

School Org: Consultation Results: Harborne SOT10121

Summary Table

Total number of responses:	76
Total number with written comments:	67

Number in favour or against the proposal:	
In favour	19
Against	43
Don't know	12
Not indicated	2

Method of response:	
BeHeard (website)	74
Email	1
Letter	1

Respondent by type:	
Pupil	2
Parent	26
School Governor	0
School Staff Member	1
Local Resident	39
Local Councillor	1
Member of Parliament	0
Other, please specify	4
Not indicated	2

Comment themes: (Number of mentions within 67 written comments)	Support	Concern
Traffic	1/67	25/67
Need for places	24/67	0/67
2018 "bulge class"	0/67	21/67
Parking	0/67	22/67
Admission point (station road).	0/67	15/67
Which pupils attend annex (method)	0/67	15/67
Split site management	0/67	8/67
Standard of education	2/67	8/67
Building / Site plans	0/67	7/67
Alternative site / school	0/67	6/67
Sustainable travel	0/67	6/67
School budget / finances	0/67	4/67
Split site pupil integration	0/67	4/67
Pupil places strategy	0/67	4/67
Use of temporary address to gain admission	0/67	4/67
Consultation process	0/67	2/67
Travel between sites (pupils / staff)	0/67	3/67

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***Analyst notes**

Comment themes: Key themes are identified from within the comments. The analyst counts the number of comments that contain that theme and indicates whether the comment is in support or a concern. These themes are presented as a fraction of the number of written comments received.

All comments are analysed and anonymised by the School Organisation Team. A copy of the detailed comments (anonymised) and the analysis are sent to and considered by to the decision makers: the Cabinet Member for Families and Schools and the Corporate Director for Children and Young People.

Type of respondent:	Type: Other, Please specify	In favour?	Are you in favour of the proposal? - Please give any comments	Response ID
Local Resident		Neither/Don't know	<p>Admissions to the new school site should be based on distance measured to the new site. Not on a distance measured to the existing school 1. 1km away!</p> <p>Generally we are in support of new school building but it must serve those who live by it, not those that live near Station Road. Is that not a fundamental principal of town planning? This proposal does not serve those who live by the new school site.</p> <p>The school expansion proposal states that admission criteria for the school as a whole will remain unchanged.</p> <p>A school should serve those who live nearest to it, whether it be an "annex" or otherwise. The current proposal would result in the new school site not admitting any pupils that live on its doorstep or for, the majority even within half a mile of it!</p> <p>Where do you draw the line? If the annex was based in Quinton would it still only be taking pupils from Harborne?!</p> <p>The station road site is 1.1km from the annex site. The current school catchment distance is less than half that distance. A pupil that lives 1.6km away from the new site would get in to the new school site under the proposed admissions criteria whereas one who lives next door would not!</p> <p>Change the admissions criteria so that catchment is measured from 2 points. Station Road and Court Oak Road.</p> <p>There are lots of advantages: Most likely that all would be able to walk to the school. Current proposals would result in a large percentage of car drop offs for which the new school layout does not cater for and nor do the local roads.</p> <p>A higher percentage of children walking to school will be safer, result in less road traffic and result in fitter healthier children!</p> <p>The availability of school places would be more equally and evenly distributed throughout harborne,</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z6HS-N

			<p>rather than being concentrated around Station Road.</p> <p>The pressure on housing availability near to the existing school would be reduced. Currently a high demand for young families to live within catchment. A new school catchment would dissipate this demand.</p>	
Parent		Neither/Don't know	<p>I am a resident on Grosvenor Road with Twins who will start school in September 2019. We are currently out of the catchment area for all schools in Harborne. The build of the annex is almost directly opposite the end of our road and would be perfect for all of the local residents. And would also be in walking distance. Even if we needed to get to work afterwards it wouldn't be necessary to take the car to school as it would be close enough to walk back to get the car. However we have since found out that the catchment area is still from the main site rather than the annexe which would mean we would be outside the catchment area where we live. I think this is ludicrous having a school less than a 5 minute walk away which we are unable to attend. Meaning we would have to drive to another school and the attendees at the annexe would have to drive to that one. Causing more traffic than necessary, making the roads more dangerous given the fact that there is inadequate parking being built with the site. I would definitely be against the build if it meant our children would definitely not attend, as we will reap no benefits at all, only having the disadvantages of having staff and parents parking on our already busy road and forcing us to drive to a school rather than walk. If the school were to reevaluate their catchment area for the annexe then I would be fully supportive of the build.</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z6HG-9
Local Resident		Neither/Don't know	<p>As a local resident I am concerned about traffic it's bad enough with Baskerville & QAC let alone another school on a scarily busy road that Court Oak Rd is. Plus what about all the residents of the flats either side the top floors will over look the playground???</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z6HZ-V
Parent		Neither/Don't know	<p>Difficult to say when so few details known. I have one child in school and other hopefully starting in September. Nobody knows if siblings will be delegated, moved etc. Where will extra class be placed in September. Will this affect the standard of teaching my children receive. Is there extra funding to buy extra resources. And finally, you've put on a public consultation when many people are at work and do can't go.</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z673-4
Parent		Neither/Don't know	<p>I am concerned that considering the declining standards evidenced through the ks2 outcomes, the school does not have the capacity needed to expand.</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z67F-Q
Parent		Neither/Don't know	<p>Unsure where additional children will be placed in an already full school at Harborne Primary Station Road site Would want both my children to stay at station road site</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z67E-P

Local Resident		Neither/Don't know	<p>I am undecided if I am for or against the expansion of the school. Many of my neighbors are opposing it because of the current traffic and parking problems caused by the schools staff and parents at its current size. However, I feel a compromise could be made such as resident permit parking, staff parking at the new site. Or negotiations with nearby car parks (old bingo hall/ pub etc) to enable parents that drive their children to school to use them and walk the rest of the way.</p> <p>However I live directly opposite the school 62metres from the catchment measuring point. And I have two children who are due to start school in 2020 and 2021. And obviously I'd like them to get a place at the school I also don't want to deny other children a place at an outstanding school. I do however fear that the expansion could mean that I have to take my children to the annex site. So I'd like to know how will the school decide which children go to which site?</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z67D-N
Parent		Neither/Don't know	<p>In general I agree there is a need for more primary school places in the area, the location of the proposed expansion is a particular black spot in terms of capacity.</p> <p>I read that BCC is steadfast in its intention that station road will still be the central point for distance based admissions. As one who has recently gone through admissions I know that the expansion in capacity is not going to help those who actually live near the proposed site. If it were a school for the local "catchment" then it would be more accurate to call it Pagenall Primary expansion as that's where children from Fellows Lane, Grovesner Road, Wood Lane are sent by BCC. To rub salt into the wounds, the local residents - by local I mean near the school their children stand no chance of being admitted into - will bear the brunt of all the disamenities the new school will bring namely, traffic congestion - to believe the children will walk is nonsense since the children would be coming from the High St side of Harborne, air pollution, noise pollution. BCC has a particular grudge against these residents as whilst being surrounded on all sides by "Harborne" the Councillors determine it as Quinton - this is by any definition, gerrymandering. Court Oak Road is already very busy and QAC is continually expanding and lying to the residents about the disamenity they cause, particularly parking.</p> <p>I do not understand why or how a school which is sacking staff, whilst maintaining 2 head teachers and asking parents continually for more money can justify an expansion like this. We are constantly told it is a school for the community but at almost every turn the opposite is seen and this expansion is a point in case.</p> <p>The Fellows Lane / Court Oak road junction is extremely busy and dangerous at the best of times so more thought needs to be given to child safety as there is currently no safe way to walk from "harborne" to the new site</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z6YS-6

Local Resident		Neither/Don't know	I am concerned that the plans for the annex on Courtoak Road show that protected trees are to be chopped down. In addition to this, I am concerned about the traffic congestion that will be created on an already busy road, including the inevitable parking that will result. Fellows Lane, for instance, already suffers from parked vehicles from the Baskerville School.	ANON-KNWZ-Z6YV-9
Local Resident		Neither/Don't know	While we accept the need for expansion of the school, we the residents are concerned about its impact on the availability of residents parking in the vicinity of the school. There are already conflicts between residents and parents because many of the latter group seem not to respect the law in terms of the obstruction of dropped curbs. Various properties in the area (especially those owned by the elderly and infirm) have engaged the use of the H-bar but this too is obviously not a sufficient deterrent to the parking problem. We see that the increase in the occupancy of the school will lead to increased traffic disruption of the area during pick-up/drop-off times and consider that at the very least measures should be put in place to ensure no escalation of the local problem. This is our condition to favouring the proposal. Furthermore, should parents continue to park on the H-bars and obstruct access to properties with dropped curbs we will not hesitate before calling the police to intervene.	ANON-KNWZ-Z6YQ-4
Local Resident		Neither/Don't know	I have concerns regarding the lack of parking provision at the annex site, which will have a significant impact on congestion of the local areas. As I live on an adjacent road, I am concerned about the impact this will have on parking on our road, which is already difficult. I think that 5 parking spaces for 17 members of staff is unrealistic. Furthermore, I really think that the catchment area for the annex should be taken from the site of the annex rather than station road site, as there will be people driving across Harborne to get there and people who live around the corner who can't get a place. As it is going to have a knock on impact on the surrounding roads, it would be nice if there could be some benefit to those residents as well.	ANON-KNWZ-Z6YK-X

Parent		Neither/Don't know	<p>I totally support another school in Harborne but object to this proposal for the following reasons:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) An annexe with teaching staff moving between sites is totally impractical. The sites are too far apart at nearly 1km from apart, not 100 m! 2) The current site on Court Oak Rd doesn't have enough space to allow future growth to justify the huge investment. This has to be a workable long term solution, not a quick fix. 3) Whilst the site has good public transport links, there is a blind college almost opposite with already busy access roads which will put a lot of extra traffic pressure on the road. 4) The site is an awkward long thin shape with flats encircling all 3 enclosed sides. Would the building have to be expanded upwards using stairs/lifts? This could easily be opposed by neighbours as the current building - Yew Tree - is low rise and used as a mental health centre so wouldn't have had as much outside noise as a school play ground would. 5) There is no supporting map to clearly explain how this school location and additional intake would improve the current limited catchment issues. Can we please see example scenarios based on the location of 2017 & 2016 pupils but with the new school included? For the first time in the school's history, half of the nearby Moor Pool Estate is now outside the main school catchment area, yet we are literally 5 minutes walk away. This Estate is historically important to Harborne and has very close links to the School in terms of access to our Forest School and other Trust educational facilities. I grew up on Moor Pool and four generations of my family, including myself, attended the school. It's clear that the area from the school leading up Lordswood Rd towards Bearwood is severely lacking in quality primary education provision as well as secondary (for boys). I'm not convinced this new location is on the right side of Lordswood Rd to be able to resolve that issue. 	ANON-KNWZ-Z6YB-N
Local Resident		No	<p>I am in favour of the expansion in general but not in its current form. I think it has a fundamental flaw in how admissions would be calculated as I strongly feel the admissions for the annex should be based on distance to the annex and not the main site.</p> <p>The current catchment area for Harborne Primary is approximately 400 metres and a large proportion of parents already drive their children to school. The annex is over 1km away and will see parents driving up to 2km to school, while children living meters from the annex which would walk to the school would likely be outside the catchment area. This is entirely unfair on the community where the annex is to be built, and if the school is built here there is a duty to serve the community around it.</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z6HH-A
Parent		No	<p>School is struggling to fulfil the national curriculum with current numbers - they could not cope with any more. I'm any case, Extra Pupils should not be taken on in sept 18 without the new site planning permission being granted; if that falls through, the pupils would be stuck in an already crowded school,</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z6HV-R

			which would be unsafe for all involved.	
Local Resident		No	<p>The already overcrowded station road site cannot comfortably accommodate the extra children for 2018/19. it will add to the significant parking and traffic problems and more importantly harm the children's learning. There should definitely be no increase in numbers until a new site is ready and open, having secured planning permission, and this lesson should have been learnt from the fiasco with the lordswood site. Anyone applying now for a station road reception place will not know where their child will go in future years, making it difficult for them to plan.</p> <p>However, even if the proposed new site does go ahead and there is capacity to take extra children in future years, I am not convinced this is the right way to go. Harborne definitely needs more school places but this should be a new school, not an expanded harborne primary. Harborne Primary is already outperformed by other local schools (St Marys and Chad Vale) and is too big as it is. Expanding it, especially via a satellite site will further hit teaching standards and the management of the school. The satellite option will also create issues for parents with siblings in different year groups, whilst efforts may be made to keep them on the same site it will be difficult to logistically guarantee this.</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z6H3-N
Parent		No	<p>I feel that this proposal is detrimental for the well being of the existing school children - there are already a lot of children in the school grounds and a further 30 is going to cause more problems. I often hear of bumps at playtime due to the large number of children. Today (15/1/18) there was even an incident requiring an ambulance (however I do not know exact details).</p> <p>Already, the school has difficulties accommodating the children already there in terms of space. An extra class is only going to add to the problem.</p> <p>Ultimately, I think there is a definite HEALTH AND SAFETY issue with having extra children in the school, even if it is just for the one year.</p> <p>I also don't think it is really fair for the children who are sent to the Court Oak site as they aren't really going to be integrating into the school community. They will feel somewhat isolated from the rest of the school.</p> <p>Perhaps another school needs to be set up in the area to meet the demand but I do not think it is fair to make it under the banner of HPS.</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z6HQ-K

Other, please specify	Prospective parent / local resident	No	<p>There has been no transparency over the method by which children will be selected to attend the new annex.</p> <p>As a prospective parent who lives well within the current school catchment, I feel under the current proposal there is a risk my child may be selected to attend the annex, without any input from myself as a parent.</p> <p>It is fairly obvious the majority of parents will want their child to attend the main school, and there is a danger that children who are made to attend the annex will be getting a "second class" experience at the school.</p> <p>Currently this arrangement is untried, and there has been no clarity as to how this annex will interface with the rest of the school, for example for assemblies, sports, and other communal activities to which the entire school would take part in.</p> <p>How will an extra class be incorporated into the existing site from Sept '18 to Sept '19 without seriously impacting on the already stretched infrastructure and resources of the school?</p> <p>Because there has been no clarity, as parents it is impossible to plan for our child's primary school choice under these proposals.</p>	ANON- KNWZ- Z6HY-U
Parent		No	<p>I agree there needs to be more local school spaces however I am not sure why this new annex is part of Harborne primary above any other school or being a stand-alone new School. Harborne primary is excellent but short of space and funds and needs urgent maintenance to its own building. This proposal will overcrowd the existing already packed building for a year and take already overworked teachers out of the classroom and into meetings (I know this has already happened as the senior team are less visual or responsive to emails as they are constantly involved in proposal meetings and not in the current school day to day issues.) I can't see how the station road site itself or the children there will benefit from this at all, infact I think they will (and are already) suffering</p>	ANON- KNWZ- Z6HC-5
Parent		No	<p>It'll be difficult for parents to arrange picking up kids from different locations.</p>	ANON- KNWZ- Z6H6-R

Local Resident	As a parent and a local resident	No	<p>I AM in favour of the Annexe being built.</p> <p>However, I am NOT in favour of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the proposed catchment area admission criteria as it does not serve the community in the nearby vicinity where the Annexe is being built - the parking & pick up/drop off facilities which appear inadequate for the proposed use of the Annexe & are likely to cause significant impediment to the local community if not addressed at the planning stage. 	ANON-KNWZ-Z6HN-G
Parent		No	<p>Firstly a school has to be conducted in one premise. Why not run the school entirely from one place with possibility of having a big playground. The current premise is too small and hardly any place for kids to play. On top of that niw teachers will move from one location to another. This would only be compromising on safety and seems practically difficult without compromising the quality. The whole point in expansion for funding does not help the children. If I were to send my children to an annexe, I would not be willing to do as a parent.</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z6HW-S
Parent		No	<p>I am hoping that my daughter will be able to go Harborne Primary School in 2019. We live just round the corner from the school. I am against the proposal as I don't know how it will be organised which pupils will go to the existing Station Rd site and which will go to the Court Oak site. It would be ridiculous if we had a school two minutes away but ended up going to the annex nearly a mile away. I would be for the proposal if the annex on Court Oak Rd had it's own catchment area, with the Station Rd site maintaining it's own catchment. I have friends living very close to the Court Oak site and it again would be a ridiculous situation if their children couldn't attend a school at the end of their road.</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z67J-U
Parent		No	<p>If a school expands, it needs to be on the same site. To ensure there is no management issues trying to manag 2 sites, without it feeling like 2 schools.</p> <p>Yes there is a need for more school places in Harborne. So a new School needs to open.</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z671-2
Parent		No	<p>It is absolutely ridiculous that you are now holding a consultation, 2 weeks following the closing date for applications to primary schools. Hardly any information was provided to parents and so we had to make a decision based on what limited evidence there was.</p> <p>In my opinion having an annex to the school will not work, what about the parents on the other side of the current site who have to walk over a mile to the new site with young children on a busy road.</p> <p>As a parent with a 4 year old who is old in his year (october birthday), I don't think it is right that he would always be the oldest in the school with no children in the years above him.</p> <p>How will you integrate the new site with the old site - assemblies/sports days?</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z675-6

			<p>Where will the extra 30 2018 children go for the 1 year on the current site, the school is overcrowded as it is.</p> <p>How will you allocate who goes to the new annex (i.e. if you are in the original 90 you will be on old site and in additional 30 new site? As per above, what about families on the wrong side of the new school - you will surely increase traffic congestion and parking issues).</p>	
Parent		No	<p>Ridiculous taking in extra pupils before the building is even ready, the school on the current site is already bursting at the seams and struggling resource wise , and has a lack of teaching assistants ... adding another 30'children to the mix doesn't make any sense.... just wait until the new building is ready? Even then I don't see how a School can operate over two sites.</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z674-5
Pupil		No	<p>Court Oak Road and surrounding road is busy at school run time at the moment. I personally feel that allowing the proposal will cause bigger issues regarding parking and an increase of traffic. The road is too busy as it is and feel that this will cause the road to be a nightmare.</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z672-3
Local Resident		No	<p>The operation over 2 sites at such a distance will have a disproportionate impact on operational costs, eg, support staff, site security access management. Consideration should also be given to the walking route between the school sites, the options appear to be 1. Along Lordswood Road to Court Oak Road offering pedestrian crossing over main road but along a busy road with narrow pavements; 2. Along Wentworth Road, then Crosbie Road leading to a route across Lordswood Road without pedestrian crossing; 3. Along Wentworth Road to Lordswood Road, walk up to pedestrian crossing at Wood Lane, walk down Wood Lane to cross Court Oak Road at pedestrian crossing and walk to site - most manageable quieter route excepting wide road crossing at Fellows Lane. Where same admissions distance criteria is used this could result in long travel distance for families living the other side of the school catchment area</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z67K-V

Parent		No	<p>1. It is hugely disruptive to move 30 children from one site to another at the young age they will be when beginning Year 1.</p> <p>2. There has been no clarification for applicants as to how the 30 extr places will be allocated to children. How do I know whether or not my child will be expected to move sites at the beginning of Year 1.</p> <p>3. The proposed model of having a Reception and Year 1 class at the annexe in 2019 and filtering year groups through thereafter is detrimental to the emotional and social wellbeing of those children. The 2018 cohort (Year 1) won't have any older children to interact with or learn from. This will set them up to face many difficulties once they reach secondary school.</p> <p>4. The catchment should be from the annexe site address - parents living close to station road who would be in walking distance of the school will now most likely have to drive to the new site. This is not what we believed we would be signing up for when choosing a residence close to station road.</p> <p>5. Will siblings be split across sites?</p> <p>6. The proposed site is in an excellent location - right in the centre of a 'black spot ' where residents of Wood Lane/Grosvenor Road/Earl's Court Road do not have a school within walking distance. However with the catchment being from station road, these residents will still not be able to go to the school at the end of their road! Even with 30 extra places, the station road catchment will never stretch to these areas.</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z67C-M
Parent		No	<p>There is already a huge lack of outdoor space for existing pupils.</p> <p>Parking concerns.</p> <p>Siblings being on split sites.</p> <p>School is already asking parents for financial aid due to budget cuts.</p> <p>Lunch is rushed for older pupils due to lack of space in the canteen.</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z679-A
Local Resident		No	<p>Local traffic is already very heavy on court oak road, the roads will not cope with further Congestion</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z67R-3

Parent	Also local resident	No	<p>We understand the current lack of school places in Harborne. However, we are not in favour of school expansion for several reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The current site is already very overcrowded and lacking in green space, e.g. reception children already have to have a staggered playtime. We are concerned about how the school will accommodate 30 extra pupils for the 2018 intake. 2. The school has a reputation for excellent pastoral care, and we are lucky that the teachers know our children very well. Due to budget cuts, teachers are already very stretched, and we have concerns about them being put under increased pressure and having to work between two different sites, with a n inevitable effect on pastoral care. 3. We do not feel that school expansion addresses the underlying problem in Harborne, which is that many people exploit the rules and rent temporarily in Harborne, then move out to different areas and commute back in. This has adverse effects on the ethos of the school community, and contributes to the traffic problems around the school. Most of my daughter's class no longer live in the catchment area. This can only be addressed by changing the admission criteria and sibling rules. 	ANON-KNWZ-Z67B-K
Local Resident		No	<p>If the current site cannot be expanded to accommodate the proposed new intake then perhaps the school should be closed and another purpose built school built elsewhere. I would be concerned for the safety of children at that site given the traffic flow on Court Oak Road. In addition if the proposal were to go ahead the council should ensure that under no circumstances parents be allowed to park on that road as traffic congestion would be severely increased.</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z67N-Y

Parent		No	<p>My son is due to start at Harborne Primary Schol in September 2018. I live next door to the school site on station road.</p> <p>There are a few issues that I am concerned about relating to this proposed expansion. My son will be having to be the first year group with a class intake of 120 pupils. Harborne Primary Statistically are struggling compared to the nation average in certain areas including reading. I am extremely concerned not only that an additional classroom is having to be made possibly for my son or other people's children in an already small school site and I am also concerned at the detriment this additional amount of students will have on the standard of teaching that the children are provided with.</p> <p>As it is stated in the plans it will not be a case of the children who live closest to the new proposed annex site will be sent there, with myself living next door to the school if my son or his younger sibling eventually is chosen to go to the additional site then it makes no sense that I have made plans and paid extra to be living next door to a school that my children may or may not be situated in. Even if provisions are made for the staff to take the children to the new site how long will this take? And how much of there learning time will be taken away?</p> <p>I am also concerned with the fact my son does not have an option but to be in a larger year group but if the annex is not approved then there is going to be a much higher number of siblings from this year group who are offered places, therefore making the class intake even less for additional children in the area.</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z67W-8
Local Resident	And parent	No	<p>I am concerned that the current location of the school is not suitable for the increased numbers. Expanding the catchment area will increase the number of parents driving their children to school. Parking around the school is very congested and quite frankly dangerous. I understand the need for more school places however I believe a new site would be better for pupils and local residents</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z67A-J
Parent		No	<p>The local roads can't take the existing school run traffic demands - it's dangerous for the headcount that's there at present.</p> <p>If the school wants to expand it should find a new site - not try and fit this into an already overcapacity footprint.</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z67M-X

Local Resident		No	<p>There is no room for 200plus more children at the school without compromising the limited play areas at the school.</p> <p>Parking by parents (who's children should I believe walk to school) can only politely described as chaotic, and a hundred extra cars will cause entire gridlock. As it is, parents park illegally a good half hour before school ends often with their engines running (both my wife and myself have remonstrated with some of them only to be told very rudely to go away). If I as a resident park on a double yellow line I receive a fixed penalty. I have never seen a parking officer near the school at closing time, when every section of road is packed with illegally parked vehicles. The whole site is too small to accommodate a further 200children. I object to this plan most strongly. [REDACTED]</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z6YT-7
Not Answered	Regular visitor to local resident	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The consultation letter was never received -No notices on lamp posts -No flyers - it is like the council did not want local resident to know of the proposed changes -Congestion is really bad with parents dropping / collecting children off causing bottle necks in the roads around the school. Cars are parked everywhere without due consideration to disabled parking bays, zig-zag lines and driveways. When there are evening events parking becomes a considerable problem for visitors and residents in the locality. - questionable about having room for extra pupils on site, in particular the playground and canteen areas. -question whether the catchment area has increased as there is no new development that would increase numbers in children accessing education. Are parents using fake addresses to get their children into the school? - walking children between sites on a daily basis is not satisfactory as for young children this is quite a distance and road safety is an issue for long lines of pupils - on the annex site, stated that protected trees would be affected. Why? Surely the design can take account of these features rather than ripping them out. Where is the point of green belt and conservation when the council overrules earlier decisions? 	ANON-KNWZ-Z6YH-U

Local Resident		No	<p>Twice a day, every day we the residents here are treated appallingly by the parents who drive their children to and from the school. They stop on the double yellow lines, on the zigzags, on the corners, on the disabled spaces, on the white lines (that we have paid for) and block our driveways. They sit for up to 45 minutes with the engines running and block us from getting in and out of our own homes. Sometimes they hover outside the gates with the engine running so their children are encouraged to run out from the gate straight into the car!</p> <p>I have been blocked in for up to an hour many many times by parents who blocked my car on my driveway and went off into the school, or stopped to chat on the playground and they see absolutely nothing wrong in what they are doing.</p> <p>There is culture of entitlement amongst these parents.</p> <p>Their argument is always the same - "if you live here you need to have an expectation that we will park where we want in order to drop off and pick up our children". This road is just too small and narrow to accommodate this - it is hell for us all.</p> <p>I have regularly been attacked verbally (and on occasion physically) when I have tried to point out that they just cant park their cars and block us in - they and their children have legs and should expect to walk from an appropriate parking place. There are numerous car parks very close by in Harborne.</p> <p>There is no way we can stand for an extra influx of cars which will obviously be the result of the proposed expansion.</p> <p>I cannot see how the school premises and their location and the size and position of the site can possibly support the extra numbers.</p> <p>With all the extra vehicles, and children milling around it will be an inevitable recipe for a disaster - one way or another.</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z6YJ-W
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Local Resident		No	<p>I fully accept the need for additional places at Harborne Primary School but object to the proposals to increase the number of school places on the basis that the proposals for an annex in Court Oak Road as detailed in the planning application are flawed and inadequate on the following grounds.</p> <p>[1] The proposals completely fail to recognise the disruption and inconvenience that will be caused to local residents and the impact on traffic management as a direct result of parents driving pupils to school and dropping off/picking up children or doing 'park & stride' which is really the same thing. The problems would be most severe during the morning peak rush hour.</p> <p>[2] Virtually every City Council primary school has problems caused by parents taking children to school by car and their inconsiderate and selfish parking. My wife was a City Council appointed governor of both Station Road Infant and Junior Schools and, following their merger, of Harborne Primary School so I am fully aware of the problems that the School has had for well over thirty years and the repeated efforts made by the Governing Body to try and deal with the problems. It is inconceivable that the annex proposals should demonstrate a total disregard regard for local residents by passing the inevitable problems directly on to them. The school and the City Council should accept their responsibility for resolving the issue before the new school annex is approved.</p> <p>[3] The Government's National Planning Policy Framework says that local planning authorities should work with schools to identify and resolve key planning issues before applications are submitted. This clearly has not been done in this respect.</p> <p>[4] The proposals totally ignore the City Council's own planning policy set out in the Birmingham Development Plan (2017) namely ~ Policy TP36: New proposals for new education facilities should: Have safe drop-off and pick-up provisions. Failure to comply with this policy is sufficient justification for refusing planning approval. The scheme must be totally redesigned to ensure the provision on-site of drop-off/pick-up provision. The Final Proposal Document, unlike the Planning Application, states that the annex site has potential for further expansion in the future. In addition, the site could be enlarged by taking additional land from the adjoining Baskerville School.</p> <p>[5] The proposals provide for only 8 on-site parking spaces ~ 5 for staff, 2 for visitors and 1 dedicated for disability/Blue Badge holders. School Travel Plans are full of aspirations but simply tinker at the edges of the real parking and traffic problems. They are ineffective and merely displace the problems to the local roads to the great detriment of local residents. There is room on the Yewcroft site for additional staff parking. Even the School Travel Plan [Appendix B to the Transport Assessment] concedes that "as the</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z6Y5-8
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			<p>[new] school grows in size then the demand for parking will increase”.</p> <p>[6] The Traffic Assessment submitted has totally failed to recognise the existing peak morning rush hour traffic issues relating to Court Oak Road. Every week day in term time it is quite usual for eastbound traffic to queue back from the Lordswood Road junction to Woodville Road and frequently further back to Wood Lane/Fellows Lane thus blocking that junction and on some occasions to queue right back to Earls Court Road. On 15th December last year the queue stretched back to the Court Oak public house. The Traffic Assessment’s only reference to this daily queuing issue is to say that “some queuing was observed during the AM peak on Court Oak Road in the eastbound direction associated with the queuing at the A404/High Street/Lordswood Road junction”. This junction is a major traffic bottleneck at morning peak time.</p> <p>[7] The Traffic Assessment claims that the estimated 90 cars involved in the drop-off of pupils/‘park and stride’ can be accommodated on the local highway network and that “there are opportunities for short stay parking on Court Oak Road west of the site and opportunities for ‘park and stride’ from nearby roads”. This claim will be totally incorrect once the new school annex has been built as the Traffic Assessment has utterly failed to take into account ~</p> <p>[a] That the potential drop-off/pick-up parking west of the site embraces the location of a bus stop which would inevitably be obstructed by inconsiderate and selfish drivers to the detriment of pupil safety yet alone the safety and convenience of other bus passengers and members of the public. If public transport is to be promoted the bus stop must have the bus stop yellow box road markings to enable buses to pull in safely right by the bus stop.</p> <p>[b] That in addition to the existing on-street residents’ parking the proposed school annex is directly opposite a large dental practice whose staff and patients park in Court Oak Road on both sides as do patrons of Hollingworth House [formerly Onneley House] next to the dental practice.</p> <p>[c] That the proposed new pedestrian crossing and its associated zigzag road markings would reduce the availability of on-street parking space near to the school entrance and displace some of the current parking arising from the dental practice and Hollingworth House.</p> <p>[d] That the proposed School Keep Clear zigzag markings would also reduce the availability of on-street parking near to the school entrance as well as impacting on the bus stop near to the school entrance which is well used by local residents</p>	
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			<p>[e] Which of the “nearby roads” could be used by parents for ‘park and stride’? The Traffic Assessment is completely oblivious to the serious impact on residents of the on-street parking caused by the three major institutions in the immediate vicinity, namely, Baskerville Special School for autistic secondary pupils in Fellows Lane who arrive by mini-bus, taxi or parental car; the Queen Alexandra College on Court Oak Road for both visually impaired people and people with other disabilities; and FOCUS Birmingham which has its Low Vision Centre with very extensive facilities for people with sight loss and other disabilities and includes a Guide Dogs training centre and has vehicle access from both Woodville Road and Wood Lane. All three institutions have an extremely high ratio of teachers/trainers/staff which on a daily basis results in very heavy daylong on-street parking in these four roads in addition to the residents’ parking. Only 5 houses in Wood Lane have off-road parking. Grosvenor Road? Only 5 houses have off-road parking and residents’ parking fully occupies both sides of the road. Earls Court Road? Possibly a small number of spaces in front of the Methodist Church but otherwise both sides totally occupied by residents’ parking.</p> <p>[8] The proposed “mitigation measures” to improve access to the school site set out in the Traffic Assessment and on the plan as Appendix E were not recommended by the Edgbaston District Highway Engineer [Marie Brown] as she was in Australia. Consequently the measures were proffered by a District Engineer who is not conversant with Harborne. Marie Brown must be consulted and her recommendations adopted.</p>	
Local Resident		No	<p>I have two reasons. No 1 - I live off fellows lane which adjoins court oak road. The traffic in the mornings is dire and dangerous as to try and cross court oak road to Wood Lane is fraught with issues. The council now wishes to use the old yew croft site - this will make matters even worse for people having to get to work. I can see this section of court oak road being used as a car park as station road is. Even if you put yellow lines on the one side these thoughtless parents will still park - we know this will be true. This road is already jammed in the morning and it will be dangerous for children crossing this busy road both am and pm, it's a long way for lazy parents to walk to the pedestrian crossing. Believe me there will be many issues around this - I have lived here all my life and can see it coming. Secondly we have already taken down a copice to build the flats on the corner of fellows land / court oak road. Are we to destroy more trees which help our wellbeing to achieve this?. It will be scandalous if so. We must preserve the trees around yewcroft, it will be in the interests of all - children included. I know the views of the public are rarely considered but this doesn't seem like a plan that's been thought out - just a good idea to use a building that is needed to help the mentally ill and has since been</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z6YF-S

			abandoned for that purpose. Strange how the council couldn't fund the re-build for that!	
Local Resident		No	I am concerned about the impact that the increased number of pupils at the school will have on the traffic and parking around the school. There is already heavy traffic and very poor parking in the mornings and from 3-4pm in the afternoon. Although there are clearly signs around the school warning people to park responsibly these are largely ignored and cars are dangerously parked on corners, across yellow lines etc. This must put children at risk. More pupils is likely to mean more cars which would make the problem worse.	ANON-KNWZ-Z6YG-T
Local Resident		No	There is currently a total lack of parking even for dropping off and picking up. Residents continually have their driveways blocked. The local roads, particularly Wentworth Road, are narrowed to single lane creating traffic jams and creating a hazard to those walking on the pavements. Harborne is too full of traffic already.	ANON-KNWZ-Z6YY-C
Local Resident		No	The proposed site of the expansion is accessed via a major artery into and out of Birmingham city centre which is already heavily congested throughout the day and in particular during the school drop off and pick-up times. The proposal will compromise the health, safety and welfare of pupils making their way to and from school and potentially add traffic to an already busy route. Evidence from the existing schools in the area clearly indicates that many parents drive and park or drop-off irresponsibly, only adding to the problem. As per the authority's own evidence, while numbers of pupils requiring school places has risen within the ward, it has dropped in other areas of the city. It would be reckless and irresponsible expenditure of authority funds if places in other schools within the city remain unfilled while it engages in an expensive expansion in this area.	ANON-KNWZ-Z6YU-8
Local Resident		No	I feel it is inappropriate to use the station road address for pupils admission. This is for a number of reasons. First it is very unclear at this stage how pupils will be allocated to the different sites which in my view can have significant traffic implications since the pupil's address may be significantly away from the oak court site. Second, the argument that this is the council's policy on multi site schools is rather flawed taking into consideration that the oak court site will reach a capacity of 210 pupils which is not different to the size of other schools with one class per year. Third, the use of station road address for pupil admission will have a significant impact on the catchment area of other neighboring schools, pushing their catchment area further away and therefore increasing traffic pressure to the area. Bearing in mind that the demand for places is not predominantly around the station road area it is more than	ANON-KNWZ-Z6Y8-B

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			appropriate and necessary to use as admission address the physical location of the new site and a more evidence based and stronger argument other than this is what the council does is necessary to justify the use of station road as the admission address	
Local Resident		No	Does anyone on the Council have any idea how difficult it is for the residence, on a daily basis, to either leave their property to commute to work because we have our drives blocked by parents dropping off and picking up. I, personally, don't have that particular issue but do have daily problems with trying to find somewhere to legally park my car especially when I return home from my weekly shopping trips on numerous occasions I have had to double park by my property to take my bags into my house then drive around the block sometimes several times in order to park my car. By increasing the number of children and staff to work with them at the school you will increase the volume of traffic in an already congested Harborne. Some days on Wentworth and Station Road the traffic is utterly incredible, with some very angry exchanges going on let alone the increased pollution!! I have photographs to support my concerns.	ANON-KNWZ-Z6Y4-7

Parent		No	<p>When is an Annex not an Annex?</p> <p>Firstly, let's call this annex what it is. It's a school. The transparent truth is that the only things that makes it part of Harborne Primary are the name, and the proposed catchment area.</p> <p>Sharing a governing body, teachers, curriculum or head teacher don't make it part of Harborne Primary. We're in the age of multi-academy trusts where entirely separate schools are potentially overseen by the same governing body or board. Chains of schools share curriculums. Teachers have been shared between separate schools since I was at school. And 'superheads' looking after multiple entirely separate schools have been a thing for a while.</p> <p>In substance this is a separate school, with all the size and facilities that one would expect a separate standalone school to have. It is just being badged up to give the appearance of being part of Harborne Primary.</p> <p>Proposed Admissions Policy I</p> <p>Admissions policy 1: Children admitted based on distance from school. Scenario 1: I walk my kids to the school that is a few mere metres from my house, walk back, jump in the car and go to work.</p> <p>Admissions policy 2: Children admitted based on distance from one mile away from school. Scenario 2: I pack my kids into the car and queue in said car to get out of my own road due to parents who potentially live 1+ miles away parking on it to drop off their kids. I drive my kids to a school 1+ miles away, drop off, and drive back to queue through the continuing drop-off on Court Oak Road past the end of my street.</p> <p>It is obvious which one is the common sense right answer here.</p> <p>I appreciate there is huge demand in the area around Harborne Primary but there is also huge demand in the area around the proposed 'annex'. I can count fully half a reception class of children who will all need school places at the same time on my road alone, so I imagine that taking Earls Court Road, Grosvenor Road, Wood Lane, Court Oak Road and Fellows Lane together would easily fill a reception class.</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z6Y2-5
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			<p>Proposed Admissions Policy II</p> <p>My entire point above may be rendered moot by this. I note the current admissions policy for Harborne Primary and the Council simply refers to distance from the centre of the school. If the 'annex' were indeed just part of Harborne Primary as is the proposal, presumably the centre of the catchment area would shift accordingly to centre at the midpoint of the two sites?</p> <p>If not, the obvious challenge for people failing to get in on distance would be that the school is misapplying its own stated admissions policy in not thinking of the centre of the school as being the midpoint between the sites.</p> <p>If the admissions policy is changed to refer to the 'main site' of Harborne Primary as the basis of admissions then you'll be making a change to your admissions policy with the express purpose of excluding residents near the Annex site from accessing it.</p> <p>So far I have heard that the council has been clear that admissions will be based on distance from the main site. I'm not sure how that's not either a misapplication of stated policy or a change in policy for rather shady purposes.</p> <p>In Summary</p> <p>No objections to a school in the proposed location, but huge objections to a school which through an admissions policy that admits based on "how close you are to one mile away from the school" will likely exclude the children living on its doorstep.</p>	
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Local Councillor		No	<p>We need more school places locally. It is for this reason that former Councillor Badley and I together with local residents fought so hard for many years against a housing development on the Martineau Centre site. I recall that Harborne Primary School used some of the Martineau Centre site a number of years ago and I do not understand why the school and the City Council did not pursue moving the school on a permanent basis to the Martineau Centre. History will judge that to have been the wrong decision.</p> <p>As an elected member for Quinton Ward I have not been consulted at all by the school or the City Council in respect of this proposal to build an annex prior to public consultation starting. I have discussed this unacceptable situation with the City Council's Education Department.</p> <p>My view is that the City Council should be looking to build a new community school to meet new demand as opposed to building an annex for Harborne Primary School. If Harborne Primary School believe they have expertise to offer such a new school then surely it could be offered. Otherwise, they should concentrate on their core business – looking after the pupils they have.</p> <p>I am particularly concerned that the catchment area for the annex will be the area around Station Road, ie the School's primary site. Therefore, building an annex at Yewcroft without changing the catchment area will do nothing at all to deal with the lack of school places for children in Quinton Ward. I have raised this issue directly with the cabinet member.</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z6YC-P
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Other, please specify	Grandparent	No	<p>Not as it is. I am writing this as a grandparent of children currently aged 3 years and 1 year (born November 2014 and January 2017), living on Grovesnor Road, about 50 yards from the proposed new school building.</p> <p>While a school provision needs to be increased, there are fundamental flaws with this plan because it excludes children living next to it.</p> <p>The document based the original 2014 Harborne school annexe extension plan, which was rejected for planning reasons. The consultation document says the successful evaluation by Education officers was based on the following evaluation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Location: How well the provision is located to match predicted growth 2. Standards: Expanding schools should be Outstanding or Good* 3. Capacity: Viability of providing suitable accommodation on site, within existing space and within planning / site constraints 4. Popularity: Current waiting lists 5. Balance: Potential of any expansion to create overprovision or inequality in an area <p>While the evaluation undeniably meets points 2 and 4, I have highlighted three of those points which I do not believe are not fulfilled by the current proposal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Location: How well the provision is located to match predicted growth <p>While there is undoubtedly extra growth in the Harborne area and a big demand for Harborne school because of its reputation and Ofsted rating, there is some muddled thinking around boundaries - the document talks about demand for Harborne ward, yet Harborne ward excludes families with Harborne postal codes which have Harborne school as their nearest school, yet does include some families further away still, such as Queens Park Road. From May 2018, Harborne ward will also include the Welsh House Farm estate, which has a primary school of its own. The proposed catchment area is unacceptable, as is judging distances "as a straight line" rather than via roads or footpaths.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Capacity: Viability of providing suitable accommodation on site, within existing space and within planning / site constraints <p>The proposal is for accommodation not on site. The proposal is really for a second school, to be run by Harborne school – and is too far away to be considered an annexe.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5 Potential of any expansion to create overprovision or inequality in an area <p>There is already some snobbery about getting into Harborne school. We know of a number of more affluent parents who have already moved nearer to the school in order to meet that catchment rules, and then moved back, once the first child has been accepted. We also know of others who plan to do that. By accepting children near the Station Road site but not near the new site, children from near the Court Oak Road site would be relatively disadvantaged compared to those whose parents have the means to buy second homes.</p>	ANON- KNWZ- Z6Y7-A
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			<p>There is also some contradiction which is rather worrying about demand for places in other nearby schools. On the one hand, there is reference to over-demand in Harborne ward which is not mirrored in the rest of the city, but on the other hand the document states: There should be no negative effect on the other schools within the local area as the demand for places is still high with local schools over 1 mile all operating at full capacity in Reception. Under the plan, my grandchildren will be excluded from their nearest school and are not guaranteed a place in any other nearby school. This is a really, really big worry for us!</p> <p>The consultation also states that the “annexe” may provide an opportunity to support sustainable travel by pupils in the local area and pupils will walk with staff between the two sites when required. Because of the distance between the two buildings, parents, especially working parents, will travel further to get their children to school – which is bad for the environment, and will cause nearby children’s parents who work to have to drive them to other schools rather than to walk them just down the road.</p> <p>Environmentally this plan is indefensible. There is a further point that the logistics of getting very small children to walk between both sites (the slow walking rate and the need to get them ready) would take up a large proportion of the school day, which may be a good thing for their physical activity, but would be at the expense of educational activities.</p>	
Local Resident		No	<p>Parking has increased considerably on Fellows Lane in recent years , mainly associated with the Yew Croft Resource Centre. The proposed school expansion will massively increases parking, and more so year on year, in all the roads surrounding the site including Court Oak Road a fast busy bus route carrying traffic to and from the M5, causing increased congestion and road safety issues. It will also impact hugely on Yew Croft Avenue, a narrow cul de sac which is already used for parking by staff from Yew Croft Resource Centre on a daily basis.</p> <p>In summary, if the school expansion goes ahead it will cause an enormous increase in parking by school staff and particularly parents at drop-off and pick-up times. One only has to look at parking around Lordswood Girls School to see the sort of inconsiderate parking (on corners, grass verges and pavements) which will result. The resulting congestion will completely overwhelm the narrow Fellows Lane and roads leading off it, and will present a danger to pedestrians, drivers and passengers alike.</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z6YE-R

Parent		No	<p>My personal opinion is that the proposal hasn't been properly thought through. For the following reasons:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proposed site is too small and restrictive – for future expansion and outside play areas. 2. Having an annexe isn't practical. The school will become disjointed. Pupils/teachers walking between sites? Really? How does that work in the middle of winter/when it's pouring with rain? Pupils already waste valuable teaching time by walking to and from Metchley playing fields. How will a parent with children in different classes/years be expected to drop them off at two different sites at the same time? 3. Doesn't expanding Chad Vale make much more sense? They have the space and playing fields. Chad Vale's current annual intake is 60 pupils. So, adding the proposed 30 additional places here would create a much more balanced arrangement. 	ANON-KNWZ-Z6YZ-D
Other, please specify	Local Resident and Parent	No	<p>I am writing regarding the proposal for Harborne School annex currently in planning for development on Court Oak Road. As a local resident and a parent of two children, soon approaching school age, the prospect of a local school within walking distance would have many benefits for us and other local residents.</p> <p>When reviewing the details I was astonished to find that the catchment area for the annex is based on the original location of the school. Therefore this has designed a school (annex) which is placed in the heart of a community, which no one can easy access on foot.</p> <p>I expect existing parents who have children attending the Harborne School would also object to the conditions, as this would potentially transfer their child's education to the new annex and further increase travel time, reducing their potential to walk to school.</p> <p>The proposal for the catchment area remaining at Harborne School, would also ensure that as a local resident we have none of the benefits (being able to walk to school) and have all of the negatives. The areas around the proposed annex site already have issues in parking, specifically in the immediate locations such as Grosvenor Road with single file traffic, which further deteriorates during regular deliveries and bin collections etc. This has led to a number of residents having to park on the main road (Court Oak Road) which is far from ideal based in the recent increase in car crime in the local area.</p> <p>I have concerns regarding the amount of traffic a school generates and the potential a cars waiting in local streets to collect their child. Unfortunately this is a common occurrence but these issues will be greatly exaggerated as children walking to school will be significantly reduced due to the offset catchment area. This will need the development of a travel plan specific for the annex to be developed including the provision for parking and temporary drop-off / collection points within the boundaries of</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z6Y6-9

			<p>the school, as continued disruption will no doubt cause future issues and complaints in the area, including parents who are excluded from taking their children to the school.</p> <p>I am aware the Harborne School have excellent reviews and Ofsted rating and would be an ideal opportunity to develop them in a local school, but the failure to review the catchment area is short-sighted. We should be given the opportunity to take our children to a local school, as local residents.</p> <p>I hope you will take my comments into account and reconsider the proposal specifically regarding the catchment area.</p> <p>I look forward to receiving your response.</p>	
Local Resident		Yes	<p>Very few schools in the area. Harborne primary is an excellent School and its expansion can only be a good thing for the local community. My child goes to another school further from Harborne Primary- due to lack of available spaces in the School.</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z6HU-Q
Local Resident		Yes	<p>Great to hear something is being done to increase places available at a well performing school. I know too many people who have moved out of Harborne entirely due to the fact they could not get children into Harborne Junior.</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z6HB-4
Local Resident		Yes	<p>Whilst I am in favour of the new site, I strongly feel the catchment for the new site should be the site itself. It is a prime area of land in an area of Harborne where people struggle to get their children into a Harborne school. All the children that live a stones throw away from the school will be travelling away from the school to their own schools whilst children living in central Harborne will be travelling out of Harborne to the school.</p> <p>If children living in Queens Park, Court Oak Road, Fellows Lane, Grosvenor Road, Wood Lane etc were given priority access then you would reduce the number of children being driven to school which is a massive public health boost and eases traffic for the rest of the community.</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z67S-4

Local Resident		Yes	<p>Support the provision of additional school places in the local area.</p> <p>Clearly this will create additional parking problems at drop off / pick up times as the figures quoted suggest that 90 children will be driven to school (combination of driven to the gates and park and stride). Although the school may have a small catchment – parents appear to get their children into the local schools and then move away from the area so some consideration of how people who live more than 500m away will still need to be considered. These additional car journeys will cause additional parking problems and risk to pedestrians and cyclists in the local area.</p> <p>Cycling provision along Court Oak road is currently not safe for primary school children to cycle to the school gates.</p> <p>Cycling provision in the local area should be improved to encourage more people to cycle to school rather than use short car journeys. This would have a knock on effect of encouraging commuting parents to not drive to work– a double benefit for reducing congestion. The easiest way to achieve this would be to make the proposed Zebra Crossing a Tiger Crossing (combined bike and pedestrian on demand crossing) and the pavement from the crossing to the school gate, to Fellows lane and Wood Lane shared use. This would allow parents and children to cycle along minor roads such as Fellows Lane and Wood Lane without cycling on Court Oak Road. The transport assessment predicts that 35% of pupils will arrive along the Fellows Lane or Wood Lane Corridor so there is significant potential to encourage cycling along these corridors. Provision of a cycle crossing right outside the school with be a great way to encourage/ advertise cycling to school. This crossing would also be useful for cyclists heading along the Fellows Lane and Wood Lane corridor as it is currently difficult to cross Court Oak Road. Much of the shared use pavement would be where the footway is planned to be widened.</p> <p>Cycle Parking provision makes no allowance for any betterment of the assumed cycle rates. Only 20 spaces are proposed which only allows for the existing 9% of children who cycle to the current site to be maintained at the new site. As a brand new school site – Provision should be made for a higher level of cycling – say 15 or 20% and so additional parking should be provided. We should not be encouraging the same high car use that the existing school site experiences as this is disruptive to local residents and causes significant congestion.</p> <p>At least 1No. Shower should be provided for staff to allow them to cycle further distances to work and shower on arrival. Showers are provided at most new workplaces.</p> <p>Separate staff bike parking should be provided in a locked shelter. This is known to encourage staff cycling rates.</p> <p>From the school gates to the cycle parking within the school grounds provision should be made for cyclists to ride to the cycle parking area rather than dismount and walk. If cyclists are to be able to use the access road then this will not be a problem, however if the gates are to be shut at arrival/ departure times as at many schools then the footpath should be designated shared space around the gate and a</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z67T-5
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			<p>dropped kerb should be provided behind the gate opening to allow cyclists to rejoin the carriageway. There is no point in providing cycle parking if cyclists cannot cycle to it. Having to dismount and walk is not a suitable solution for a new build school.</p> <p>5 staff parking spaces (plus 1 disabled and 2 visitors) will not be sufficient parking for staff. The transport assessment suggests that 17 staff will drive to the site. This will result in a number of staff parking on residential roads. This is likely to be 12 additional cars parking on residential roads. Given that this is a completely new site the logic of it being better than the existing site is not a reasonable logic and cannot be applied – the parking problems around the existing site will remain but this will create a new parking problem around the new site. Either sufficient parking spaces should be provided or parking controls will need to be put in place.</p>	
Pupil		Yes	<p>We live in Harborne and last year we were unable to place our son at a local school. We now have to spend 2.5 hours per day in the day getting him to / from school in Selly Oak. Other families had to take places at independent schools and I know one family who have kept their daughter in a nursery / pre-school. It goes without saying that there aren't enough school places in the area but I would like to know these families should do? If an annexe is going to open on Court Oak Road from 2019 wouldn't it be possible to add another class of Reception 2017 children? We are [REDACTED] on the waiting list for Harborne Primary and [REDACTED] on the list for St Peters. It's safe to say that my son won't be offered a place at either school in his primary school life-time.</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z67P-1

Parent		Yes	<p>While I am in favour of offering an additional 30 reception places, I worry that this expansion will put even more pressure on an already stretched teaching staff.</p> <p>I think the council has been extremely shortsighted when it comes to school places. In recent years the clock tower, the Martineau centre and Ravenshurst playing fields have all been sold off to private developers, when any of these sites could have provided extra school provision. Planning permission has been granted for local residential developments that have significantly impacted on the demand for school places.</p> <p>The school's budget for this year has been cut by £80,000, meaning that 10 teaching assistants were made redundant at the end of the last academic year and the school is no longer able to pay for maintenance on an ageing school building. I worry that an extra reception class will put even more strain on both the building and the budget and I hope the council has plans to support the school with these challenges.</p> <p>I would also like the council to address the issue of admission fraud eg. parents lying about their address or renting within the catchment area for a short amount of time before moving away from the area once their children are offered a place at HPS. Only a third of children currently walk to school and we are rapidly losing the community feel of our school because of families living further and further away from Station Road. The council must do more to check admissions and possibly implement a sibling rule whereby siblings are still required to live within the catchment area at the time of application. An extra 30 places are only useful if the children applying for the places are genuinely living within the local community.</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z67H-S
Staff Member		Yes	I am concerned about parking in general but staff parking is a concern to me.	ANON-KNWZ-Z67Q-2
Local Resident		Yes	Will enhance the area and (hopefully) introduce meaningful traffic calming (20mph) to a very busy, congested and dangerous road. Is a great use of derelict space and will ensure that more families do not have to leave Harborne to get to the required primary schooling their children need.	ANON-KNWZ-Z67Y-A
Local Resident		Yes	Much needed requirement for the local area	ANON-KNWZ-Z678-9
Parent		Yes	My son will start school in September 19 & I would like him to go to this school. It will increase my chances of getting into a school which is around 500/600 metres from our house.	ANON-KNWZ-Z67Z-B

SOT10121: All statutory consultation comments.

Local Resident		Yes	My property, [REDACTED] sits adjacent to the proposed site and shares a boundary fence. I'd like to see building plans. Are you going to demolish the existing buildings or renovate? There is a wall that sits directly on my boundary fence. You also have a "fire escape door/exit, which to me was illegal as it opens up onto a space of 2.5m X 1.5m and is completely blocked off with zero escape route. You can count yourselves lucky no-one was in the building at the time of the fire as there most certainly would have been casualties. Whom ever signed this off should have been fired!! Which trees will be removed?	ANON-KNWZ-Z6YP-3
Parent		Yes	We desperately need more primary school places in Harborne.	ANON-KNWZ-Z6Y3-6

Local Resident		Yes	<p>Strong consideration should be given to the criteria used to allocate pupils to Station Road or the new site on Court Oak Road. From the public consultation, it is unclear how this allocation will be done.</p> <p>One suggestion was that an intake of 90 children would be selected for the school based on special education needs, siblings, and distance from Station Road as normal (as if Court Oak Road did not exist), and that these 90 children would be allocated to the Station Road site. Then the 30 children who live next-closest to Station Road would be admitted to the school, and sent to the Court Oak Road site.</p> <p>Using our situation as an example: our daughter is due to start school in September 2018. We live 500 metres from the Station Road site, roughly the same distance from Chad Vale Primary school. It is possible that we could be accepted for Harborne Primary School but not selected for the Station Road site and allocated to Court Oak Road. This would result in a school run of more than a mile for us. At the same time, someone living comparatively close to the Court Oak Road site (but slightly nearer than us to Station Road) might be allocated to Station Road.</p> <p>Firstly, we would never have chosen a school with a mile commute over a good alternative with a commute that is a third of this distance (Chad Vale). We have spoken to other parents who have expressed the same concern - some have even removed Harborne Primary School from their choices altogether as the implications in terms of school run distance were unclear. Parents completing an application for 2018 were given insufficient information about the allocation of children to the respective sites to make an informed choice.</p> <p>Secondly, the situation described above will certainly lead to additional traffic on busy Harborne roads at peak times, reducing air quality, increasing environmental degradation, and increasing the risk of traffic incidents.</p> <p>It would be better to admit 120 children to Harborne Primary School in total, then allocate to the respective sites by distance to those sites (giving due consideration to the needs to place siblings on the same site, and place those with special educational needs in the appropriate setting, of course).</p> <p>The council should also consider some flexibility in school admittance processes this year - for example allowing parents in the situation described above to back out of a Harborne Primary School place without jeopardising their place at a suitable alternative.</p>	ANON-KNWZ-Z6YX-B
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Local Resident		Yes	The demand for primary schools in the area has increased significantly. As both a parent and a resident in Harborne, there are not enough primary schools in the area and as more and more parents are moving into the area due to the popularity of Harborne Primary, it is creating increased pressure for those residents with children as they are being pushed out of any catchment. Harborne Primary as a school is now dated and more needs to be done to bring this school up to date and to meet the needs of Harborne residents. I believe the site identified in Harborne is ideal to locate a new school and am very much in favour of this proposal.	ANON-KNWZ-Z6Y9-C
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 January 2018 14:49
To: Edsi Enquiries
Subject: School Organisation: Harborne Primary School Expansion 2019 - Birmingham City Council

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Hi,

Whilst welcoming this proposal to build a much-needed school in the Harborne/Quinton area I must note that what is now proposed is a very poor substitute for what could have been achieved at the Martineau Centre.

I think there are serious problems with the traffic and parking elements of the current application.

Pupil Drop Off and Pick Up - Court Oak Road (A4123) is a very busy road, especially in the morning and afternoon rush hours.

- The north side of the road from Queens Park Road to Wood Lane is used as residents and visitor parking for its full length. At many points, buses can only pass through when there is no oncoming traffic. When buses stop for passengers close to the junction with Hampton Court Road (western end) following traffic is unable to pass. Cars do sometimes park on the southern side of Court Oak Road often half on the pavement. When they do this the traffic problems are much worse, and I understand that local police consider this to be 'obstruction' and a bookable offence. The Traffic Assessment suggests this area is suitable for short-term parking – clearly, it is not.
- It is also suggested in the Traffic Assessment that parents could use the parking facilities in Queens Park or local side roads for short term parking. On days with good weather, the car park is usually full with park users and also all of the parking on the edge of the park down Queens Park Road is taken by local residents and park users. Wood Lane and Woodville Roads are already 'plagued' with commuter parking and staff patient parking for the QAC and by users of the Age Concern Onneley Centre. Despite protests by local residents there have been no improvements.
- Fellows Lane is also a problem, particularly at school drop off and pick up times for Baskerville School.

The Transport Report provides an assumption that 70 pupils will travel by car. Clearly, there are congestion, environmental and safety issues with the suggested solutions.

Staff Parking – The plan proposes 5 spaces are allocated to staff.

- The Transport Report provides a calculation based on the main school site that 70% of staff will travel by car. That is 17 cars at the expected staffing level. 12 cars will therefore have to park all day in the roads around the new school or in Queens Park. Parking in the surrounding roads is already a serious problem for residents and causes congestion for commuters including buses. Queens Park should not be used as an overflow car park for the school. The car park is small and as noted earlier often filled by park users.

Green Travel Plans - Reliance must not be placed on "Green Travel Plans" to provide an alternative resolution to the problems. Similar plans for the University and QE Hospital have been spectacular failures and the senior management of both have not been able to either provide enforcement or alternative solutions. The stated expectation that pupils will be expected to walk when travelling between the sites is unrealistic; the distance is probably in excess of one mile along busy roads with narrow footpaths and the journey would involve crossing the very busy Lordswood Road. For safety reasons alone I would expect that staff and parents would insist that such a journey is undertaken by bus.

I hope this planning proposal will not be approved until practical and effective solutions are provided for the traffic and parking issues raised.

Please confirm my note will be included in the review. I was not able to submit this note via the website.

Regards

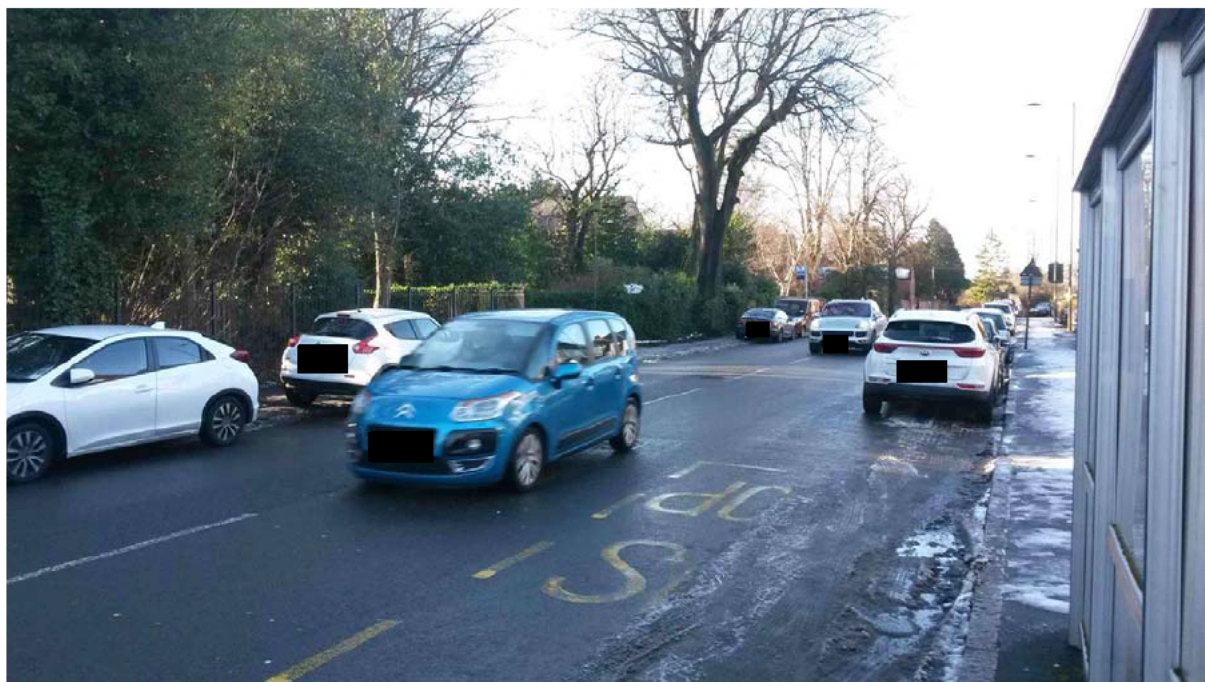
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Wood Lane viewed from Court Oak Road



Parked cars to the east of the Yewcroft entrance.



Looking west from the bus stop opposite the entrance to Yewcroft.

**Harborne Primary School by expansion**

We are consulting on the proposals for four weeks from 11th January 2018 to 7th February 2018.

You can make your views known by visiting:

www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1/harbornefinal to send us your thoughts by **Thursday 7th February 2018** or alternatively complete and return the form below to the following address: School Organisation Team, Education and Skills Infrastructure, PO Box 15843, Birmingham, B2 2RT.

Thank you for taking the time to send us your thoughts on these proposals.

Consultation Response Form

Please help us to analyse your response by completing the following:

Your name (optional):

Your contact details (optional, if you would like a reply)

Your interest in the proposal (please indicate one of the below):

Pupil	
Parent	
School Governor	
School Staff	
Local resident	✓
Local Councillor	
Member of Parliament	
Other (please specify)	

Please provide your comments in support or challenge to the proposal.

I would like you to take into account in the consultation the comments I made in response to the planning application concerning the primary school expansion, a copy of which is attached.



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Dear Sirs,

I write to comment on the above planning application. In principle, I have no objection to the erection of a 1 form entry of a primary school on the site proposed with the following provisos:-

① There should be adequate provision for on-site parking for staff members for not less than 25 vehicles.

② The parking arrangements on Court Oak Rd which currently sees 8-10 vehicles parking on the south side of the road at or near the proposed entrance to the school, should be adjusted so as to allow free movement of traffic, particularly as there is a bus stop directly

opposite the site entrance.

③ There should be provision for resident only parking in Fellows Lane, Wood Lane and other nearby residential roads to prevent obstruction to these roads at the beginning and end of the school day.

My reasons for requesting these conditions are:-

① There is already substantial nuisance caused by the parking of Mini-buses & other vehicles taking children to and from the Baskerville school in Fellows lane. Vehicles are frequently parked so as to cause an obstruction to the driveways of residences particularly those near to Court Oak Road.

② The new school will have the effect of making an already difficult situation substantially worse. For that reason provision for an on-site turnaround for vehicles delivering and collecting children is in my view essential.

Yours sincerely,