

Secondary School Expansion Proposals

Consultation Response Form - November 2009

Background

The Council is proposing to enlarge nine secondary schools to accommodate Luton's growing population.

The schools identified for expansion are:

- Ashcroft High School
- Cardinal Newman Catholic School
- Lealands High School
- Stopsley High School
- Challney High School for Boys
- Denbigh High School
- Icknield High School
- Putteridge High School
- Woodlands Secondary School (Special)

Methodology

- A formal consultation period ran from 9 November to 11 December 2009 during which a series of public consultation meetings were held to provide more information.
- The Council was seeking the views of parents, staff, governing bodies and residents on the expansion proposals.
- A copy of the Secondary School Expansion Proposal Document and questionnaire were available from the named schools and the Council's website.

Results

- In total 46 questionnaires were returned, 26 online surveys, 12 paper surveys, and 8 letters and emails.
- Comments were made regarding all of the 9 expanding schools but the majority of responses related to Icknield High School (41%) and Challney High School for Boys (33%).
- The majority of respondents object to the Secondary School Expansion proposals. However, the objections expressed only related to 3 schools, Cardinal Newman Catholic School, Challney High School for Boys and Icknield High School. The majority of objections were received by local residents (93%).
- The majority of responses came from local residents (76%). Just under a third of respondents (29%) were parents or parents of prospective pupils at one or more of the expanding schools.
- The main concerns expressed by the respondents were about the traffic congestion and the illegal and obstructive parking. Residents living in the Icknield High School area also sited problems with litter and pupils' behaviour.

Which school does your response relate to?

3 (7%) *Ashcroft High School*
 9 (20%) *Cardinal Newman Catholic School*
 2 (4%) *Lealands High School*
 8 (17%) *Stopsley High School*
 15 (33%) *Challney High School for Boys*
 4 (9%) *Denbigh High School*
 19 (41%) *Icknield High School*
 3 (7%) *Putteridge High School*
 4 (9%) *Woodlands Secondary School (Special)*

Do you support or object to the proposals as outlined in the Secondary School Expansion Proposal document? *Tick one box only*

7 (15%) *Yes, support fully*
 13 (28%) *Yes, support partly*
 15 (33%) *No, object*
 7 (15%) *Not sure*

Graph A

Counts Analysis % Respondents	Base	Missing	Do you support or object to the proposals			
		No reply	Yes, support fully	Yes, support partly	No, object	Not sure
Base	46	4 9%	7 15%	13 28%	15 33%	7 15%
Missing						
No reply	1	1 100%	-	-	-	-
Which school does your response relate to?						
Ashcroft High School	3	-	2 67%	-	-	1 33%
Cardinal Newman Catholic School	9	-	1 11%	3 33%	3 33%	2 22%
Lealands High School	2	-	1 50%	-	-	1 50%
Stopsley High School	8	-	4 50%	2 25%	-	2 25%
Challney High School for Boys	15	1 7%	2 13%	4 27%	5 33%	3 20%
Denbigh High School	4	-	2 50%	1 25%	-	1 25%
Icknield High School	19	2 11%	2 11%	5 26%	7 37%	3 16%
Putteridge High School	3	-	2 67%	-	-	1 33%
Woodlands Secondary School (Special)	4	-	2 50%	-	-	2 50%

The majority of respondents object to the Secondary School Expansion proposals, however, the objections expressed only related to 3 schools, Cardinal Newman Catholic School, Challney High School for Boys and Icknield High School (see graph A). The majority of objections were received from local residents (93%).

If you do not fully support the expansion proposals, please explain why. Please write in the box below

Ashcroft High School

- No comments received.

Cardinal Newman Catholic School

- "I understand the reasons for it, my concerns centre on class sizes and the school capacity. It is all well and good building new buildings, but what about the number of teachers, the structure of the existing school, i.e. policies and procedures in place, the staffing structure, the outdoor facilities, the parking facilities and traffic management to and from school. Are these being addressed also? The class size is a big issue for me."
- "Denbigh High school requires a much larger pupil intake -Proposed intake for Icknield far too large"
- "As a local resident my objection is based on the amount of extra traffic this will involve. Warden Hill Rd is practically a no-go area at the beginning and end of the school day. The road was not built to cope with all of the buses and cars needed now let alone for more pupils. What if the emergency services are needed at this time? They will not be able to get through. What damage is being done to the environment with all the emissions? What damage is being done to our property?"
- "a complete lack of information as to the impact of this expansion on local residents and the local area. Local residents are as ever last on the list of priorities to the council."
- "There are significant issues for the local community regarding the traffic generated by staff and pupils/parents twice a day. As the school is likely to increase by approximately 20%, there may be a corresponding increase in traffic. The traffic problem has been made worse by the alterations that the council made earlier this year to the end of the road. Two cars used to be able to sit parallel, one waiting to turn right, while one waited to turn left. Now there is only room for one car. This means that the traffic backs right up the road."
- "I can understand why there is a need to increase numbers at the school, but I think before this is done a considerable amount of work needs to be done in relation to the transport issue. As a catholic school, Cardinal Newman School attracts children from a wide catchment area, and it is therefore less likely that pupils are able to walk to school. However, the whole of Warden Hill Road is completely jammed by traffic at either end of the school day, and particularly in the afternoon. There are far too many children brought and collected by car, many of which have only one child in. Cars are parked in every available space on the road, making it very difficult for residents to get in and out of their properties, or to exit the road onto the A6. In addition, it would be almost impossible for an emergency vehicle to access any property at this time of day. Parents need to be discouraged from collecting their children immediately outside the school gates (as children are 11 yrs upwards they are able to walk more than 100metres from the school!). More bus services, or an agreement for example for additional parking with Barnfield college site (behind Homebase) might help. If the transport issue is not dealt with the situation in Warden Hill Road will be intolerable. I would not agree with the expansion unless this issue is dealt with."

Lealands High School

- No comments received

Stopsley High School

- "I understand the reasons for it, my concerns centre on class sizes and the school capacity. It is all well and good building new buildings, but what about the number of teachers, the structure of the existing school, i.e. policies and procedures in place, the staffing structure, the outdoor facilities, the parking facilities and traffic management to and from school. Are these being addressed also? The class size is a big issue for me."
- "Not sure what this would mean to the school - would it become overpopulated? Would it mean the catchment area is larger? Wouldn't want to attract pupils from other areas really outside of Stopsley and Bushmead"
- "I want reassurance that the ratio of pupils to teachers will be adjusted together with the intake of additional pupils. And that teaching staff will be 'permanently employed' and not fill-in/support/agency/temp. teachers"

Challney High School for Boys

- "With the expansion of any School facilities and buildings in the Luton area raises the problem to the surrounding residents and subsequent Council Tax payers of a nation wide problem of Vehicle congestion. This is my main concern as, the proposal will only aggravate what is currently a very serious problem in the vicinity of Challney High School for Boys and Girls where I live."
- "Location of the site and current access arrangements cause major disruption to local residents on a daily basis - increasing capacity will only make the problem worse."
- "I object if nothing is done about the traffic which is already terrible in the morning and afternoon. Perhaps you could ban parents from dropping off their kids. Perhaps a couple of adults could be posted around the side streets at chucking out time to stop pupils chucking litter on the streets and into gardens which they do regularly. Have evening classes for parents on birth control and how to bring up their children because a lot of them obviously have no idea."
- "I understand the need to expand the school but as a resident I am concerned about the impact the increased pupils at the school will have on traffic. The road outside the school is already very congested at the moment and I imagine this would be a lot worse if there were more pupils at the school. Will there be any provisions taken to manage the increased number of vehicles going to the school so that traffic in the area will not be made worse?"
- "I would like to see a smaller RC school to the West of Luton (11-16) and the girls school premises at present would do nicely, allowing some sharing of facilities with the present boys school."
- "I hope that the building planners give enough provision for car parking spaces, taking into consideration that lots of parents collect their children. Also for student, teachers (parking spaces)"
- "We are worried about increased traffic down this increasingly busy road but understand that there will be another entrance to the new girls school which might help."
- "as a resident in the vicinity we have had a massive monstrosity built on to challney school, this building has effected the already decreased house price, more increased noise ,the school is overlooking houses. I believe this school expansion would not be good for the residents, and another school with more space should be looked at"
- "Area is too crowded and at certain times of the day local residents suffer with cracked pavements and cars parked over long periods"
- "The difficulties we residents find with the parking in our road. Street is far too narrow, emergency services can find it to be obstructive, yellow lines would be the answer. Please give this your utmost consideration. Thank you."

- "I do not support the expansion proposal as Wellgate Road is already an overflow car park for Challney School. An expansion to the school would mean even more traffic and car parking. Wellgate Rd is a very narrow road so to park cars is a danger and inconvenience to the residents. One very important concern is that if an emergency vehicle e.g. ambulance or fire engine had to enter the road it would be a serious problem. Finally at certain times in the day the residents can not come out of their drive and cannot enter the road to return to their houses."
- "Impossible to get out of drive or road for cars parked at school times. if they walked to save the planet it would do them more good and give us peace."

Denbigh High School

- "Denbigh High school requires a much larger pupil intake -Proposed intake for Ickniel far too large"

Ickniel High School

- "I don't think it will go well I go to Ickniel and I know people that will not like the fact that a new school will be on Ickniel grounds"
- "Will increase traffic in the area especially Riddy Lane. The road area at the eastern end of Riddy lane is already a major hazard with many cars and ""illegal"" parking and the road crossing habits of pupils leaves much to be desired."
- "I am very concerned that the enormous proposed increase in pupil numbers and staff would greatly add tot he current chaotic traffic conditions that occur in Riddy Lane and Rosslyn Crescent well before and after the start and finish of school each day, caused by parents picking up/dropping off pupils in cars. Local residents have to plan any journey (i.e. to doctors etc) now to avoid these times. The increased traffic will make conditions much worse."
- "I wish to object to the expansion, as it will have major impacts on amenity & adequacy of infrastructure. The nearby residents, particularly on Riddy Lane will be greatly affected, with increased noise, problems with traffic flow, traffic congestion and litter. It will have a major impact on traffic & road safety, including double the amount of pedestrians, traffic & parked vehicles on Riddy Lane, in turn raising health & safety issues for both children, cyclists using the National cycle track & residents. The school entrance/exit is totally insufficient to cope with the increase in school size & there are no new entrances/ exits shown on the proposals, a minimum of two would be essential. Riddy Lane can not cope with an 85.6% increase in pupils at the school. There are already two school's on Riddy Lane & there have been ongoing problems with traffic, noise, litter and vandalism. The road is a busy thoroughfare for access to the A6, with no real or adequate traffic calming measures including speed humps or speed cameras, which you would expect to find on a road with two large schools. The parade of shops already creates issues with youngsters gathering from the schools, creating congestion, noise & litter, and this problem will double if the plans go ahead. The leaflet drop referred to improved access making life easier for nearby residents, but I see no evidence of this in the plans. I intend to write to my local MP along with council, and request that local residents are kept fully informed and consulted by the planning office on an ongoing basis. The plan shown on the leaflet drop is insufficient & there is a lack of information available at the initial proposal meetings."
- "I am a parent of a child who will hopefully be starting in Year 7 at Ickniel High School in September 2012. Living on the outer edge of the schools current catchment area (in Turnpike Drive) I support the proposals to expand Ickniel High School if it gives my child more opportunity to be admitted to the school. That said, having attended one of the consultation meetings on 14/11/09 I am concerned about the following: (1) Ickniel High School is already a 'large' school. Expanding it from the current 290 PAN to a 480 PAN and 2400 pupil capacity will make it a 'huge' school."

(2) The Woodlands Secondary Special School being re-located to the same site as the expanded Icknield High School will mean pupils with challenging behaviours and complex needs will be on the same site as the largest school in Luton. This seems shortsighted and unnecessary. (3) I understand the building work will be going on during the 2012/13 school year which will be my child's first year at Icknield High School. This will surely cause major disruption to the children's education?"

- "Increased traffic congestion, health and safety issues particularly at start and end of day. The existing double yellow lines in the area are completely, you face abuse if you dare say anything. Don't want to live in a road where there are double yellow lines all the way down as my entire family and all neighbours are car drivers. Fatality waiting to happen, in an area where there are road accidents regularly. Increased litter, on an already unacceptable level. Devaluation of property prices. Site never intended for this scale of school. Feel the head teacher is completely ignorant of the local community, his focus should be on improving the existing facilities, not creating havoc and misery for those all round. There are already excellent schools in North Luton, there is no reason for this proposed expansion other than funding. Get back to what is important to young adults and the local community."
- "Parking problems - it is already difficult to park outside our own house. Increased noise, litter and traffic on Riddy Lane and adjacent roads."
- "The area already suffers congestion, considerable litter and parking issues. I can see no realistic way the limited access can support further traffic. Furthermore, noise levels are already unpleasant at busy times of the day"
- "OBJECTION: The only thing that I find now is that the current number of pupils coming by the takeaways shop in Riddy Lane (Indian & Chinese takeaways) and a few of the pupils chuck the cartons in my garden. Some street cleaners collect rubbish first thing in the morning after them, cleaning road but not the gardens."
- "My husband and I have a combined service of over 70 years as teachers in Luton schools. We leave aside the educational advisability of a high school of 2,400 pupils and its proximity to more than 1 takeaway of what might be, in the eyes of government policy, unhealthy food. the standard of behaviour of many of the present pupils walking along Riddy Lane leaves a great deal to be desired. A doubling in size will lead to a further drop in standards to the detriment of local residents. We are very concerned about the existing traffic, parking and litter problems in Riddy Lane all of which can only be made worse by the school expansion. Various appeals have been made in meetings with councillors through the years to very little avail. We believe that 1 day local residents may be cut off from the fire and ambulance services when time is imperative. Riddy Lane is regarded as a through road by these and the police service but between 8-9am and 3-4pm we advise all visitors not to attempt to use Riddy Lane due to the weight of traffic in both directions and the inconsiderate and mainly illegal parking of cars for long periods prior to the collection of pupils. If the expected increase in demand for school places is to come mainly from the Saints area then why not extend Denbigh HS? The area required will not detract from the present situation-the boys have, since the early 50s, used the playing fields at William Austin School. The rebuild of Denbigh HS should be able to cope with an increased demand for places. It is unlikely that some girls from the 'Saints' area will be allowed to walk to and from school. Provision should and must be made for the collection of pupils from Icknield on the school premises and not by waiting in Riddy Lane and adjacent roads. Woodlands, would only exacerbate the traffic problems since the majority of the school's pupils will need transporting. The increased size of the teaching and ancillary staff will add to the present problem."
- "It has come to my attention that Icknield High School in Riddy Lane is proposing to increase its numbers from 1400 to 2610 representing an 86% increase. Unfortunately I was not able to attend the open days at the school to gain further information. I am concerned as to the reason why this change is being proposed, where are these extra children coming from? Has there been a baby boom in the Icknield area or is this for some financial reason?

It is obvious what will happen to the local area, more traffic, additional parking, more students moving about, more rubbish mostly from purchases from the food outlets and shops opposite the school. Also what guarantees can be given that there will not be an increase in the amount of vandalism in the area. Currently I have experienced 1 brick wall being pushed over, 2 car windows being smashed and 1 front window on my house smashed all of which to my knowledge has not resulted anyone being brought to book over these incidences. The police were informed on each occasion and for all their fine words nothing has been done. My past problems seem to be insignificant compared to a close friend who has experienced more than 12 incidents, just looking at the estate agents opposite the school I assume their windows are supposed to be smashed as this seems to be a permanent state.

- I am not against progress in schools as I am a school governor for a local primary school and believe the children's education married with their health and safety is a top priority, but I do feel with the current vandalism problems in the area there must be some form of balance applied to this problem. At present it seems that this increase, which I am unable to see the reason why it is happening, is being done without any thought to the effect on the local community and environment."
- "I strongly object to the proposed expansion to the school. I have lived in Rosslyn Crescent for the past 39 years and even now the traffic and the way people park their cars is causing serious problems, and it's a wonder there's not been a serious accident in the area. The way pupils from the school just litter the streets is also a big concern, so I'm afraid it's a big NO from me."
- "I wish to protest against plans to double the capacity of Icknield High School, what with the nearby Junior schools and Barnfield College which is also expanding. It will put an enormous pressure on the road system, which can barely sustain the traffic congestion, as it is. Twice a day parents drive their children to school and back causing a problem along the Riddy Lane and the northbound A6 especially at the junction of the two, further problems are parking, vandalism and litter."

Putteridge High School

- No comments

Woodlands Secondary School (Special)

- "I am very concerned that the enormous proposed increase in pupil numbers and staff would greatly add to the current chaotic traffic conditions that occur in Riddy Lane and Rosslyn Crescent well before and after the start and finish of school each day, caused by parents picking up/dropping off pupils in cars. Local residents have to plan any journey (i.e. to doctors etc) now to avoid these times. The increased traffic will make conditions much worse."

If you have any other concerns or comments regarding the expansion proposals, please write in the box below.

General comments

- How do the expansion plans aim to implement aspects of the 'Statutory Guidance: Impartial Careers Education' (DCSF, 2009) in each respective school? Can each school highlight how they are working with other agencies, across the public and private sectors to deliver the above? How will the expansion plans facilitate the creation of 'Centres for Excellence in Careers and Employability' within each (or selected) school to ensure that all our children get the entitlement that they deserve regarding impartial careers education, while addressing the issues raised in the DCSF (2009) document of inadequate professional development support for those teaching careers education or providing information, advice and guidance and schools allocating insufficient curricular time to careers education?"

Ashcroft High School

- "I am concerned that my children will not get into the school of our choice."

Cardinal Newman Catholic School

- "Safety of local residents, building noise, pollution, increasing of parents parking unsafely, litter etc"
- "Any expansion to this school will add to the very considerable inconvenience already suffered by the residents of this small road, especially between the hours of 8-9am and 3-4pm when the whole road is so solid with traffic & students were are unable to enter or exit our drives without difficulty. Plus the fact that cars begin parking (half on our pavements) long before 3pm while waiting for students. At other times the road is used as a race track - it will be of no surprise if we hear of a serious accident. If this plan is passed another should also be passed - to compensate the residents in someway would be to reduce their council tax!"

Lealands High School

- No comments

Stopsley High School

- "Will the schools be giving regular updates to the parents and pupils"
- "I will review again once I have seen building and traffic proposals"
- "I am concerned that my children will not get into the school of our choice."

Challney High School for Boys

- "Just what I raised in previous question."
- "It would help to use some of the land available near Dunstable Road and very top of Stoneygate Rd for 'dropping off zone' at beginning and end of school day."
- "The main concern we have is parents and student teachers, on certain days, parking in front of our house blocking our drives and double parking on both sides of the road, in the morning and more so when the school finishes between 3-3.45pm. They park, blocking residents from coming in and out of their own houses. It is terrible for us residents when the school finishes each day. You should send one of your officials to check and observe one day."
- "1 noise 2 damage to environment 3 decrease in house price 4 school overlooking private residence"
- "The parking of cars around the school is a problem at the present time at the end of school day. Too many of the streets and road leading from this school are blocked by parents cars. Surely the answer is in the school grounds with an internal road where pupils can be dropped off and picked up leaving the streets and road clear."
- "Volume of traffic in adjacent roads and parking issues."

Denbigh High School

- No comments

Icknield High School

- "Car parking for staff at the school has to be proactive rather than reactive. Car parking spaces for visitors are difficult to find as despite a new car park being built some years ago, there are now less than required, and parking on grass areas and the parking by staff in visitors spaces is a regular feature. A large drop off area outside the boundary of the school is needed. However, care has to be taken as picking up children from the school is more than a nightmare for other traffic, and this problem will only be exacerbated should the school roll increase significantly."

- "The scale of increase proposed in numbers i.e. 945 at Icknield plus 210 in the new enlarged Woodlands totals 1155 extra places or 7990 more pupils on the site each day compared with the present. This seems grossly out of all proportion to the other schools proposals and will cause many extra journeys by parents in cars bringing and collecting children. A service road from Riddy land/Birdsfoot lan/A6 should be a priority to take school traffic into school, land for parking and for pupil drop off/collection."
- "Presumably the current catchment area for Icknield High School will change/expand to cater for the proposed expansion. It is not clear how the catchment area will change and I would have thought that this should be known now by the school/Council as part of their strategic planning and have been part of the current consultation. How can 'prospective' parents object to/support the proposals unless they know how they will be affected by any catchment area changes? Presumably all children in the current catchment area (including Turnpike Drive) wanting a place at Icknield High School will be admitted in September 2012?"
- "Very strongly oppose the proposed expansion. My own 3 sons attended Icknield High School, having recently left and have found that standards have slipped in ALL areas - to me this is just another example of lack of consideration for real people's daily concerns and values. You need to think about the impact it has on the local community and society. What is the need of such an immense school. Imagine the horror of a young 11 year old feeling so lost in such a vast, cold place. It is wrong from all counts. Do the right thing and focus on improving what you have now - not create a monstrosity for those in it and those who have to live with it."
- "The Council needs to demonstrate better skills on listening to local residents and its behaviour on granting licenses to sell alcohol and fast food notwithstanding considerable objection from local residents."
- "We have Icknield Junior School at one end of Riddy Lane and Barnfield College on the other side of New Bedford Rd. Lots of school traffic and congestion and students gathering and using take-away food in shops in Riddy Lane. High school using the one school entrance for all vehicular access. Riddy Lane is part of the national cycle track which is shared by pedestrians. When busy cyclists are forced to use very busy road as cycle path. Parking is only on-road unless grass/tarmac verges are used. School yellow zig-zag lines are often disregarded. Riddy Lane very busy thoroughfare for cars and lorries to access A6 and has 30mph speed limit with no speed bumps. Undisciplined and inconsiderate parking at nearby shopping parade. Litter problem with discarded food and food wrapping dropped round the whole area. Noise and disturbance from youngsters gathering at lunchtime and after school at parade of shops and outside school entrance. 85% increase in pupil numbers will have a serious negative impact for the residents and the environment in this area of Luton."
- "Riddy Lane is grid locked between 8.30 and 8.45am and in PM making access for emergency vehicles virtually impossible. Real impact is double traffic on Riddy Lane and adjacent roads, double the noise and litter problems (fast food shops situated opposite school), double disruption with pedestrians, car parking and out of hours activities, pavement parking to avoid double yellow lines inhibiting access for disabled citizens, increase in scavenging birds and their mess which pick up discarded chips and bits of chicken."
- "SUPPORT: Support the progress of education for children. Asian population very supportive of their children and want the best for their children and very smartly dressed."
- "Worries expressed about the potential expansion of this school on the grounds that it will create additional traffic and parking problems in the area, particularly in Riddy Lane, caused by parents dropping off and collecting their children, extra staff required and visitors to the school. Inconvenience to local residents but may also cause problems of accessibility to homes by the emergency services. One proposal is for students to be collected from on the school site itself instead of using local roads. Concerns exacerbated by proposed relocation of Woodlands Secondary School."

Students already create litter and rubbish nuisance in area from purchases at the shops and food outlets outside school and neighbours have experienced vandalism to their homes inc broken windows in homes and cars. Concern that problems will increase with additional students. Understands that formal planning proposal has not yet been submitted to the Planning Department but hope that the neighbours concerns will be taken into account when putting together application and that appropriate action taken to ameliorate existing and potential problems."

Putteridge High School

- "I am concerned that my children will not get into the school of our choice."

Woodlands Secondary School (Special)

- "The scale of increase proposed in numbers i.e. 945 at Icknield plus 210 in the new enlarged Woodlands totals 1155 extra places or 7990 more pupils on the site each day compared with the present. This seems grossly out of all proportion to the other schools proposals and will cause many extra journeys by parents in cars bringing and collecting children. A service road from Riddy land/Birdsfoot lane/A6 should be a priority to take school traffic into school, land for parking and for pupil drop off/collection."

Building Schools for the Future Programme – consultation

Icknield High School and Woodlands Secondary School (Special)

As part of the Building Schools for the Future Programme Luton Borough Council plan to develop the new build Icknield High School and the relocated Woodlands (Special Educational Needs) School on the existing Icknield School Site for which a separate consultation process was held.

On 6 November around 800 consultation leaflets were distributed outlining the proposals for more school places, new purpose built facilities, greater community services and improved access. The leaflet gave residents an opportunity to express how they felt about the proposals to develop a new co located Icknield High School and Woodlands Secondary School on the existing Icknield School sit and were asked if they had any other comments.

In total, 71 feedback form were completed. Listed below is a summary of the key issues raised.

School co-location

A significant number of respondents:

- supported the proposals for the co-location and integration of Icknield High and Woodlands (SEN) Secondary schools to provide an inclusive learning community
- thought the redevelopment of Icknield High School and Woodlands (SEN) Secondary Schools could bring positive learning opportunities for students

School and Site Security

With regard to the school and site security, a number of respondents raised the following issues:

- management of the school and site
- security both during and out of schools hours

The existing Icknield High School site

A small number of respondents raised issues with regard to the site and surroundings which they wished any development to take account of. This included:

- existing site conditions and water table
- existing site habitat and surrounding habitat
- their existing views to and from the site – particularly to the surrounding open space
- existing cycle routes which should be considered as part of the overall transport strategy

- building scale

Transport

A significant number of respondents raised transport as an issue with regard to the redevelopment of the Icknield High School site. Their responses highlighted the following issues:

Traffic Management

- concerns regarding the existing management of traffic and parking in the surrounding streets and in particular on Riddy Lane, Rackham Drive and at the junction/roundabout on New Bedford Road. The shops on Riddy Lane were also raised as a contributory factor
- traffic congestion and the potential impact on access for emergency vehicles.
- concerns regarding the management of potentially increased traffic on the surrounding streets and in particular on Riddy Lane. This issue was raised with regard to the schools co locations, increased number of school places, and the wider catchment area.

Vehicle drop off, Collection, Access and Car Parking

- management of drop off and collection was raised as an existing issue, at the start and particularly the end of the school day.
- vehicle drop off and collection (for students) needs to be addressed - appropriate location/s with regard to Riddy Lane and the schools site.
- vehicle access to and from the school site off Riddy Lane
- sufficient and appropriate car parking provision within the school site for staff, visitors and deliveries

Impact on surrounding neighbourhood

- impact of other developments in the surrounding area on traffic flow, including Barnfield College
- would wish to see the new development should address the existing traffic management, drop off/collection and car parking issues.
- impact of this development on traffic to surrounding primary schools, including Icknield Primary School.

Litter

A significant number of respondents raised litter as an issue. This related to:

- existing litter problems particularly with regard to fast food outlets on Riddy Lane and the lack of sufficient provision for litter disposal both for Icknield High School and the existing parade of shops on Riddy Lane.
- the need for a clear strategy and better provision for the management of litter given the increased number of school places.

Impact of shops on Riddy Lane

Whilst not within the site of the development proposals, a significant number of respondents raised the issue of the existing parade of shops on Riddy Lane and in particular the fast food outlets. Issues raised include:

- existing traffic congestion and car parking associated with the shops
- litter in particular with regard to the fast food outlets
- noise and nuisance with regard to the fast food outlets

School management

A number of respondents raised school management as an issue including:

- student behaviour when accessing and leaving the existing Icknield High School and within the surrounding streets
- management of the schools and student day given the increased student numbers
- maintaining and enhancing student learning given the proposed increase size of the

schools

Some respondents:

- felt that the proposed school learning model and layout would assist with the management of the larger Icknield School.

Community Use Facilities

With regard to the provision of community use facilities within the schools, a number of respondents:

- welcomed the proposals for extended school use and potential community access to school facilities
- would like to understand what facilities the community could access and noted they should be accessible to all age ranges within the community

About you

To help us monitor the quality of our services and ensure fair access, we would be grateful if you could complete the following questions about yourself.

Base: 45 respondents

Are you? *Tick all that apply*

- 3 (7%) *A parent of a child(ren) attending one of the expanding schools*
 - 10 (22%) *A prospective parent of a child(ren) attending one of the expanding schools*
 - 0 (0%) *A member of staff at one of the expanding schools*
 - 0 (0%) *A governor at one of the expanding schools*
 - 35 (76%) *A local resident (living about 5 mins walk from one of the expanding schools)*
 - 1 (2%) *A member of the public (but not living within 5 mins walk of any of the expanding schools)*
 - 1 (2%) *A Councillor/MP*
 - 5 (11%) *Other*
- Other, please specify*
- "student"
 - "Council Tax Payer"
 - "Concerned local citizen"
 - "R.C. priest"
 - "parent of previous pupils"

Are you? *Tick one box only*

- 21 (46%) *Male*
- 19 (41%) *Female*
- 2 (4%) *Prefer not to say*

Which age group do you belong to? *Tick one box only*

- 0 (0%) *Under 18*
- 0 (0%) *18 - 24*
- 3 (7%) *25 - 34*
- 11 (24%) *35 - 44*
- 8 (17%) *45 - 54*
- 6 (13%) *55 - 64*
- 8 (17%) *65 and over*

Which of the following groups best describes you? *Tick one box only*

- 25 (54%) *White*
- 1 (2%) *Mixed*
- 5 (11%) *Asian/Asian British*
- 2 (4%) *Black/Black British*
- 0 (0%) *Chinese*
- 0 (0%) *Other*
- 2 (4%) *Prefer not to say*

Do you consider yourself to have a disability? *Tick one box only*

- 5 (11%) *Yes*
- 29 (63%) *No*
- 2 (4%) *Prefer not to say*

If yes, please state which of the following best describes your disability. *Tick all that apply*

- 0 (0%) *Sensory*
- 3 (20%) *Physical*
- 0 (0%) *Mental*
- 0 (0%) *Learning*
- 2 (13%) *Long standing illness*
- 0 (0%) *Other*
- Other, please specify*
 - "Diabetic type 2"

Which one of these best describes you? *Tick one box only*

- 27 (59%) *Hetero-sexual*
- 0 (0%) *Lesbian*
- 1 (2%) *Gay man*
- 0 (0%) *Bi-sexual*
- 5 (11%) *Prefer not to say*

Are you? *Tick one box only*

- 22 (48%) *Christian*
- 0 (0%) *Buddhist*
- 2 (4%) *Hindu*
- 0 (0%) *Jewish*
- 3 (7%) *Muslim*
- 0 (0%) *Sikh*
- 5 (11%) *None*
- 4 (9%) *Prefer not to say*
- Other, please specify religion*
- 0