

Proposed Expansion of St Andrew's C of E Primary School to Three Forms of Entry
From September 2015: Outcome of Consultation

Question

There has been indecent haste about this whole process. The Local Authority is giving the impression of taking decisions 'on the hoof' to respond to a disparity in pupil places without a long-term strategy to address the underlying issues. A new school has been swept into the long grass as being too complicated and costly to countenance (at a time when major funds have been irresponsibly set aside to indulge the Council's own accommodation projects). The responses to the concerns raised about road safety, loss of recreational play space and disruption show a naive and dismissive understanding of the situation. And sending surveyors around the school in the midst of the consultation process was intimidating and in bad taste. The project risks damaging an excellent and popular school running at optimum efficiency. It is bad practice to operate on a healthy patient. A new site solution should be found irrespective of timescales. Will the Committee please confirm that it will heed the findings of this consultation?

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