

Informal Consultation took place between 25 September 2017 and 24 November 2017

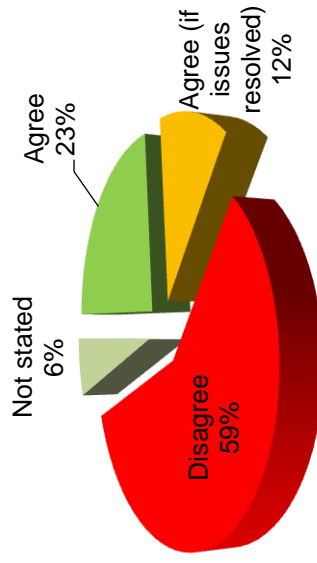
On 25 September 2017 the link to the consultation document was distributed to interested parties as follows:

- All parents, staff and governing body of The Radcliffe School
- All local schools: St Mary and St Giles CE, St Mary Magdalene Catholic Primary, Bushfield, Castlethorpe First, Greenleys First, Greenleys Junior, Hanslope Primary, Haversham Village, Russell Street, Slated Row and Wyvern
- All secondary schools in Milton Keynes
- Local ward councillors
- Constituency MPs
- Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council
- MKC Officers
- CoE Diocesan Board of Education and NORES, Parish Centre Holy Ghost Catholic Church
- Trade unions

The consultation was also available on the council's website, alongside an electronic response form.

A total of 17 responses were received

10 (56%) respondents disagreed with the expansion proposal



Key themes of concern:

1. Concerns regarding the access route to the school, the possibility of a dedicated entrance and the impact on pupils and road users.
2. Expanding the school will further impact on the insufficient space in the sixth form area, dining hall and corridor space.
3. Staff turnover is high and there are a number of staff vacancies at the school. How will the school staff the expansion?
4. Concern that the September 2017 OFSTED inspection found that the school is underperforming and "requires improvement". The Governing Body and teaching staff should be supported by MKC to deliver the required improvement in school performance before consideration is given to any expansion proposal.
5. Increasing the school's size will impact on pupils' anxieties, well-being and sense of belonging. Classes of more than 30 pupils will be detrimental. Larger schools can appear impersonal and have communication issues.

Alternative suggestions identified by consultees:

1. Consideration should be given to expanding other schools or expanding the school onto a second site
2. The opening of the new secondary school in the Western Expansion Area (WEA) should help address the shortfall of places.
3. Stantonbury Campus should not have been allowed to decrease their published admission number and this should be increased to meet the demand for school places.
4. Children should only be allowed to attend their catchment school.