

Cabinet - 5 December 2024

**Item 10 - School Place Planning Delivery Programme 2024 - 27 - New School
Places in Preston
(Appendix 'B')**

Goosnargh Oliverson's Church of England Primary School Expansion - Open Evening Summary

A Public Consultation took place between 16 September and 13 October 2024 in line with Department for Education Prescribed Alteration Guidance, for making a significant change to a school premises.

Following closure of the consultation, responses were analysed and form part of the main Cabinet report.

In recognition of the heightened concerns raised by the community two further Open Evenings, were held on 20 and 27 November 2024.

This appendix provides a summary of the additional feedback on the proposal to expand Goosnargh Oliverson's Church of England Primary School.



Background

On 20 November, 45 members of the community attended an Open Evening to discuss the expansion at Goosnargh Oliverson's Church of England School.

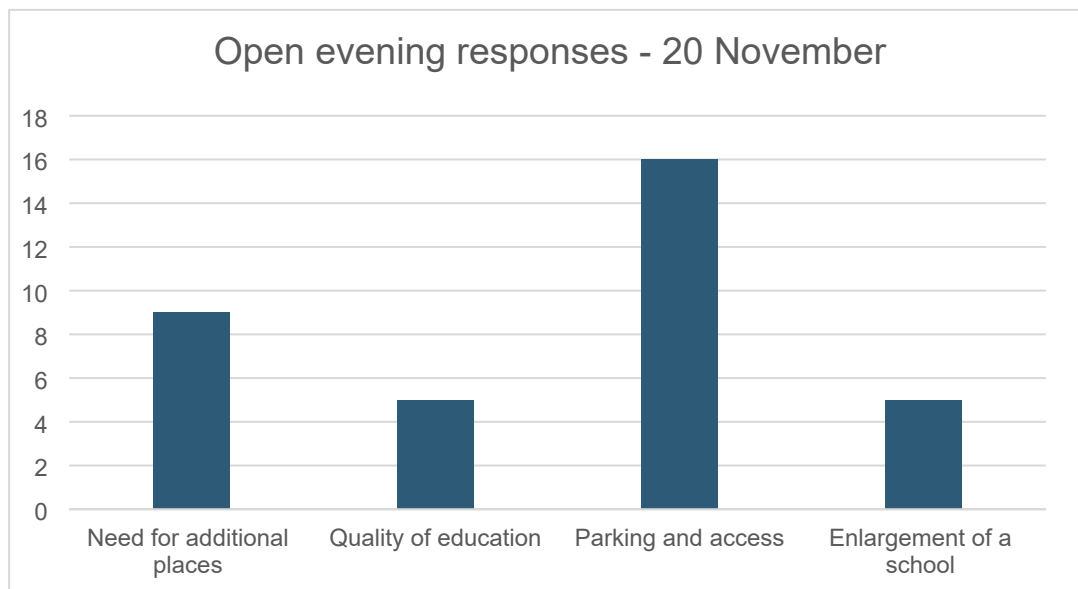
Of the 45 in attendance, 6 were parents of a pupil currently at the school, 32 were residents and 7 stated that they were other.

Of the 45 attendees, 16 (35.56%) completed the evaluation sheet.

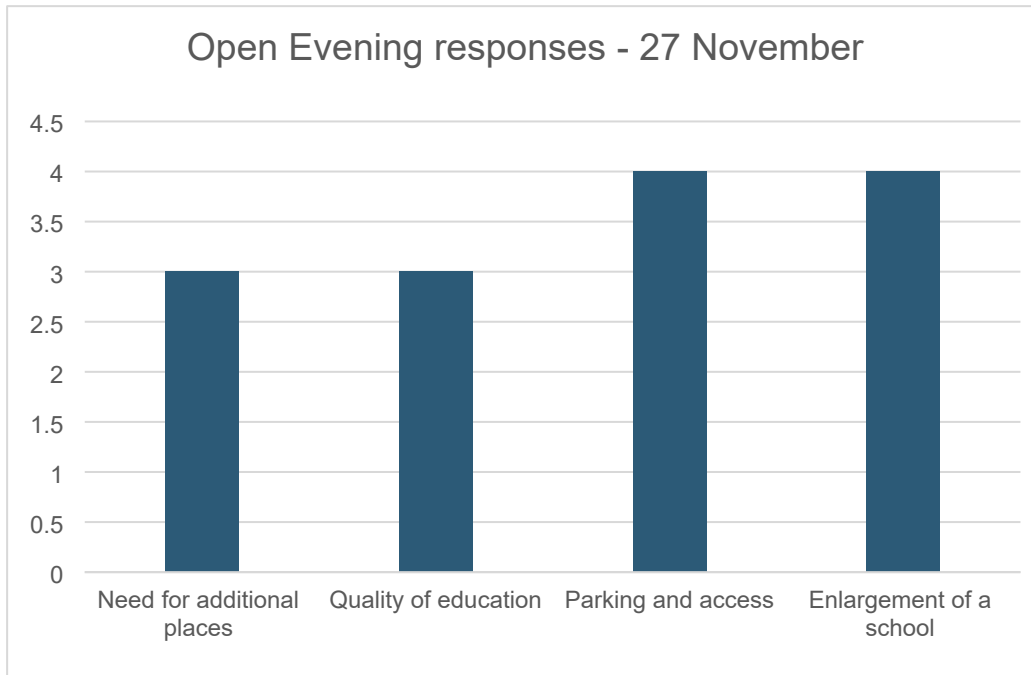
On 27 November, a second Open Evening was held. On this occasion 46 members of the community attended. Of the 46 in attendance, 13 were parents of a pupil currently at the school, 28 were residents and 5 stated they were other.

Of the 46 attendees 4 (8.7%) completed the evaluation sheet.

Overview of responses



- Agreement that there is a definite need, however New School at Whittingham would be better location.
- New School at Whittingham can be tailored to needs of the community.
- Concern of losing the Church ethos and not being able to hold whole school assemblies.
- Highways infrastructure inadequate, there are already existing Health & Safety concerns over parking and access, these would be further exacerbated by enlargement of the school.



- Agreement that there is a need for additional places, however question whether Goosnargh Oliverson's Church of England school is the right location and whether community infrastructure can support the enlargement of the school.
- Concern that a larger school would not provide suitable facilities for whole school worship.
- Parking and access are already a health and safety concern amongst parents of the school and for residents.

Summary

It is evident from the consultation that there is some opposition from those that responded to the consultation, to the expansion of Goosnargh Oliverson's Church of England Primary School, primarily based on insufficient highways infrastructure to support the potential increase in traffic that may come forward as more families attend the school and a view that the location of this expansion is not in the right place.

The School and Diocese and some residents are supportive of the expansion.