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for

Fw: Roundhay School – Primary Campus

Sent: 28 June 2011 10:22

To: EDUC School Organisation

>Dear School organisation Team

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>Re: Roundhay School - Proposed Primary School Build.

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>I would like to voice my comments on the proposed building of the primary provision on the Braim Wood site on Wetherby Road.

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>I am in full support of this proposal as there is a need for local school places for local pupils in Sept 2012 and this must be urgently addressed.

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>It will also make a tremendous improvement in the local area , by getting rid of the derelict site, that has been an eyesore for many years.

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>Regards

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Roundhay school**Sent:** 29 June 2011 08:42**To:** EDUC School Organisation

Dear School organisation Team

Re: Roundhay School - Proposed Primary School Build.

I would like to voice my comments on the proposed building of the primary provision on the Braim Wood site on Wetherby Road.

I think this proposal is excellent and fully support it. There is an urgent need school places for local pupils in Sept 2012 and this must be addressed as soon as possible.

It will also make a tremendous improvement to the local community , by getting rid of the derelict site that is not only an eyesore but also a hazzard.

Yours Faithfully

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Roundhay school**Sent:** 29 June 2011 14:15**To:** EDUC School Organisation

Dear colleague,

I am writing to express my support for the Roundhay School Primary Proposal, both as a parent and local resident. Although my children are now too old to benefit from the proposal, my view is that there are massive advantages to be gained from the offer of an all-through school. Both my children struggled to get used to the size and business of Roundhay – to have an all-through school would have aided their transition to secondary education hugely.

As a local resident, I would be keen to have a development planned for the Braimwood site, which spoils the local landscape considerably, particularly alongside the entrance to Roundhay Park.

Regards,

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PROPOSALS FOR NEW SCHOOL ON THE OLD BRAIMWOOD SITE WETHERBY ROAD LEEDS 8

Sent: 29 June 2011 23:11

To: EDUC School Organisation

Cc: K Atkins [atkinsk06@leedslearning.net]; Selby, Cllr Brian; Morgan, Cllr Veronica

Dear Sirs

I wish you to consider the following:

Why have you chosen the site of the former Braimwood School to build the school?

Grange Farm is only 1.1km away from the site. Less than 1 Mile!

I understand that the demand for more places is in the Leeds 8 area namely around the Kerr Mackie and Gledhow & Talbot schools and then into Harehills for example Hovingham. The nearest of these school is 2.1 miles from the proposed site. This does not make any logistical sense to parents wanting these extra places.

Where any other areas considered for the new school? If so please provide details and your reasons why you did not choose those areas and if you have not considered other venues, then why not.

Parents would move their children away from Grange Farm to go the new School.

Our parent governors have taken the opportunity to take a sample poll of parents at school and not unsurprisingly many parents would choose to send their children to the new school because they see this as a sure way of their children attending Roundhay High School, which together with the David Young Academy are the nearest high schools to Grange Farm, Roundhay being the preference and not always allocated to our children as a first choice at the moment..

This would therefore disadvantage the remaining pupils and alter any social and cultural mix which we currently have, as the more aspirational parents may well choose Roundhay. It is therefore adding disadvantage to an area which already experiences significant economic and social disadvantage.

Further it will have a huge financial impact on school. As our school will loose children and ultimately funds. What sense does it make to build a new school which will take 6 years, if ever to see a full entry level at reception and in doing so create surplus places n our school and others in the area. Surely this can not be correct. All you are doing is robbing Peter to pay Paul. Or is it that you want to appease the people who unlike our parents live in significant economic and social disadvantage

The impact on our school and other schools in the Seacroft area does not appear to have been considered by Leeds Planning.

School was not visited or telephoned to discuss the impact of the proposals as other Roundhay schools were. Why was this. Are we not equally important? As chair of the governing body I was never contacted and it was only by pure luck that we found out about the proposals to build the new school.

It will create more surplus spaces in Leeds

The new proposed school is just over 1 km from our school. We already have surplus places-less

than a mile from the new school and these will only increase when the new school opens.

Is this an oversight on behalf of the authority or has it been conveniently ignored?

The comment you made in the report to Executive Board **that 'there is sufficient demand for these additional places without any adverse impact on the existing schools'** is completely inaccurate and could be argued a total fabrication of figures - it make you wonder if there is a hidden agenda. It clearly looks this way to the people and children not only of Grange Farm but of Seacroft. Yet again we are being treated and discriminated against our neighbouring communities which do not suffer the same economic and social disadvantages that affect Seacroft.

Incorrect statistics

I feel the decision to go forward to statutory notice period was based on information, presented by the Planning team who were proposing the school in the first place, and some of this information was inaccurate.

Design faults

The fact that the school is designed for 60 places does not make sense. There are 62 children in the polygon for the new school for 2012(consultation document) and 47 the following year. Bearing in mind several of those children are likely to go to denominational, private or other schools (Roundhay St John's was not even featured in the consultation document!). The only way this school will fill is take places away from existing schools in Seacroft.

Economic Sense

Is it your intention to run the new school part full – where will the financial shortfall come from. Or is it that you are expecting children to move over from the other schools, not just Grange Farm, in Seacroft as how would you be able to justify an “empty new school”.

It will be one way of justifying your actions and I am sure that the decline in numbers and the increase in surplus spaces in the affected schools which have lost children to the new school, will be brushed under the carpet.

In the current economic climate it make absolutely no financial sense when the local authority are having to make drastic cuts in the budget to spend so much money on something that is JUST NOT REQUIRED. Can you please justify this to us.

There must be other avenues available to the authority.

For example:

Expand Roundhay St Johns to a 2 form entry school. This is already a very popular and over subscribed school. I am aware that this has not even been considered. I understand that the area around the Roundhay St Johns is in a Conservation Area but this does prevent the new building, just more compliance.

Have the authority considered making St Johns into a split site school with the new building on the Elmete site, again a cheaper option which would provide 30 additional places rather than 60- making much more sense.

I believe Gledhow Primary has capacity to expand and this is **where the demand is**- why is pressure not being brought to bear on the governing body there?

What about Fir Tree Primary – which is closer to the area where the shortage of places is. ? We have been informed by Leeds Planning that it was 'in the wrong place'- what is your definition of a wrong place.

The original proposed expansion of Moor Allerton Primary would also alleviate the problem.

Authority accountability

Can the authority explain why only a few years ago Asket Hill Primary School was closed and demolished and so soon after the authority are now short of space.

Surely someone at the authority must take full responsibility for this total failure to secure adequate school provisions for the children of Leeds. The costs incurred in demolishing Asket Hill, not to mention the reallocation of staffing, children and the additional facilities bolted on to the schools that took the Asket Hill children together with the proposal of the new school. £4,000.000 (we have been advised which no doubt this estimate will over run.) in times of great financial constraint, can surely not be justified and further the authority should be made accountable for their incompetence in demolishing what was a good primary school and so quickly "requiring more capacity for our primary school children.

Any normal person would not be unreasonable in thinking that the authority is either incompetent or there is a hidden agenda for the benefit of our wealthier and more advantaged neighbours.

Chair of Governing Body Grange Farm Primary School

Proposal for the expansion of Roundhay School

Sent: 30 June 2011 08:04

To: EDUC School Organisation

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wanted to contact you in regards to the proposal to create a primary capacity at Roundhay School.

I am a teacher at Roundhay School and I hope you don't find my opinion biased but I feel I have a great deal to gain by the proposal.

I am very interested in the development of young people and believe a through school would give teachers at Roundhay more opportunity to have a positive impact on our students. Students benefit from the continuity of successful teaching methods and behaviour management techniques. They thrive in a safe learning environment.

By creating a good relationship between Key Stage 1,2,3,4 and 5 teachers we can assess knowledge and share information, techniques and give unique insight into the training of young people for the world of further education and work.

During my short placement in Adel primary school during my PGCE I gained much background into the ability ranges and techniques used in Primary schools. It benefited me considerably when teaching Year 7 students and I have used their techniques with older pupils too.

I feel it would not only benefit the school to make it more joined up with Primary schools but it would also benefit the community. Friends who live in the local area are at the moment considering which Primary schools they will be allocated to, rather than being able to choose where they want to send their child. A great shame and very stressful for them. More primary schools creates more competition and higher standards.

I hope this helps in any decisions you are currently making. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely,

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Roundhay "all through school" proposal

Sent: 04 July 2011 21:56

To: EDUC School Organisation

To the Director of Children's Services,
c/o School Organisation Team

I feel compelled to write to you in order to express my views on the proposed Roundhay "all through school" which could be created on the old Braimwood School site.

As a local resident living close to the site I must say what a relief it would be to see the location put to good use, as presently it is an eyesore and an embarrassment within our beautiful conversation area. Surely the opportunity to re-develop the site and manage it for the good of the community is too good to miss?

I am aware that there is currently a shortfall in the number of primary school places available relative to the number children who will be of primary school age in the area in 2012. I find myself asking the same question again: surely the opportunity to have a brand new primary school built in conjunction with one of the most successful schools in Leeds is too good to miss?

I am sure that there is the possibility that a developer would be willing to build more expensive modern housing on the site in order to make a profit from it, but this will simply lead to more young children living in the area. It really would be great to see a brand new school built on this land which has historically been used for the purpose of education. It would also allow local parents more choice as to where to send their children to school.

As a conscientious resident, who has lived in the area for many years, I felt that it was important for me to let you know my views on this proposed development as I strongly believe that the "all through school" will be an asset to the locality of Roundhay for many years to come. I hope you take my views into account as this process moves forward.

Yours faithfully,

Proposed Roundhay New School

Sent: 05 July 2011 08:29

To: EDUC School Organisation

As a co-opted Governor of Grange Farm Primary School, I feel I must object to the proposed building of the new Roundhay Primary School on the old Braimwood site.

The proposed site is less than a mile from Grange Farm Primary.

Many Parents of Primary School children in the area will choose to send their children to Roundhay, as this would give the children a ticket to Roundhay High. This would impact on Grange Farm and add a further disadvantage into an area already experiencing significant, social and economic disadvantages.

In the past few years Asket Hill and Braimwood Schools have been demolished and under the current economic climate it seems extravagant to spend £4,000.000 building a new School, which will have a detrimental knock on effect for other Schools in the Seacroft area.

There are alternative options to consider which would make it easier for the children in the proposed catchment area to attend. There is room to expand the Gledhow Primary School where there is demand for places. Why is pressure not being put on the Governing body to expand the School? St Johns could become a split site School with a new building on the Elmete site.

If this School is built on the proposed site, it will create surplus places in existing Schools and give preference to Seacroft children to gain admittance due to location, giving a disadvantage to the Roundhay children that the School is being built to accommodate.

Roundhay School proposal

Sent: 05 July 2011 16:09

To: EDUC School Organisation

Re Roundhay School proposal

-The information given to Executive Board-in March and May 2011 that there were plenty children to fill the places in Seacroft- is not fully accurate- although Grange Farm may appear 'full' for September 2010 there are only 50 first choices(school is a 60 place school)- experience shows us that most of the 'unplaced' children do not arrive- so we are likely to have a small number of surplus places in September as we have every year. We have already been told 2 children on the first choice list are not coming- we do experience quite high levels of mobility in Seacroft. Even if we are full, other Seacroft schools will have surplus places in September. We currently have 64 surplus places across the school.

-The building of this new school will take children away from our school and other Seacroft schools that already have surplus places. (The School Organisation Team have admitted to us at the Governing Body meeting that the new school will have 'an impact on numbers in your school'. **This is a contradiction of the information given to Executive Board on May 18th that 'there is sufficient demand for these additional places without any adverse impact on the existing schools'** It will take children away from a good school and create surplus places - at a cost of over £4,000,000. It will also have a knock on effect on other Seacroft schools.

-We (Grange Farm) are the nearest non-denominational school to this new school. It is less than a mile from us- 1.1km. The demand for places, where schools are over subscribed- is not in Seacroft but around Gledhow Primary (2.1 miles from the proposed site of the new school), Kerr Mackie (2.1miles from proposed site), Talbot Primary (2.7 miles from proposed site)- or in Harehills- for example Hovingham Primary - (2.2 miles from proposed site). **The site is in completely the wrong place.**

-The information given to Executive Board- that there were only 6 children in the polygon for the new school who will attend Grange Farm- is misleading -as many parents who live near to Grange Farm will choose the new school- and will be allocated a place- as they are so near. Although Grange Farm is a good school, a straw poll of parents, conducted by parent governors, shows that many parents would choose the proposed new school over Grange Farm, because of the ticket to Roundhay High. This would therefore disadvantage the remaining pupils and alter any social and cultural mix which we currently have, as the more aspirational parents may well choose Roundhay. It is therefore adding disadvantage to an area which already experiences significant economic and social disadvantage.

-The impact on Seacroft schools does not appear to have been considered by Leeds Planning. We were never visited or telephoned to discuss the impact of the proposals as other Roundhay schools were. It is just over 1 km from our school, a school with surplus places-less than a mile- but no-one thought to consider that- although are happily proposing that children will travel 3 miles from Roundhay to attend this new school. The comment made in the report to Executive Board **that 'there is sufficient demand for these additional places without any adverse impact on the existing schools'** is completely inaccurate. I feel the decision to go forward to statutory notice period was based on information, presented by the Planning team who were proposing the school in the first place, and some which was inaccurate.

-The fact that the school is designed for 60 place does not make sense. There are 62 children in the polygon for the new school for 2012(consultation document) and 47 the following year. Bearing in mind several of those children are likely to go to denominational, private or other schools(**Roundhay St John's was not even featured in the consultation document- 30 children will go there!**). The only way this school will fill is take places away from existing schools in Seacroft. Our Lady of Good Counsel RC school also did not feature in the original consultation document- therefore showing the figures in Seacroft in a misleading way.

-**There are other avenues which seem far more sensible to be further explored.** The idea of expanding Rounday St John's to a 2 form entry has not been fully explored. I am aware the land around the

school is a Conservation area but this does not make it impossible, just more difficult. Another option would be to allow St John's to become a split site school with the new building on the Elmete site, again a cheaper option which would provide 30 additional places rather than 60- making much more sense. There is room to expand Gledhow Primary-where the demand is- why is pressure not being brought to bear on the governing body there? What about Fir Tree Primary? I was informed by Leeds Planning that it was 'in the wrong place'- but it is nearer to the Roundhay bulge than this proposed venture. The original proposed expansion of Moor Allerton Primary would also alleviate the problem.

-- In times of great financial constraint, surely it is completely wrong to build a school for over 4 million pounds, not that long after pulling one down very near to that site(Asket Hill- Seacroft people remember it well).

It will create surplus places in existing schools and also not solve the problem where the main bulge is- (Seacroft children would gain admittance to it over Roundhay children because of its location).

Other avenues should be properly explored.

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Against



2011

Proposed new school Braime Wood Site

Sent: 05 July 2011 21:23
To: EDUC School Organisation
Cc: Richardson, Nigel; Dowson, Cllr Jane; Blake, Cllr Judith; Macniven, Cllr Christine; Hussain, Cllr Ghulam; Hyde, Cllr Graham; Morgan, Cllr Veronica; Buckland, Vivienne
Importance: High

Killingbeck and Seacroft ward members oppose the proposal to build a new primary school on the site of the former Braime Wood School site.

Ward members were never consulted about this proposal which will have a impact on schools in our ward although we understand that in the past some of the Roundhay ward councillors were aware of the proposals. No explanation has been given to us for our exclusion from the initial consultation process prior to the original proposals being placed for public consultation in January 2011. It is only because two of the ward councillors are governors of Grange Farm Primary school that we were made aware of what is being proposed.

The information given to Executive Board- that there were plenty children to fill the places in Seacroft- was incorrect- although Grange Farm may appear 'full' for September 2010, there are only 50 first choices (school is a 60 place school and it is likely to have surplus places in September as we have every year. The building of this new school will take children away from Grange Farm and other Seacroft schools that already have surplus places. Children Leeds Planning department admitted to the Grange Farm governors that the new school will have 'an impact on numbers in your school'. It will take children away from a good school and create surplus places.

It is the nearest non-denominational school to this new school. It is less than a mile from- 1.1km. The demand for places, where schools are over subscribed- is not in Seacroft but around Gledhow Primary (2.1 miles from the proposed site of the new school), Kerr Mackie (2.1 miles from proposed site), Talbot Primary (2.7 miles from proposed site)- or in Harehills- for example Hovingham Primary - (2.2 miles from proposed site). The site is in completely the wrong place.

The impact on Seacroft schools does not appear to have been considered. It is just over 1 km from Grange Farm-less than a mile.

The school is designed for 60 places does not make sense. There are 62 children in the polygon for the new school for 2010 (consultation document) and 47 the following year. Many children in this area may go to other schools. Why make this a 60 place school?

It is highly likely that parents living near to the new school will opt to send their children there since it is likely to offer a guaranteed place at Roundhay High School. Many of these parents live in the Barncliffe/Boggart Hill/Dib Lane area of the Killingbeck and Seacroft ward. The effect will be to reduce the numbers opting for Grange Farm weakening its viability. No consideration

appears to have been given to the implications for Grange Farm. Why?

Please supply details where you consider the children going to the new school are likely to live. If all the children in the Barncrofts/Boggart Hill/Dib Lane area opt for the new school how many will that be? What effect will this have on the Roundhay figures? How would this tackle problems at Talbot, Keir Mackie or Gledhow?

What consideration has been given to the implications for other schools Seacroft, such as Our Lady of Good Counsel or Beechwood? Please forward to ward members a copy of the impact assessments carried out with regard thereto.

I understand that there may be room to expand Gledhow Primary, where the demand for a new school exists. Please advise whether any discussions have taken place with the governing body of that school to see if it will be able to expand to take more children there?

Please supply details of the likely cost of building the proposed school either on a 30 or 60 place basis together with details of the likely cost of expanding Gledhow or other Roundhay schools to meet the demand in that area.

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Proposed Through School

2012
For

Sent: 06 July 2011 10:33

To: EDUC School Organisation

Cc: Savage, Lesley

Dear School Organisation Team

I am writing in my capacity as a childcare provider to support Roundhay's proposal for a through school on the Wetherby Road/Elmete Lane site. As a setting we understand the importance of good transitions for children from one provider to another and would therefore welcome the benefits that a through school would bring to children's transition from Year 6 to Year 7.

Oakwood Acorns has worked in partnership with Roundhay School in the past, for example taking our pre-school children to spectate at their sports day and joining a trampoline session that their pupils were hosting for John Jamieson pupils. Their pupils visit our settings on their Community Action Programme, for Work Experience and Alternative Learning Programme. I am therefore confident that a through school would offer further opportunities for collaborative working that would be of benefit to the community that we serve.

We look forward to continuing to work with Roundhay School and hope that they are successful in their application to become a through School.

Kind regards



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c/o School Organisation Team

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6 July 2011

Dear Colleague

ROUNDHAY THROUGH SCHOOL PROPOSAL AND STATUTORY NOTICE - COMMENTS BY
8 JULY DEADLINE

I am a governor of Roundhay St John's Church of England Primary School but am responding to the opportunity to comment in an individual capacity.

I have a number of concerns about the proposal and the speed with which it appears to be being driven forward.

The stated need for additional primary places should not justify hasty decision-making which does not take proper account of views expressed in the consultation phase, including alternatives to what is on offer.

My prime motivation for writing at this stage is that I do not think that the response to the consultation submitted by the Chair of Governors at Roundhay St John's has been given the consideration it warrants given the school's geography and clear position as a key stakeholder affected by the proposed changes.

Despite this the school was not even identified in the consultation document and although there has been an apology for this clear omission it created misinformation from the outset which could have impacted on the views of the wider public. In addition there has been no written response to comments submitted by the Governing Body, nor any other attempt at engagement to explore the issues raised

including three alternative options and a specific request to discuss these. My impression as a concerned member of the public is that the school has been treated in an unnecessarily discourteous and offhand manner.

My comments in summary are as follows:

1. The speed of progress and work on numbers. I am not satisfied that enough detailed work has been done on the demographics of the through school proposal to address the impact on existing primary provision. It is simplistic to say that because Roundhay St John's is currently over-subscribed it will not be affected significantly by the proposal.
2. The suitability of Roundhay School Technology and Language College as a potential provider of primary education. I think that a lot more consideration needs to be given to how this would work in practice. Have models of good practice been studied and what is the research base which justifies linking primary and secondary education in this way? The two require different sets of skills which will raise professional issues. How are these to be worked through? It is not acceptable to make a strategic judgment about this without exploring the issues in detail and I would have expected this be part of the consultation. There seems to be more concern about how the finances might work than whether this model of education is appropriate. (NB I should add that I have a high regard for Roundhay School as a provider of secondary education)
3. The geography and location. Notwithstanding the alternative options proposed by Roundhay St John's which accept the possibility of primary provision on the Elmete Lane site, I am concerned as an individual that this is on the edge of the area and relatively remote from housing, which means that few children would walk to school and most would be driven and dropped off on a stretch of Wetherby Road which is relatively narrow and difficult to turn around on. I know the policy on how far primary school children are theoretically expected to walk but in practice it is unrealistic, particularly for working parents. I submit that the site would generate significant traffic, cause congestion and importantly not help Leeds City Council meet its challenging targets for reducing carbon emissions.

Yours sincerely

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Proposed primary school provision

Sent: 06 July 2011 19:44

To: EDUC School Organisation

Cc: Savage, Lesley

To whom it may concern,

I am contacting you in response to the proposal for a through school at Roundhay.

Having a child who is due to go to primary school in 2012, we are fully in favor of this proposal. We currently live on the city side of North Leeds and are concerned with the lack of good provisions close to us, particularly as we are looking to move further into North Leeds in the next few years. More provisions in the area can only be a good thing and will also open up places at other schools, which some parents may have struggled to get their children into before. We feel that 60 extra places would make choosing a school a fairer process.

We support the through schooling route and see the benefits of an easy transition between primary and secondary education.

Yours sincerely,

for

R015

Roundhay School Primary School Provision.**Sent:** 06 July 2011 20:10**To:** EDUC School Organisation**Cc:** Savage, Lesley

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a parent with a young child who is due to start school in September 2013 I would welcome any additional Primary School places in the area. Thinking about and choosing the right school is a difficult decision for any parent, but with a shortage of places and catchment areas that are narrowing due to increases in demand it can be a stressful time too. To be given the opportunity to send my son to a school with a reputation as good as Roundhay's would be fantastic. To then be able to secure a secondary placement would be ideal and it would most certainly relieve a great deal of pressure on many parents, including myself. I think that it is a fantastic idea and I can only welcome the project.

I also feel that this would be the best use of the site as it compliments the original use of the land and will also provide a much needed service in the region.

I really hope that the project goes ahead and that I get the opportunity to send my son to this school in two years time.

Your sincerely

For

2016

Proposal for primary campus on Wetherby Road & Elmete Lane

Sent: 06 July 2011 21:00

To: EDUC School Organisation

Cc: Savage, Lesley

Hi,

I received information today from my son's nursery on the proposal for the primary campus on Wetherby Road & Elmete Lane.

I think overall it would be beneficial for the area and believe it is important for children to have a smooth transition from their primary schooling into their secondary. However an area that is unclear is the fact that the primary site will be completely separate from the secondary site. I cannot see how this would be different from any other primary transition to high school, unless the children are transported on regular visits to Roundhay school to feel they belong all together. Would you be able to expand on this please?

Many thanks

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Against

2017

Proposal to build a new school**Sent:** 06 July 2011 21:46**To:** EDUC School Organisation**Cc:** Atkins         

To: The Director of Children's Services.

I am writing to express my concern over the proposal to build a new primary school on the site of the old Braimwood school. I understand that the purpose of building a new school is to provide school places for children in the Roundhay area. Unfortunately, siting the new school on the Braimwood site would mean a long journey for most families living in Roundhay and would actually be more likely to become the school of choice for many Seacroft families.

As you are no doubt aware, the local Seacroft schools are currently undersubscribed and are likely to continue to be in the future. If these schools lose pupils to the proposed new school, this will have a detrimental effect on school budgets, causing redundancy and distress. Further, it will adversely affect the pupil profile of the Seacroft schools. Many aspirational parents will choose a Roundhay school because of its associations with Roundhay High school. I would therefore suggest that one of the local Roundhay schools, such as St. Johns, or Gledhow be extended to enable it to accommodate more pupils. This would be much more convenient for Roundhay families and avoid adverse effects on Seacroft schools.

I hope you are able to reconsider these plans as they currently do not seem to solve the problem they are designed to solve.

Yours faithfully

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Wednesday, 6 July 2011

The Director of Children's Services
Fao: School Organisation Team
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Dear School Organisation Team

I am writing in response to the statutory notice of your proposal to increase Primary provision in the Roundhay area by changing the age range of Roundhay School and consequently increasing the size of that school by developing a new primary unit on land at Elmete Lane. I wish to object to that proposal.

I wrote on 16 February as Chair of Governors of Roundhay St John CE Primary School and on behalf of the Governing body of that school as part of the public consultation exercise. I am now writing on an individual basis as a very concerned school governor and local resident.

Before raising specific issues which lead to my objection, I wish to make it clear that I think the process of consultation which has preceded and surrounded this proposal has been inadequate. So far as I am aware, no local school knew of this specific proposal, or of the likelihood that anything like it would be made, prior to the dissemination of the documentation for the public consultation in January this year. As a result there has been no direct discussion of this proposal with the schools most likely to be affected by it and no opportunity to propose and discuss other viable and potentially more appropriate alternative schemes. Similarly, through my letter of 16 February, the Governors of Roundhay, St John School raised specific matters which were of concern to them and made alternative proposals. Although Roundhay St John's school is closest to the proposed new unit and very likely to be affected by it, there has been no response to our letter and no discussion of the alternative proposals the governors made there. I consider this to be an entirely inadequate way of dealing both with this proposal and with the concerns of those affected by it.

The particular matters I wish to raise are:

1. **Demographics:** I am very concerned about the demographics underlying the proposal. Based on the number of births cited in the January 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. Based on the figures provided in that same document, it seems clear that the foreseen need for Primary places in the south Roundhay area can be met from existing provision at existing schools. I also understand that schools immediately adjacent to the area to be served by the new unit, but on the far side of the Easterly Road are far from full.
2. **Effect on other local schools:** In light of the above, I 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.**” So far as St John’s School is concerned, the proposed primary school will accept children from much the same area as 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. The fact that at the moment St John’s is oversubscribed does not mean that this will always be the case and it does not mean that it will not be badly affected by this proposal. St John’s has always been a local school serving its immediate locality and it has actively tried to be part of the local community. At the very least, this proposal would change its character completely.
3. **Roundhay School:** I do not believe that Roundhay School is best placed to provide Primary Education. The School and Governing Body have no experience of doing so. Primary Education is not the same as Secondary Education. I believe Primary Education is best provided by those already experienced in doing it. As I understand it, there are precious precedents for extending the role of an existing Secondary School in this way.
4. **Geography:** The Elmete site is at the far edge of the area it is supposed to serve. Based upon your own projections, there will not be sufficient demand for places in the immediate area to fill the sixty places each year in the new unit. This certainly means that more travelling – almost certainly by car - would be required. This is undesirable in itself and would increase traffic problems in the Wetherby Road at a point at which it is already quite narrow.
5. The extra demand for places in the Roundhay area, appears to be coming largely from the area that might be described as North Roundhay, around Street Lane. It is highly questionable whether parents will wish to bring their children all the way to the Elmete site. One clear option in that general area would be to re-open Fir Tree School – closed in the last, mistaken, round of re-organisation just a few years ago.

For these reasons I object to the proposal

Yours faithfully,

2019

Roundhay School Primary Proposal

Sent: 07 July 2011 11:38

To: EDUC School Organisation

Cc: Jeremy [jezben@gmail.com]

For

Good morning,

I'm writing to add our support to the proposed primary school as part of Rounday School on the old Elmete site. Our son, Sam, will be due to start school in September 2013 and we have been very concerned over the lack of primary places in local schools, not wishing to travel beyond our local area. Several of our local friends have had real difficulties in finding a suitable place for their 4-year-olds which has caused a great deal of stress and in some cases meant they have had to move house to get their child into school. We do not want to go through this kind of upheaval.

My stepson, Jacob, is currently in year 8 of Rounday High School, which is our local high school and with which we are very happy, and we would want Sam to go there too in year 7, so the Rounday Primary school would be a very attractive option for us for this reason too.

We like the idea of an all-through school provision and the continuity of curriculum provision and quality control it brings.

So, please add our names to your list of supporters for the proposal. We would also be grateful if you could keep us updated on its progress.

Best wishes,

Proposed development for additional Roundhay primary school

2020

Against

Sent: 07 July 2011 13:18

To: EDUC School Organisation

Cc: Atkins, K [atkinsk06@leedslearning.net]

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a class teacher at Grange Farm Primary school, I feel compelled to voice my deep concern in regards to the proposal made to extend Roundhay High school by building a new primary facility off Elmete Lane.

In short, I am worried that the Executive Board have been **seriously mislead** in relation to the intake numbers for the Seacroft area, upon which so much of the proposal rests. The numbers presented to the board, in my opinion, are seriously flawed. They appear to have been generated with zero consultation of the professionals **at school-level** who have to work with such figures in their real-world manifestations. The headteachers who have examined the figures have clearly stated that the predicted 'full schools' image for the next few years simply will not come to fruition. A new primary would take numbers from our own roll and the schools around us. Without doubt. A ticket straight to Roundhay High School - ask yourself the question: if such a primary was on your doorstep, wouldn't you take the opportunity? Particularly when you as a Seacroft resident would be more entitled, **geographically speaking**, than the residents in which the identified 'pressure' exists!

2012/13: Our school will not be full. Beechcroft will not be full. I would hate for anyone to have been so mislead as to commission a new primary, which ends up depleting numbers from the local schools in the area and in the longterm, creating redundancies. Askett Hill primary school?

There are other avenues which seem far more sensible to be explored. The idea of **expanding Rounday St John's** to a 2 form entry has not been fully explored. The land around the school is a Conservation area but this does not make it impossible, just more difficult. Another option would be to allow St John's to become a split site school with the new building on the Elmete site, again a cheaper option which would provide 30 additional places rather than 60- making much more sense. There is room to **expand Gledhow Primary**- where the demand is- why is pressure not being brought to bear on the governing body there? What about Fir Tree Primary? I was informed by Leeds Planning that it was 'in the wrong place'- but it is nearer to the Roundhay bulge than this proposed venture. The original proposed expansion of Moor Allerton Primary would also alleviate the problem.

- In times of great financial constraint, surely it is completely wrong to build a school for over 4 million pounds, not that long after pulling one down very near to that site.

I also feel that as a school, we have been **very badly treated**. We were not consulted about this proposal. Allegedly because it does not affect our area of schools. I cannot imagine anyone threatening to build a hotel nextdoor to a B&B being able to do so without at least putting some planning permission through at the initial stages. For the benefit of local residents and business owners.

To conclude:

The proposal shows a complete lack of common-sense.

The proposed site is misplaced, seemingly chosen because: 'It's the only one we've got', as your representative mentioned when we met her recently.

Please give the entire proposal a thorough examination.

Yours Sincerely,

Grange Farm
Class Teacher.

R021

For

Roundhay School Primary Provision

Sent: 07 July 2011 13:28

To: EDUC School Organisation

I want to comment positively regarding the proposal to expand Roundhay School to include Primary provision.

I think it is an essential and very feasible option.

I have a child who is currently in reception in our 2nd choice school, we are still waiting for a place for her in our 1st choice, we moved house to get her in there. The lack of places, and sheer number of children needing places is a hot topic for us parents, and very stressful

We have 2 other children who will start school in 2012 and 2014, having this extra provision can only be a good thing, and actually totally essential.

I think it's a wonderful solution to have a through-school too, we have found this whole process with our first child soooooo stressful, and keep thinking that we have to be mindful of the next stage for her (secondary school) it would therefore be wonderful not to have that stress of trying to choose and worrying about places available.

We therefore wholeheartedly give our support to the proposal.

Regards

7th July 2011
School Organisation Team
10th Floor West
Merrion House
110 Merrion Centre
Leeds
LS2 8DT

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 24th 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. In addition, I have doubts as to whether Roundhay High School is able to deliver primary education with only a year to prepare. The requirements and demands of primary and secondary education are very different

I have serious reservations that the proposed new primary provision will have an adverse effect on other local primary schools, especially Roundhay St John's Primary. I am a parent of a child at this school and also a governor. On page 7 of the consultation 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 were 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 distance 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. I am sure other local primary schools, especially Grange Farm Primary School would similarly be at risk of not being able to fill their places should this proposal 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 consultation 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.

I look forward to hearing the school organisation team's responses to my comments.

Yours faithfully,

R023

Proposal to increase primary provision in the Roundhay area

Against

Sent: 07 July 2011 20:18

To: EDUC School Organisation

I wish to object to the proposal to increase primary provision in the Roundhay area by change of age range and enlargement of Roundhay School Technology and Language College by using additional land at Elmete Lane from September 2012.

My reasons for the objection are:

1. There has been inadequate consultation. There was no discussion of the proposals with the Governing body of Roundhay St John's Primary School, nor has Education Leeds seen fit to respond to the concerns raised by the Governing Body. Roundhay St John's Primary School was not included on the consultation map used in the discussion, and therefore the consultation was not factual.
2. There is an existing school in the area which was closed recently, which could be re-opened to take primary age pupils.
3. Offers to extend the intake from one form entry to two or more form entry at Roundhay St John's Primary School have not been considered.
4. Pupils attending the extended version of Roundhay High would have automatic entry to the High School in Year 7, disadvantaging those children from neighbouring schools, and lowering house prices in the area.
5. The need for the extra places has not been fully established, and the the Head Teachers of some primary schools in the area have indicated that classes are not full, and extra places are available. Additional services at Meanwood, Harehills Chapel Allerton would raise the place availability in Rounday to 540 places, compared to a birth cohort of 506. There is no evidence that the number of pupils requesting places would exceed the birth cohort.

The entire process has been put forward at the last minute, with inadequate time allowed for discussion of sensible proposals with local primary schools.

Yours Sincerely

Thursday 7th July 2011

R024

Against

The Director of Children's Services
Fao: School Organisation Team
10th Floor West
Merrion House
110 Merrion Centre
Leeds
LS2 8DT

Dear Sir,

I am writing in response to the statutory notice of your proposal to increase primary school provision in North East Leeds by increasing the size and age range of Roundhay School through developing a new primary unit on land at Elmete Lane. I should like to register my objection to that proposal.

I believe the proposal will result in a significant over provision of primary school places in the area, and this will undermine the role of the other local primary schools, who are unable to guarantee a place at Roundhay High School. I believe that the negative impact on other primary schools has not been properly taken into consideration in this proposal.

I would also like to question the ability of the management team at Roundhay High School to provide high quality primary education, which is outside their experience and current competence.

For these reasons I object to the proposal.

I would suggest that the proposal is put on hold for at least another year pending full and comprehensive consultation.

Yours faithfully,



R025
Against

Dear Director of Children's Services

I am writing as a parent governor of Roundhay St John's Primary School, local resident, taxpayer and former primary school teacher to object to the proposal to change the age range of Roundhay High by developing a new primary school on Elmete Lane.

Firstly the School Organisation Team appears to have given no real thought to the repercussions that this proposal would have on other schools in the immediate area. It would have a detrimental effect on both Roundhay St John's and Grange Farm as well as several other schools in the Seacroft area with the possibility of future closure if places were not filled. As the proposal is driven by a need to find children places it seems ludicrous that it will ultimately create the opposite effect.

As a taxpayer I feel that the knee jerk reaction of Leeds Education to quickly build a new school at huge expense without looking into any other options is both incredibly shortsighted and reckless. Having worked at Hovingham Primary School I saw the repercussions of a hastily, ill thought out decision to make it a 3 form entry school. Again the school in question was given no choice and is still coping with the fall out of one unbalanced year group from that directive. I fear that this proposal will have far more serious consequences.

This proposal also highlights the mismanagement of formally Leeds Education to realise and deal with the increased need for school places in particular areas of Leeds in good time. With time running out the School Organisation Team has clearly gone for the easiest and quickest solution. To have discussions with other parties that will be effected by the current proposal and looking at better options for the long term has clearly not fitted into the now short timetable.

As a former primary school teacher of 18 years experience I believe that running a primary school is very different to running a secondary school. Although the present head of Roundhay High is very experienced and has achieved excellent results I would question his understanding and experience of primary school provision. I would also question where he would get this extra time to lead and manage the primary element in an ever increasing head's workload.

I have yet to hear or read of any real logical and concrete answers that the School Organisation Team have made on why this proposal has to go through, over and above the many objections and possible alternatives that have been put forward over the last few months. Although I feel that paragraph 4 is probably the true explanation.

For these reasons I strongly object to the proposal.

Yours Faithfully

Thursday 7th July 2011

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I would also like to question the ability of the management team at Roundhay High School to provide high quality primary education, which is outside their experience and current competence. It is also my belief that this location is unsuitable for young children as it is not easily accessed on foot by the children in the proposed catchment area, and would lead to unnecessary volumes of traffic in the area once the school is open at full capacity.

For these reasons I object to the proposal.

It also seems to me that this proposal has been rushed through without proper thought, and as such I would suggest that the proposal is put on hold for at least another year pending full and comprehensive consultation.

Yours faithfully,

All through school for Roundhay

R027
For

Sent: 08 July 2011 11:13

To: EDUC School Organisation

Cc: leslie.savage@leeds.org.uk

I live in Oakwood area and have a daughter who will be four this November and therefore excited about the idea of having a 'through school' in the area, how i wish it could be sooner than September. It is surely a brilliant idea.
Thanks

Elmete site proposal

R028

Against

Sent: 08 July 2011 11:38

To: EDUC School Organisation

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a parent governor at Grange Farm Primary school and have held this position for nearly 9 years.

I would like to voice my objection to the proposed new school build on the old Braimwood site (Elmete Site). I have lived in Seacroft for 15 years and was very aware of the primary school shake up 6 years ago. The primary shake up closed Asket Hill primary school which means that the pupils from the Asket estate will be closer to the "new school" than they are to Grange Farm. This new proposed school will affect the number of pupils putting Grange Farm as their first choice school. Children attending Seacroft schools very rarely get offered Roundhay High school even when they put it as first choice. So a school in Roundhay that is within travelling distance will attract the residents wanting their children to attend Roundhay High.

I can not believe that only the wedge in question was consulted about these proposals when obviously Grange Farm will be adversely affected. The area that actually needs the additional places isn't even near the proposed site, so pupils are going to have to travel further to attend this "new school". Surely expanding the existing schools that are where the places are needed would result in the parents within that wedge been happier.

yours sincerely

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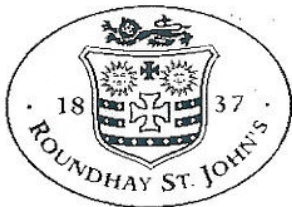
Dear Sir/Madam,

I welcome the news for the
Proposal of Roundhay School becoming an
all through school (4-18 yrs) which is
to be sited at the former Brainwood
School on Elmete Lane.

As a grandparent of a child who will
be starting school in Sept 2012, the
re-development of the site into a
Primary School as Part of Roundhay
School, that has an outstanding
record of achievement will ensure
that the local children get the best
Possible start in their Educational
Life

Yours sincerely
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Against

6th July 2011

The Director of Children's Services
Fao: School Organisation Team
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Further to your statutory notice of your proposal to increase primary provision in the Roundhay area, I am writing to object to these plans.

- The consultation process has been very poor indeed. I have no doubt that those leading it will say that they have met their statutory obligations, but I think that it would have been in the interests of all concerned to have engaged in a process that genuinely involved and included people from the very early stages to avoid so much inaccuracy and anxiety.
- The original consultation document was without any doubt misleading, not least because our school was not even mentioned or considered. Given that we are the only school in the area of the map identifying the new school, the omission could hardly claim to be an oversight in a document that claimed that this new provision could be brought forward 'without undermining any of the primary schools in the area'.
- There are surplus places in schools in the Seacroft area and this proposal will doubtless take even more children away from some of these established good schools. The Local Authority should be working with these schools to get them up to full capacity not throwing further challenges in their path.
- The proposed site is in entirely the wrong place. Who has asked the parents concerned whether they would be prepared to bring their children from the other side of Roundhay, where there is under capacity, down towards the Easterly Road? Why has the old Fir Tree School not been a considered option? That is closer to the area of concern.
- There is a view that there is sufficient demand for places. The figures on the consultation document do not suggest there is a need for an additional 2 form entry primary school year on year. Why can't these figures be explained? The diocese recently asked for clarification of these figures and was not offered a convincing explanation. There is a view that the formula is too complicated to be fully explained. If nobody can explain this to those it most concerns then that brings further questions about its reliability.
- Roundhay St. John's have offered the primary provision in this area since 1837 and yet are offered no opportunity to expand its provision when there is supposedly a need for it. There are a number

"Keep in Shape – mentally, physically and spiritually."

of ways in which we could expand our provision if given the opportunity on this site or the proposed site. The fact that we are in a conservation area doesn't make it impossible – just more difficult. We know that a 'golden ticket' to Roundhay would appeal to many of our families – almost half of our intake did not get a place there is year. We know therefore that this proposal would draw children away from us. The school has always aimed to serve its local community and that, at the very least, would change along with the character of the school.

- There seems to be many people in this area who remember the mistakes of only a few years ago when schools closed and this proved to be the wrong decision. There are too many doubts around this proposal that could, and probably will, lead to cause for regret further on. How can a spend of 4 million be justified on a project that is surrounded by so many concerns and has the capacity to impact on the success of so many other schools.

I object to the proposal.

FW: New school- Feedback on LocationR031
Against**Sent:** 08 July 2011 12:56**To:** EDUC School Organisation

From:**Sent:** 07 July 2011 21:08**To:** Brooks, G**Subject:** Re: New school- Feedback on Location

The main reason for opening the new school is to provide adequate spaces for the Children in the Roundhay area. I have following comments regarding the location

1. Ideally, the school should be in the center of Roundhay area or at a place which is convenient to the Roundhay residents. This is north/ western parts of the Roundhay park. However the proposed site is in Elmete lane. This is on the eastern fringes of the Roundhay area. Roundhay residents should be consulted to determine the most appropriate location.
2. It appears that the proposed site is not connected by any bus service. The only way this school would be accessible is through car or by a (25 Mins) walk from nearest bus stop (route no 12/13/13A) . It is important for primary schools to be accessible by bus routes. Primary school kids , unlike the 11-18 years old, cannot walk long distances. Grange farm school is on the route of 49/ 50 which is one of the best served routes. The proposed school should be along the route of 12/13/13A. Accessing Grange farm school through bus is more convenient even for the Roundhay residents in comparison with the school at elmete lane.(through 12/13/13A and than 49/ 50).
3. If the intent is to provide, seats for residents of Roundhay as well as Seacroft than better alternative is to have extensions in Grange farm school and in the Gledhow schools. This will prevent competition between the schools for the resources and also generate more economies. The money saved can be used for up gradation of the existing infrastructure.
4. It is in interest of council, that every penny is spent wisely. It would be much better if the proposed school does not cannibalize on the resources and assets of any of the existing schools.
5. What steps council has taken so far or is willing to take to fill the spare capacity in the Grange Farm school? It should be noted that the Grange farm school has improved in Rankings and performance over the last 5 years. It has come compareable to the other good schools in Roundhay area. The council should support the school in endeavour to improve. The proposed location would cannibalize on Grange Farm's and other nearby school resources.

Kind Regards

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--- On Mon, 6/27/11, "

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FW: New school

R032
Against

Sent: 08 July 2011 12:56

To: EDUC School Organisation

From:

Sent: 06 July 2011 12:33

To: Brooks, G

Subject: Re: New school

I write concerning the proposed new school on the site of Brainwood school, Roundhay.

There are a number of inter-related issues:

Is there a need for a totally new build at a time when government cut-backs are affecting every area of life? Cheaper options such as enlarging existing schools would surely be a cheaper alternative.

The siting of the proposed new build is not near the centre where increased numbers of places are required and is likely to more greatly affect the schools in Seacroft than provide places where they are most needed.

The whole issues of the number of school places required was thoroughly investigated a few years ago when Asket Hill school was closed when those involved were assured that even if there were an increase in school places required there was sufficient capacity in existing schools.

The positioning of a Primary school on a major road such as the outer ring road also raises the issue of whether the school would be easily and safely accessible apart from by car.

I hope that very careful consideration will be given to these and other issues raised by those who are concerned about this proposal.

Yours Sincerely,

(School governor at Grange Farm)

From: Brooks, G

Sent: Monday, July 04, 2011 3:05 PM

To: pbb@leeds.gov.uk

Subject: New school

From: Atkins, K

Sent: 26 June 2011 17:06

To: Atkins, K

Subject: New school

Reminder- please respond re the new school proposals by Friday this week- it is really important that we do. Thanks to those who have done

so already

These are the points I hope governors will make in their responses- you may want to just pick out one or two key points so we are not all saying the same thing. Parent governors may wish to make a joint response. Please copy me into all responses as I am also contacting individual councillors. You can write or send an email- details are attached.

I really hope everyone responds- it is really important.

-The information given to Executive Board- that there were plenty children to fill the places in Seacroft- was incorrect- although Grange Farm may appear 'full' for September 2010 there are only 50 first choices(school is a 60 place school)- experience shows us that most of the places children do not arrive- so we are likely to have surplus places in September as we have every year. The building of this new school will take children away from our school and other Seacroft schools that already have surplus places. Children Leeds Planning department have admitted to us at the governing Body meeting that the new school will have 'an impact on numbers in your school'. It will take children away from a good school and create surplus places - at a cost of over £4,000,000

- We are the nearest non-denominational school to this new school. It is less than a mile from- 1.1km. The demand for places, where schools are over subscribed- is not in Seacroft but around Gledhow Primary (2.1 miles from the proposed site of the new school), Kerr Mackie (2.1 miles from proposed site), Talbot Primary (2.7 miles from proposed site)- or in Harehills- for example Hovingham Primary - (2.2 miles from proposed site).

The site is in completely the wrong place.

- Although Grange Farm is a good school, a straw poll of parents, conducted by parent governors, shows that many parents would choose the proposed new school over Grange Farm, because of the ticket to Roundhay High. This would therefore disadvantage the remaining pupils and alter any social and cultural mix which we currently have, as the more aspirational parents may well choose Roundhay. It is therefore adding disadvantage to an area which already experiences significant economic and social disadvantage.

- The impact on Seacroft schools does not appear to have been considered by Leeds Planning. We were never visited or telephoned to discuss the impact of the proposals as other Roundhay schools were. It feels like a case of 'Here is a piece of land, let's use it'- not- 'where is the best place to site this school?' It is just over 1 km from our school-less than a mile- but no-one thought to consider that- although are happily proposing that children will travel 3 miles to attend this new school.

- The fact that the school is designed for 60 place does not make sense. There are 62 children in the polygon for the new school for 2010(consultation document) and 47 the following year. Bearing in mind several of those children are likely to go to denominational, private or other schools- where is the justification for making it 60 place? If LCC Planning are expecting children to travel 3 miles from Gledhow or Talbot areas, why don't they realise the children from Seacroft- who will be much nearer- will also be prepared to travel as their parents did historically to Braimwood school. The children from Seacroft will be much nearer - so if there were high demand for this school the places would be granted to children from Seacroft- who will live nearer. The only way this school will fill is take places away from existing schools in Seacroft.

-There are other avenues which seem far more sensible to be explored. The idea of expanding Roundhay St John's to a 2 form entry- far cheaper- I am told by the school has not been offered to them. There is room to expand Gledhow Primary-where the demand is- why is pressure not being brought to bear on the governing body there? What about Fir Tree Primary? I was informed by Leeds Planning that it was in the wrong place- but it is nearer to the Roundhay bulge than this proposed venture

- In times of great financial constraint, surely it is completely wrong to build a school for over 4 million pounds, not that long after pulling one down very near to that site(Asket Hill- Seacroft people remember it well). Other avenues should be properly explored.

Kathryn Atkins

Kathryn Atkins

Headteacher
Grange Farm Primary School
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FW: New school

R033
Against

Sent: 08 July 2011 12:56

To: EDUC School Organisation

From:

Sent: 06 July 2011 11:17

To: Brooks, G

Subject: RE: New school

Hi Gill, please find below a response re the new school, not sure if its what Kathryn wanted in a response so if its not, or she wants me to add anything or change anything let me know and i will do it today. Will also text Donna Rogers and see if she has a response and if not get her to do one.

As a Parent Governor for Grange Farm Primary School, I am concerned about the location for the new school build, I feel that it is the wrong place for a new school, and that the children who need school places in Roundhay are not going to be able to gain places at the new school due to the fact that it is closer to Seacroft than to Roundhay, Grange Farm and other Seacroft schools already have surplus places as there is not enough children in Seacroft to fill Grange Farm. Also the parents of Seacroft children will more probably choose to send their children to the new school rather than choose Grange Farm or another local Seacroft school as the children going to the new school will automatically gain a place at Roundhay High. Losing children to the new school will have a big impact on Grange Farm, and the other Seacroft schools, which may result in school closures and loss of jobs for the staff at Grange Farm.

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Sent: 26 June 2011 17:06

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R036
For

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

The Governing Body wishes to reconfirm its total commitment 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 will further 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 have been pleased and grateful for the support shown and assistance given to us including from primaries in our area as we have undertaken significant preparatory work both in terms of buildings related issues and very importantly planning for the organisation of excellent educational provision. 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. We shall continue to work closely with key stakeholders to address issues and plan thoroughly for this exciting development.

The split site nature of the proposal will enhance the development of a true 'primary ethos' led by a specialist primary leader as part of our enhanced staffing structure and we are confident that the brilliant new purpose built learning environment will be tailored to the needs of the primary phase.

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.

Pauline Ackroyd

Vice Chair, on behalf of the Full Governing Body of Roundhay School Technology & Language College

Dated Thursday 7th July, 2011



"An outstanding, high-performing, specialist school...where every child matters equally" (Ofsted)
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R036

For

Roundhay School Primary Proposal Support**Sent:** 08 July 2011 14:30**To:** EDUC School Organisation

FAO: Director of Children's Services

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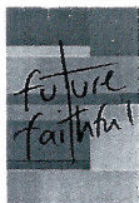
Please may I express my support towards the proposed expansion of Roundhay School to include a Primary School. As a father of 2 boys aged 11 months and 9 years in the local area the provision of Primary School Education has been, and in the next few years will again be, a highly important issue for both myself and my partner.

Drawing from the experiences of my eldest child's applications to Primary Schools I felt that across the whole city there was a lack of provision of Primary School Education which would bring the benefits of an "All-through School" in addition to a lack of choice of primary school education within our local area.

I work with young people aged between 16 and 19, the nature of their transitions from GCSEs to A-Levels can often be challenging for both the learner and teaching staff. I can only imagine that this transition for a Year 7 aged child must be extremely difficult in certain situations and that the provision of education from 4-19 for a large number of parents in the area would be welcomed.

I look forward to seeing how Roundhay School will develop this new part of their School and hope that when my youngest child begin his applications to primary schools in a few years time that there will be further diversity within the provision of primary education.

Your Sincerely,



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8 July 2011

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Public Consultation: Proposal to create additional primary provision [initially 2 form of entry] in the Roundhay area at Elmete Lane from September 2012 to be run by Roundhay School Technology and Language College.

The Diocesan Boards of Education of Bradford and Ripon & Leeds:

- 1. Formally object to the above proposal**
- 2. Support the statement made by Roundhay St John's Church of England Primary School on 16th February 2011 in response to the first consultation:**
"we consider that we would be the best provider of the additional primary provision under discussion." [Colin Cheeseman, Chair of Governors, Roundhay St John CE Primary School]

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. However, we are concerned that a number of apparently feasible options have not been included in the consultation process and accordingly the process is flawed.

Our comments underpinning the objection 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 published statistical forecasts, those presented should be the basis of responses.

1. The figures used to propose the additional places appear to indicate a need for one additional form of entry not for two additional forms of entry as is proposed. This could thereby create a surplus of places which are likely to have a detrimental affect on existing primary schools. This also brings into question the sustainability of a new two form of entry primary school.

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2. To meet the need for additional places, it would appear that this proposal is an attempt to circumvent going to competition for a new primary school. We strongly believe that existing primary schools in the area are well placed to provide an appropriate, high quality education for primary aged pupils. Wherever possible we recommend expansion of existing primary schools, or where feasible new primary schools, subject to time for the necessary due process.
3. We are aware of a number of inaccuracies, errors and assertions which may affect some responses from other schools and communities, thereby potentially affecting the overall accuracy and transparency of the process and its outcomes. These include:

- All local schools are stakeholders in the provision of educational places and as such we believe that all schools directly affected should have been consulted in a different way to the general public on these proposals. Local schools not directly impacted by these proposals (i.e. all the Primary schools within the NE/XT cluster) were not consulted on this proposal prior to it being made public.

We understand that a precedent for consultation with schools has been set in previous years. Schools have been consulted on other proposals for expansion of existing primary places but they were NOT consulted on this specific proposal. We believe this to be unfair and therefore challenge the claim made by the School Organisation Team that they are working with "all schools in the city".

- The proposed new site is geographically closer to some schools in the Seacroft area than some of the Roundhay schools but these were not included in the consultation process. We believe that this is a considerable omission / oversight with regard to the affect that new primary provision will have on these existing schools. We understand that neither Grange Farm Primary School nor Whinmoor St Pauls' Church of England Primary School were consulted, although Grange Farm is very close geographically to the proposed Elmete Lane site and both schools are on its direct bus route.
- Roundhay St John's Church of England (VA) Primary School was not included in the map used in the consultation document. This caused confusion to parents and created the impression that either the school is not important, or that it will be closing. This undermines the school which is at odds with statements made in the consultation document:

"... without undermining any of the primary schools in the area."
[page 4, Leeds Consultation document February 2011]

4. We believe the impact of 'through schools' has been underestimated as they guarantee 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 preferred secondary school via primary admissions is contrary to the spirit of the current School Admissions Code. This appears to represent a significant policy decision but is not addressed as such. It potentially stores up long term problems for existing primary schools should pupil numbers recede in the future.
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6. Whilst recognising that in some circumstances 'through schools' have merit and can be successful, the DBEs support the principle that primary schools should provide the leadership for expansion of primary places. Our reasons for this include:
- Secondary education leadership models are very different from those in primary schools.
 - Governors and senior leaders of secondary schools have little experience of the primary curriculum, nor do they have an understanding of the specific needs of younger children.
 - Young children need role models and social interaction with slightly older and more mature primary aged children. It is not good for a group of children to progress as the oldest children in a school for up to 7 years.
 - If the intention is for Roundhay High School to share their facilities and resources on their existing site with the primary pupils, there are real safeguarding concerns about very young children mixing with secondary aged students.
7. Proportionality is a right which is built into Statute. As a significant element of the Church of England's response, we record our commitment to maintain the overall proportion of Church of England school places available across the LA. 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.

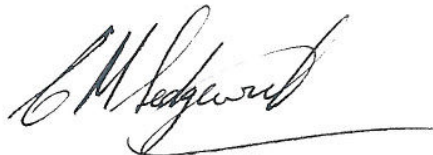
In conclusion, Roundhay St John's Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School is the major provider of primary education in the area closest to the Elmete site. We propose that Leeds Education Authority investigates with the DBE the expansion of the school to become a two-form entry primary school. This would meet the foreseeable need in the immediate area and it would be a popular move amongst parents and the wider community.

We are aware that the present site of St John's is too small to accommodate this development, however, there are possible feasible solutions:

1. There is local amenity land immediately adjacent to the current school site and this could provide an area into which St John's could expand.
2. St John's could move to the proposed Elmete site
3. Although not the preferred option, St John's could operate on a split site

We do not consider this proposal to be any more challenging or time consuming than the present proposal by the Local Authority as there is a precedent to local primary schools expanding to accommodate additional pupil places that were needed for September 2011.

Revd Clive Sedgewick
Diocesan Director of Education



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R038
For**Proposed primary school provision via 'all through school' at Elmete Lane****Sent:** 08 July 2011 15:52**To:** EDUC School Organisation**Cc:** Savage, Lesley

Dear Sir or Madam

As parents of a two children who will be entering into primary school education in 2012 and 2015 we welcome the proposals to create additional primary school places in this area of Leeds. We also like the idea of through school provision and believe it will offer consistency and better transition to secondary school. We also believe that this will reduce the pressure on other local schools such as Kerr Mackie and Gledhow and will give parents more choices.

A couple of questions:

Currently geographical proximity to a primary school is taken into account when offering places; for the new proposed school at Elmete Lane will this also be the case or will all children who would be in the catchment for the current Roundhay Secondary School be given equal priority?

I am slightly concerned that if my child were to be offered a place at the proposed new school and was entering reception in 2012... it is going to be an unusual school environment with no other year groups attending.. and I wonder if this might feel a little isolated? Has any consideration been given to this and would pupils from the secondary school attend the Elmete site for any lessons/activities?

Many Thanks

Yours

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Proposed thru school for Roundhay High School

Sent: 22 June 2011 13:33

To: EDUC School Organisation

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I wish to write in support of the above proposal. The facts are quite clear that a rising number of primary school pupils cannot all be catered for within existing institutions. The site of the former Braim Wood High School for Boys is an ideal site for such a school given its previous education usage and is close to Elmete SILC which can be of benefit to both set of pupils.

I do understand the fears of St John's CE Aided school and some parents but I am with President Franklin Roosevelt when he said "we have nothing to fear but fear itself". It is inevitable when such fears arise a groundswell of opposition will occur but as responsible citizens we have to look at the wider picture.

Roundhay High school is rightly proud of its reputation and educational achievements and has not entered into discussions with Education Leeds without giving every consideration to what it would mean for the current school and its potential role as an all thru school. A decision by governors to consider this option has been based on its knowledge of the area and its confidence in the ability of the school to attract highly qualified staff to contribute to the success of an all thru school.

There is also a strong sense of ethics and an ethos of co-operation and commitment both within and without the school which are qualities which cannot be guaranteed with any other potential providers who remain unknown at this stage.

I therefore heartily endorse this visionary step by Education Leeds which future parents and pupils will appreciate greatly.

Yours sincerely,

for

R002

re: proposed through school in Roundhay**Sent:** 27 June 2011 22:13**To:** EDUC School Organisation

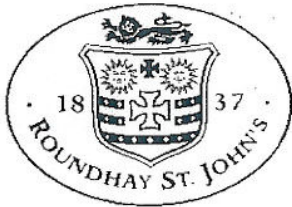
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I write to offer my comments regarding the proposed "all through school" at the former Braimwood School site. As a local resident in the area, I was delighted to hear that Roundhay school had been approached by the local council to open a new primary school in the area. I know that so many friends have struggled to get their children into other schools in the area demonstrating that there is a clear need for another primary school. I certainly wish I had had the option of selecting this school for my children when they entered the schools system. It is my belief that children have the right to gain a place at a local school and with such high demand this is clearly not always happening and I fear this situation will in years to come only get worse. The proposed school would go some way in offering a very real solution to this problem.

I am also so pleased that the Braimwood site, which has sat neglected for so long, would finally be used in such a positive way.

Thank you for considering my comments and I look forward to hearing the final decision when it is made.

Yours faithfully



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*ROBO
Against*

6th July 2011

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Further to your statutory notice of your proposal to increase primary provision in the Roundhay area, I am writing to object to these plans.

- The consultation process has been very poor indeed. I have no doubt that those leading it will say that they have met their statutory obligations, but I think that it would have been in the interests of all concerned to have engaged in a process that genuinely involved and included people from the very early stages to avoid so much inaccuracy and anxiety.
- The original consultation document was without any doubt misleading, not least because our school was not even mentioned or considered. Given that we are the only school in the area of the map identifying the new school, the omission could hardly claim to be an oversight in a document that claimed that this new provision could be brought forward 'without undermining any of the primary schools in the area'.
- There are surplus places in schools in the Seacroft area and this proposal will doubtless take even more children away from some of these established good schools. The Local Authority should be working with these schools to get them up to full capacity not throwing further challenges in their path.
- The proposed site is in entirely the wrong place. Who has asked the parents concerned whether they would be prepared to bring their children from the other side of Roundhay, where there is under capacity, down towards the Easterly Road? Why has the old Fir Tree School not been a considered option? That is closer to the area of concern.
- There is a view that there is sufficient demand for places. The figures on the consultation document do not suggest there is a need for an additional 2 form entry primary school year on year. Why can't these figures be explained? The diocese recently asked for clarification of these figures and was not offered a convincing explanation. There is a view that the formula is too complicated to be fully explained. If nobody can explain this to those it most concerns then that brings further questions about its reliability.
- Roundhay St. John's have offered the primary provision in this area since 1837 and yet are offered no opportunity to expand its provision when there is supposedly a need for it. There are a number

"Keep in Shape – mentally, physically and spiritually."

of ways in which we could expand our provision if given the opportunity on this site or the proposed site. The fact that we are in a conservation area doesn't make it impossible – just more difficult. We know that a 'golden ticket' to Roundhay would appeal to many of our families – almost half of our intake did not get a place there is year. We know therefore that this proposal would draw children away from us. The school has always aimed to serve its local community and that, at the very least, would change along with the character of the school.

- There seems to be many people in this area who remember the mistakes of only a few years ago when schools closed and this proved to be the wrong decision. There are too many doubts around this proposal that could, and probably will, lead to cause for regret further on. How can a spend of 4 million be justified on a project that is surrounded by so many concerns and has the capacity to impact on the success of so many other schools.

I object to the proposal.

FW: New school- Feedback on LocationR031
Against**Sent:** 08 July 2011 12:56**To:** EDUC School Organisation**From:** ...**Sent:** 07 July 2011 21:08**To:** Brooks, G**Subject:** Re: New school- Feedback on Location

The main reason for opening the new school is to provide adequate spaces for the Children in the Roundhay area. I have following comments regarding the location

1. Ideally, the school should be in the center of Roundhay area or at a place which is convenient to the Roundhay residents. This is north/ western parts of the Roundhay park. However the proposed site is in Elmete lane. This is on the eastern fringes of the Roundhay area. Roundhay residents should be consulted to determine the most appropriate location.
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Kind Regards

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--- On Mon, 6/27/11, "

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R032
Against

Sent: 08 July 2011 12:56

To: EDUC School Organisation

From:

Sent: 06 July 2011 12:33

To: Brooks, G

Subject: Re: New school

I write concerning the proposed new school on the site of Brainwood school, Roundhay.

There are a number of inter-related issues:

Is there a need for a totally new build at a time when government cut-backs are affecting every area of life? Cheaper options such as enlarging existing schools would surely be a cheaper alternative.

The siting of the proposed new build is not near the centre where increased numbers of places are required and is likely to more greatly affect the schools in Seacroft than provide places where they are most needed.

The whole issues of the number of school places required was thoroughly investigated a few years ago when Asket Hill school was closed when those involved were assured that even if there were an increase in school places required there was sufficient capacity in existing schools.

The positioning of a Primary school on a major road such as the outer ring road also raises the issue of whether the school would be easily and safely accessible apart from by car.

I hope that very careful consideration will be given to these and other issues raised by those who are concerned about this proposal.

Yours Sincerely,

(School governor at Grange Farm)

From: Brooks, G

Sent: Monday, July 04, 2011 3:05 PM

To: pbb@leeds.gov.uk

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FW: New school

R033
Against

Sent: 08 July 2011 12:56

To: EDUC School Organisation

From:

Sent: 06 July 2011 11:17

To: Brooks, G

Subject: RE: New school

Hi Gill, please find below a response re the new school, not sure if its what Kathryn wanted in a response so if its not, or she wants me to add anything or change anything let me know and i will do it today. Will also text Donna Rogers and see if she has a response and if not get her to do one.

As a Parent Governor for Grange Farm Primary School, I am concerned about the location for the new school build, I feel that it is the wrong place for a new school, and that the children who need school places in Roundhay are not going to be able to gain places at the new school due to the fact that it is closer to Seacroft than to Roundhay, Grange Farm and other Seacroft schools already have surplus places as there is not enough children in Seacroft to fill Grange Farm. Also the parents of Seacroft children will more probably choose to send their children to the new school rather than choose Grange Farm or another local Seacroft school as the children going to the new school will automatically gain a place at Roundhay High. Losing children to the new school will have a big impact on Grange Farm, and the other Seacroft schools, which may result in school closures and loss of jobs for the staff at Grange Farm.

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Subject: New school

From: Atkins, K

Sent: 26 June 2011 17:06

To: Atkins, K

Subject: New school

Reminder- please respond re the new school proposals by Friday this week- it is really important that we do. Thanks to those who have done so already

These are the points I hope governors will make in their responses- you may want to just pick out one or two

key points so we are not all saying the same thing. Parent governors may wish to make a joint response. Please copy me into all responses as I am also contacting individual councillors. You can write or send an email- details are attached.

I really hope everyone responds- it is really important.

-The information given to Executive Board- that there were plenty children to fill the places in Seacroft- was incorrect- although Grange Farm may appear 'full' for September 2010 there are only 50 first choices(school is a 60 place school)- experience shows us that most of the places children do not arrive- so we are likely to have surplus places in September as we have every year. The building of this new school will take children away from our school and other Seacroft schools that already have surplus places. Children Leeds Planning department have admitted to us at the governing Body meeting that the new school will have 'an impact on numbers in your school'. It will take children away from a good school and create surplus places - at a cost of over £4,000,000

- We are the nearest non-denominational school to this new school. It is less than a mile from- 1.1km. The demand for places, where schools are over subscribed- is not in Seacroft but around Gledhow Primary (2.1 miles from the proposed site of the new school), Kerr Mackie (2.1miles from proposed site), Talbot Priamry (2.7 miles from proposed site)- or in Harehills- for example Hovingham Primary - (2.2 miles from proposed site).

The site is in completely the wrong place.

- Although Grange Farm is a good school, a straw poll of parents, conducted by parent governors, shows that many parents would choose the proposed new school over Grange Farm, because of the ticket to Roundhay High. This would therefore disadvantage the remaining pupils and alter any social and cultural mix which we currently have, as the more aspirational parents may well choose Roundhay. It is therefore adding disadvantage to an area which already experiences significant economic and social disadvantage.

- The impact on Seacroft schools does not appear to have been considered by Leeds Planning. We were never visited or telephoned to discuss the impact of the proposals as other Roundhay schools were. It feels like a case of 'Here is a piece of land, let's use it'- not- 'where is the best place to site this school?' It is just over 1 km from our school-less than a mile- but no-one thought to consider that- although are happily proposing that children will travel 3 miles to attend this new school.

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R036
For

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

The Governing Body wishes to reconfirm its total commitment 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 will further 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 have been pleased and grateful for the support shown and assistance given to us including from primaries in our area as we have undertaken significant preparatory work both in terms of buildings related issues and very importantly planning for the organisation of excellent educational provision. 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. We shall continue to work closely with key stakeholders to address issues and plan thoroughly for this exciting development.

The split site nature of the proposal will enhance the development of a true 'primary ethos' led by a specialist primary leader as part of our enhanced staffing structure and we are confident that the brilliant new purpose built learning environment will be tailored to the needs of the primary phase.

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.

Pauline Ackroyd

Vice Chair, on behalf of the Full Governing Body of Roundhay School Technology & Language College

Dated Thursday 7th July, 2011



"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.

R036

For

Roundhay School Primary Proposal Support**Sent:** 08 July 2011 14:30**To:** EDUC School Organisation

FAO: Director of Children's Services

To whom it may concern,

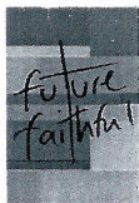
Please may I express my support towards the proposed expansion of Roundhay School to include a Primary School. As a father of 2 boys aged 11 months and 9 years in the local area the provision of Primary School Education has been, and in the next few years will again be, a highly important issue for both myself and my partner.

Drawing from the experiences of my eldest child's applications to Primary Schools I felt that across the whole city there was a lack of provision of Primary School Education which would bring the benefits of an "All-through School" in addition to a lack of choice of primary school education within our local area.

I work with young people aged between 16 and 19, the nature of their transitions from GCSEs to A-Levels can often be challenging for both the learner and teaching staff. I can only imagine that this transition for a Year 7 aged child must be extremely difficult in certain situations and that the provision of education from 4-19 for a large number of parents in the area would be welcomed.

I look forward to seeing how Roundhay School will develop this new part of their School and hope that when my youngest child begin his applications to primary schools in a few years time that there will be further diversity within the provision of primary education.

Your Sincerely,



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Public Consultation: Proposal to create additional primary provision [initially 2 form of entry] in the Roundhay area at Elmete Lane from September 2012 to be run by Roundhay School Technology and Language College.

The Diocesan Boards of Education of Bradford and Ripon & Leeds:

- 1. Formally object to the above proposal**
- 2. Support the statement made by Roundhay St John's Church of England Primary School on 16th February 2011 in response to the first consultation:**
"we consider that we would be the best provider of the additional primary provision under discussion." [Colin Cheeseman, Chair of Governors, Roundhay St John CE Primary School]

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. However, we are concerned that a number of apparently feasible options have not been included in the consultation process and accordingly the process is flawed.

Our comments underpinning the objection 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 published statistical forecasts, those presented should be the basis of responses.

1. The figures used to propose the additional places appear to indicate a need for one additional form of entry not for two additional forms of entry as is proposed. This could thereby create a surplus of places which are likely to have a detrimental affect on existing primary schools. This also brings into question the sustainability of a new two form of entry primary school.

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2. To meet the need for additional places, it would appear that this proposal is an attempt to circumvent going to competition for a new primary school. We strongly believe that existing primary schools in the area are well placed to provide an appropriate, high quality education for primary aged pupils. Wherever possible we recommend expansion of existing primary schools, or where feasible new primary schools, subject to time for the necessary due process.
3. We are aware of a number of inaccuracies, errors and assertions which may affect some responses from other schools and communities, thereby potentially affecting the overall accuracy and transparency of the process and its outcomes. These include:

- All local schools are stakeholders in the provision of educational places and as such we believe that all schools directly affected should have been consulted in a different way to the general public on these proposals. Local schools not directly impacted by these proposals (i.e. all the Primary schools within the NE/XT cluster) were not consulted on this proposal prior to it being made public.

We understand that a precedent for consultation with schools has been set in previous years. Schools have been consulted on other proposals for expansion of existing primary places but they were NOT consulted on this specific proposal. We believe this to be unfair and therefore challenge the claim made by the School Organisation Team that they are working with "all schools in the city".

- The proposed new site is geographically closer to some schools in the Seacroft area than some of the Roundhay schools but these were not included in the consultation process. We believe that this is a considerable omission / oversight with regard to the affect that new primary provision will have on these existing schools. We understand that neither Grange Farm Primary School nor Whinmoor St Pauls' Church of England Primary School were consulted, although Grange Farm is very close geographically to the proposed Elmete Lane site and both schools are on its direct bus route.
- Roundhay St John's Church of England (VA) Primary School was not included in the map used in the consultation document. This caused confusion to parents and created the impression that either the school is not important, or that it will be closing. This undermines the school which is at odds with statements made in the consultation document:

"... without undermining any of the primary schools in the area."
[page 4, Leeds Consultation document February 2011]

4. We believe the impact of 'through schools' has been underestimated as they guarantee 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 preferred secondary school via primary admissions is contrary to the spirit of the current School Admissions Code. This appears to represent a significant policy decision but is not addressed as such. It potentially stores up long term problems for existing primary schools should pupil numbers recede in the future.
5. The proposed site for the additional primary provision is not one which is easily accessible for families from the north Roundhay area which includes Gledhow and Moor Allerton Primary Schools. There is no direct bus route and the distances young children and their families would have to walk are not practical, eg Gledhow Primary School is over 2 miles from the proposed site on Elmete Lane, as are Kerr Mackie, and Talbot; whereas Grange Farm Primary School is less than one mile away from the proposed site.

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6. Whilst recognising that in some circumstances 'through schools' have merit and can be successful, the DBEs support the principle that primary schools should provide the leadership for expansion of primary places. Our reasons for this include:
- Secondary education leadership models are very different from those in primary schools.
 - Governors and senior leaders of secondary schools have little experience of the primary curriculum, nor do they have an understanding of the specific needs of younger children.
 - Young children need role models and social interaction with slightly older and more mature primary aged children. It is not good for a group of children to progress as the oldest children in a school for up to 7 years.
 - If the intention is for Roundhay High School to share their facilities and resources on their existing site with the primary pupils, there are real safeguarding concerns about very young children mixing with secondary aged students.
7. Proportionality is a right which is built into Statute. As a significant element of the Church of England's response, we record our commitment to maintain the overall proportion of Church of England school places available across the LA. 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.

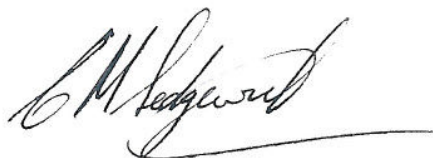
In conclusion, Roundhay St John's Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School is the major provider of primary education in the area closest to the Elmete site. We propose that Leeds Education Authority investigates with the DBE the expansion of the school to become a two-form entry primary school. This would meet the foreseeable need in the immediate area and it would be a popular move amongst parents and the wider community.

We are aware that the present site of St John's is too small to accommodate this development, however, there are possible feasible solutions:

1. There is local amenity land immediately adjacent to the current school site and this could provide an area into which St John's could expand.
2. St John's could move to the proposed Elmete site
3. Although not the preferred option, St John's could operate on a split site

We do not consider this proposal to be any more challenging or time consuming than the present proposal by the Local Authority as there is a precedent to local primary schools expanding to accommodate additional pupil places that were needed for September 2011.

Revd Clive Sedgewick
Diocesan Director of Education



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R038
For**Proposed primary school provision via 'all through school' at Elmete Lane****Sent:** 08 July 2011 15:52**To:** EDUC School Organisation**Cc:** Savage, Lesley

Dear Sir or Madam

As parents of a two children who will be entering into primary school education in 2012 and 2015 we welcome the proposals to create additional primary school places in this area of Leeds. We also like the idea of through school provision and believe it will offer consistency and better transition to secondary school. We also believe that this will reduce the pressure on other local schools such as Kerr Mackie and Gledhow and will give parents more choices.

A couple of questions:

Currently geographical proximity to a primary school is taken into account when offering places; for the new proposed school at Elmete Lane will this also be the case or will all children who would be in the catchment for the current Roundhay Secondary School be given equal priority?

I am slightly concerned that if my child were to be offered a place at the proposed new school and was entering reception in 2012... it is going to be an unusual school environment with no other year groups attending.. and I wonder if this might feel a little isolated? Has any consideration been given to this and would pupils from the secondary school attend the Elmete site for any lessons/activities?

Many Thanks

Yours

R034- For

Signed _____ on behalf of [Name] [Signature]

To: EDUC School Organisation

Hello, I'm writing to give my support to the roundhay primary school proposal. I'm very pleased there could be an option for a through school in the area.

Many thanks

for 2001

Proposed thru school for Roundhay High School

Sent: 22 June 2011 13:33

To: EDUC School Organisation

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I wish to write in support of the above proposal. The facts are quite clear that a rising number of primary school pupils cannot all be catered for within existing institutions. The site of the former Braim Wood High School for Boys is an ideal site for such a school given its previous education usage and is close to Elmete SILC which can be of benefit to both set of pupils.

I do understand the fears of St John's CE Aided school and some parents but I am with President Franklin Roosevelt when he said "we have nothing to fear but fear itself". It is inevitable when such fears arise a groundswell of opposition will occur but as responsible citizens we have to look at the wider picture.

Roundhay High school is rightly proud of its reputation and educational achievements and has not entered into discussions with Education Leeds without giving every consideration to what it would mean for the current school and its potential role as an all thru school. A decision by governors to consider this option has been based on its knowledge of the area and its confidence in the ability of the school to attract highly qualified staff to contribute to the success of an all thru school.

There is also a strong sense of ethics and an ethos of co-operation and commitment both within and without the school which are qualities which cannot be guaranteed with any other potential providers who remain unknown at this stage.

I therefore heartily endorse this visionary step by Education Leeds which future parents and pupils will appreciate greatly.

Yours sincerely,

for

R002

re: proposed through school in Roundhay**Sent:** 27 June 2011 22:13**To:** EDUC School Organisation

To whom it may concern,

I write to offer my comments regarding the proposed "all through school" at the former Braimwood School site. As a local resident in the area, I was delighted to hear that Roundhay school had been approached by the local council to open a new primary school in the area. I know that so many friends have struggled to get their children into other schools in the area demonstrating that there is a clear need for another primary school. I certainly wish I had had the option of selecting this school for my children when they entered the schools system. It is my belief that children have the right to gain a place at a local school and with such high demand this is clearly not always happening and I fear this situation will in years to come only get worse. The proposed school would go some way in offering a very real solution to this problem.

I am also so pleased that the Braimwood site, which has sat neglected for so long, would finally be used in such a positive way.

Thank you for considering my comments and I look forward to hearing the final decision when it is made.

Yours faithfully

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