

Harper Bell 10036: Non – Statutory Consultation Results

Summary table:			
Total number of responses:			
11			
Number in favour or against the proposal:			
In favour:		Against:	
0		11	
Method of response:			
BeHeard:		Email:	
10		1	
Type of respondent:			
Parent:	Parent/Local Resident:	Pupil:	Unknown:
8	1	1	1

Main Concerns Raised	Occurrence (of 11 responses)
Difficulties of having two establishments to drop children at. (When both nursery and school aged children in family).	6/11
Disruption for children who have just started nursery to have to find an alternative place.	4/11
The timing of the closure should be at the end of the academic year	7/11
Parents have had financial outlay for school uniform	3/11
Like the ethos of the School	1/11
Want child to attend the church school	2/11
Feel deceived that children allowed to start nursery / unacceptable to start children at nursery in September 2016	3/11
Removing nursery children may mean siblings in school also removed	6/11
Child won't be able to start nursery	1/11
Natural feeder for the school	1/11
Help from church with fees	1/11
School not looked at alternative private provider	3/11

Response ID ANON-W71J-U982-1

Submitted to **School Organisation Harper Bell Seventh Day Adventist Primary School**
Submitted on **2016-09-30 10:37:31**

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, Local Resident

other, please specify:

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

No

Please give details:

Aim - Propasal

We think that strategically the nursery should be closed at the end of the academic school year. The reason being it is clear from the headmasters report that it is not financially viable nor sustainable. History has shown small numbers have enrolled in the nursery and a small number of these have then transferred onto reception.

Parents Feedback

Parents have expressed the financial implication this has had on some of them in terms of purchasing school uniform. Some of the parents have taken their children here because of the ethos and values that the school exhibit. Some of these have been taken out of other private nurseries to reinforce their families beliefs. This has not been an easy decision amongst a large proportion of the parents whose children attends the nursery. In one case a parent has had a disagreement with her husband with the choice of their child attending Harperbell. Many parents have more than one child in the school and so relocating to another nursery would mean two separate school runs. It may mean that parents will have to decide upon removing their children and relocating in a school that has a nursery facility for the convenience of a single school collection. This has a negative effect, disrupting the children's learning especially as they have just settled in. This also could impact the number of students currently attending the Harperbell School.

Future

We have a dedicated and proactive Headmaster and deputy head. We parents love and are committed to the ethos despite some of the challenges that the school faces. Consequently parents are optimistic that significant improvements will be made in the very near future. We would all love to see the nursery open again once it is viable to do so.

If possible, we would not like to see it closed at all. We are doing all in our powers to improve the numbers that are attending.
At this point we are soliciting our friends and families and the churches to send their children to Harperbell.

Kindest Regards

Response ID ANON-W71J-U983-2

Submitted to **School Organisation Harper Bell Seventh Day Adventist Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-10-14 05:31:39**

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?

No

Please give details:

Cuts off a natural feeder to the school

Closure will lead to the loss of places in the higher school as parents with siblings in years 1-6 will have to remove both children as it is impossible to put the children in two separate school and a choice will need to be made . School has not done enough to advertise school places especially for the nursery. They have not considered any alternatives to the way the nursery runs or to get in a independent company to run the nursery provision.

The timing of the closure has not been well thought out leaving parents to find an alternative provision at the most difficult point in the year.

Response ID ANON-W71J-U98C-J

Submitted to **School Organisation Harper Bell Seventh Day Adventist Primary School**
Submitted on **2016-10-13 22:06:17**

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

other, please specify:

[REDACTED] schools PTFA.

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

No

Please give details:

I agree that the school needs to regroup and solidify. This may mean closing the nursery temporarily with a view to reopening when the school is on a stronger footing. This being said, instead of closing the proposed January, I hope it will be able to remain open until the end of the school year. Although places will be made available to relocate the nursery students in the event of a closure, some of these children have older siblings at the school. Parents can't be in two places at the same time and the probability is high that whatever school the nursery children are sent to would not be able to accommodate the older siblings.

Response ID ANON-W71J-U98E-M

Submitted to **School Organisation Harper Bell Seventh Day Adventist Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-10-09 20:52:20**

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:

As parent I am not in favour of the proposed changes for the following reasons

- 1) The changes are proposed to be implemented during the academic year. My child who attends nursery at the school moved from a previous nursery (Teny Tots) in August 2016 to attend Harper Bell Seventh-Day Adventist Nursery in September 2016. He has settled very well at Harper Bell and has blended within the school environment. I believe that moving him from Harper Bell at this stage would be detrimental to his Psychological well being.
- 2) As a parent I chose Harper Adventist Bell Adventist School for my child to benefit from its ethos and faith based education from an early age as possible. I am of the opinion that closing the nursery will be in violation of mine and my child's human rights.
- 3) As a parent I already have purchased school uniforms for my child and moving him nursery Harper Bell Adventist School at this stage would leave me financially disadvantaged.
- 4) I have also placed my child at Harper Bell Adventist School for logistical reasons. I have another child who attends at the school and this helps me to smoothly organise my school run.
- 5) Closing within the said time frame is at very short notice, hence I propose that; nursery should be allowed to run until summer 2017.

Response ID ANON-W71J-U98J-S

Submitted to **School Organisation Harper Bell Seventh Day Adventist Primary School**
Submitted on **2016-09-20 22:24:20**

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:

Firstly, our daughter attended Nursery last year and have started Reception this school year. As parents, wanting our children to attend the same school, we were looking forward to sending our son to commence Nursery next year September at Harper Bell. Disappointingly for us, this proposal to close Nursery 31st December 2016, now means that our son will not be able to commence his education in Nursery at Harper Bell September 2017. Additionally, this will create difficulties for us in terms of having to do school runs to two different schools.

Secondly, it raises great concern that this proposal will adversely affect those parents who's children have only just started Nursery and will now have to look for alternative places before January 2017. Furthermore, for those parents who already have other children in higher classes, some of them will be faced with faced with the difficult decision of having to take them out of Harper Bell, as they will not be able to do two separate school runs. They are some parents who has children that have just started both Nursery and Reception, and will now have to consider moving both children due to their current family circumstances, especially relating to doing school runs. We too ourselves may very well be faced with this decision of taking our daughter out of Harper Bell, so as to best manage school runs and that both of them can attend the same school.

Response ID ANON-W71J-U98K-T

Submitted to **School Organisation Harper Bell Seventh Day Adventist Primary School**
Submitted on **2016-10-13 22:17:41**

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 announcement to close the nursery at Harper Bell came as a terrible shock to us as the parents of children at the school. I personally removed my child from an Ofsted graded 'Outstanding' nursery to attend Harper Bell because I truly believe in the ethos of the school. I applied for a place in the summer of this year and was offered a place for full time nursery from September 2016-July 2017.

The fact that the children were allowed to start the nursery in September and only advised of the possible closure the following week is unacceptable.

Childcare is the one of the most important consideration for parents and it is one of the first things I arrange when planning my future work/study commitments so to have to consider changing these arrangements partway through the school year is the biggest inconvenience.

Not to mention the upset this will cause to the children. The nursery children are the youngest in the school, my child is just 40months old and yet is due to suffer confusion and disappointment after the build up to starting school. It is something my child looked forward to over the summer and has settled into very quickly making new friends and adjusting to the new environment. Do you really think it is reasonable to expect us to remove our children from this setting in December to join a new nursery setting to then return to Harper Bell in September 2017? I find this situation to be highly insensitive and unsettling to the needs of these small children.

I already have a child at Harper Bell so this was another contributory factor as to why I moved my younger child to this school. In addition to this I receive a contribution from my church towards the cost of the fees and as a single mother this is a great help that would not be available elsewhere.

We as parents have not been given any opportunity to fund raise or try and fill the empty places at the school which would be the obvious solution to any financial problems.

We have a very active PTFA at Harper Bell and I believe we should be given the opportunity to support our school in the way we would like to.

My request is that the nursery remain open for the remainder of the school year due to the lack of notice and consideration shown by the LEA and the management at Harper Bell.

I trust you will consider the points raised and come to a reasonable decision.

Response ID ANON-W71J-U98S-2

Submitted to **School Organisation Harper Bell Seventh Day Adventist Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-10-14 05:42:01**

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?

Pupil

other, please specify:

I have been to this school since I was 3 attending the nursery.

4 Are you in favour of the proposal?

No

Please give details:

I have been to this school since I was 3 attending the nursery. It was great. I don't like what the LEA has done to my school they say the nursery is not full but that's because they are paying for 2 executive heads which used up all the money. As a black school I knew as a black boy I could achieve anything in a safe supportive school environment. The LEA called our school as failing and the results are that children my friends have left and their little brothers and sisters go to other places for nursery. You LEA have ruined our school but I am not failing I am still achieving how comes you don't tell people about that. Leave our nursery alone

Response ID ANON-W71J-U98T-3

Submitted to **School Organisation Harper Bell Seventh Day Adventist Primary School**

Submitted on **2016-10-14 05:23:16**

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?

No

Please give details:

The nursery is a natural feeder for the school. Parents that have sibling groups in the nursery and the higher school will have to remove their children from the school which would have a detrimental impact on the school as a whole. There are no current sources of advertising for the nursery places. The school has not sought any alternatives to closure like an independently run nursery provision. If the nursery is to close as it looks likely that it will to keep it open until June as parents will find it difficult to find new places for their nursery aged child at this point in the year with all available places already taken in September 2016. Parents had sought assurances that the nursery was going to continue as a viable entity for at least another year, only to accept a place and then be told it is to close at the most inconvenient point in the year at Christmas. I believe that there isn't a good time to close that part of the school but by June parents could reapply to start in September 2017 at an alternate school

Response ID ANON-W71J-U98V-5

Submitted to **School Organisation Harper Bell Seventh Day Adventist Primary School**
Submitted on **2016-10-03 13:54:55**

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:

As a single father it has been difficult to get my child in to pre school, having my child attend this school after attending the Church system the school is great for my child's personal and social development. Now having to close her nursery place I feel is very inconsiderate on many counts. I like the values and principles that the school look to uphold and the faith it follows. A single father having to go and purchase her school uniform now to lose that money with no thought of the costs undertaken but myself, to have the school close after only 3 months is fundamentally wrong. I feel the involvement of the Board and the Education department should be held accountable as you all knew this was a plan that admittedly was said by the head teacher at the meeting held Friday 16 September. His words were "it was a decision that should have been taken along time ago by my predecessors and I am the one that was responsible to make it happen now and start the consultation process".

With this in mind, I believe you have deceived me and other parents by allowing our children to start pre school nursery, incurring a financial loss as the uniform will be non fundable. I believe there was a rejection of twenty other children for pre school nursery and far from staff whistle blowing it can not be proven.

I would like to know how many applied to attend and how many were accepted. Also in mind other parents have children in this school and would be forced to withdraw their children due to this decision which will effect other classes, long term effecting the entire school.

I hope you will take my thoughts into consideration and not close the nursery in December 2016 and if not then please leave the nursery closure until the end of a full school term.

Response ID ANON-W71J-U98Y-8

Submitted to **School Organisation Harper Bell Seventh Day Adventist Primary School**
Submitted on **2016-10-14 05:46:23**

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:

It will lead to losses in the classes higher up in the school

It shows a lack of vision for the school and bodes ill for any failures in years 1-6 will that also lead to the whole school closing

Most inconsiderate timing as parents will not be able to find alternatives

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 15, 2016 12:15 AM
To: EdsiSupport
Subject: Harper Bell School

Dear Mary

Apologies for the late comments and as I am not sure whether they will be included I will keep it very brief.

I am aware that enrolment has been low for the nursery and suspect this is because it is a fee paying nursery and the hours of operation are during school hours only.

Is it a possibility that the nursery could be adopted into the school, thereby receive support from the Birmingham city council, as is the case in other schools who have a nursery provision.

Alternatively, is the partnership proposal not a feasible option should you source the appropriate client?

Despite acknowledging the internal challenges such as non payment of fees, I would recommend that the these considerations be taken onboard and the nursery remains open providing a final academic year to make the decision rather than close in December as I am concerned about the consequences it may have in upper years due to siblings.

Thank you in advance for your careful consideration.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]