' admissions policy - as there are currently around 1/3 of pupils commuting in from the Bradford area.(section 3.1.10)
- The Councils' summary to the Executive Board recommends that the proposals be supported (Conclusions 5.4)

Kind regards

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
To: EDUC School Organisation
Subject: Guiseley School Expansion & Primary School Places
Date: 22 July 2014 10:30:39

Dear Sirs

I am writing in support of plans to expand Guiseley Infants and St Oswalds as this is a much more preferable plan to building on valuable green belt land.

When I first moved to Guiseley in 1971 there was one row of shops on the main street, with one very small locally owned supermarket, Dibbs I believe it was called, a DER TV rental shop and the YEB, not forgetting the very important library but not much else. It takes my breath away the sheer expansion of Guiseley from, yes, a small backwater village to what it has become today which is nothing short of a "housing jungle". I agree there was an argument for change, but I feel developments in Guiseley have gone way beyond that.

Please, please, please do not build more houses on the wonderful stretch of green belt land which are the playing fields - enough is definitely enough in the case of Guiseley.

Yours faithfully

[redacted]

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Questions

Please answer the questions below which apply to you:

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   ☑ Yes
   ☐ No

2. Do you agree with the proposal to change St Oswald's Church of England (Voluntary Aided) Junior School to a 2 forms of entry primary school, from September 2015?

   ☑ Yes
   ☐ No

Please tell us more about your views and your reasons for them.

we need more school places

my concern is over when the high school is looked at - these children will need to feed somewhere

All responses will be taken into account when the decision on whether to proceed is made, but we unfortunately cannot address specific queries. However, if you would like your response to be acknowledged, please provide your contact details on the reverse of this form.

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The proposed changes to the school building are very exciting + makes a lot of sense to go 2 storey It is nice no space is actually lost

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