

Questions to Cabinet

Responses for the Cabinet Meeting on 6 April 2023

1.	Questioner: County Councillor John Potter	Respondent: County Councillor Jayne Rear
	<p>Item 10 - School Place Planning Delivery Programme 2023-25: Update</p> <p>By allocating funding to demolish the old Tulketh High School site and conduct a 2nd consultation, the cabinet is giving the impression that it has already decided what it wants to do and is not interested in what the public believes is appropriate.</p> <p>Out of the first consultation responses what was the percentage of responders that were against using the old Tulketh high school site?</p>	<p>The council is following the statutory process for the establishment of a new school as set out by the Department for Education. This includes an informal consultation on the proposal, followed by a second, formal consultation. This process is referred to on the consultation page of the LCC website and enables the council to begin to understand the views of parents and the community.</p> <p>Whilst this is not a report on the outcome of the consultation, I can share some insight with you.</p> <p>Of those people who responded via the online form on our website:</p> <p>57% agreed, and 11% tended to agree with the proposal. Of these, 16% referred to the location as not being ideal.</p> <p>30% disagreed or tended to disagree with the proposal. Of those people who disagreed or tended to disagree with the proposal, the location was a factor in their response.</p>



		<p>Demand for school places in Preston continues to grow. We continue to engage with existing schools and to progress the development of plans to deliver new places through the expansion of existing schools, where sites permit, as well as the establishment of new schools.</p> <p>We are still in the process of considering the response to the informal consultation and in the interim we are continuing with the preparation of the Tulketh site. I am sure that you will agree that the existing building is in a poor condition and that this work needs to be completed whatever the outcome of the consultation.</p> <p>I can confirm that we are also carrying out site investigations as part of the feasibility of delivering a new school building project on the site North of Maxy Lane whilst acknowledging that the trigger point to transfer the land from the developer to the county council has not yet been met and we have no clear idea, at this point, when this will be.</p> <p>Like you Cllr Potter I am committed to providing more high quality school places in Preston and until the planning system can work to bring the allocated site forward for consideration, I am keeping all options on the table.</p>
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