

**SCHOOL ORGANISATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014**

**RESPONSES**

**ST OSWALDS CO OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL**

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

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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,



### **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 this 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.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [EDUC School Organisation](#)  
**Subject:** St Oswalds Statutory Notice  
**Date:** 22 July 2014 20:21:27

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I am writing to register my objection to the proposal to change St Oswalds Junior 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. Whilst external space is not of concern at St Oswalds, having recently visited the school I am concerned about dining space and the operation of the lunch service. The current self selection works well for junior age children but I envisage will be problematic for infant age pupils, already pressurised by the impact of free school lunches for infant age pupils.

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. The long term objective of this presumably will be to ultimately select on faith, broadening their catchment and not addressing the local need the local authority have identified.

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

[REDACTED]

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Dear Mr Stevenson

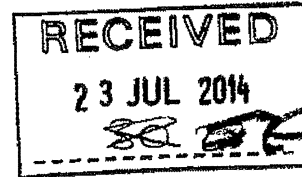
**St Oswalds Junior School Proposed Development**

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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**Responses must be received by 4pm on Wednesday 23 July 2014.**

### Questions

Please answer the questions below which apply to you:

1. Do you agree with the proposal to change Guiseley Infant and Nursery (Community) School to a 2 forms of entry primary school, from September 2015?

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 *yes + no*  
 No

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 alot like my childrens schools layout and that works out well - where reception have their own play area.

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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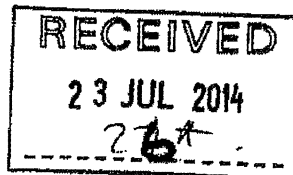
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A shambles to be honest and a total waste of resources having 2 consultations on a process that was apparently decided a long time ago.

The plans look good. My children will be coming in year 3 but leaving a lot of their friends in another school.

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St Oswald's C of E Junior School Pre-Planning Public Consultation

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Comment:	<p>Guiseley</p> <p>Thanks for taking time to speak to us.</p> <p>Concerns for me are -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Where the eye spy / after school club is going to be located</li> <li>* If my son who is an only child - address will not get a place at St Oswalds</li> <li>no siblings will not get a place here.</li> <li>if we want him to go come here.</li> </ul>		

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I am happy with my children attending  
an Infant School → Junior School system.

I understand changes need to be made  
and that a new school is out of the  
question, but I am concerned how the  
disruption will affect my children.

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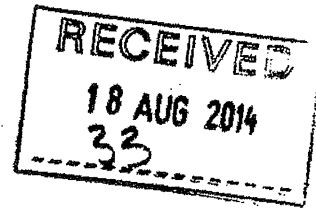
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The current system of an Infant and Junior Schools works for Guiseley. Any additional school places should be in Tranmere School or other local schools. The current proposal is not the most cost effective one.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [EDUC.School.Organisation](mailto:educ.school.organisation@leeds.gov.uk)  
**Subject:** RE: Guiseley Schools expansion update  
**Date:** 27 June 2014 16:26:17

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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](mailto: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/>  
>  
> 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](mailto:educ.school.organisation@leeds.gov.org)  
**Subject:** FW: Guiseley area schools proposal  
**Date:** 30 June 2014 13:47:34

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [educ.school.organisation@leeds.gov.org](mailto: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 School Proposals  
**Date:** 06 July 2014 19:05:22

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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.

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**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

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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

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

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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

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [EDUC School Organisation](#)  
**Subject:** Guiseley Primary School Places  
**Date:** 15 July 2014 15:58:06

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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

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [EDUC School Organisation](#)  
**Subject:** proposed expansion of Guiseley schools  
**Date:** 17 July 2014 11:48:19

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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

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [EDUC School Organisation](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Guiseley School Expansion & Primary School Places  
**Date:** 22 July 2014 00:46:57

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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.

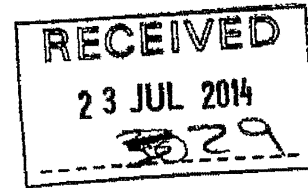
In addition:

- 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



## **Statutory notice response form**



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**Responses must be received by 4pm on Wednesday 23 July 2014.**

### **Questions**

**Please answer the questions below which apply to you:**

1. Do you agree with the proposal to change Guiseley Infant and Nursery (Community) School to a 2 forms of entry primary school, from September 2015?

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.

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent/carer	Your child's/children's school/s:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Governor	Your school:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Member of staff	Your school:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pupil	Your school:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Elected member	Ward:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local resident	Area:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	Please tell us:

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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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- Elected member
- Local resident
- Other

Your child's/children's school/s:  
Your school:  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [EDUC School Organisation](#)  
**Subject:** Guiseley area Primary School places  
**Date:** 23 July 2014 13:21:55

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Having read the most recent proposals put forward by the Governors of Guiseley Infant & Nursery School and St. Oswald's Junior School to expand both their establishments in order to meet the forecast shortfall in primary school places in the area, I have to say that this seems to be an eminently more sensible idea overall than the earlier suggested alternative of building an entirely new junior department to Guiseley High School.

Quite apart from the likely relative difference in costs, which can hardly be anything less than substantial, it will put the additional places closer to the area of need - i.e. the centre of the village and stretching towards the boundaries with Rawdon & Yeadon - and therefore be likely to have a lesser impact on traffic congestion, which regularly reaches gridlock already. Similarly it should reduce the number of parents needing to try and drop off/pick up at two schools in a tight timescale and even those who do will have less distance to cover than in the case of a new school on Bradford Road.

Furthermore, whilst I do not pretend to be an expert on the organisational logistics of education, common sense would dictate that these expansion proposals should be far more easily achievable in what will effectively be a one-year timescale; indeed it seems a little far fetched to imagine that, in reality, what amounts to a complete new school could be planned, built and be ready to open its doors next September.

Additionally, the community will not have to suffer the loss of yet another substantial amount of green space. All in all, these latest proposals have much to recommend them over the previous suggestions and I feel the governing bodies of both schools should be complimented on them and supported to the full.

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