

## **Appendix B:Marston Morteyne Parish Council**

# **MARSTON MORETEYNE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Clerk to the Council**

Mrs. H. Trustam

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016

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For the attention of Sue Barrow – Information Manager

Dear Sue

### **Proposed expansion of Church End Lower School – Forest End campus**

Marston Moretyene Parish Council has considered the proposed expansion and accepts that given the future growth of the village, provision needs to be made to meet the emerging demand of school places.

The parish council feels that the following issues should be considered:

- Parking, congestion and traffic along Gold Furlong at drop off / pick up times. Whilst schools encourage parents to walk their children to school, there are still many that arrive by car and this poses a problem for the surrounding area. Gold Furlong is the main route through the Marston Park development and consideration needs to be given as to how any potential problems can be mitigated.
- Members are mindful that the village is also served by Shelton Lower School and that there are places available. What consideration is being given to filling pupil numbers at this school.
- Should expansion plans be approved, will the management of both campuses continue under the current arrangement?
- Consideration needs to be given to ensure adequate outside play area / communal space.
- Consideration for admissions criteria and how this will be delivered fairly for the parish. The council would welcome knowing if there are sub-catchment areas within the parish?
- Concern was expressed regarding where additional pupils will continue their education once they reach Year 5. Are the feeder middle and upper schools working alongside Central Bedfordshire Council to ensure that they have the capacity to accommodate children from Marston Moreteyne?

If you need any further clarification on any of the above points, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs H. Trustam  
Parish Clerk