

Notes from the consultation event regarding the proposed expansion of Barrow Primary School - 17th May 2017, held at the school

As part of the period of consultation which ran from 8 May and 11 June 2017, an appointment led consultation event was held at the school on 17 May 2017. In total, 2 individuals attended the event.

Event attended by Headteacher, Pupil Access Team, School Advisor and members of the School Planning Team.

Individuals attending the consultation event were in support of the proposal but expressed the following issues of concern below:

Members of the United Reform Diocese

Consultees are supportive, but had queries over ownership. They provided a letter they had sent to LCC in 2015. The contents were discussed.

Other issues raised relate to VC status, school signage and other historic issues not related to the consultation.

Potential for greater traffic calming measures were discussed.

In principle the consultees are agreeable to move forward with the expansion.

Parent of current pupil at the school

There were concerns over the remaining outside space, playing field (including drainage issues) and traffic.

Query over who is consulted – concerned that at this stage the residents of the road in front of the school are not directly targeted.

They felt that without plans it is difficult to see anything or comment.

Response:

If the proposal is approved:

- ownership details will be explored;
- the school advisor will take forward issues relating to VC status and historic issues;
- parking and traffic issues would be considered as part of a traffic risk assessment which would be conducted as part of the application to obtain planning permission required for the permanent new build;
- replacement of lost 'hard playground' and 'playing field' space as a consequence of the extension would be provided by the incorporation of a Multi-Use Games Area which would be included if it is found that the proposed expansion reduces the area of 'playing field' as defined by s77 of

the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 to allow for continuity of provision; and

- How stage 1 consultation is carried out is not prescribed in regulations and it is for the proposer (in this case Lancashire County Council) to determine the nature of the consultation and its length. There is no prescription around the level of information provided at stage 1 consultation. Stage 1 consultation is intended to provide parents and the local community with information as to the local authority's proposal, including the reasons for it, and to provide an opportunity for individuals and groups to respond to the proposal. This process is designed to reveal the issues that are of concern to the community and to inform the decision making process as to whether to proceed with the proposal. It is only if the proposals reach stage 3 (the publication of statutory notices and the representation period) that the proposals need to contain the information highlighted by responses.