

Appendix 1: Proposal to increase capacity at St John’s Primary– Overview of Consultation Responses

Reasons Against Proposal	% of respondents against proposal	WCC response
<p>Increase in Traffic: Increase in traffic as a result of the expansion and the impact this would have on the roads around the school such as Mortimer Road, Roseland and Chestnut Avenue, particularly relating to parking, and the safety of pedestrians/residents</p>	63%	<p>WCC are aware that there is likely to be an impact on the highways infrastructure around the school. As part of the feasibility process, the project team has engaged with Highways and Road Safety through the pre application process to ensure that the required transport surveys and assessments are undertaken to inform a potential planning application. If approved by Cabinet, the impact of the expansion would be considered through the statutory planning process.</p>
<p>Additional Parking: Concerns and comments that additional parking would be needed to accommodate the additional teaching and support staff, to prevent further overflow onto the surrounding roads</p>	20%	<p>The feasibility and planning process will investigate the necessary additional parking requirements for the school</p>
<p>Safe Crossing Points: Would increase the need for a safe crossing point – lights, crossing patrol etc. The increase in traffic and parking can reduce visibility making it difficult</p>	18%	<p>WCC are aware that there is likely to be an impact on the highways infrastructure around the school. As part of the feasibility process, the project team as engaged with Highways and Road Safety through the pre application process to ensure that the required transport surveys and assessments are undertaken to inform a potential planning application. If approved by Cabinet, the impact of the expansion would be considered through the statutory planning process.</p>

for pedestrians and cyclists to cross safely		
Impact on external space: Concerns regarding any new building encroaching onto playing field space	10%	Options for providing the required additional accommodation do not build on playing field space – preference to use infilling or extending onto underused external area.
Impact of building works on learning environment: noise, building works and air pollution	8%	The project team would aim to cause as little disruption to the pupils as possible. The contractor would work with the school and phase the project to ensure the works with the greatest impact can be undertaken when pupils are not in the school.
Impact of building work on local residents	8%	The building works will be contained to the school site. The project team will aim to keep any disruption to a minimum and temporary.
Open a new school	8%	New schools will form part of the larger strategic sites. However, there is housing development prior to the introduction of these schools 3-5 years away that will create additional school places
Road safety measures: concern for the safety of pupils around the school which could be improved with traffic calming measures, traffic lights	6%	As part of the statutory planning application, transport assessment and surveys and consultation with Highways/road safety will be undertaken.
More detail on build	4%	Further detail on how the accommodation will form part of the planning application once finalised
Increase in pupil numbers impacting on quality of education	2%	A larger school doesn't necessarily correlate to the reduction in education quality. Staffing and resources are increased to continue to meet pupils teaching needs. The gradual year on year growth also facilitates a smoother transition from 1FE to 2FE
Limit activities for pupils	2%	Resources are increased and timetabled
Ofsted: concerns school not had a recent Ofsted	2%	School has recently had an Ofsted inspection
No Demand	2%	Demand is forecast and currently in year pressure on a number of year groups as a result of limited capacity
School Security	2%	Existing security measures and protocols
Not a preferred school	2%	A number of factors contribute to school expansion – location, site size, existing internal space, funding, Ofsted rating.
More lunchtime supervision	2%	An increase in pupil numbers will require the school to undertake a programme of recruitment

Staffing for SRP	2%	The school will be undertaking a programme of specialist recruitment to ensure the SRP is resourced appropriately to meet the pupils needs
Reasons In Agreement with Proposal	% of respondents For proposal	WCC response
Increase in Traffic: Supporting the proposal but concerns relating to the increase in traffic and how this will be managed	36%	WCC are aware that there is likely to be an impact on the highways infrastructure around the school. As part of the feasibility process, the project team has engaged with Highways and Road Safety through the pre application process to ensure that the required transport surveys and assessments are undertaken to inform a potential planning application. If approved by Cabinet, the impact of the expansion would be considered through the statutory planning process.
Safe Crossing Points: concerns for the safety of children with the increase in traffic. Would like to see a safe crossing point implemented – such as pedestrian crossing	28%	WCC are aware that there is likely to be an impact on the highways infrastructure around the school. As part of the feasibility process, the project team as engaged with Highways and Road Safety through the pre application process to ensure that the required transport surveys and assessments are undertaken to inform a potential planning application. If approved by Cabinet, the impact of the expansion would be considered through the statutory planning process.
Additional SEND places needed	20%	Proposal aims to increase the number of special resourced provision places in the local area
Additional places needed in Kenilworth	20%	Proposal aims to increase the number of mainstream places available in the local area
Additional Parking	12%	The feasibility and planning process will investigate the necessary additional parking requirements for the school
Road Safety Measures: Access, traffic calming, safe crossing need to be looked at alongside the proposal	12%	As part of the statutory planning application, transport assessment and surveys and consultation with Highways/road safety will be undertaken.
Impact on external space	4%	Options for providing the required additional accommodation do not building on playing field space – preference to use infilling or extending onto underused external area.
Staffing	4%	The school will undertake recruitment for additional staff as the school expands

Building and infrastructure needs to be provided	4%	Additional accommodation considered alongside Department for Education guidelines
Impact of SRP on rest of school: exposure to potential negative behaviour	4%	WCC promotes inclusion within mainstream settings. The SRP will allow the flexibility for pupils in the SRP to join their peers for teaching and learning when appropriate and supported by staff.
Reasons neither agree/disagree with Proposal	% of respondents For proposal	WCC response
Increase in Traffic: Concerns relating to the increase in traffic and how this will be managed	56%	WCC are aware that there is likely to be an impact on the highways infrastructure around the school. As part of the feasibility process, the project team has engaged with Highways and Road Safety through the pre application process to ensure that the required transport surveys and assessments are undertaken to inform a potential planning application. If approved by Cabinet, the impact of the expansion would be considered through the statutory planning process.
Impact on existing schools	25%	Planning is required to ensure there are sufficient school places in the area and capacity to create in year movement. If all schools are full no further children can be accommodated particularly in an area of growth
Safe Crossing Points: concerns for the safety of children with the increase in traffic. Would like to see a safe crossing point implemented – such as pedestrian crossing	19%	WCC are aware that there is likely to be an impact on the highways infrastructure around the school. As part of the feasibility process, the project team as engaged with Highways and Road Safety through the pre application process to ensure that the required transport surveys and assessments are undertaken to inform a potential planning application. If approved by Cabinet, the impact of the expansion would be considered through the statutory planning process.
Additional SEND places needed	6%	Proposal aims to increase the number of special resourced provision places in the local area
Additional Parking	13%	The feasibility and planning process will investigate the necessary additional parking requirements for the school
Impact on external space: like to see building on playground/playing field avoided	6%	Options for providing the required additional accommodation do not building on playing field space – preference to use infilling or extending onto underused external area.

Staffing: Make sure there is enough staff	6%	The school will undertake recruitment for additional staff as the school expands
Funding: Funding needs to be available	6%	School will be funded on a per pupil basis. Additional financial support is available from the LA if required whilst the school grows
Limited hall and after school space	6%	Additional accommodation requirements looked at alongside Department for Education guidelines