

APPENDIX 2

Possible permanent expansion of Pupil Places at Forest Town Community Primary School, Mansfield

Consultation Responses Analysis:

Number of consultation leaflets distributed approximately 550

	No. of responses received Agreed	No. of responses received Disagreed	No. of responses received Didn't Know
Parent/Carer	3	3	1
Governor	0	0	0
Staff	0	0	0
Pupil School Council of Forest Town Primary	1	0	0
Other	0	1	0
Unspecified	1	0	0
TOTALS	5	4	1
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/carers', 'governor', 'staff' and then 'pupil/other'.			

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

The decision making process

- Support expressed for the proposal, citing that it would be a fantastic opportunity to accept more pupils into the school
- In disagreeing with the proposed expansion, opinion expressed that the school would lose its character and 'homely/village' feel
- Comments made that if the County Council insist on providing additional pupils places, why can't they just build another primary school elsewhere and leave the other feeder schools alone
- Opinion expressed that the proposed number of pupil places required should be shared equally amongst other schools

Staffing matters

- Opinion expressed that if any new teachers are employed to help facilitate the proposed expansion, they will need to embrace the highly successful systems that the school has allegedly recently adopted
- Opinion expressed and clarification sought that as class sizes at Forest Town Primary are already at their limit, would extra teachers and teaching assistants be employed
- In disagreeing with the proposal, feeling expressed that it could have a detrimental effect on existing pupils' learning, citing that teachers may possibly be unable to give pupils the time and attention they may need whilst in class

Building and site related issues

- Opinion expressed that the proposed new premises should be 'state of the art' in Technology and built for the future
- To accommodate the proposed expansion, comment made that there should be an aim to improve the school's general facilities such as its canteen, hall and IT systems
- Clarification sought on how a further 120 pupils could be accommodated when differing times already exist for the dining room, hall and playground, to cater for children currently at the school
- Citing that Forest Town's school hall allegedly can not accommodate the whole school, clarification sought on whether a new one would be provided
- Opinion expressed that if the school's playing field is used for the proposed expansion, then the school should be encouraged to use it more often
- Feeling expressed that the proposal will make the school too big
- Citing that allegedly there is currently insufficient parking and poor traffic control in the vicinity of Forest Town Primary, opinion expressed that this situation will only get worse if the proposal goes ahead

Pupil, Curriculum and Community related issues

- Opinion expressed that Forest Town Primary is a lovely school and it would be excellent to see more pupils being able to attend it and experience what it has to offer
- In supporting the proposal, comment made of now understanding how the proposed expansion development will progress, and what impact it will have on the school
- In disagreeing with the proposal, opinion expressed that some children with disabilities allegedly already struggle with the number of pupils in primary schools, and several allegedly are unable to attend secondary schools due to the large size of them
- Feeling expressed that as the Forest Town community has increased, then the school needs to expand with it
- Support expressed for the proposal providing it is phased in and parents/carers are consulted during the process, and there is no detrimental effect on existing pupils and class sizes