

Appendix C: Key themes to the preliminary consultation for the proposed expansion of Church End Lower School:

In summary over 82% of respondents were in favour of the proposal.

1. Key themes in favour of the proposal:

- a) School places are needed in the village as there are more homes
- b) Early Years places also needed
- c) Village is growing and school places are needed
- d) Agree, but more land is needed
- e) Agree, but more parking needed
- f) School is filling from the existing development

2. Key themes not in favour of the proposal and responses:

Themes	Response
a) The school site is not big enough. Why was the need for additional places not forecast?	<p>Phase 2 of the expansion will incorporate additional land to enable the school site to be sufficient for a 2FE.</p> <p>The school build was planned over two phases and was subject to the rate of house building. This has been monitored annually by the council.</p>
b) An alternative school site should be sought.	<p>The school operates as a 1FE at the Forest End Campus. A 2FE site will enable the school to deliver a full curriculum and be financially viable. There is no alternative site secured through s106 agreements.</p> <p>Shelton Lower School is not directly in the area of greatest need.</p>
c) Highways and safety concerns as more parents use the roads around the school.	<p>The proposed build will need to meet strict town planning and highways conditions.</p> <p>Mitigation measures to reduce potential highways issues and increase safety will be implemented as required to meet planning conditions.</p>

d) The expansion will be unsettling for staff and children.	The expansion will offer children the option of a wider curriculum and staff development opportunities.
e) There are still school places available in the area	The long term forecast for school places in the planning area indicates a deficit of school places. The school forecast is within a 1% error rate overall within the authority.
f) There is inadequate notice of the consultation.	This is a preliminary consultation. The formal consultation is subject to Executive approval. If approved, a comprehensive list of consultees will be produced.
g) What about middle school places?	The school organisation plan is reviewed annually and places are continuously monitored. If additional middle school places are required to meet a local basic need, additional places will be commissioned as close as possible to the area of greatest need.
h) How will Forest End be managed?	Church End Lower already successfully manages 2 sites and there are no proposals to change the management.