APPENDIX 3

Proposed permanent expansion of Pupil Places at St. Peter's CE Primary School

Consultation Responses Analysis:

Number of leaflets distributed approximately 500

	No. of responses received Agreed	No. of responses received Opposed	No. of responses received Didn't Know
Parent/Carer	7	45	7
Governor	1	0	0
Staff	9	0	0
Pupil/Other	4	17	2
TOTALS	**21**	**62**	**9**

Where reply forms indicated more than one type of respondent only one has been included in the table above using a priority order of 'parent/carer', 'governor', 'staff' and then 'pupil/other'.

The above analysis does not include a petition received opposing the proposed expansion of St. Peter's CE Primary School that included 73 signatures. This petition is referred to separately within the report to CYP Committee dated 3.12.12.

Comments/Issues/Points raised within Written/Electronic/On-line responses:

The decision making process

- Clarification sought on why the proposed additional school places were not provided when new family housing in the area was built
- Opinion expressed that more school places will be needed in St. Peter's Primary's locality due to alleged new housing being considered for the area
- Clarification sought on why St. Peter's Primary had been chosen for expansion rather than other local primary schools. It was hoped that other alternative solutions had also been fully explored.
- Opinion expressed that there is no supporting evidence to warrant the proposed increase in school places
- Clarification sought on the proposed implementation of the new school places; would they all be provided from September 2013 or on a rolling programme
- Clarification sought about where was a traffic management plan for St. Peter's Primary, citing that pupils allegedly travel from around Mansfield town to attend the school. Feeling then expressed that it is not sufficient to simply encourage pupils to walk to the school, citing that road safety for children is a major concern.
- Opinion expressed and concern raised that the whole plan for the additional school places had not been planned adequately enough
- Opinion expressed that the consultation process was flawed in the way the consultation leaflet was circulated to parents/carers
- In opposing the proposal, reference made of the legal requirement of the County Council to publish a notice under the provisions of current statutory regulations
- In opposing the proposed expansion, opinions expressed that under the provisions of School Premises Regulations, the proposal is allegedly unlawful
- Opposition expressed to the proposal, citing there are alleged detrimental impacts on sustainability, the environment, human rights, equalities, finance, and that the rationale for recommending it's implementation is unproven
- In opposing the proposal, opinion expressed that the County Council's pupil data demonstrates that St. Peter's Primary will have future surplus school places
- Opinion expressed of having no confidence that interested parties views will be considered, unless they fit in with the County Council's strategic plan
- Support expressed for the proposal as it presents an opportunity to extend Church of England provision in Mansfield

Staffing matters

- Comment made that the proposal will enable more staff to be employed at the school
- Supportive comment expressed that the proposal should go ahead providing school staffing levels are adequate to ensure the high standards at the school are continued
- Concerns expressed that the proposal would mean more stress for teachers with larger class sizes, citing that the school allegedly already relies on parental help with class activities
- Opinion expressed that a lack of additional teachers would mean pupils suffering a reduction in teaching quality currently provided
- Concerns raised about the potential for pupil/teacher ratios being affected by the proposal
- Support expressed for how the staff at St. Peter's Primary look after and educate children admitted to the school
- Comment made there is allegedly a high number of supply teachers used at St. Peter's Primary, citing that the use of mixed year groups would not be educationally effective if introduced at the school

Building and site related issues

- Concerns raised about the potential impact the proposed expansion might have on children already at the school during any building works on site, especially concerning safety, health and educational issues
- Assumptions made that the proposed expansion will impact on the school's playground facilities, and so more/better use of its playing field should be considered
- Concern raised about the loss of outdoor space at the school, citing previous Ofsted reports had allegedly highlighted the need for St. Peter's Primary to improve Physical Education provision
- Concerns raised about an apparent loss of natural daylight of the main school emanating from the proposed new buildings location
- Comment made that perhaps a change in lunch and playtime management should be considered if additional children were to be admitted emanating from the proposed school expansion
- Concerns expressed that the school's current facilities are not adequate enough to cope with more children being admitted to the additional school places being proposed
- Concerns expressed that lunch and playtime management will be difficult to supervise by the proposed addition of more children
- In supporting the proposal, comments made that parking facilities should be carefully considered and planned
- In strongly opposing the proposal, concerns raised about current daily inconsiderate and potentially very dangerous and hazardous parking during school term-time when alleged parents/carers drop-off/collect their children from St. Peter's Primary
- Concern raised that a lot of commercial vehicles and lorries allegedly also use the road in the school's vicinity
- Reference made to the school's lack of on-site car park and the sharing arrangement with the local community centre. Clarification sought on

whether this agreement would be formalised to protect the school's future continuing use of it, especially in the light of potentially more cars travelling to the school.

- Concern raised that there is no planned covered link to the main school for the additional school places
- Concerns raised about the style/fabric of the new classrooms being proposed
- Concern expressed about loss of trees on St. Peter's Primary site if the proposal is approved, citing that these were donated by the Church and have alleged preservation orders on them

Financial issues

- Opinion expressed that St. Peter's Primary is a fantastic school and the proposed expansion should help fund better educational facilities on the site
- Feeling expressed that the proposal will put the school on another platform to access financial support
- Opinion expressed of why should parents support the proposed expansion, citing the implications of alleged further cuts in grants and support for schools
- Reference made to an alleged financial contribution from parent/carers to buy St. Peter's Primary some new outdoor play equipment. Clarification then sought on what would happen to this equipment if its current location was affected by the proposed expansion.

Pupil, Curriculum and Community related issues

- Comment made that increasing the capacity of the school will provide more diversity of school places
- Feelings expressed that the proposal could have a detrimental effect on the school's excellent parent/teacher network by creating a larger school
- Feelings expressed that the Church of England ethos and educational environment at St. Peter's Primary should be extended to more children
- Concerns expressed that the school would lose its small community feel if it were expanded
- In supporting the proposed expansion, concern also expressed about the potential impact on the school of introducing so many new children all at once
- Reassurance sought that providing more school places would not impact on one-to-one teaching for existing pupils
- Comment made that the proposed additional school places will provide more opportunities for children to attend a school that is closest to their home
- Reference made to the provision of new family type housing in the vicinity of St. Peter's Primary and how this had impacted on the

school's ability to admit all children requesting to attend the school. Feeling then expressed that providing more school places is therefore desperately needed.

- Feelings expressed that St. Peter's Primary needs to grow to provide a community service to the Church and local area
- Feeling expressed that the proposal will not benefit the local community, especially as there are other primary schools within the locality that children could allegedly attend
- Supportive comment made that providing the quality of the school is not affected, then the proposed expansion should proceed
- Reference made to the school's very good reputation with the local community and that the refusal of child admissions to the school on the grounds of being oversubscribed, is very disappointing for all concerned
- Opinion expressed that class sizes are too large at St. Peter's Primary after Year 3
- Opinion expressed that mixed year groups can work very well to support children's learning and progression, and they allow teachers to plan effectively
- Comment made that the proposed increase in school places is an exciting prospect
- Opposition expressed to the use of mixed year groups, citing there is allegedly little evidence supporting this method of teaching
- Clarification sought and concern raised on how the school's admissions policy might be affected by an increase in pupil intake
- Opinion expressed that the proposed expansion of St. Peter's Primary would be detrimental to children's education, citing the school's alleged current socio-economic environment as an important factor
- Concerns raised that the Christian family ethos of St. Peter's Primary will be affected/lost if the proposed school's expansion goes ahead
- In opposing the proposal, feeling expressed that St. Peter's Primary is the right size as it is
- Concern raised about the potential effect the proposal could have on secondary school places