

## **Initial Response Left**

The only two proposals listed are to expand Gledhow or Immaculate Heart, so is it now the case that either one or both will be chosen? Or will other options still be considered?

In September I will have two children at Gledhow and also live nearby so have concerns with how expanding Gledhow would affect the school and the increase the traffic (increase in traffic was apparently used as the reason not to expand Allerton High). I expect that people living close to Immaculate Heart have similar views.

Both proposals look like they will just expand the catchment area when other primary schools might be closer. They seem to be the easiest and cheapest options, but not necessarily the best overall.

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## **Second Response**

Dear Sir or Madam,

We have two daughters, one of which is already at Gledhow Primary School, and the other is due to start in September. We also live very close to the school. We do not agree with the proposal of expanding Gledhow Primary school due to the negative affect it may have on the school and the children that attend, and the increase in traffic that it would bring. The school has a lovely friendly and close atmosphere, which is commented on by Ofsted, and the children feel cared for. This might be eroded with a larger school. There are also concerns over the disruption and Health and Safety issues from the required construction work. More traffic would mean that the chances of someone being injured or even killed would be increased. It is also likely to increase issues with roads and drives being blocked and confrontation between drivers, such as fighting over parking spaces. Dog fouling on streets and near the school is already an issue, especially as there is a field at the back of the school used predominately by dog walkers. The current plans are to bring this field back into school use, which may mean that there is less dog fouling close to the school. However, it will probably mean that there is more fouling in the streets surrounding the school, as the field will no longer be able to be used. The current plan is to build new classrooms etc on part of the school playground. Although this loss would be compensated by bringing the field back into school use, this could not be used when wet. I understand there are plans for some of the current field to be converted to an all weather play area. I do not agree with increasing the number of primary school places available in the Roundhay area, if there are then also no plans to increase the number of secondary school places available. If there is a requirement to increase the number of primary school places in the Roundhay area, the demographic data clearly shows that the area of most need is around North Roundhay/Street Lane where Talbot Primary School is the nearest primary school. Proposing Gledhow just seems to be the cheapest and easiest option, but not the best one for the longer term.

Regards,