

Appendix 4 : Moor Hall Primary School
Expansion by Enlargement (SOT10050).

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Moor Hall SOT10050: Statutory Consultation Results

Summary Table

Total number of responses:	41
Number in favour or against the proposal:	
In favour	16
Against	24
Not indicated	1
Method of response:	
BeHeard (website)	38
Email	1
Letter	2
Respondent by type:	
Parent	15
Parent & local resident	8
Parent & Local resident other	1
Local resident	13
Local resident other	1
Other	3
Comment themes: (counted per mention of total responses);	Result
Traffic increase	21 /41
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Response ID ANON-YZBX-W282-Z

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-08 22:00:28**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Local Resident

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

No

Please give details:

Parking and traffic is already horrendous, if the school expands it would be impossible. Fire engines and ambulances need to be able to access the estate and at times parents parking block the roads.

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W283-1

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-11 11:45:37**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Local Resident, Other, please specify

other, please specify:

Parent of two who attended Moor Hall school

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

Yes

Please give details:

It is a very capable school with high standards in its teaching methods.

I think it is a very good move to give more children the high level of learning that both my daughters thankfully received.

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W284-2

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-11 19:52:13**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Parent

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

Yes

Please give details:

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W285-3

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-07 12:43:58**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Local Resident

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

Yes

Please give details:

As a local resident I know the hassle which is caused at parents evening times and school events. I have had my drive parked over so I could not pull my car onto my drive and my wife could not remove hers from the drive. This is the only issue I have stopping inconsiderate parking and the flustered anger it creates from residents and drivers who return to a miserable huffy resident. I am not sure if there is a way to restrict parking to residents only - a police notice or some kind of legislation to prevent being imprisoned until the car owner returns.

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W286-4

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-09 10:44:48**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Parent

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

Yes

Please give details:

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W287-5

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-26 08:40:15**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Parent

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

No

Please give details:

The surrounding roads cannot cope with the extra traffic , this is already evident. There are already are issues with traffic speed and pollution, which will get worse. This poses an immediate physical danger to pupils as well as to their long term health from fumes. In order to make it viable , several things would have to be done:

1) 20 mph zone outside the school and possible one way system - the 20 mph should be extended to other schools in the locality. I understand Birmingham already have a policy to make it 20 mph around schools and surrounding roads. It's been proven that slower driving means less pollution and less accidents.

2) In order to encourage walking to school and less cars there is a current issue in trying to cross the busy Little Sutton Road is dangerous and impossible. I myself have nearly been run over by a car and witnessed several near misses. To help encourage parents to walk have a:

(a) Zebra crossing (traffic lights) outside McColls newsagents on Little Sutton Road - there is only a Pelican crossing there and it puts parents off walking. It is extremely dangerous to cross and parents end up using cars.

(b) Mini Roundabout - between Mere Green Road and Little Sutton Road. This would help slow traffic down on the blind bend between Mere Green Road and Little Sutton Road - which then will make crossing near McColls less dangerous.

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W288-6

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-28 19:28:03**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

██████

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

████████████████████

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Parent

other, please specify:

There is a huge shortage of primary school places in the area and Moor Hall school has the management capability and capacity to expand to provide extra places.

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

Yes

Please give details:

There is a huge shortage of primary school places in the area and Moor Hall school has the management capability and capacity to expand to provide extra places.

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W289-7

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-11 09:44:16**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Parent

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

Yes

Please give details:

Yes as I am led to believe that the school is unsustainable otherwise, and provided it is done properly with due consideration for all stakeholders, the educational needs of my daughter, health, safety and environment. I would prefer that the school remain unchanged and was more adequately funded, but am told that is not an option.

It is essential that the plans include increased provision for wrap around (Moorhens) care to cater for the increased number of children and thus increased demand for the service. It is an essential service for my family and other parents. Moorhens will require both an increase in staffing and an increase in accommodation and unless I see this in the plans then I will be raising strong objections.

It is also essential that additional playground facilities are provided to cater for the doubling in numbers of children, as the existing playgrounds are already overcrowded.

We will need assurance that the additional burdens placed on the school during planning, construction and development does not distract and divert staff and teacher resources away from educational needs, and that there will be no impact on the children's learning. Will additional resources be provided to the school during these periods, so that the teachers and leaders can continue to concentrate on teaching and caring for children?

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W28B-G

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-25 15:26:34**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Parent, Local Resident

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

No

Please give details:

If I ignore the fact the decision to enlarge the school has already been made (date for agreeing school numbers for the next financial year is before the closing date for this consultation https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/file/4088/report_1_appendix_2_2017_to_2018_dfe_timetable)

Increasing the school WILL result in someone being seriously injured. According to the Heath & Safety Executive "Schools should consider in their risk assessment vehicle movements occurring immediately outside the school premises".

I have examples of where the HSE have fined organisations £180,000 after people have been injured by vehicles parking and making deliveries (i.e. children) where proper safe guards where not in place to prevent accidents.

As the proposal document doesn't mention "safety" once I hope the council and the school can afford this level of fine.

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W28C-H

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-09 17:00:54**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Parent

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

No

Please give details:

The school and surrounding area is simply not big enough. The extra pupils for the current year 3 has already caused traffic chaos and the surrounding area has gone from being relatively safe to un-safe.

I feel that with the introduction of a further 30 pupils in each year, the traffic and extra cars will make it extremely hazardous for pupils and parents.

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W28D-J

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-27 11:35:49**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Parent

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

Yes

Please give details:

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W28E-K

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-10 09:52:47**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Other, please specify

other, please specify:

Resident of Mere Green Sutton Coldfield though not in the school catchment area.

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

Yes

Please give details:

Additional school places are most certainly needed in Sutton Coldfield. My neighbours have had to send their child to school in Lichfield because there were no local places in their home town of Sutton Coldfield despite the fact that they pay their council tax to Birmingham and have lived in the area for several years. However and this is a major point ! You MUST provide for the additional traffic and parking required for all the extra parents,visitors and staff. You simply cannot extend the school places without making proper provision for the anticipated levels of increased traffic.

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W28F-M

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-07 17:31:54**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Other, please specify

other, please specify:

[REDACTED] a nearby school with existing places to be filled

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

No

Please give details:

I am not in favour of this proposal because we have available spaces here at New Hall primary School in all year groups within a short distance of Moor Hall. Staffing and classroom space is already in place and no additional construction works need to be carried out or paid for. We are a 'good' school and could offer an excellent education to these children who require additional spaces within the area.

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W28G-N

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-28 22:17:39**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Parent

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

Yes

Please give details:

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W28H-P

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-28 09:06:05**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Local Resident

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

No

Please give details:

As residents who have lived directly behind the school for nearly 20 years we are concerned that our privacy will be affected. Noise levels are already considerable and the doubling of the size of the school will obviously increase this issue.

The current building is low-level, which is acceptable. Any increase in the height of the building will cause unacceptable privacy issues. We are also very anxious about access to the school (the potential of school traffic, vehicular and otherwise, being re-routed immediately behind our property.)

[REDACTED]

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W28J-R

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-25 22:12:16**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

██████████

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

████████████████████

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Local Resident

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

Yes

Please give details:

Yes, I am very much in favour of the expansion of Moor Hall Primary School. There are huge pressures on the schools in this local area and there are many families that are having to travel several miles to the primary school place that has been allocated to their child. This is not only inconvenient but also takes something away from the community that people have grown up in or moved to, and that they assume will be the community that their child grows up in. It leaves children feeling disconnected from their local community if they are not able to obtain their education within it, which in turn has a detrimental effect on society. A two-class intake school offers many benefits to a one-class intake such as greater flexibility to rearrange the class populations if there are personality clashes / disruptive pupils. It also offers greater control on maintaining a maximum of 30 pupils per class. Moor Hall Primary School has demonstrated outstanding performance and has a leadership that I am sure will be able to continue to deliver outstanding results as a two-class intake.

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W28K-S

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-28 19:25:34**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

██████

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

████████████████████

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Parent

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

Yes

Please give details:

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W28M-U

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-25 22:38:36**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Parent

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

Yes

Please give details:

Expanding what is already a fantastic school is obviously a positive measure. I am very much in favour of expanding what is already a wonderful school so more children get the opportunity to attend.

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W28N-V

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-14 10:34:12**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Parent

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

No

Please give details:

The school was built in the 50s as a one intake, how can doubling the size be viable?Where are all the children going to come from to fill it?, If this is a distance away doubling of cars will be inevitable it is already dangerous for children and parents as the roads around the school are saturated at drop off and pick up times.

If the doubling in size takes away any of the play grounds/sports fields this is totally unacceptable in these times when child obesity is on the rise!

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W28P-X

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-28 11:35:35**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Local Resident

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

No

Please give details:

I live within 120 metres of the school gate. The current traffic situation is an accident waiting to happen, why someone has not been killed on our stretch of road is amazing. Inevitably parking is an issue often meaning access to our own properties can be restricted. However, it is the driving behaviours of drivers delivering pupils to school or other road users frustrated by the thoughtless parking that is the real issue.

Drivers will mount the pavement with two wheels and drive down the section of road with two wheels on the pavement. Some parents (admittedly only a few) will park wholly on the pavement leaving pedestrians with only the option of walking on the road to get by. The scramble for parking opportunities has resulted in at least one of the residents getting knocked down when on her own property.

The police do not appear interested, the only time you see a police uniform is during the quiet times, never at peak times.

My children went to this school and I was a parent governor so I am not anti the school. As a resident I chose to live here knowing the school was down the road. However when this school was built the quantity of traffic was lower and drivers weren't trying to manoeuvre 4x4s. The traffic situation has outgrown the capacity of a domestic residential road. Potentially you now want to double the double the problem.

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W28Q-Y

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-09 07:16:38**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Parent

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

No

Please give details:

The current school size is unique for the area with only one class entry. This was the main appeal for choosing the school for our daughter. By increasing the year 3 in September 2016 there has been an issue with traffic down Rowallen and Essex Rd. This traffic issue will increase if the school is to be enlarged. Moor Hall is a small school with a big heart, it needs to remain that way!

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W28R-Z

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-11 16:38:02**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Local Resident

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

Yes

Please give details:

With reservations on the inadequate highway infrastructure surrounding the site. at present the roads, built in the 1960s have difficulty coping with the amount of cars used by parents delivering and collecting children. It is difficult to see how this is going to be managed if the school doubles its size.

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W28S-1

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-04 17:53:03**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Other, please specify

other, please specify:

[REDACTED] another local Sutton school

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

No

Please give details:

New Hall Primary is situated in close proximity to Moor Hall, and easily accessible to parents who may want to send their children to Moor Hall. From September 2015 we have been allowed to increase from 1.5 to 2 form entry. This has been done with very little financial cost to BCC, as we have a fantastic facility and site, and we are still not full (currently 353 pupils). The justification for spending a great deal of money to expand Moor Hall cannot be warranted, when there is a school very close by which has spaces in EVERY year group. I know that the increase to Y3 for Moor Hall this year has only added 13 new pupils, so where is the justification for adding even more spaces, and a whole new build, for places that are not required? I feel very let down by the LA, as I cannot see the need for the expense when New Hall has spaces. Are taxpayers aware of how much money is needed to expand Moor Hall, when there is absolutely no justification?

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W28U-3

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-09 17:14:38**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Local Resident

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

Yes

Please give details:

It is essential that the footprint of the development contains sufficient parking facility for all staff plus disabled parking and for any visitors The present facilities do not currently provide this and extra vehicles are regularly left on the pavement/street in the surrounding roads causing hazard both to other cars ,delivery land emergency vehicles .

In addition adequate control of cars used for delivering pupils to school must be made - one way systems one side of the road only and use of traffic wardens.

Your acknowledgement of this EM would be appreciated

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W28V-4

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-06 12:08:31**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Local Resident

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

No

Please give details:

Noise, inconvenience, access, parking. We have already suffered from building work to put a nursery adjacent to our fence and suffer from significantly greater noise pollution than when we bought our property, plus balls and rubbish over our fences. We are concerned re access issues to the school plus building disruption as we are both elderly and infirm

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W28W-5

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-08 23:35:03**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Parent, Local Resident

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

No

Please give details:

I believe that the local residential area and the small school site could not possibly cope with the projected pupil numbers and subsequent staff members. The local road infrastructure is also inadequate, the school site is on a narrow residential road occupied primarily by elderly residents many of which have carers attending on a daily basis, and the school entrance is on a blind bend! There is a long-standing history of traffic accidents, emergency vehicles being delayed by having their access blocked by double parking and a total lack of safe parking and safe walking routes adjacent to the site which would obviously increase significantly, thus having a very dangerous and detrimental effect on both pupils and neighbours of the school, very sadly only last year a local pupil was killed on a side road in the vicinity of the school, a route that is walked daily by many families, a consultation was done with BCC and the need for a crossing was unbelievably dismissed! I also believe that any possible benefits to an already outstanding school are heavily outweighed by the negative impact that would occur during the build itself due to a lack of amenities whilst the build itself is taking place. I fail to see how provisions during this period can be made for sport to continue on site as the only identifiable space for materials, site huts, contractors vehicles, rest rooms and associated buildings and amenities would no doubt be on the one existing playing field which we have. I believe this whole proposal for expansion is due to budgetary constraints and is not for the direct benefit of the children.

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W28X-6

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-10 18:06:04**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Parent, Local Resident

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

No

Please give details:

I believe due to the schools location and the footprint of the school this school is not suited to an expansion.

Location: The school is on a traffic'ed side road which at present is very busy in the morning with both traffic from school parents and traffic from commuters driving past the school. There is a one way system which is in place but is only advisory so doesnt make a great deal of difference especially to residents of Rowallan Road.

School Plot: There is a single playing field for the school along with seperated playing grounds. New school buildings will have to be built on areas that currently are reserved for outdoor learning through play. I do not like the idea of school greenland being taken up to increase the population of the school.

I appreciate Moor Hall is an outstanding school and expansion has worked for local schools but these schools locally had the footprint to allow comfortably for the expansion of the school. Moor Hall does not.

It is for this reason i oppose the expansion of the school.

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W28Y-7

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-08 21:36:46**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Parent, Local Resident

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

No

Please give details:

1. Our son [REDACTED] recently joined Moor Hall in reception, he is the youngest boy in his class and quite socially shy. Even though we are in the catchment area for several outstanding primary schools we specifically chose Moor Hall as a single form school as we believed it would be the best place for our son to develop his confidence and grow in a school that wasn't too large or intimidating. We are upset that we were not told that the school had ambitions to develop into a dual form school when we chose which school we would like him to attend.

2. We also own the house that directly backs onto the playground of the school and we are concerned that a dual form school would have significantly increased levels of noise and in addition we are concerned that a second storey school building would impact on our privacy and property value.

3. Having attended the consultation meeting today we were told that the primary reason for developing the school is to solve budgetary concerns through the expansion of the school catchment area as it would allow the school to be open to the placement of more disadvantaged children which would directly impact the level of funding the school receives. Therefore I don't believe that the primary reason for expansion is to support and further develop the schools existing pupils but will impact on their education in the favour of pupils yet to join the school.

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W28Z-8

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-17 19:43:35**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Local Resident

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

No

Please give details:

Parking and through traffic is already a cause for concern. Lack of consideration to local residents are already evident with speeding (which is also a danger to students), inconsiderate parking, abuse of property when walking by i.e littering, kicking of stones. Parking is also an issue with school events happening on evenings and weekends. Uncertainty of the structural extension which may invade our privacy, view and noise level is also a great concern. This will affect market value and resale potential.

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W2R1-S

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-29 15:26:08**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Parent, Local Resident, Other, please specify

other, please specify:

Childrens road safety campaigner.

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

No

Please give details:

I object to the expansion of Moor Hall Primary School for the following reasons;

1. Paul Boden misleading Parents and Residents. At two recent meetings held at Moor Hall Primary School, Paul Boden BCC Capital Program Manager and representative has set out to mislead the parents of Moor Hall Primary School and local residents, by deliberately quoting and stating facts that are completely untrue, denying he has any knowledge whatsoever of the proposed development plans and withholding information against the parents and residents interests.
 - i. Paul Boden made false representations by stating that Moor Hall Primary School, Coppice Primary School and St Joseph's Primary School sites (Both Coppice and St Joseph's having already recently expanded to a double intake/stream) were all of very similar sizes and therefore Moor Hall Primary School is more than large enough to expand on its current site. The truth is Coppice Primary School site is 28300 square metres, St Joseph's Primary School site is 19000 square metres and Moor Hall Primary school site is a mere 9800 square metres.
 - ii. At both meetings Paul Boden stated that there are no draft plans or scheme in place for the expansion of the school to date, however, in a one to one conversation with myself after the first meeting in October it slipped out that as well as a feasibility study he had already had several meetings with architects and actually had basic draft plans drawn up in which the school was to be remodelled, footprint increased to accommodate the seven extra classrooms, each of which would be to the minimum 64 square meters in size and rather than expand the already overburdened facilities such as Kitchen/Catering, Hall, Toilets, Playground, breaks would most likely be staggered with extra sittings to cope with the doubling of pupil numbers, as he had done at other schools. This information was not only blatantly withheld during both meetings in an attempt to mislead parents and residents, it's against the wider public interest to have a local government officer so blatantly try to hide the facts and mislead people in an open forum/discussion.
 - iii. In a consultation document to residents it was stated "additional land" had been identified for the expansion of the school. When Paul Boden was asked where the additional land is, he refused to go into any details, when pressed it transpired it was not "additional land" at all, but the "existing land" within the school site. Again this was very ambiguous and misleading leaving a lot of residents confused and with grave concerns over their boundaries.
2. Size of site. As stated in item 1, Moor Hall Primary School site is only one third the size of other local double intake primary schools and cannot satisfactorily accommodate the construction/footprint of a larger school, its associated parking and infrastructure, without it being to the severe detriment and welfare of pupils, staff and residents alike.
 - i. Coppice Primary School site is 28300 square metres, Mere Green Combined Primary School site is 28900 square metres, St Joseph's School site is 19000 square metres and Moor Hall Primary School site is a mere 9800 square metres. Tiny by comparison.
 - ii. Pupils have already been banned from running at playtimes for safety reasons because the two separate playgrounds are too small to satisfactorily accommodate the current intake.
 - iii. The kitchen and hall already cannot cope at meal times, with children being late for the start of lessons because of delays between sittings.
 - iv. Sports field size is only just adequate to fulfil its role for the various sports and activities so vital to the children's health. The Sports field also needs additional space to allow for the maintenance and rotation of pitches/playing areas due the effects of inclement weather and wear and tear. Any loss of even the smallest part of the field will result in pitches needing more time to rest and recover between play, resulting in a reduction in time/sport available to the children.
 - v. Parking. A total of only 13 spaces are available on site. The independent on site nursery, Ducklings, alone employs 7 members of staff that drive to work, with only one parking space provided. There's also insufficient parking for the current level of school teaching/admin/kitchen staff, as well as contractors, deliveries and ancillary service staff. Coppice Primary School by comparison currently has 3700 square metres of parking compared to Moor Hall Primary School's tiny 288 square metres of parking, that's less than one tenth of the current parking for Coppice Primary School. The equivalent parking needed for Moor Hall Primary School would take up 38% of the total Moor Hall Primary Schools site/footprint.

3. Local demand for places. During the meeting of the 8/11/16 we were told that there was a large demand for places within the catchment area.

- i. Within the same 2 mile catchment area and cluster is Coppice Primary School, St Josephs Primary School, Mere Green Combined Primary School, Little Sutton Primary School, Four Oaks Primary School, Hillwest Primary School, Whitehouse Common Primary School all of which are double intake, most notably three of the closest Primary schools to Moor Hall Primary School were very recently expanded to double intake.

- ii. There's hasn't been any significant new housing developments within the catchment area over the past 10 + years. So no influx of new families over and above existing year on year demand.
- iii. Moor Hall School is oversubscribed because it's "Ofsted outstanding" and a single stream intake. Single intake schools are generally favoured by parents (this is why we chose Moor Hall Primary School for our children) thus more popular.
- iv. Secondary school places within the area have not increased in line with the increase in Primary school places. This will add to the burden on Secondary schools within the area over coming years.

In conclusion, within the same catchment area and cluster, seven Primary schools already have a double intake despite no increased demand being created from new housing stock. In fact the local area has an ageing population living in old existing housing stock. Within the 2 mile catchment area there are a minimum 450 + reception (and that does not even include Langley School) places available.

4. Local infrastructure and safety. The expansion of Moor Hall Primary School cannot adequately safeguard children's safety and local infrastructure is inadequate.

- i. The roads and car park to Moor Hall Primary School are inadequate for emergency services. Due to overflow parking on neighbouring roads by staff, parents and contractors, as well as the entire access/entrance to Moor Hall Primary School only being 5.8 metre wide, which is usually blocked by staff cars double parking, makes it impossible for a fire appliance to gain entry to the school site in an emergency.
- ii. The school fire assembly point is on the rear playground, hemmed in by the schools own buildings, neighbouring properties and trees leaving no clear escape route. Trapping children in a confined area, smoke inhalation is the biggest cause of death during a fire.
- iii. In October 2015 a child was killed on Little Sutton Road. A majority of children who walk to school cross Little Sutton Road opposite the shops. There is no pelican crossing. Little Sutton Road is wide, a speeding hot spot and desperately in need of a safe Pelican Crossing opposite the shops. The doubling of parents and pupils crossing this road will significantly increase the risk of another fatality.

5. Budget and cost. The budget of £1600 per square metre proposed for the expansion of Moor Hall Primary School is too low. Because of the nature and small size of the site it presents some unique and costly challenges compared to other school developments.

- i. The only viable way to provide sufficient parking on such a small site (comparable with other Primary schools in the area) is for a subterranean or multistorey car park.
- ii. Adding additional parking to green spaces would be a loss of valuable amenity and recreation space, such as the children's gardening activities, overspill for play and outdoor lessons during the summer months.
- iii. Reducing the playing field would still not provide enough space. If it were reduced in size it would need to be replaced with a hugely expensive artificial all weather surface (for reasons explained in item 2 iv).
- iv. The reasons for expansion given at the meeting on the 11/10/2016 were that the school would gain much needed finances by virtue of more pupils and Pupil Premium. The school is unlikely to qualify for Pupil Premium as Sutton Coldfield is an affluent area. With more classes comes more overheads, such as staff, books, building maintenance, heating and electricity to name but a few. The financial net gain is likely to be small if nothing at all. There are also more than enough places within the catchment/cluster as a whole and it's unlikely the extra classes will be filled for many years, meaning lower pupil numbers than projected, so rather than increasing the net budget, will instead put an increased and unnecessary burden on the schools finances.
- v. Birmingham City Council is also under huge budgetary pressures and will have to make cuts.

In conclusion:

I don't feel Moor Hall Primary School site large enough for expansion.

Local infrastructure and road safety is inadequate.

Projected pupil numbers and school finances will not provide a significant enough financial net gain to justify such an expansion and be an unnecessary cost to the public finances.

There are already additional Primary school places over and above previous years within the catchment and cluster, enough to fulfil the needs of local children.

The small budget of £1600 per square metre to undertake the extension/expansion work will not deliver a school worthy of local children's needs, either educationally, physically or emotionally.

Its' unfortunate that so many people are looking out for their own interests (namely Architects, BCC Capital Program dept etc) by promoting such an unsuitable scheme and clearly do not care or have any vested interest in the actual wellbeing of the children affected. If they did they would not be pushing forward this unworkable and unsuitable scheme so hard.

The school is already delivering an excellent education and environment for the children. This should be about safeguarding the existing pupils welfare and education which is already Ofsted Outstanding. Not diluting it.

Yours sincerely



(father of two children attending Moor Hall School and local resident)

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W2R2-T

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-30 07:48:33**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

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2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Parent, Local Resident

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

No

Please give details:

Primary reasons for our objections are as follows:

- disruption to our children's school education and experience throughout the building works.
- safety of children, residents and visitors to the school on local roads due to the significant increase in vehicles using the roads of what is a residential estate.
- car parking on local roads is already an issue for some residents, and it is expected that it is only to get worse. It is not just an issue at the standard drop off/pick up times, but also when the school runs events outside normal school hours, such as fetes and performances.
- the transportation and delivery of building materials will also generate disruption and H&S issues.

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W2R5-W

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**
Submitted on **2016-11-29 12:51:08**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

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2 What is your e-mail address?

e-mail:

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3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Parent, Local Resident

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

No

Please give details:

I am a parent of two current children at the school and one additional sibling who I would hope would be a future pupil. I also live on the road so I have the opportunity to look at this from three separate angles.

My main concern is that to date there has been nothing provided by the school/council giving more detail into the site plan, how the build will be managed and how the future school would operate. Without this I have too many questions unresolved.

1) Safety of children and members of the public outside of the school

Despite many innovations from the staff and parents to reduce traffic and make drivers more thoughtful none have had a long lasting effect on the dangers to children and adults alike during the school drop off. Driving on the pavement and parking outside the school have both been tackled with an unofficial one-way system, facebook campaigns and school newsletter notices. There are inherent dangers even now with a 240 capacity and increasing to 420 will put pressure on carparking around the school. Additionally as the catchment areas widens those new pupil's parents will live further afield and are more likely to drive adding to the proportion of cars to pupils increasing. I cannot see that innovative solutions will be taken up by parents eager to get to work in inclement weather.

2) Staff carparking

There are already insufficient spaces for staff. The doubling of the Moor Hall staff will either result in more parking on the road - see above or additional carparking spaces being created which can only reduce the common areas of the school.

3) Loss of school Ethos

We have a wide variety of school choices in the area and what attracts many to the school is the "Small School with the Big Heart" motto. By removing from the local area one of the remaining one form entries it is difficult to see that the school will keep some of its unique characteristics. I would also be concerned that the senior staff would spend more time project managing the changing face of Moor Hall than teaching the children.

4) Loss of amenities during the build stage

At present it is not clear how the school will manage to operate during the construction stage. There is a fear that the playing field will be used for site equipment, plant, etc losing access to open space for the current intake. Additionally there is a worry that temporary classrooms will be used during the construction phase which for infant pupils is not ideal due to lack of toilet facilities

5) Safety and structure of the school following the extensions

Moor Hall School (excluding the playing field) is on a fairly small parcel of land and it is difficult to see how the school could double in size unless you build upwards (which would severely affect the current schools ability to operate during construction). The areas used to wait for children after school are already crowded and these will need to double. The two playgrounds will need to double in size as will common areas. How can safety be maintained for children in a school that may be extended economically but where the size of the site does not on the face of it allow for footfall to double.

I recognise the budgeting issues of the one form entry and would rather have largely voluntary contributions than a rushed expansion. Equally I know we need to address the large increase in pupils numbers in Birmingham. We should look to build more schools not create a legacy of Frankenstein schools where we fix a few classrooms here and there and hope for the best.

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W2RA-9

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-30 09:42:06**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

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2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

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3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Parent

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

Yes

Please give details:

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W2RF-E

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-29 14:37:52**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

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2 What is your e mail address?

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3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Parent

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

Yes

Please give details:

We recently moved to the area and selecting a location where there were primary school places available was critical to our decision. I believe that there is a clear demand for additional school places in the area. Moor Hall School is excellently run but restrained by its current size making it difficult to provide cost effective extra-curricular activities such as sport, music, etc.

However, there are significant public concerns in the local area that need to be addressed as part of the full business case and prior to the planning application. The school in its current form does not have the capacity to accommodate the increased number of pupils, however expanding the school appears feasible within the current footprint. The design will need to consider increasing facilities for sports, play, assemblies, catering, staff car parking and office space alongside the necessary increases to the number of classrooms. Any expansion will also need to consider travel implications as the increased capacity is likely to attract a significant increase in car drivers. The existing road is already heavily congested around school start/finish times and there are safety concerns for pupils crossing the road outside the school. Traffic improvements such as a reduced speed limit, permanent one-way system, vehicle activated speed signs, chevrons and extended zig-zag markings should be implemented to ensure pupil safety is maintained.

Finally, outside of permanent planning requirements, the construction works at the school will need to be undertaken sympathetically. Any impact of the construction will need to be minimized on pupils in the school by planning deliveries outside school start/finish times, providing temporary parking away from the school site and undertaking noisy and disruptive works outside the school term time.

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W2RT-V

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-30 23:42:34**

Introduction

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Name:

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2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

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3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Local Resident

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

No

Please give details:

Primary reason is road safety. The roads around the school including Homer Road and Essex Road are already severely congested between 08:30 to 09:15 and 3:15 to 4:00; increasing the school intake will inevitably worsen this as the new catchment will be wider. The sharp corner on Rowallan Road by the school is a particular hazard. I cycle to work past the school each morning and in the past two years I have been knocked off my bike once (without serious injury) and been close to being hit several times going round this corner. On my journey home I have several times been forced onto the pavement by cars overtaking vehicles parked for an evening event. I'm aware that numerous attempts have been made over the past 20 years to reduce traffic congestion around the school, but none has had lasting impact. The increased number of traffic movements around the school will inevitably worsen road safety in the vicinity.

A lesser reason is the parking issue, especially during the peak times. I have regularly seen residents blocked from exiting their driveways by carelessly parked cars - this is bound to worsen if the school is enlarged.

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W2RV-X

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-29 09:31:09**

Introduction

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2 What is your e mail address?

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3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Parent, Local Resident

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

No

Please give details:

The document "Birmingham Mainstream Primary and Secondary Education Sufficiency Requirements 2016" (hereafter BCC 2016) gives the criteria for school expansion as (on page 43):

- "i) Location in relation to Basic Need i.e. how well the additional places are located to meet growth and, in the case of Special School provision, whether the school is able to meet the needs of the additional young people requiring a Special School place
- ii) Standards in the school: it is expected that schools that expand will be Outstanding or Good
- iii) The capacity of the school to provide suitable accommodation on the site, within existing space and within planning / buildability constraints; whether school has undertaken a BCC asset sufficiency survey
- iv) Popularity of the school
- v) Potential of any expansion to create overprovision or reduce diversity of provision in an area."

A permanent expansion of Moor Hall School does not meet criteria (i), (iii) or (v) and therefore the school should not be allowed to expand.

To consider each point in turn:

(i) Location in relation to Basic Need.

BCC 2016 clearly states that there is no need for a permanent expansion from Year R in any primary school in Sutton Coldfield.

For example:

Page 12: "The peak year of entry to Primary schools at Reception age is 2016/2017, after which birth rates appear to be declining. We expect to make more use of flexible expansion so that we do not build permanent reception classes that will not be needed in the future."

On page 17, it is stated for both 2017/18 and 2018/19 "No permanent Reception places required".

Map set A (pp. 19-25) shows that no part of Sutton Coldfield or Erdington is a priority area for Year R. No part of Sutton Four Oaks or Sutton Trinity is identified as a priority area for any year group.

Ward/District Requirements on p.29 show only a need for a temporary Reception class in Sutton Coldfield in 2017 with no additional requirement anticipated for 2018.

Also, in the local area, Mere Green, Maney Hill and St. Joseph's schools have all expanded in the last few years and additional places have also been made available at New Hall and Whitehouse Common (BCC 2016, appendix 3). The "cut-off distances" published in the booklet "Primary Education 2017" show that for both 2015 and 2016 all residents of the area around Moor Hall School who were applying for a Reception place were within the cut-off distances of at least two schools. In other words, parents applying for a reception place have a choice of schools. It is therefore clear that a permanent expansion of Moor Hall would create more places than are required in the area.

The real problem, as highlighted in BCC 2016, is the pressure caused by cohort growth – by families moving into the area and needing school places for children who are already of school age. This is a problem in the local area because all the local schools are full, so it is extremely difficult for a family moving into the area to find a school place. However, the local schools are all full not because there is a shortage of places locally, but because most local schools have Outstanding Ofsted ratings, with the few that are not Outstanding being rated as Good. Such schools will always have more applicants than places. A permanent expansion of Moor Hall School from Year R will not solve the problem. If Moor Hall offered 60 places in Year R, it would fill them, and the other local schools would still fill all their places, because families in areas where the schools are not so good are willing to travel to get their children into a 'good' school. There would still be no places available for families moving into the area. The only difference would be that Moor Hall's ability to accommodate a bulge class would have been lost.

iii) The capacity of the school to provide suitable accommodation on the site

Looking at the schools nearest to Moor Hall School: Coppice, Four Oaks, Hill West, Hollyfield, Little Sutton, Maney Hill, Mere Green, St Josephs and Whitehouse

Common are all located on sites that are much larger than Moor Hall (average of 5 acres; the smallest is Hollyfield at over 3¼ acres). In contrast, Moor Hall is squeezed onto approximately 2½ acres. There is no two-form-entry school on such a small site in the local area. It is hard to see how it can be expanded in such a way as to (i) provide the necessary additional classrooms etc and (ii) provide additional on-site car-parking (which was confirmed at the November meeting to be part of the proposal) without reducing the amount of outdoor space available to the children. Even if a building proposal could achieve the necessary expansion without sacrificing outdoor space, there would still be only half as much outdoor space available per child if the expansion went ahead. The current infant playground, in particular, is very small and probably cannot safely accommodate 180 children during playtimes.

v) Potential of any expansion to create overprovision or reduce diversity of provision in an area.

The proposal to permanently double the size of Moor Hall School carries a significant risk of creating overprovision in the local area as explained above. The overprovision would not be expressed in empty places in the local schools (although the Year 3 bulge class introduced at Moor Hall in September 2016 is not full) but rather in parents travelling further because they abandon their local schools in favour of the 'better' schools in Sutton Coldfield. This is not going to help the 'poorer' schools to improve.

In addition, some parents specifically look for a small school for their child. The only other single-form-entry primary school in the local area is Holy Cross, which is a Catholic school and thus not accessible to non-Catholics. A permanent expansion at Moor Hall does, therefore, reduce the diversity of provision in the area, because it removes the option of choosing a single-form-entry school.

Having explained why a permanent expansion at Moor Hall is not justified according to BCC's own criteria, there are two additional points I would like to make:

i) The consultation and proposal documents are contradictory and in many cases also directly contradict statements made by Council representatives at the two pre-consultation meetings held at the school in recent months. This undermines the whole validity of the consultation.

Some examples:

- from the Minutes of the meeting on 3 October: "There is a real need for additional school places in the local area, as indicated by forecasting tools ... There is a statutory requirement for the Local Authority to ensure there are sufficient schools for its residents. This involves ensuring that we increase the school places available so that families can be offered a school place within 2 miles from home for children under the age of 8 years..." This gives the impression that permanent expansions of local primary schools are urgently required, which is not the case (see above).
- from the Proposal Document, page 3: "additional land has been identified for the building of the extension" – in answer to a question at the November meeting, it was clarified that this is not additional land acquired by the school (as many residents had assumed) but rather part of the existing site that is not currently built on. Anyone not attending that meeting is likely to assume that the proposal is to enlarge the school site.
- from the Proposal Document, page 4: "Our projected pupil numbers show that we need to provide an additional 600 Reception places in the city by September 2017". This contradicts page 17 of BCC 2016 and is misleading because it fails to mention that the majority of these places are needed only on a temporary basis.
- from the Proposal Document: "Additional places are required within the Sutton Trinity ward and the Sutton District to meet Basic Need." In fact, the figures in BCC 2016 show that no part of Sutton Trinity (or Sutton Four Oaks, which is also served by Moor Hall School) is a priority area requiring additional places.

ii) BCC 2016 makes a compelling case for temporary flexible expansion to accommodate cohort growth. e.g. "We require permanent expansions from Year 3 and further bulge classes across Years 1-6 in order to meet anticipated cohort growth"; "We ask all partners to ... Consider flexible expansion – providing new places across year groups to help meet pressures from cohort growth, rather than one class of 30"; "We will require increased flexibility across our primary schools to create bulge expansions as particular year groups fill."

These comments resonate with families who have moved into the area around Moor Hall School and cannot get a local school place. By taking a bulge class in Year 3 in 2016, Moor Hall has proved that it is well-placed to address this need. The current Year 6 class has expanded to 31 in order to admit the sibling of one of the new Year 3 pupils. Rather than permanent expansion, the emphasis should be on this kind of compassionate flexibility across all schools in the local area.

Finally, Moor Hall School brands itself as a 'small school with a big heart'. It is rated Outstanding by Ofsted. The headteacher is a local leader of education who provides support to other schools in the local authority, and the Chair of the Governing Body is a national leader of governance (as noted in the Ofsted report). This school is successful in every way. It should not be forced to change just to "create a sustainable financial future for the school" (Minutes of the October meeting). This is the type of school that Birmingham needs more of. Don't change it. A bulge class flexibly addresses local need. A permanent expansion would irreversibly change the very thing that makes this school so special.

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W2RW-Y

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-30 23:58:50**

Introduction

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Name:

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2 What is your e mail address?

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3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Parent, Local Resident

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

No

Please give details:

I am strongly against the proposal for a number of reasons.

Road safety/Parking

One of my main concerns (as a parent and a local resident) is the impact on traffic, congestion and the safety of the children. Increasing the number of pupils will mean there are more people coming from further away and will result in more people driving to, and parking near, the school. There are already problems with cars and parking around school times and this would be a lot worse following the expansion.

The location of the school on a bend is a significant problem which cannot be mitigated. Coupled with the volume of traffic moving along Rowallen Road and past the school (in both directions on the bend), this would create real dangers for the safety of the children should the school be expanded.

A further problem is that the staff car park is not big enough for existing staff let alone an increase in staff. This will mean even more cars parked on the road not just at school times but throughout the day.

School Infrastructure

The school infrastructure and the footprint of the school and the grounds are insufficient to cope with the additional pupils. Other local schools with two classes per year group have much larger facilities than Moor Hall eg larger playing fields, larger playgrounds, two dining halls etc and yet the proposal is to create a school double the size on a plot of land meant for a one class intake school.

Classroom accommodation - I understand that the school is going to be "remodelled" rather than rebuilt. Moor Hall sits on a relatively small plot of land which is surrounded by houses. There is no possibility to acquire extra land to expand the school. It is difficult to see where 7 additional classrooms plus other necessary additions (toilets, cloakrooms etc) would be built other than on existing playgrounds and playing fields. I do not believe this is an acceptable solution as outside space is just as important to pupils as inside space - PE and outdoor play are crucial to the health and wellbeing of the children.

Outside areas - The playgrounds are not big enough for the current number of children in the school. Collisions between children are not uncommon during breaks and lunchtimes and an increase in pupils would only exacerbate this. For this reason, in the summer months some classes are allowed to play on the playing field to relieve the pressure in the playground. Additional pupils would create the risk of far more accidents happening.

Similarly, the playing field is not very big compared to playing fields at other local schools (eg Mere Green School has vast playing fields and grounds). Using some of the playing field to build on would be detrimental to the children and their physical wellbeing.

School Hall - the current school hall will be too small to accommodate the extra pupils for assemblies and lunchtimes. Lunchtimes are already staggered for KS1 and KS2 and it would not be acceptable to stagger it even more, resulting in some children having their lunch very early or very late.

The kitchen - this would also need to cope with the additional pupils and it has not been explained how this would be achieved.

Moorhens before and after school club - this is already oversubscribed and would need to be at least doubled in size to allow for the increase in pupils. Where would these be accommodated? Again, this has not been made clear. Many parents rely on this in order to be able to go to work (myself included) and it would be disastrous if I could not have my children looked after before school as I would be unable to work.

Library - this is very small and insufficient for double the number of pupils. The number of books in the library would need to be increased significantly as would all other teaching resources in the school (books, whiteboards, PCs, iPads, keyboards etc)

My understanding is that the main driver for the proposal is to create new school places. It would be a far better solution to create school places at a school with larger facilities and grounds. Surely a school with 2 classes per year group already would be far better placed to absorb an additional 30 pupils per year group than a school with only one existing class per year group (ie a 50% increase rather than a 100% increase). For example, Mere Green School has extensive grounds/playing fields compared to Moor Hall. Similarly, Whitehouse Common, Coppice and Little Sutton are all on much larger plots of land and have the existing facilities to cope better with an increase in numbers.

Response ID ANON-YZBX-W2RY-1

Submitted to **School Organisation Moor Hall Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-11-29 17:34:14**

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your e mail address?

e mail:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your interest in the proposal?

Parent

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

No

Please give details:

I chose the school over other local outstanding schools specifically because it was a one year intake, which best suits my children. There is already an issue with crowding of the residential streets during pick up and drop off, which will only get worse with double the number. I am concerned valuable outside space will be taken up with the expansion. And I cannot imagine that the expansion works would be completed over the 6 weeks summer holidays, and will extended into the school year. Thus disrupting my child's education time.

RECEIVED
17 NOV 2016



14th. November 16

Dear Sirs,

Ref. Proposal to Enlarge Moor Hall Primary School.

I want to register my objection to the proposal. My objection is solely related to the parking problem which has been a gradually occurring event.

About one year ago the parents who have children at the school sent a circular to all local residents requesting support for an informal one way system to be adopted in the road approaches to the school. This was their recognition that parking had become a major problem for them. The parents promoting the idea could not get their fellow parents to adopt their idea which is confirmed by the current traffic flow and parking.

The proposal is to double the number of pupils. I would foresee the increase coming from remote locations with the attendant increase in traffic.

Before considering increasing pupil numbers the appalling parking problem must be resolved. If you have no solution to the problem now, you will not find one in the future.

Yours faithfully,



RECEIVED
24 NOV 2016

18th November 2016

Moor Hall School Expansion Proposal

On Tuesday 8th November an informal meeting was convened at the school. This was because most of the local residents in Homer Road, Rowallan Road, Holte Drive etc knew nothing of the above proposals, which was very remiss of someone, as it affects us as well as the school.

I was not able to attend, but a neighbour was & he tells me it was well attended by residents from the above roads & others. In fact, more chairs had to be put out. There were four parents. When I looked out of my window that night there were only SIX cars parked along my end of Rowallan (near the school) which only shows that residents walked it!

Parking here has always been a concern, but in the past parents have all parked on the opposite side of the road, leaving space for other vehicles to drive past. The by 9.15 am they had all left & the same in the afternoon.

But over the past couple of years the number of cars has increased, stayed longer & some all day. This has not been helped by the Nursery premises

which are situated in the school grounds.

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In order to get as close to the school or Nursery as possible, parents are now parking both sides of the road & half on the pavement (which incidentally Bl'ham City Council have just very recently spent hundreds & thousands replacing). This makes it more difficult for pedestrians & motorists & more dangerous. We have already had two minor accidents involving young women reversing cars up pavement & knocking down grownups. Next time it will be a child. I wonder what would if a Fire Engine tried to get through?

If the school increases in size it will:-

= More teaching staff

= Possibly more class room assistants

= More pupils not within walking distance

= More Dinner Ladies to serve these children

= More Cars

Plus more Class Rooms, more Toilets for Teachers & Pupils & possibly a larger kitchen to cope with having to prepare dinners for the influx of more children receiving school dinners.

If the building of this expansion goes ahead, I've no doubt the people most inconvenienced will not be the pupils, teachers & governors, but the local residents who will have all the disruption with Contractors' vehicles etc, as I expect the work would be done during school holidays.

I live on the opposite of Rowallan Road to the school. But I'm sure residents backing on to the school & its playing fields will strongly object to any building taking place on the playing fields & overlooking their property.

Children also need the open space to play football & run around after sitting at desks & computers most of their young life. It seems to be the only exercise they get.

Yours faithfully



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Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 5:51 PM
To: Edsi Enquiries
Subject: ENLARGEMENT OF MOOR HALL SCHOOL.

Dear Sirs,

I object to the proposed enlargement for the following reason:

Car deliveries of children to this school already cause serious problems for passing traffic. This is further augmented by staff from the school and the attached nursery parking their cars in the same stretch of road. If the school is enlarged this can only become much worse. Local householders already have difficulty exiting their own drives and those of us living just five minutes away already have school parking at times.

Construction heavy vehicles will create further difficulties in a comparatively narrow road that was built when Moor Hall School only offered tuition to children living nearby. A new build would have been unnecessary if the person responsible at the Education Dept., had negotiated a year by year roll on lease for the nursery, as has been achieved at Maney Hill School, instead of a 25 year lease. THIS ERROR LACKS FORWARD THINKING!!! Can he buy the nursery out? The cost is likely to be less than a new build.

The only satisfactory way in which the school can expand without causing serious congestion is that those eager to attend the school arrive by public transport, walk or cycle and for nursery staff and school staff to do the same.

It is interesting to note that when we first moved to Moor Hall there was no school and children from this area, including five year olds, were expected to walk to the former Mere Green School, now the Speckled Hen, a journey taking approximately 30 minutes. Make today's children walk and avoid obesity.

I tried to visit your web site but it was unavailable. Why was this?

I think BBC WATCHDOG would be very interested to investigate a situation where officials ignore the wellbeing and comfort of local communities covertly overlooking their own initial mistakes.

Yours faithfully,

School Organisation Proposal: Moor Hall Primary School 2016**Pre-statutory Consultation Meeting: 3rd October 2016: 5pm – 7pm: Hosted at Moor Hall Primary School.**Purpose:

An informal meeting inviting local stakeholders to discuss the school organisation proposal and related building project prior to the statutory consultation by school organisation and future planning consultation.

All comments are welcome as this will inform the statutory consultations, information for decision makers, the design brief and provide direction on how the local authority or the school may communicate and engage throughout the course of events.

Attended by Moor Hall Primary School representatives including the Head Teacher (Mr Steggall) and members of the Governing Body, representatives from Birmingham City Council including Local Councillors (Cllr Mackay and Cllr Waddington), School Organisation Officer (David Board) and Lead Officer for School Capital Projects (Paul Bowman); approximately 30-40 stakeholders were present during the meeting, for part or whole of the time.

During the discussions the following key points were acknowledged:School objective:

School reps highlighted the intentions of the school governing body to expand their outstanding education offer (as recorded during the last Ofsted inspection) to a wider group of pupils and, in doing so, create a sustainable financial future for the school to continue to offer that standard of education to the community. More teaching staff also opens up scope and flexibility for development and delivery of the curriculum.

During the admission cycle the school received 140+ applications for 30 places, the cut off distance for admission was 800m from the school. There is currently a significant waiting list for any available places.

Local authority objective:

School Organisation officer explained that the local authority has a statutory duty to provide sufficient school places within a reasonable distance.

(Update: There is a statutory requirement for the Local Authority to ensure there are sufficient schools for its residents. This involves ensuring that we increase the school places available so that families can be offered a school place within 2 miles from home for children under the age of 8 years and within 3 miles from home for older children.)

There is a real need for additional school places in the local area, as indicated by forecasting tools. One of the factors is that there are 139 more births in the local area than 10 years ago. Moor Hall Primary School expressed an interest in expanding to meet this demand which was assessed by a panel of council officers.

(Update: includes comments/attendance from Education and Skills, Planning, Transport and school admissions officers; Birmingham Education Partnership (school improvement) and Head Teacher representatives.)

The process for consultation:

School organisation: This consultation focuses on the proposal to expand the school to 2 classes per year group and considers the impact on children and their families either already attending the school or opportunity to apply to the school in future. This meeting is a pre-statutory consultation meeting to encourage comments and engagement prior to the statutory consultation period (which will be during November 2016 for 4 weeks).

Build [Capital] Project:

Lead Officer for School Capital Projects shared that high level feasibility had been completed but was not in a position to share anything tangible with stakeholders at this time. The feasibility does indicate that there are options for further investigation and development for how an additional form of entry can be accommodated on the Moor Hall site. The outline and anticipated programme was shared but is notional and based on experience rather than firm plans at this time. The first design meeting with the school is set to be held this week. The intention is to have the permanent solution built and ready for occupation by September 2018.

Questions, comments and suggestions: Key themes:

Communication and engagement: How will this work?

This consultation is pre-statutory; the statutory consultation is in one month's time. All comments are welcome and appreciated at this time and responses to the statutory consultation are encouraged. Suggestion and accepted that further consultation and engagement opportunities will be promoted for the statutory consultation processes (school organisation and planning); and through school newsletter, Councillor Meetings and other opportunities that may arise.

Phasing of the introduction of a second form of entry:

How would we comment on a consultation if we don't know the exact delivery method?

During the statutory consultation there will be more information available, this pre-statutory consultation is to identify any key issues and to consider what themes and information is important to stakeholders.

The statutory school organisation proposal will be followed by statutory planning consultation and representation; so provide further opportunity to see how the project develops and engage with questions and comments.

Educational continuity and quality of education: how will this be maintained?

Experience on multiple expansion projects indicates that creativity and innovation is often required by the school and can be result in attainment and aspiration improvements during and following projects.

Concern trying to visualise how the school will accommodate a doubling of pupil numbers.

How will the pupils be accommodated during the phasing in of a new form or entry?

There are several options available depending on the outcome of feasibility of the site and build programme which could be creative use of internal space by changing the use of rooms or providing temporary accommodation on site. *This is yet to be determined* and will be done in full collaboration with the school.

The plan is that the additional form of entry will be accommodated by Sept 2018

Risk of loss of some outdoor space:

Concern that any expansion build project would reduce the amount of outdoor space available to pupils. This is a concern that will be raised by the Lead Officer for School Capital Projects during the next phases of feasibility and design. Playing field space cannot be disposed/built-on without a Section 77 order, authorised by the Secretary of State.

Travel and transport:

Concerns about existing issues with vehicles delivering and collecting pupils from school, both during the build project (so delivery of materials) and when there is potentially twice the number of pupils being delivered and collected.

Transport colleagues are engaged at the stage the school's interest in expanding was first assessed. They are also engaged throughout the consultations and building procedures. A "highways survey" is commissioned as part of the building feasibility and planning.

The school's travel plan would be reviewed and updated. There are examples of creative and innovative opportunities to address travel and transport issues.

Engaged stakeholders like those present at the meeting can, where sensible, try to positively influence the culture of vehicles being used to deliver and collect pupils.

Progression into secondary phase of education: how is this addressed?

Solutions are being progressed to address the consequential need for secondary school places.

Summary: principally there are benefits to the school and the local community for parent choice and demand for school places. The broad concern from the stakeholders is the "how" the project is delivered, the impacts on education of pupils at the school, health, safety and wellbeing; and travel and transport on and outside the school site.