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Feedback on Roundhay primary school proposal

EDUC School Organisation

Hello there. My daughter brought home from Roundhay yesterday a consultation letter about expanding the school through addition of a primary school element.

My qualifications for commenting are that all my three children attended first Kerr Mackie and then later Roundhay.

It makes no sense to site a Roundhay primary school on Elmete Lane – it's too far away, not as accessible through public transport and would involve additional cost as teachers moved between the two for meetings etc.

Why not, instead, bring Kerr Mackie under the management of Roundhay? If necessary extend the buildings at Kerr Mackie.

Many thanks

RH2 unions general all ~~proposals~~ proposals into request

info Request
RM2

For the attention of Lesley Savage

I understand that you sent an email on 22nd December regarding changes to Primary school provision in Leeds school in particular the provision of "all-through" schools on certain sites. The email also included invitations for local union officers to attend consultation meetings, several of which have already taken place.

I am also informed that certain education unions, notably ATL, NAHT, GMB and ASCL, were not included in the despatch list for this email and therefore have not received the information.

Please will you:

1. explain why we were excluded from receiving this important information;
2. re-send the email to the unions listed above (contact email addresses for NAHT and GMB in the cc section above)
3. send further information about what was discussed at the meetings which have already taken place.

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Response to additional Primary School Provision in Rounday

MS RH3

to: EDUC School Organisation

I am contacting to provide a written response to your public consultation on the above matter.

I agree in using the site off Elmete Lane to increase Primary School provision.

I disagree with increasing Roundhay School's age range to include Primary provision.

The reasons for these views are:

Increased traffic

I assume children going to Elmete Lane, if live in the area close to Roundhay High School will need to be transported there by car. In school selection promoting sustainable transport such as walking should be encouraged. This would apply to children who live close to the Elmete Lane site when they are older to join the high school will need to go by car to the current Roundhay High School site. Either way traffic will increase.

Why not expand the provision at the local primary schools in the area such as Kerr Mackie and Gledhow to accommodate higher pupil numbers. I assume the same re-building costs would need to be incurred as at Elmete Lane. Also these schools are performing well why build upon their successes and risk a new school opening that may not perform.

If these local schools are expanded and assume local children would attend then traffic should not increase.

It is my view that Education Leeds has been short-sighted in trying to rush through increased primary school provision because a lack of planning. Were not the warning signs present of a need to increase provision to be seen earlier?

Proposal to create additional primary provision in Roundhay to be run by Roundhay School

To: EDUC School Organisation

RH4

Dear Sir/Madam,

✓ Firstly may I congratulate officers in giving a balanced presentation and plenty of time to allow residents, parents and governors of other schools time to make their case or concerns known at the meeting held at Roundhay High School on 24/1/2011.

✓ I am in favour of this proposal as it provides exciting educational opportunities for an expanding number of primary pupils without seriously affecting current provision in the area.

✓ I acknowledge this proposal will only be accepted by the Governing Body of Roundhay High School if there are sufficient funds available to meet the requirements of these pupils and does not have a negative impact on the budget of the school.

✓ Inevitably there will always be fears about change in whatever guise and the challenge for yourselves as well as Roundhay High School is to demonstrate that such a proposal will enhance life opportunities for young people and enables the local community to have an accountable organisation which may not be the case if subject to competitive tender. I accept this is a political statement and will be ignored but it holds good for me and many others.

Yours sincerely,

RE: Email from the Compliments and Complaints page of the website

RH5

Thank you for your email regarding the consultation. I am sorry you were unable to attend the public meeting as we may have been able to reassure you regarding some of your concerns.

Consultation on changes such as these must last for a minimum of six weeks. The closing date for this consultation is 18 February, not January, so we can include your comments along with the other responses. I have checked the website and documents, which do both state February as the closing date.

Whilst we will include your comments, as written, in the consultation responses, I would like to explain, as we would have done at the public meeting, the answers to some of your concerns. The proposal is for a 'through school', extending the age range of the current high school. Children who enter the school in reception would be on the roll of Roundhay school and as such, have a right to remain in year 7. Children from other primary schools would apply in the usual way. Many of the children who would gain a place in the reception class of the through school, live in the same area as those who currently gain places in year 7 at Roundhay. The proposal is to start the primary provision with a reception class, so the primary element of the school would grow over a period of 7 years. At the point where the 2012 reception class were in year 6 we would reduce the admission number of Roundhay year 7 entry from 250 to 190 to allow for the children already on roll. This is a reduction of about 1/4 rather than 2/3, bearing in mind many of the children would be those who would have qualified for a year 7 place by virtue of distance anyway.

Education Leeds are not proposing to remove the right of parents to send their siblings to the same school. The consultation on admission arrangements is asking about a possible modification to the sibling priority. This would give siblings who have the school as their nearest the same priority as now, then nearest children, then siblings who have a different school as their nearest before other children by distance. For entry into year 7 in September 2010, no sibling would have been negatively affected. For entry into Reception September 2010 36 siblings out of 2700 would have been affected. The consultation on whether or not such a change should be made closes on 4th February and if you wish to respond to that consultation, please send that through to me and I will ensure it is included for you.

If Roundhay is your nearest school, and you have an older child there, then neither of these proposals would negatively affect you.

Regards

On Monday 14th January, we received a letter about the proposed changes to the Primary schools in the area. We were informed there was a public meeting at Roundhay High on Monday 24th January. Unfortunately, due to child care issues, I was unable to attend, although I had been planning to.

When I log onto the website to complete the consultation, I find that my window of opportunity ceased on Friday 18th January. This was not mentioned in the letter we received - and I find it astonishing that the consultation period began two weeks before parents were even told about the potential issue.

This is a massive change to the primary school provision in Leeds. The proposal to guarantee places to the high school to those children attending the new primary school (60 places) will reduce places for all other primary schools in the area by 2/3, and this is compounded by proposals within Education Leeds (not included in this consultation) to remove the right of parents to send their children to the same school as their siblings.

My children currently attend Roundhay St John's Primary School - which according to the consultation document, does not actually exist. Which, considering that applications for the school have to go to Education Leeds, I find bizarre. This proposal will prevent my two younger children from attending the same High School as their elder brother, despite the fact that Roundhay High School is the closest school to us.

This proposal removes parental choice, by insisting that parents send their child to this new primary school attached to the High School, thereby removing our choice to send the child to a faith based primary school.

I would like to have my vote counted against the proposal, but am not allowed to, because the consultation period was not correctly advertised, and we only had, apparently, a week to respond.

I am very angry about this, and have copied this email to Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Education, and our local MP, Fabian Hamilton. I will also be writing to them both directly to express my disappointment at Education Leeds move to remove parental choice, by guaranteeing places to the High School to those who attend these new primary schools, which will be attached to every High School in the city,

Yours Sincerely

Proposal to create additional primary provision in the Roundhay area at Elmete Lane from September 2012 to be run by Roundhay School Technology and Language College

08 FEB 2011

Public consultation response form

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Please read the consultation booklet on the proposal and tell us what your views are. The questions on this form are provided to help you do so, but you do not have to respond to all of them. If you prefer not to use this form, you can also put your views in a letter. Letters and forms should be sent to the address at the bottom of this form, or by email to: educ.school.organisation@educationleeds.co.uk. Extra copies of this booklet and response form are available at: www.educationleeds.co.uk/schoolorganisation. All responses will be reported to a meeting of Leeds City Council's Executive Board in March 2011.

Responses must be received by 4pm on Friday 18 February 2011.

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Questions relating to the proposals

1. How much do you agree with the following statements? Please tick as appropriate.

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

400 primary places are not easy to create within the time scale. They are desperately needed in this area - why not allow Roundhay school to manage the creation of an 'extra' primary school. The feeling that a 'new' school would 'steal' pupils from existing primaries is ridiculous. Look at New Machie... it took pupils from Gledhow P.S. in years 4 and 5 yet both schools subsequently flourished because of their differing strengths. Go for it!

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Please tell us more about your views on this proposal (continued)

2. Have you found this booklet useful?

How could we improve the booklet?

Yes No

3. Have you found the consultation process useful?

How could we improve the consultation process?

Yes No

Your personal details (if you want your response to be formally acknowledged)

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Which school are you associated with?

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Data Protection Act 1998

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

In order to meet the 2012 deadline this seems to be the only sensible way forward.

I have some concerns over the ability of the Senior School to be able to correctly operate a primary school and its ability to maintain standards at both.

I also have some concerns regarding whether or not the Senior School

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Please tell us more about your views on this proposal (continued)

Could maintain good links with the other feeder Primary Schools, as well as its own.

I would also like to express how concerned I am about the possibility of removing sibling priority at a Primary School level.

2. Have you found this booklet useful?

Yes No

How could we improve the booklet?

The data on the Catchment areas was based on birth data and did not take into account Siblings. It therefore does not give the big picture.

3. Have you found the consultation process useful?

Yes No

How could we improve the consultation process?

The Sibling rule is currently under review. It is unfair to ask for opinions on this consultation without making people aware of this. If the Sibling rule was to change people may have different opinions.

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