

# Public Document Pack

## **Supplementary information for 11<sup>th</sup> August 2011 School Organisation Advisory Board (SOAB)**

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# Agenda Item 4

## Feedback on Roundhay primary school proposal

10. EDUC School Organisation

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

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

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

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

Many thanks

RH2 unions general on ~~process~~ proposals into request

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For the attention of Lesley Savage

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

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

Please will you:

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

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## Response to additional Primary School Provision in Rounday

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To: EDUC School Organisation

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

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

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

The reasons for these views are:

### Increased traffic

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

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

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

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

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

To: EDUC School Organisation

RH4

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Regards

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours Sincerely

28<sup>th</sup> January 2011

Dear Sirs,

RE: PROPOSAL TO CREATE ADDITIONAL PRIMARY PROVISION IN THE ROUNDHAY AREA AT  
ELMETE LANE FROM SEPTEMBER 2012 TO BE RUN BY ROUNDHAY SCHOOL

I attended your Public Consultation meeting at Roundhay on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January and would like to reiterate the points I made then:

I am strongly in favour of using the site off Elmete Lane for increasing Primary provision and I think there is every reason to expect that Roundhay school management could undertake this provision and provide a very attractive primary department if they so wish.

I live on This road is a bus route giving access to Stepping Stones Nursery, Kerr Mackie Primary and Roundhay High school all in about a 100 metre stretch. There are times of the day when this section of roads (including Thorn Lane) is all but impassable because of the amount of school traffic. Further along, when the road becomes Lidgett Lane there are three more schools: Gledhow Primary, Moor Allerton Primary and Allerton Grange High. Obviously some of the traffic going to and from those schools also uses Gledhow Lane, and so does traffic going to the Spire Hospital on Jackson Avenue. As you can see, there is a lot of traffic in this area, using what are really quite narrow roads, and traffic jams are normal for short periods at the start and end of a school day. For this reason, I would be very much against any increase in the numbers of pupils attending either Kerr Mackie or Roundhay High at its present site.

Building a new school on the Elmete site seems a very good solution by providing what will undoubtedly become a very attractive primary school close to the Park which will be a great asset and a lovely environment for the children. Traffic flow in that area is generally in the opposite direction at the moment, with people travelling into Leeds in the morning and out again in the afternoon, because the site is on the edge of town. There is plenty of room on site to create a 'picking up and dropping off area' that either, or both, parents and school buses could use. By using the existing traffic lights where Wetherby Road meets Easterly Road buses could be routed so that they do not have to cross traffic on the roads immediately outside the school and parents could be advised that this would be desirable (or even obliged to do so by the judicious placing of a traffic island opposite the end of Elmete Lane!)

Yours faithfully,

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

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### Questions relating to the proposals

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

1a) I agree with the use of the site off Elmete Lane for increasing primary provision.

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1a) I agree with Roundhay School changing its age range to include some primary provision.

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

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

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

2. Have you found this booklet useful?

How could we improve the booklet?

☒ Yes ☐ No

3. Have you found the consultation process useful?

How could we improve the consultation process?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

Name:

Address:

Email address:

**Which school are you associated with?**

Parent/carer of present pupil(s)

☐

Member of staff

☐

Parent/carer of primary school child

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Local resident

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Other adult relative

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Elected member

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Pupil

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Community representative

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Governor

☐

Other

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**Data Protection Act 1998**

Under the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998 we must inform you of the following. Education Leeds and Leeds City Council are seeking your views to help inform the decision on this proposal. Your personal information will be used only for this purpose, and may be shared with other agencies who are involved in the consultation, however only to address any issues you raise. If you do not wish to provide personal details your views will still be considered, but we will not be able to acknowledge your response personally.

**Please send your reply to:** The Chief Executive, Education Leeds, FAO School Organisation Team  
10<sup>th</sup> Floor West, Merrion House, 110 Merrion Centre, Leeds LS2 8DT

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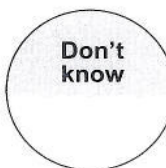
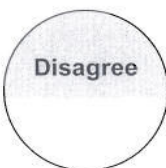
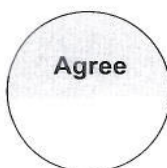
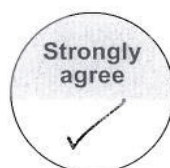
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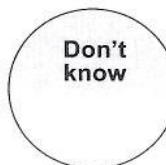
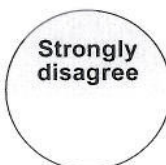
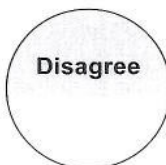
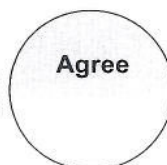
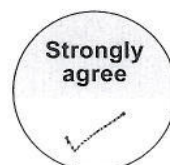
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Please tell us more about your views and your reasons for them.

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. Have you found this booklet useful?

How could we improve the booklet?



Yes



No

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

3. Have you found the consultation process useful?

How could we improve the consultation process?



Yes



No

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

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

Name:

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

In response to the Leeds request for Roundhay to become an 'all through school' with two Reception forms of entry, the governors have voted unanimously in support of the proposal and recognise it as an exciting opportunity to further meet the needs of the community. We feel that this proposal could enhance our on-going working relationship with local primary schools, putting us in an even stronger position to further develop the excellent educational links we already have.

We accept that there will be a number of challenges and that we will need to work with the senior management team to build primary expertise, but we are confident that we have the capacity to deliver an exciting and stimulating primary environment. The governing body includes members with a wealth of primary and pre-school experience including teachers, leaders and governors.

The split site nature of the proposal will enhance the development of a true 'primary ethos' and we are confident that the new purpose built learning environment will be tailored to the needs of the primary phase.

Whilst we fully appreciate the nature of the current financial position faced by the authority, we feel that a long term view needs to be taken to ensure that short sighted decisions will not disadvantage both Roundhay School and more importantly its present and future students. We welcome the acceptance that the on-going revenue funding formula will be amended to take into account the fact that as the 'main school' site is part of a PFI contract, resulting in very limited economies of scale associated with the estates linked elements of the funding formula.

We understand that senior staff are working alongside officers to develop some of the finer details (see Briefing Note for Governing Bodies of Secondary Schools on the Financial Implications of becoming a Through School – Position at 27 Jan 2011) but feel that the overriding principle of the project has to be that it will be at nil cost to the 'main school' budget, both in terms of initial capital spend and on-going revenue commitments. We believe that this will not be an issue once the provision has filled and the full financial contribution of the additional 420 primary age pupils is made to the school budget but in the early years we see this as a potential pit fall. There are some specific areas that are of major concern to us:

- We feel that the providing of fresh healthy appetising food is a key part of high quality primary provision. This can only be delivered if kitchen facilities are suitably proportioned and equipped, therefore we expect to have a full cooking kitchen. We feel this is not an extravagant expectation in light of the on-going awareness of childhood eating habits, obesity and lack of nutritional understanding.
- We are pleased that the ICT/ Telephony link between the two sites will be provided by the build but we are keen that the school not be disadvantaged by the distance between the sites. We are very concerned that the school will be burdened by on-going revenue costs beyond its control for the maintenance of this link.



*"An outstanding, high-performing, specialist school...where every child matters equally" (Ofsted)*  
Headteacher: Neil Clephan B.A., M.A., Ad. Dip. Ed. Man. Deputy Headteacher: Jean Clennell B.A., M.Ed.

- We are disappointed that there is no proposal to undertake BREEAM accreditation as this seems to be an ideal opportunity for LCC to demonstrate its commitment to sustainability. We do expect the design to incorporate energy and water efficiency systems, and consideration to be given to the suitability of the building materials for recycling at the end of the building's life.
- We accept that once the expansion is complete the Governors will have the usual means and discretion to pay the primary leader as appropriate, however we are conscious that the reorganisation factor needs to not only provide for the needed resources in the early stages but also to provide sufficient funding for the primary leader to be paid at an ISR commensurate with the group size of the full primary provision. This extends to the commitment from the authority to fund such a post from January 2012.

We look forward to the progression of this proposal and see it as a way Roundhay can continue its long tradition of meeting the educational needs of its community.

1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2011  
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11 FEB 2011

Dear School Organisation Team,

I write with reference to the proposal to create additional primary provision in the Roundhay area at Elmete Lane from September 2012 to be run by Roundhay School Technology and Language College.

I am a parent of 2 children attending Roundhay School and one attending a local primary school. I have read the public consultation booklet and was present at the public meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January at Roundhay High School. I understand the need for more primary school places to be provided in Leeds by September 2012 but have a number of concerns about this proposal.

Firstly I am alarmed at the speed at which it is suggested this new primary school be created. I accept the difficulties involved in accurately predicting far in advance the exact number of primary places needed in an area but building a new and strong school community is a huge undertaking and one that should not be rushed.

I am also concerned about the extra strain on the management and governing body of Roundhay School as they try to build and run a primary school in addition to their current responsibilities. I understand from questions and answers at the public meeting that although a "primary leader" will be employed, there is no extra money available to provide support for the management team of Roundhay School as they take on the massive additional responsibility of managing the primary section of the school. Possible adverse effects might be the lowering of standards at the High School, the failure to create and run a successful primary school, lowering of staff morale plus no doubt many others.

The fact that plans are going ahead to create this new primary provision despite there being so much financial uncertainty is, quite frankly, terrifying as well as, in my opinion, unwise.

I have serious reservations that the proposed new primary provision will have an adverse effect on other local primary schools, especially the one in the same section as the proposed site but unmarked on the map on page 9 of the booklet, Roundhay St John's Primary. On page 7 of the booklet it is stated "the map on page 9 shows where pre school children live in relation to their nearest schools" but this is not the case as Roundhay St John's school is not marked on the map. People are being asked to comment on a proposal that is inaccurate and therefore misleading. I understand that the admissions policy for church schools is different to that of other schools but the difference a child lives from the school does nevertheless play a role.

~ A large number of children admitted to Roundhay St John's do live locally to the school and in much the same area as the proposed new school would be drawing on. Falling numbers would be a very real danger to Roundhay St John's if the proposed new school plans go ahead.

~ The effect on other primary schools local to the proposed new site is, in my opinion, further complicated by the fact that children admitted to the new school in reception would stay on roll at Roundhay School until the sixth form. The attraction of this to parents should not be underestimated, given how popular Roundhay School is. My concern is that other local primary school will also suffer falling numbers, not because they are unsuccessful or unattractive but because, to parents, the draw of a guaranteed place at Roundhay High School will outweigh all other considerations. As was mentioned at the public meeting, there is a real possibility that successful schools in the area that have worked very hard to improve will suffer lower numbers purely because the attraction of a guaranteed place at a successful high school is irresistible to parents.

~ In conclusion, I disagree with the statement on page 4 of the booklet that the new proposed primary provision would "build on the strengths of the existing secondary school without undermining any of the other primary schools in the area." I think there is a distinct possibility that the proposed provision **could** undermine other primary schools in the area and I do not understand how the primary school would build on the strengths of the existing secondary school. On the contrary, I think it is possible that the primary provision could weaken and damage the existing secondary provision particularly if it is provided in the way described with no extra support offered to the secondary school management. I see that there is an urgent need to provide more primary places but I would not be happy to see this need met in the way outlined in the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

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Wilson Laura

PROPOSAL TO CREAT ADDITIONAL PRIMARY PROVISION IN THE ROUNDHAY AREA  
AT ELMETE LANE FROM SEPTEMBER 2012 - TO BE RUN BY ROUNDHAY SCHOOL  
TECHNOLOGY AND LANGUAGE COLLEGE

This is a response to the Public Consultation regarding the above proposal, from The Secretary of The Friends of Roundhay Park.

At the Open Meeting of the Friends of Roundhay Park (FoRP) on the 02<sup>nd</sup> February 2011, a proposal for the provision of a new Primary School at Elmete Lane (Braim Wood) was tabled.

The Meeting was attended by 29 Members, two Ward Councillors and the Park Manager.

The proposals were presented to the Meeting by the Chairwoman, Julia Wilson, with supporting information given by Councillors Valerie Kendall and Matthew Lobley.

A Vote was taken following the Presentation and 23 persons supported the proposal, 2 were against and there were 4 abstentions. It was agreed that FoRP (Membership approximately 250) would support the proposal for a new Primary School at Elmete Lane, as set out in the Consultation Documents.

As a Group, FoRP exists in order to promote and to be to be actively involved in the appearance, preservation, enhancement and wellbeing of Roundhay Park and its environs.

✓ It is not felt that a School would detract from these principles, provided that it was well designed and landscaped. The proximity of the School to the Park would be of great benefit in educational terms for the pupils, whilst adding to the vitality of The Park.

✓ It is also appreciated that there is a substantial synergy in the new School being incorporated into the structure of Roundhay School, so this element of the proposals is also supported by FoRP.

For your information, with regard to the Public Consultation Response Form questions, we answer them as follows:

- 1a Agree
- 1b Agree
- 2 The booklet was found to be useful
- 3 The Consultation process was found to be useful

We trust that our comments are useful and, should you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me. Would you please confirm the receipt of this response to the above email address.

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

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

As a previous student of Roundhay School, I now find myself in a position of having my own young family and not being fortunate to live in Roundhay. We decided to do the sensible and responsible thing & buy a house we could afford, not mortgage ourselves to the hilt and live in R'hay. So we're on the outer edges on the far side of the Oakwood Lane / Easterby Rd roundabout. In line with government and council policy every child (matters and) deserves an opportunity to access quality education. Just because a child doesn't live in a 200k+ house does not mean to say they don't have the ability to learn and aspirations to achieve.

At the meeting it seemed that most people were local R'hay residents and were mainly concerned about their kids not getting

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

due to ~~the~~ 60 of the places going to the primary children. I also felt there was an element of not wanting their kids to have to mix with kids from deprived areas. "All the Seacroft kids" was stated in a rather disparaging tone at one stage.

When I went to Roundhay in 1990 there was a really good mix of pupils - from all over Gipton, Seacroft, Fernville, Chapeltown, Chapel Allerton and Roundhay. I feel this added to the school and was a great opportunity for people from different socio economic and cultural backgrounds to mix on an equal level. Roundhay gives people a great start and chance in life and therefore should be accessible to children from more deprived areas.

With Roundhay's excellent record of achievement, who better to take on the challenge. Also, as pointed out at the meeting if it goes to competition, not only will there not be enough capacity for 2012 but the school could end up in anyone's hands.

I understand that some Roundhay residents will be worried that their children may not get into Roundhay (High), but the fact is that there are not enough primary places and the ideal scenario is for a primary school to be open by 2012 to ensure that hundreds of children do not have the start of their school lives massively disrupted.

2. Have you found this booklet useful?

How could we improve the booklet?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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☒ Yes ☐ No

The meeting was interesting to hear the views of others and to gain more info. I only heard about the proposal and meeting by chance and wonder how widely the information was known. Where was the information available. Was it only R'ham residents that were informed. A leafleting distribution would have been a cheap + effective way of letting a wide audience know.

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

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Which school are you associated with?

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30<sup>th</sup> January 2011

Dear Sir, Madam

**Response to proposals to create additional primary school provision to be run by Allerton Grange School and Roundhay School**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposals for additional primary school provision at Allerton Grange School and Roundhay School. Management Committee members of the Roundhay Planning Forum (RPF) attended the public meetings on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at Roundhay School, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at Allerton Grange School and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at Moor Allerton Hall Primary School.

In reply to your question 1a, the RPF neither agrees nor disagrees with Allerton Grange School and Roundhay School changing their age range to include primary provision.

In reply to your question 1b, the RPF agrees with the use of the former school site at Allerton Grange and the former Braim Wood School site for new primary school provision. RPF agrees with the principle of educational uses on the two sites as it appreciated that Leeds City Council has a statutory duty to provide an adequate number of school places in the Roundhay area.

The RPF also agrees with the proposal in principle because it would mean that the Allerton Grange and the former Braim Wood school sites would be retained by Leeds City Council for educational and school playing field uses.

This is welcome news as RPF has been very concerned that these playing fields could be sold off by Leeds City Council for residential development. RPF is keen to see playing fields such as these protected and enhanced for present and future generations.

RPF response to the two proposals is as follows:-

**A. Primary School Provision at site of former building and hard standing at Allerton Grange School**

RPF agrees in principle with the use of the site of the former school building at Allerton Grange for increasing school provision subject to the following:

1. **Sustainability (Local Schools for Local Pupils).** It is unsustainable to create a primary school on this site to serve the needs of children living in other parts of the city such as Harehills and Chapeltown due to the increased need to travel. Primary school age pupils must have the opportunity to walk to their local school with parents/guardians. Pupils currently at Moor Allerton Hall Primary School and Allerton Grange School travel long distances, arrive to school by car or bus and therefore contribute towards traffic congestion, air pollution, anti-social car parking in and around the school campus. This is a significant community cohesion matter which Leeds City Council must take into account as part of its proposals.
2. **Only the area of 6,050 m<sup>2</sup> of former building and hard standing is used for the new primary school building, play ground, car parking provision.** In addition to this, it is RPF's understanding from the public meeting on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2011 that Leeds City Council would also retain the playing field off Talbot Avenue as a protected school playing field serving the new primary school provision.

Should Leeds City Council be minded to grant planning permission for a new primary school, then the extent of the new buildings and associated car parking, playground and hard standing must not extend beyond the original footprint of the old school and hard standing and enter the land designated as N6 (Protected Playing Pitch) in the Leeds UDP.

RPF would like to see the two existing school sports playing fields (protected by Leeds UDP Policy N6) retained and enhanced for school use and community use.

RPF would not want to see unnecessary subdivision of the playing fields with 8ft high fencing. The openness of the fields is part of its special character which must be maintained, not only for visual amenity, but also for local wildlife (in particular the movement of bats,

birds, foxes and other small mammals). Any required security fencing will need to be carefully designed and sited.

3. **The playing field off Lidgett Lane** (which will be declared surplus to Education Leeds' requirements and transferred to Asset Management section at Leeds City Council) must be made available for open community use and remain as green community playing fields and continue to be protected under Section 77 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 and Policy N6 of the Leeds Unitary Development Plan. RPF supports the work of the Friends of Allerton Grange (FoAG) in their aspirations to create a new community playing field at the Allerton Grange site.
4. **Flooding.** The playing fields, the new service road with its junction with Lidgett Lane and residential properties on Allerton Grange Avenue flood during moderate/heavy rainfall. Foundations of the old school, including drains were supposed to be removed to address the existing flooding problems as part of BSF Allerton Grange School planning permission. A number of trees (which helped soak up the flood waters, were also removed along Lidgett Lane during the construction of the BSF school. Any proposal for a new primary school will inevitably create large areas of new hard standing and will increase surface water run off and make the flooding situation worse on Allerton Grange Fields, Lidgett Lane and Allerton Grange Avenue. RPF would expect to see the implementation of a comprehensive drainage solution (as part of any future planning application discussions) so as to address the flooding issues.
5. **The new footpath linking Lidgett Lane to Talbot Avenue** secured as part of the BSF Allerton Grange planning application permission must be retained as part of any new primary school proposal. The new footpath and cycleway is very well used and a real asset for the local community. RPF were encouraged to hear from Tony Palmer (Head of Estates) at Education Leeds at the Public Meeting on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010 that the footpath linking Talbot Avenue to Lidgett Lane will be retained with possible minor diversions.
6. **The existing and newly planted trees** on Allerton Grange Fields, secured by the previous BSF Allerton Grange School planning permission must be retained as part of new primary school proposal. RPF would also seek to encourage new tree planting, especially on the Talbot Avenue and Lidgett Lane boundaries.
7. **The setting of Grade II Listed Moor Allerton Hall (White House).** The removal of the old school buildings and hard standing as part of the BSF Allerton Grange School planning permission was a planning gain as the setting of the Grade II listed Moor Allerton Hall (White House) has been significantly enhanced. This is even more so since

the site has been grassed over and trees have been planted. The demolition of the old school has also improved the view of Moor Allerton Hall from Lidgett Lane. The proposal for a portacabin/modular primary school on the grounds of the old school will have a detrimental impact on the setting as well as the views of the grade II listed Moor Allerton Hall. A cheaply constructed building next to the luxury converted apartments at Moor Allerton Hall would be inappropriate, especially as the design of the BSF Allerton Grange School went to great lengths to ensure that impacts on the listed building were minimised. RPF welcomed the commitment made by Tony Palmer (Head of Estates) at Education Leeds that the design of the modular building on this site would be bespoke and respect the local character.

8. **Highways.** Lidgett Lane is considered as a 'length for concern' by the West Yorkshire Accidents Studies Unit as it is regarded as an accident black spot. FoAG expects to see a Full Transport Impact Assessment as part any future planning application. A new primary school would increase traffic on Lidgett Lane (even with a vehicle access point off Talbot Avenue) and put pressure on the local road network (there are already several schools and nurseries off Talbot Road, North Park Avenue, Lidgett Lane, Gledhow Lane and Old Park Road).

**A new pedestrian crossing on the Lidgett Lane and Allerton Grange Avenue junction** must be implemented to ensure a safe crossing point across Lidgett Lane. A new pedestrian crossing on Lidgett Lane is an aspiration within the existing Allerton Grange School Travel Plan (2009).

There must be sufficient car parking provision for staff and visitors on site as part of any proposals for a new primary school. This will help prevent all day car parking on Talbot Avenue (and surrounding streets) and Lidgett Lane.

In accordance with the current planning permission for the BSF Allerton Grange School, school buses should not use Talbot Avenue/Bentcliffe Gardens due to the restricted width of the carriageway.

FirstBus and MyBus services (yellow school bus service) should be allowed to use the new Allerton Grange School service road to drop off and pick up school pupils at the start and end of the school day. This will help ensure adequate vehicular and pedestrian safety on Lidgett Lane.

9. **The existing industrial grey palisade type fencing** along the schools' boundary on Lidgett Lane and Talbot Avenue and the driveway serving Brackenwood Community Centre and Moor Allerton Hall Primary School should be removed and replaced with black mesh

fencing and boundary trees and shrubs which would be more in keeping with the residential character of the area.

10. **The landscape of school playing fields** should be enhanced with hedgerow planting, trees and shrubs to soften the Talbot Avenue and Lidgett Lane boundaries and enhance and maintain biodiversity.

#### **B. Primary School Provision at site of former building and hard standing at former Braim Wood School**

RPF agrees in principle with the use of the site of the former Braim Wood school site for increasing school provision subject to the following:-

- ✓ 11. **Sustainability (Local Schools for Local Pupils).** It is unsustainable to create a primary school on this site to serve the needs of children living in other parts of the city such as Harehills, Gipton and Seacroft due to the increased need to travel. Primary school age pupils must have the opportunity to walk to their local school with parents/guardians. Pupils currently at local schools in the area travel long distances, arrive to school by car or bus and therefore contribute towards traffic congestion, air pollution, anti-social car parking in and around the school campus. This is a significant community cohesion matter which Leeds City Council must take into account as part of its proposals.

- ✓ 12. **Only the extent of the footprint of the former Braim Wood School should be used for new primary school and associated play ground and car parking provision.** Should Leeds City Council be minded to grant planning permission for a new primary school, then the extent of the new buildings and associated car parking, playground and hard standing must not extend beyond the original footprint of the old school and hard standing and enter the land designated as N6 (Protected Playing Pitch) and Green Belt N32 and Urban Green Corridor (N8) in the Leeds UDP.

✓ RPF would like to see the existing school sports playing fields at the former Braim Wood site (protected by Leeds UDP Policy N6) retained and enhanced for school use and community use.

Due to the location of this site next to open countryside and Roundhay Park, any required security fencing will need to be carefully designed and sited.

13. **The existing trees** on the former Braim Wood site must be protected during the construction of the new primary school.

- ✓ **14. The design of the modular building.** The design and construction of the modular building at the former Braim Wood site must respect the openness of the local area which is characterised by parklands and agricultural land. The views into the site must also be taken into account (especially from overlooking Asket Hill and the new long distance foot and cycle path, the Wyke Beck Way) when preparing the design and layout of the new school.
- ✓ **15. Highways.** The proposal must have adequate car parking provision for staff and visitors. A Green Travel Plan must also be adopted for this site to encourage pupils and staff to arrive to the school using sustainable modes of transport such as the bus and bike. The potential for better cycle provision in the area must be explored, especially along Wetherby Road. There is scope for the Wyke Beck Way / Sustrans route to be integrated into the new primary school. This will help provide a good link between the new primary school and Roundhay Park.
- ✓ **16. Historic infrastructure.** The southern boundary of the site along Wetherby Road contains the badly neglected and damaged remains of the entrance to the historic carriage drive to Elmet Hall (originally Roundhay Lodge, the house of Samuel Elam, the original purchaser with Thomas Nicholson of Roundhay Township). It consists of stone gate posts and long adjacent curved walls topped by an unusual stone balustrade. The redevelopment of the Braim Wood School site should included the restoration and preservation of this historic structure

For our records, I would be grateful if you could send me copies of the minutes of the public meetings held on:-

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2011  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2011  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2011

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this letter and keep me informed on the next steps with the process.

If you have any queries or you would like to discuss the above, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

## Allerton Grange & Roundhay High expansion consultation

Having read the proposals I am of the opinion that this is not a good idea.  
this is because:

- ✓ 1. the idea of a 4 - 18 school is good in theory for the reasons you outlined i do not feel these would be met by creatingm a separate buliding on the same grounds. A separate building will have separate staff, a separate culture and is simply an add on to save money not in the best interests of the pupils not a built and planned through school. (this is for both Allerton grange and Roundhay)
- ✓ 2. the Head Teachers at Allerton Grange/ Roundhay have Secondary experience and no primary knowledge. This would further increase the separation of the 2 sites. A separate manager would be needed for the school. Head Teacher in all but name.
- ✓ 3. Allerton Grange High School already has enough issues with large sections of the pupil population. While it is an improving school with an effective head teacher and inclusion manager showing progress it still remains a satisfactory school with much change already on its hands.

I feel a better proposal would be to expand the entry into Gledhow Primary school as it has substantial grounds that can be built on, is in the local area and is an outstanding school. You have an effective inclusion team with a head teacher with obvious Primary experience. You could increase the school by an extra form easily.

✓ In addition, by demolishing and rebuilding Talbot primary on the same grounds you could build a new (it is far too small and outdated) 2 or 3 story school to increase the intake by one form while leaving adequate outdoor space, this is a good school with outstanding features and again, obvious Primary experience in the head teacher.

Both these schools are oversubscribed and produce excellent results.

I look forward to your response

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Wilson, Laura

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From:

Sent:

To:

Cc:

Subject:

Dear Sirs

I am the chair of the Governing Body of Grange Farm Primary School.

I have been involved with school both as a parent of the school for the past 22 years and have been party to reorganization, building of our new school, off site teaching whilst our new school was built. closure of Asket Hill and the impact of all of this not only on our school but our community.

I am concerned on several points about the above proposal.

Most of the schools in Seacroft currently have surplus places- and quite often this is in the Reception year - at the last count we had 5 surplus places at our School alone.

Although the figures show a significant increase in birth rates, there are still projected surplus places in several of the Seacroft schools- e.g. Beechwood. The proposal to build a new school would have a knock on effect on these schools and could result in even more surplus places. Sadly statistics show and the local consensus in the area is that parents would choose to move their children to the "school with the new building" creating more surplus spaces in our school and the schools serving our area. this happened when they build Kerr Mackie and children were taken out of Grange Farm and I am aware they were taken out in volume from the then Asket Hill Primary School.

At Grange Farm we currently take some children from the other side of the ring road and from the Roundhay catchments area (if there is such a thing any longer)

If the new school goes ahead, I am certain that this will create more surplus places in our schools in Seacroft. **In the current economic climate, to build a brand new school in order to them make redundancies in other schools seems illogical and I know that the local authority are currently looking closely at schools that have been able to manage their budgets efficiently to look at clawing back schools credit balances. Surely the cost of building a new school that IS NOT NEEDED TO ACCOMMODATE VOLUMES amounts to nothing less than gross negligent on behalf of the authority.**

Socially, the children who come to our school in Seacroft from the other side of the ring road often provide our school with a greater social and cultural mix. If the new school goes ahead at Roundhay, we will lose that diversity that has positive benefits for all concerned. Schools with a social and cultural mix offer richer and more real-life social opportunities for our pupils and I feel it is important to promote this.

On a totally different point - what effect will this have on the increase in traffic in traffic in an already very busy part of the city? How does this fit in with a green travel plan?

I was quite shocked that you only put on one public meeting- **to which we had short notice** and were unable to attend **was this intentional???** the meeting ( clashed with governor's meeting) and has provided little opportunity to engage in informed discussion about this proposal.

Why is the school proposed for 60 places? where do you expect the children will come from - have you considered the effect on the surrounding schools? If it has to go ahead, surely a 30 place school would be far

more circumspect at this stage.

On behalf of the Governing Body of Grange Farm please accept this as our strong objection to the proposal to build a new school at Elmete Lane, primarily because we believe it will create more surplus places in the schools in our area and risk the chance of affecting the stability and day to day management of our school and the other schools in the area which can only have a detrimental effect on the education and social care we provide our children.

Yours sincerely



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**Wilson, Laura**

**From**

**Sent:**

**To:** EDUC School Organisation

**Subject:** new school proposal- Elmete Lane

Re proposal for school at Roundhay - Elmete Lane

I have several concerns about the above proposal.

- The schools in Seacroft all currently have some surplus places- in several schools this is in the Reception year(e.g. 5 surplus places in reception currently at Grange Farm). At Grange Farm we currently take some children from the other side of the ring road. If the new school goes ahead, I fear that this will create more surplus places in our schools in Seacroft. In the current economic climate, to build a brand new school in order to then make redundancies in other schools seems illogical.
- The children who come to our school in Seacroft from the other side of the ring road often provide our school with a greater social and cultural mix. If the new school goes ahead at Roundhay, we will lose that diversity that has positive benefits for all concerned. Schools with a social and cultural mix offer richer and more real-life social opportunities for our pupils and I feel it is important to promote this.
- Although the figures show a significant increase in birth rates, there are still projected surplus places in several of the Seacroft schools- e.g. Beechwood. The proposal to build a new school would have a knock on effect on these schools and could result in even more surplus places.
- Many parents from a wide area of Leeds will undoubtedly choose the proposed new school to secure a place at Roundhay High school- surely this will mean an increase in traffic in an already very busy part of the city? How does this fit in with a green travel plan?

I also feel that only having one public meeting- to which we had short notice and were unable to attend ( clashed with governor's meeting) has provided little opportunity to engage in informed discussion about this proposal.

Why is the school proposed for 60 places? If it has to go ahead, surely a 30 place school would be far more circumspect at this stage.

To conclude, I object to the proposal to build a new school at Elmete Lane, primarily because I believe it will create more surplus places in the schools in Seacroft.

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

## Public consultation response form

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### Questions relating to the proposals

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

- Not enough time for consultation: Plans to open in September 2012 seem very rushed when consultation is happening now, in 2011.
- Not enough opportunity for concerned/interested parties to express their opinions - very little publicity, very few people are aware of it, and there has been only one public meeting.

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

- Waste of public money: It would be far cheaper to increase capacity at other local primary schools
- Many surplus places in East Leeds already; the new school would take children from such schools, resulting in schools using money less efficiently and possible redundancy.
- Does a secondary school leadership team have the specialist knowledge needed to establish and run a primary school?
- Why does the new school need to have 60 places when there is spare capacity at local primary schools?

2. Have you found this booklet useful?

How could we improve the booklet?

☒ Yes ☐ No

3. Have you found the consultation process useful?

How could we improve the consultation process?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Greater publicity  
Longer consultation time - it feels like a 'done deal'!

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

Name

Address

Email address:

Which school are you associated with? *Orange Farm Primary School*

Parent/carer of present pupil(s)

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Member of staff

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Parent/carer of primary school child

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### Questions relating to the proposals

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

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

I understand that there is a need for greater primary places in the Oakwood area, however I feel that a 4-18 school is not appropriate or beneficial to the children.

As I live in the allocated area my youngest child would be able to attend the proposed school. However I would be discouraged to send my daughter to a school that is gradually built up over seven years. As an educational practitioner I feel that a child's learning is greater than just teaching in the classroom but

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is influenced by the whole school community through daily social contact e.g. in the playground and through whole school events. I feel that the children attending in 2012 and 2013 would miss out of these key elements of school life.

I also feel that Roundhay St John's would be impacted by this new school. My eldest child currently attend it's nursery and I am particularly impressed with the involvement the school has with the local community. I feel this new school would result in a decrease of applications for the school and even a decrease in the school role.

I feel that alternative proposals for solving the increase in the birth rate of under 5s would offer a viable solution. For example increasing Roundhay St John's to a two form entry school or only implementing a short term solution such as increasing reception class size when needed, as there are no indications that this population trend will continue. I think a new two form entry school is a giant leap to solve this population issue as only a few years ago we were closing schools across Leeds due to a drop in numbers.

Lets support our existing school instead of creating a large school which is not needed for all the under 5s in Oakwood.

2. Have you found this booklet useful?

How could we improve the booklet?



Yes



No

3. Have you found the consultation process useful?

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Yes



No

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**Which school are you associated with?**

Roundhay St John Nursery

Parent/carer of present pupil(s)



Member of staff



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Wilson, Laura

RH19

**From:**

**Sent:**

**To:** EDUC School Organisation

**Subject:** primary provision Roundhay

I wish to present my views on the proposed new primary school in the Roundhay area.

I object strongly to the proposals to the extension of Roundhay school to provide primary provision on the site off Elmete Lane.

There are surplus places in the primary schools near this proposed site.

Currently parents are willing to cross the Ring Road to take their children to school. Why create a situation where there will be more surplus places. There are excellent primary schools in the area already meeting the needs of primary age children. Why is a large 60 place provision required!

In this economic climate why a large new primary school? Put the money into the good existing schools.

There has been very little publicity - a very short consultation process! Only one public meeting when the booklet came out.

Has a secondary school the specialism to run a primary school. I think not.

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**Roundhay**

RH20

## **Question 1 Neither agree or disagree**

### **Concerns and Questions about this proposal**

✓ Whilst we do not have a definitive view about the creation of through schools for pupils from 4 to 18 years we would like to make the following comments and pose some questions about the proposal.

✓ Early years, KS1 and KS2 are all distinct phases in a child's education with their own ethos and curriculum. They also pose their own particular challenges for teachers in those phases.

✓ How will these differences be protected, developed and nurtured in such a large institution which will be run by a Governing Body and Senior Leadership Team used to dealing with pupils from 11 – 18 years of age?

✓ This will be a costly and time consuming process. What funds will be available to the school to ensure that these increased costs and management duties will not have a detrimental effect on the pupils and staff in the existing school?

✓ How can the local authority be confident that they will have the resources for the additional provision?

✓ Can we be assured that these plans will not be tied in the near future to demands from government to have these schools adopt academy status (e.g. via pressure for funding)?

✓ Is it appropriate that reception and then primary children are educated on the same site as 11-18 year olds?

✓ How will the existing cohort of pupils be merged into the wider year group at Year 7. Although this model could provide continuity and simplify transition arrangements for some pupils, this will not be true for all pupils in Year 7 and this may cause some difficulties.

✓ Measures should be considered which provide as full as possible a primary experience for the first entrants to these schools who will have a very limited range of year groups until the primary stage fills up.

✓ Is this new provision being created in the correct area of the city? The main pressure from the increased birth rate is in the Harehills area. So building the provision at Roundhay will generate even more traffic and deny pupils the opportunity to attend a local school.

- ✓ How will the primary site be effectively managed at such a distance? Some of the perceived advantages about facilities and staffing will be negated by the separateness of the 2 sites.

- ✓ There is a reference to flexibility in staffing but how would this be achieved and would it be beneficial for pupils and staff? Also it should be recognised that the early years, primary and secondary teaching phases are very distinct and there should not be any contractual requirement for teachers to work across different phases. The sharing of practice and skills is a positive benefit but should be voluntary.

- ✓ An increased primary population should provide extra leadership and career development opportunities for primary teachers. Will these proposals deny these opportunities to primary staff as the primary phase is absorbed into the through school?

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Wilson, Laura

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Thank you for your comments which have been noted and will be reflected in the report on the consultation.

All elected members were sent information on all of the proposals across Leeds, including consultation booklets. This was placed in members post at Civic Hall on 31<sup>st</sup> December, including an invitation to the public meetings.

Lesley Savage

**Subject:** Proposed School at Elmete Lane

Whilst this proposal primarily affects Roundhay ward it has potential effects for Killingbeck and Seacroft Ward . Grange Farm Primary Schools is near to the proposed school. Many children from Grange Farm went to the old Braime Wood school which is where it is intended to site this new primary school.

Currently there are surplus places at Grange Farm and children from both sides of the Ring Road attend the school. If this new school is developed then it will have a knock on effect on Grange Farm and other schools nearby, particularly Beechwood. Whilst there has been a significant rise in the birth rate surplus places are still projected in the Seacroft schools which could lead to more surplus places and ultimately to staff redundancies.

Why is it proposed to be a 60 place entry and not 30?

Since more children have come from the Wetherby Road/Ring Road side it has provided the school with a greater social and cultural mix which will probably be lost if this development takes place.

Why has there been no consultation with either governors or ward members from neighbouring areas which may be affected? Why has there been only one public meeting to which no Killingbeck and Seacroft councillors were invited. This is not purely a Roundhay issue.

RH22

Wilson, Laura

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From:

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Importance: High

**Attachments:** The Bradford and Ripon & Leeds Diocesan Boards of Education formal response to Public Consultation on Pupil Places for 2012 - 18.2.11.doc

Email on behalf of The Revd Clive Sedgewick, Diocesan Director of Education

Dear Colleagues

Please find attached the Bradford and Ripon & Leeds Diocesan Boards of Education formal responses to the following Proposals:

- expand Bracken Edge and Wykebeck primary schools
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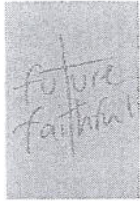


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18 February 2011

Submitted electronically 18 February 2011

The Chief Executive

Education Leeds

For the attention of the School Organisation Team

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**Formal response of the Diocesan Board of Education of Bradford and Ripon & Leeds to:**

Proposals to:

- expand Bracken Edge and Wykebeck primary schools
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**We set out below our response in general terms, followed by responses in relation to each proposal.**

**General statement from the Diocesan Boards of Education for all consultations:**

The Diocesan Boards of Education for Bradford and Ripon & Leeds (DBEs) recognise the challenges faced by the Local Authority (LA) in meeting its obligations relating to pupil places in coming years. As a partner in the provision of high quality education we wish to support the LA in achieving these objectives.

Our comments for these Consultations are based upon a presumption that the demographic forecasting is accurate. We are aware that this accuracy has been questioned but we also feel that in the absence of alternative statistical forecasts, those presented should be the basis of responses. We are also aware of a number of inaccuracies and errors and assertions which may affect some responses, thereby potentially affecting the overall accuracy of the process and its outcomes. These include :-

- Roundhay St John C of E Primary School missing from the map in the consultation document
- Underestimating the impact of 'through schools' which offer guaranteed access to secondary provision, thereby reducing the chances of pupils from other primary schools in gaining a place at the secondary school of their choice. This so called 'Golden Ticket' to a

*Director of Education – Revd Clive Sedgewick*

- ✓ preferred secondary school via primary admissions appears to us to be contrary to the spirit of the School Admissions Code
- A suggestion of some double counting of pupils and inclusion in more than one consultation, thereby suggesting greater need in each consultation area
- ✓ A concern that if all options consulted upon were to go ahead there would be more school places available than has been predicted to be needed.

Although there are 5 separate consultations, they appear to us to be clearly linked and there needs to be an overview and strategy across the proposals and documents. It is particularly important for the consultees to be aware that three 'through' 4-16 or 4-18 schools are being proposed for one 'city wedge'. This appears to represent a significant policy decision but is not addressed as such. If these 'through' schools were to go ahead there would be pressure for similar arrangements elsewhere in Leeds. We would also ask whether there is simply coincidence or unannounced policy relating to these 3 'through' school proposals. We understand that there are significant changes to the senior leadership of all of the proposed through schools. This would indicate that there is reduced security in the capacity of these schools to develop and lead an additional phase of education.

Whilst recognising that in some circumstances 'through' schools have merit and can be successful, the DBEs generally support the principle of primary schools providing the leadership for the expansion in primary places. Our reasons for this include:

- Governors of secondary schools have little opportunity to understand the specific needs of younger children and significant training is required very quickly
- It is not good for a group of children to progress as the oldest in the school for up to 7 years – children need role models and social interaction with slightly older and mature year groups
- Leadership models and understanding in secondary education are very different from those in primary schools and it is not easy to make the transition
- There are real concerns about very young children sharing facilities and mixing with the secondary aged pupils

Wherever possible we recommend expansion of existing primary schools or where feasible new primary schools, if there is time for the necessary process.

As a significant element of the Church of England's response we would record our commitment to maintain the overall proportion of Church of England school places available across the LA. Proportionality is a right which is built into statute. Whilst we acknowledge that there will be local and short term fluctuations, we do consider that the necessary overall growth in pupil places should address the proportionality issue.

To this end, it would be helpful to have confirmation of the proportion of the following across the LA:

- Church of England places, split into Voluntary Aided (VA) and Voluntary Controlled (VC);
- The proportion of Catholic places;
- Other faith school places.

If possible, it would be useful to take the year 2000 as a baseline, and confirm the position as at September 2010.

A concern of the DBEs is that, if and when demographics change, there may be a pressure to reduce surplus places at primary level; pupil place forecasting remains an inexact science. We would request an undertaking from the LA that should the reduction in primary places become necessary, temporary classroom facilities will be removed before the closure of permanent classrooms and reduction of places. This would help address the proportionality issue which remains of high importance.

*Director of Education – Revd Clive Sedgewick*

Finally, we would acknowledge that a number of apparently feasible options have not been considered due to cost and time implications. The DBEs have views on potential alternatives and would be happy to discuss these at any time. Please do not hesitate to contact Revd Clive Sedgewick, Diocesan Director of Education for further discussions.

**1. Bracken Edge and Wykebeck primary schools**

*This response relates to both primary schools.*

On balance we would support both these proposals on the grounds that demographics indicate a need for a consistently large number of additional places:

| 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
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| 212  | 108  | 293  |

The proposals therefore appear justified and we support them.

**2. Roundhay area at Elmete Lane from September 2012 to be run by Roundhay School Technology and Language College**

*Use of Elmete Lane*

*Agree (subject to comments below)*

*Use of Roundhay School*

*Strongly Disagree*

As stated above, we feel that primary specialists are best positioned to meet the challenges of opening new provision for primary aged pupils.

✓ Our DBEs support the statement made by Roundhay St John's Church of England Primary School in response to this consultation and would welcome further discussion as to the potential for this as an alternative to consultation proposal. We do not consider the alternative proposal would be any more challenging than the present proposal from the LA. In terms of ensuring high quality education, we would consider that the primary school leadership model offers a stronger and preferable approach.

**3. Meanwood area from September 2012 to be run by Carr Manor High School**

*The use of the site next to Carr Manor High School for increasing primary provision Agree (subject to comments below)*

*Carr Manor High School changing its age range to include some primary provision Strongly Disagree*

We are concerned about the demographic information regarding this particular consultation. The statistics suggest that the bulk of the demand is expected in areas significantly distant from Carr Manor. Indeed there appears to be no substantial change in demand for places in the immediate vicinity of Carr Manor through the period under consideration. From the figures provided, there would appear to be far more need for school places in Harehills. It is not clear from the consultation document whether other expansions in areas like Harehills have been considered. We would request a breakdown of which schools have been considered for expansion and any reasons for rejecting them.

However, recognising the difficulties in accessing appropriate sites for development, we consider that this consultation is viable through the expansion of existing primary schools. Carr Manor Primary School has outstanding standards, leadership and popularity. The inconveniences of a split site are far less challenging than for a secondary school to develop the skills, expertise and ability to provide high quality primary provision.

There are other important opportunities in this area (see the response from Meanwood Church of England Primary School).

**4. Little London Primary School**

*The proposed increase in primary provision at Little London Primary School to help meet the demand for places within this area Agree*

*Director of Education – Revd Clive Sedgewick*

We perceive that the impact upon Church of England Schools is likely to be less marked in this consultation than others. This is an area with particular issues and we

**5. Roundhay / Moortown area from September 2012 to be run by Allerton Grange School**

*The use of the site at Allerton Grange for increasing school provision* **Agree**

*Allerton Grange School changing its age range to include some primary provision* **Disagree**

The major reason implied for not expanding Moor Allerton Hall Primary School would appear to relate to its present standards and popularity. We recognise there are real challenges for the school. However, Ofsted was also less than glowing in its judgement of Allerton Grange in the last Section 5 inspection (though a recent monitoring visit by HMI was significantly improved). The DBEs would have serious concerns that developing a strategy for leading and managing a primary school could impact on the progress being made by the secondary school. We believe a link to the primary school may enable it to better address its particular needs and difficulties at this time, particularly in the light of changes which are already taking place in the leadership of the primary school.

*Director of Education – Revd Clive Sedgewick*

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

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### Questions relating to the proposals

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

There are a number of Primary schools within the local area who have surplus places. Why does a 60 place school need to be opened, when already it is not filled in schools.

Many families already from the Elmet area cross the Ring Road to attend local Primary schools. There is no need for another school to make more surplus

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

places within the Seacroft Primary Schools

As a secondary school, I am worried about the specialised primary education that these children would receive.

Opening the school, may results in local children leaving their present primary or new children not coming at all.

This will have a huge impact on our school, which will impact on the budget and lose of jobs.

In the present economic climate it seems dreadful to spend all the money on a new school where the money would be best put into present successful schools.

2. Have you found this booklet useful?

How could we improve the booklet?

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Yes

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No

In some ways.

3. Have you found the consultation process useful?

How could we improve the consultation process?

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Yes

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No

Our school was not approach. The consultation was not public enough. Also, there was only one public meeting early on, so if you didn't attend, your say was not heard. It was an extremely short consultation time

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# Roundhay St John C of E Primary School

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Chair of Governors: The Revd Dr Colin Cheeseman

16 February 2011

The Chief Executive  
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Dear School Organisation Team

I write on behalf of the governing body of Roundhay St John's C of E Primary School in response to the proposal to create additional primary provision in the Roundhay area at Elmete Lane from September 2012 to be run by Roundhay School Technology and Language College. Several members of this governing body attended the public meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January at Roundhay School and the document was discussed at our Governors Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January. This letter represents a summary of our discussion and opinions. We have a number of objections to the consultation process and also to the proposal itself. We focus here on those which directly affect Roundhay St John's Primary School. In addition, we have suggestions as to how the governing body might be involved in developing alternative plans to provide the additional primary provision.

## The Process

As Roundhay St John's School could be significantly affected by this proposal, we consider that we, the governing body, are stakeholders in this initiative, in a different "category" to other respondents and the general public. There does not seem to have been any recognition, or indeed understanding, of this by those leading the consultation. We feel that to simply be invited to a public meeting is quite inadequate consultation.

We object strongly to the inaccuracy of the consultation document. On page 7 of the document we read "The map on page 9 shows where pre school children live in relation to their nearest schools." This is not true because Roundhay St John's Primary School has been omitted from the map. Roundhay St John's is therefore not shown as having any geographical interest in the proposal but this is clearly not the case. We acknowledge that an apology for this was given at the public meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January but this does not alter the fact that the public are being asked their views on a document that is incorrect and misleading. We are also concerned that in the consultation document Education Leeds states that the proposed new primary provision "would build on the strengths of the existing secondary school **without undermining any of the other primary schools in the area.**" Again we believe this to be a misleading statement (our reasons for this are explained in the later part of this letter) which undermines the integrity and validity of the consultation process.

We have serious concern at the speed at which it is proposed this additional primary provision be created. We understand that the proposal in its present form was only made clear to Roundhay School in October 2010 and to other local schools not until close to the day of the public meeting. It is important that adequate time is given not just to explore this proposal but also to investigate the viability of other proposals. This proposal appears to be a quick and convenient way of bypassing the government regulations on competition which would normally be applied when a new school is set up. Again, all this does little to inspire public confidence in the proposal.

### **Education Leeds Proposal**

Regarding the proposal itself, we accept, according to the figures provided in the consultation document, that there will be a shortfall of primary school places in the immediate future in the area local to Roundhay St John's and that Education Leeds has an obligation to address this problem.

However, we are concerned about the demographics underlying the proposal. Based on the number of births cited on the map on page 9 of the consultation document, the provision of a new two form entry school on the proposed site would result in a significant over provision of places for the area immediately surrounding the "new school", assuming that Roundhay St John's continues to provide thirty places a year. One extra class each year would more than meet the need for more places in the area immediately surrounding Roundhay St John's and the proposed new school. The document does not explain where exactly the children will come from who take up these sixty places per year. Clearly it cannot be the area immediately surrounding the proposed new site unless the birth rate was to rise significantly. Issues of transport arising from this, and the resulting pollution, health and congestion concerns will not be popular. The assumption that children from the Talbot area might take up the 60 places may at first appear valid, but not when one takes into account the proposed new site that may be part of Allerton Grange School. It is in that direction that people from that area would more naturally gravitate than towards the area of this proposed site. Roundhay is effectively divided in two by Roundhay Park; families around Talbot look to the north, towards Street Lane and do not naturally look south towards the Oakwood area around the proposed new site.

Along with others who spoke at the public meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January, we do not believe that a secondary school is the best institution in the area to run a primary school and provide primary education. Secondary and primary education are quite different and require different skills and approaches.

We strongly disagree with the statement on page 4 of the consultation document suggesting that the proposed primary provision "would build on the strengths of the existing secondary school **without undermining any of the other primary schools in the area.**" The proposed primary school will accept children from much the same area as Roundhay St John's does at present. As Roundhay St John's is not able to offer the incentive of being able to guarantee a place at Roundhay High School which the new primary school will offer, the fear is that Roundhay St John's will struggle to fill its places from the area immediately surrounding the school. We seek to be a school that is part of the local community and do this with considerable success. We shall no longer be able to fulfil this role if children attending the school do not live in the local community. We note that the projections for primary school places needed for 2012 and 2014 are for the whole "Roundhay/Wigton" area spanning several miles and not just the area immediately adjacent to the proposed new primary school. We therefore question whether there is a need for 60 additional primary places in the area immediately surrounding the proposed

new site and Roundhay St John's. There is also a distinct possibility that Roundhay St John's may struggle to fill its 30 places at all if most local children attend the new school. The resulting damage to the morale of staff and the whole school community would be considerable as jobs and even the viability of the school would be threatened.

We believe that all existing schools in the south Roundhay area will be disadvantaged by the proposal to give assured places to the sixty children a year attending the proposed new school. Roundhay School is already heavily over-subscribed. The offer of an assured place there could be a distinct attraction to parents of four year olds and therefore would reduce the number of parents applying for places at a number of other local primary schools. Equally the removal of sixty high school places from the allocation to children at local primary schools, including Roundhay St John's, could place them at some disadvantage. We believe this to be unfair competition. If the rise in birth rates is not sustained in the long term, and particularly if they decline, we are very concerned about the adverse effects on Roundhay St John's and other local primary schools.

### **Our Proposal**

We are an energetic and interested governing body, committed to our task of maintaining and improving the high quality of education provided at Roundhay St John's and ensuring that it is distinctive but inclusive as a church school. We want to build on the success of this school, not see it decline. However, we are also aware of the wider context in which we operate. We acknowledge that there is a need for more primary school places to be provided from 2012, at least in the short term, within Leeds. We have major concerns about the proposal in its present form but are disappointed not to have been given the opportunity to enter into discussion with Education Leeds as to possible alternative proposals that might involve Roundhay St John's. As we are the main provider of primary education in the area in question we consider that we would be the best provider of the additional primary provision under discussion. We can see three possible ways that Roundhay St John's might be involved in this additional provision: The present Roundhay St John's site could be extended, Roundhay St John's could move to the proposed site or could operate as a split-site school on its present site and the proposed site. All three options would enable the school to be larger than it is now and therefore meet the need for additional places in the area. We would welcome the chance to discuss all these possible solutions with Education Leeds.

I am copying this letter to our local Councillors, Matthew Lobleigh and Valerie Kendall.

Yours Faithfully,

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

## Public consultation response form

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

There are already surplus places in Leeds schools around that area. Building extra primary provision will lead to more surplus places. A decrease in numbers within other local schools could lead to a possible loss of jobs.

I believe it would be more appropriate to invest more funding into schools already established within this area so that these schools are able to accommodate more children.

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

. Many parents are quite happy at the moment to travel to the other side of the ring road and use the schools in these areas. In our school we are now seeing a more diverse group of children attending, widening our 'catchment' area which has had a very positive influence within school. By opening a new school in the proposed area will inevitably reduce this group of children choosing to attend our school and similar schools within close proximity to Amersham.

2. Have you found this booklet useful?

How could we improve the booklet?

☒ Yes ☐ No

3. Have you found the consultation process useful?

How could we improve the consultation process?

☐ Yes ☒ No

There was only one public meeting in January - if members of the public were unable to make this meeting, there was no further opportunity to gain / clarify knowledge of the proposals.

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

Name

Address

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Which school are you associated with?

GRANGE Farm Primary

Parent/carer of present pupil(s)

☐

Member of staff

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Parent/carer of primary school child

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Local resident

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Other adult relative

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Elected member

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

## Public consultation response form

RH26

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

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

### Questions relating to the proposals

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

1a) I agree with the use of the site off Elmete Lane for increasing primary provision.

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1a) I agree with Roundhay School changing its age range to include some primary provision.

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

There are already surplus places in many Leeds schools.

Parents are choosing to cross the ring road to attend schools.

Continued overleaf

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

Does a high school have  
the specialism to run  
a primary school?

2. Have you found this booklet useful?

How could we improve the booklet?

☐ Yes ☐ No

In some ways

3. Have you found the consultation process useful?

How could we improve the consultation process?

☐ Yes ☒ No

\* only had one public meeting  
\* short consultation process  
\* not very public

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

Name:

Address:

Email address:

**Which school are you associated with?**

Parent/carer of present pupil(s)

☐ Member of staff

Parent/carer of primary school child

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## Public consultation response form

RH27

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### Questions relating to the proposals

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

1a) I agree with the use of the site off Elmete Lane for increasing primary provision.

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1a) I agree with Roundhay School changing its age range to include some primary provision.

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

There are already surplus places in schools within the vicinity. Additional surplus places will be created by a 60 place school.

I would question whether a secondary school has sufficient

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

Specialism to run a  
successful primary school.

Given the current economic  
climate, I would question  
whether this is a reasonable  
allocation of resources.

2. Have you found this booklet useful?

How could we improve the booklet?

☒ Yes ☐ No

3. Have you found the consultation process useful?

How could we improve the consultation process?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Lack of publicity about  
meeting and only one public  
meeting.

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

Name:

Address

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**Which school are you associated with?**

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Member of staff

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

## Public consultation response form

RH28

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### Questions relating to the proposals

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

I agree that more primary provision is needed in the Roundhay area, but strongly object to a primary school that guarantees a place at Roundhay School Technology and Language College - namely - a through school.

Other schools in the area will be undermined, including Roundhay St John's Primary, where, in theory children have a wider catchment area, but in fact for small children, it is more geographical.

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

Blair Wood School site is an eyesore and a building would improve the situation, maybe, but only the footprint of the school can be built on, because of 'green belt' and 'urban corridor' restrictions.

Modular build does not sound very pleasing architecturally, and may be another eyesore.

When my house was on the market, one attraction to buyers, was that it is in the catchment area for Roundhay School (T. & L. College). This move will be a great worry to residents in this area, when they realise what is planned.

Many people do not take Yorkshire newspapers, or search the internet for the odd snippet of local proposals, so are in the dark.

This proposal seemed more like a fait accompli, before being fully released.

2. Have you found this booklet useful?

☐ Yes ☒ No

How could we improve the booklet?

More details needed - eg. modular build!  
(Sounds very boxy)

3. Have you found the consultation process useful?

☐ Yes ☒ No

How could we improve the consultation process?

Other schools in the area, eg. Roundhay St. John's Primary, should have been approached regarding the possibility of extensions to the building

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