

**Results of the Public Consultation regarding
the expansion and relocation of
Manor CE School
February – March 2006**

In mid February 2006 the governors of Manor CE School, together with the York Diocesan Board of Education, began a public consultation regarding the expansion and relocation of the school. The two bodies produced a consultation leaflet outlining the proposals to expand the number of students from the current 636 to 900 and to move the school to a new building on the Millfield Lane site. Statutory notices were published regarding the expansion of the school. Because of the close proximity of the new site there was no requirement to publish a notice regarding the relocation.

The school hosted a public consultation evening on 28 March at 7.00pm. This was well attended with 120 members of the local community present. Those in attendance represented local residents, parents of current students and prospective parents. Patrick Scott, Director of Children's Services and Brian Crosby, Headteacher of Manor CE School spoke to the meeting. Ann Lees Diocesan Director of Education and Dorothy Dellow, Consultant were also present to answer questions.

The school issued a questionnaire to all parents via the students. Some 400 questionnaires were sent to families in the school. There were 175 responses. At the public meeting questionnaires were distributed to all those present. In both cases the questions were the same. As part of the consultation evening the Headteacher asked those present to give an indication as to the feeling of the meeting. A show of hands indicated that those present were overwhelmingly in favour of the two proposals being discussed. Those present showed by 120 to 0 a desire to see the school expand and 116 to 4 wanted to see the school move to the Millfield Lane site.

Results of consultation

Parental View – 175 responses

Proposal	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion	Total
Expand the school to 900	72	74	12	4	13	175
% response	83.4		9.1		7.4	100
Move the school to Millfield Lane	109	51	6	2	9	175
% response	91.0		4.5		4.5	100

Public View – 66 responses

Proposal	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion	Total
Expand the school to 900	60	6	0	0	0	66
% response	100		0		0	100
Move the school to Millfield Lane	62	4	0	0	0	66
% response	100		0		0	100

Issues raised

As well as being asked to vote on the proposals the parents were invited to make written comments about the proposals. The responses revolved around a number of main themes. These are identified below.

In favour of the proposals (91%)

Parents felt that:

- The new build was needed to provide the facilities required for the most up-to-date teaching
- This was a wonderful opportunity to provide more students with the high quality education currently on offer at Manor
- The move should go ahead but that the ethos was the most important aspect of the school and should be retained at the new school
- It would provide much needed additional resources for the local community

Against the proposals (4.5%)

Parents felt that:

- The school could easily lose the ethos in a larger school
- The disruption caused to their child's education would be significant
- The travel to the school would be a difficulty as the ring-road is already over-crowded (this was also mentioned by parents in favour of the development)
- The barrier crossing on the railway line was not safe for the volume of traffic

Consultation Evening

28 March 2006

Responses

1	<p>It is a shame not to have a swimming pool. Fitness gym – open to both pupils and public – maybe in partnership with a private firm. Concerns about disruption to Year 10 and 11</p>
2	<p>We have worries regarding the large lorries travelling on Millfield Lane</p>
3	<p>Look at possibilities of including VIth Form</p>
4	<p>A wonderful opportunity for the future of education on this side of the city. Although expansion will be essential I feel this idea of a VIth Form may be better served elsewhere in this city and you should concentrate on the future of this Manor as a school.</p>
5	<p>Investigate “right of way” seen on old map across the fields – might be useful – I am selling my bungalow (too isolated for an elderly lady).</p>
6	<p>What if any screening will be between my home, next to the proposed school. I would also consider selling my acre site to you.</p>
7	<p>We have children in years 1 and 2 at Poppleton Primary and are very positive towards the new proposals. We feel that it would be an opportunity missed not to have a VIth Form facility and no swimming facility.</p>
8	<p>The 2nd question is rather unfair since there are no alternatives! We should provide for a VIth Form, even if not built now.</p>
9	<p>I hope the transport plans actively encourage travel by sustainable means, not by car.</p>
10	<p>Ex-pupil with a two-year-old son who would love to see the school expand and improve. I fully believe the new site and school will achieve this.</p>
11	<p>Having two boys that would like to attend Manor in the near future and being an ex pupil myself, my husband and I welcome a new larger school in our community.</p>
12	<p>Concerns over the safety of children travelling to and from school. We think this is going to be a wonderful opportunity for all the children and as a former pupil myself I think it is long over due! A VIth Form on site would be a major boost to the whole economy. Please think about this.</p>
13	<p>We strongly support this project and hope that all we have loved about Manor will be maintained as it is made available to more students. A point about safe travel – it has been mentioned that the vast majority live within 1.5km of school. Can the travel plan therefore encourage walking and cycling, rather than car use. VIth Form – I recognise this may not be a realistic possibility. However, having experience another school VIth Form in York and VIth Form college with out two older children, we would favour this option at Manor.</p>
14	<p>Ensure that safety of children is considered bearing in mind the type of level crossing that exists at the moment and the likely increase in vehicular and pedestrian use.</p>
15	<p>My husband and I very much support the development of Manor to support the education of local children and the development of this specific piece of green belt to facilitate that seems to be quite acceptable.</p>
16	<p>No objection to development of the green belt, very supportive of expanding Manor to accommodate more local children.</p>
17	<p>Seems shortsighted not to look at incorporating a VIth Form into a brand new school on west side of York. With regard to future requirement/need this definitely needs to be considered.</p>
18	<p>I am concerned as to access to the new site. Will the opening at Millfield Lane/Low Poppleton Lane to be opened up. If so, will the junction to Beckfield Lane be altered.</p>

19	All very exciting. The VIth Form option ought to be considered fully.
20	Well done. Very exciting proposal. Congratulations to all. As a parent from Poppleton, it is good to hear that places will increase during transition period.
21	Sounds a fantastic opportunity not to be missed not only for Manor School excellent ethos and reputation but for future children of the Acomb area. Do you envisage in the future capturing the old civil service land?
22	I am concerned about the access to the new school, having a daughter who attends Manor already and the lack of cycle lanes along Beckfield Lane. There needs to be great improvements for cycles crossing Boroughbridge Road when the school moves to Millfield Lane.
23	The site is good and we look forward to the new school. The only concern to me is the level crossing barriers.
24	We need a VIth Form from day one.
25	Only concern would be towards traffic, but with careful forethought I'm sure this would be overcome.
26	Very informative meeting
27	Manor is a very good school and needs to expand keeping its expertise in this area.
28	Excellent initiative. Hopefully it will be ready for the 2008/09, with no "call in" by Mr Prescott.
29	Would like VIth Form as well. Better plans re: level crossing Millfield Lane / possibly manned. What will happen to house and bungalow on Millfield Lane, surely they will no longer want to be there – compulsory purchase!
30	Excellent opportunity. Time-scale is a major consideration for me as a parent of a child due to start secondary school in September 2008. If major delays I feel the five years in school would be unfortunately disrupted with missed opportunities.
31	We agree that the most important think to take with you is not the lighting but the ethos. We look forward to the opportunities this brings to make Manor even better. Thank you for organising this consultation. We are pleased (and relieved) to hear that you have identified many major concerns, e.g. disruption in moving to the new school; protecting the greenbelt and the need for a travel plan. However, we would like you to give serious consideration to a VIth Form. We feel a VIth Form would truly enhance the school and we would urge you to look into this further.
32	My concern is over interim admission to community places. As my eldest child is due to move to secondary school in 2007.
33	A much needed proposal for a new school, with improved facilities, to accommodate a larger intake of children from the local areas.
34	I really hope the larger numbers of pupils will not water down the ethos of the school. I also hope continued consideration will be given to expanding the school to include a VIth Form.
35	An excellent opportunity to provide modern education facilities, within a new, larger environment, to serve both the education population and the community as a whole.
36	Impressed with the enthusiasm of Brian Crosby and Patrick Scott and am sure the whole venture will work to the benefit of local students and the community in general.
37	Think the school should be extended to VIth Form. Very concerned about extra traffic on ring road.;
38	Providing the road lighting and paths are updated for safe access from Acomb. If a VIth Form college could be built there would be one either side of the city – easy access from Acomb.
39	We would welcome the expansion of this excellent school. It is already over-subscribed the clearly indicates the necessity for expansion. We live in Poppleton and whole-heartedly support Manor as the school of our choice.