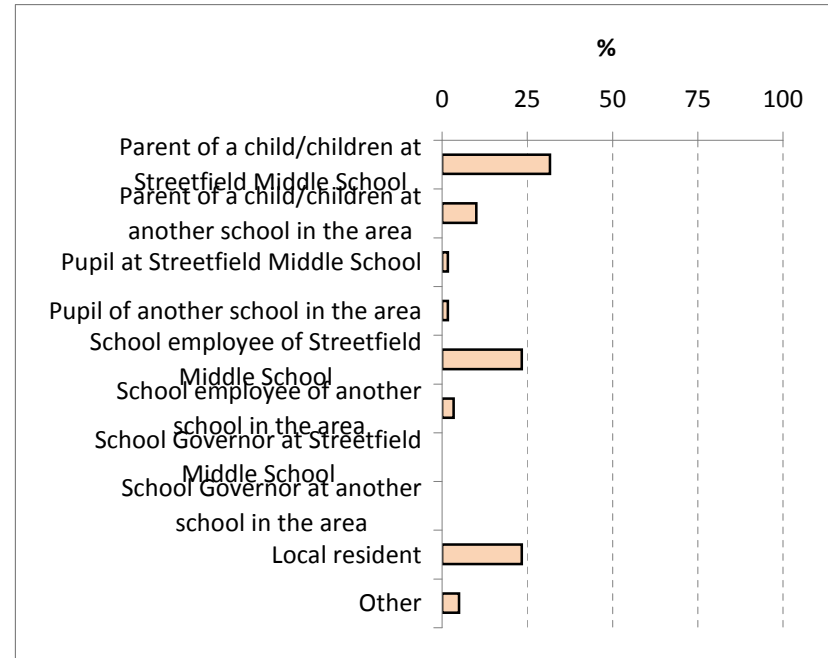


# Appendix E

## Streetfield Final results Based on 60 responses

Q1 - Are you:

		Frequency	Percent
Valid	Parent of a child/children at Streetfield Middle School	19	31.7
	Parent of a child/children at another school in the area	6	10.0
	Pupil at Streetfield Middle School	1	1.7
	Pupil of another school in the area	1	1.7
	School employee of Streetfield Middle School	14	23.3
	School employee of another school in the area	2	3.3
	School Governor at Streetfield Middle School	0	0.0
	School Governor at another school in the area	0	0.0
	Local resident	14	23.3
	Other	3	5.0
	Total	60	100.0

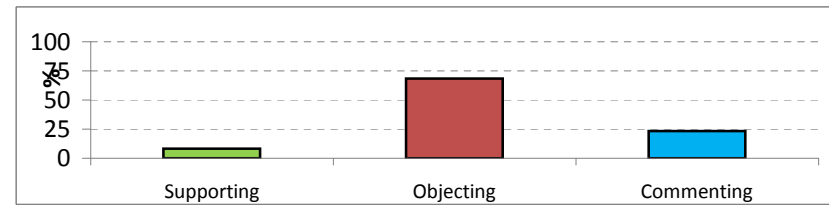


**Q1.a - If other, please specify:**

		Frequency
Valid	Acting Headteacher	1
	Grandparent of child at Streetfield MiddleScool and another who is due to go there in September 2014	1
	Parent of year 2 & 3 children.	1
	Total	3

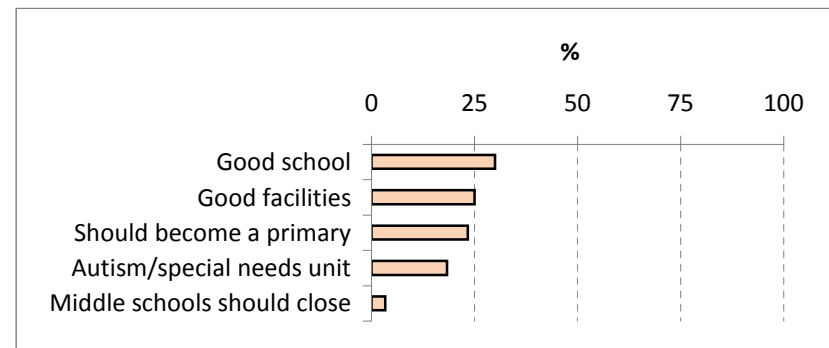
**Q2 - Are you:**

		Frequency	Percent
Valid	Supporting	5	8.3
	Objecting	41	68.3
	Commenting	14	23.3
	Total	60	100.0



**Q3 - Please provide your comments below**

		Frequency	Percent
Valid	Good school	18	30.0
	Good facilities	15	25.0
	Should become a primary	14	23.3
	Autism/special needs unit	11	18.3
	Middle schools should close	2	3.3
	Total	60	100.0



**Question three detailed responses:-**

All middle schools should close

As the local schools have altered their age ranges Streetfield and the other middle schools have been squeezed out. Streetfield has so much to offer local children, purpose built kitchens, science labs, food and textile classroom, large ICT suites, superb, well equipped gym, large playing fields, the list of assets is endless but more importantly it is a school with an excellent reputation for supporting pupils with social and emotional problems and working with their families and other agencies to improve the quality of their learning and self esteem. It has the space, staff and facilities to become an outstanding primary school working with Manshead to provide a 'one site' 0-19 educational facility. I am proud to work for a school that has the vision and the determination to offer children in Dunstable the education/social and emotional support and wrap around care facility of the future.

Can't believe you are going to close as school with the excellent facilities that Streetfield has. It has purpose built cookery, art, technology rooms, a large well equipped gym with extensive school fields, there are 2 ICT suites, a dedicated music room, and all the subjects are taught by specialist teachers. There is an Autism unit - Cadunfield and Streetfield has its own learning centre to assist with pupils with special educational needs. I had hoped this school would provide a middle school education for my children. I hope you read and agree with its proposal to turn into a primary lyceum - how fantastic would that be for the early years pupils of Dunstable- to be able to be educated from 0 - 19 on one site. Take the opportunity to provide wrap around care - the main agenda at the moment from the Government. Streetfield is too much a vital part of the community to close.

Dunstable will lose a very good education establishment if Streetfield is closed and the children of the town will suffer

Facilities that are available are going to waste, specialist teachers and facilities could be used to create exactly the school the present government is advocating. Children in Dunstable deserve more than what is being offered, Streetfield as a Primary school will offer Dunstable children and parents C21 education.

How can the council close schools whilst developers continue to build housing estates. What does this mean for the remaining schools. Can you guarantee these won't become oversubscribed and affect our children's education. Far too much pressure is put on children as it is without making it harder for them to learn!

How sad that closure is even being considered. I spent a day volunteering with the Youth Enterprise Scheme at Streetfield Middle School back in February last year and it looked a very good school but I suppose you can't get a full picture of a school just from spending one day there.

I am in year 4 and will be going to Streetfield in September. I am going there instead of staying at my lower school because there is more to do and more space. Streetfield is fun and the teachers are nice and very caring. I would feel sad if Streetfield wasn't there any more.

I believe the proposal to change Streetfield to a primary would be a god send to many parents, not only are they all on one site for collecting older children but also logistically due to traffic problems in and around Dunstable. Proposals for a nursery and also wrap around care a good idea for working parents. I have friends who collect different age

children from different schools and understand the problems that they face.

I do not believe that lower schools will have the ability to support our children through the extra years as they are supported in a middle school setting. In a middle school they starts to learn independence, they are taught differently. They have sports clubs, art club, science clubs. All of these things are not available in a lower school setting. They go from literacy and numeracy to English and Maths. The lower schools are not equipped to take on this monumental change and it is our children that will suffer.

I don;t think Streetfield should be closed.

I feel it has been a great asset to Dunstable and will be a great loss. Streetfield are trying to accommodate the needs of the local community by trying to change their age range to become a Primary. Our son has thrived while attending Streetfield as they give their pupils the opportunities that a lower school could not accommodate. If it became a Primary it would have all the facilities of a Middle School and would offer these in an age appropriate manner, therefore, providing key stage 1 and 2 facilities that would lead the way in the town. A school that should be a flagship and something to boast to the rest of the county rather than close down !

I feel that we provide a valuable service to the community and to the pupils we educate. Children develop differently and some pupils are ready for the next step at the end of year 4.

I fully support the proposal to close Streefield Middle School. The changing nature of education in the town means that there is no need for middle school provision. The much reduced student numbers will mean that the school cannot provide a coherent curriculum that meets the needs of its pupils. The school should close as it is not educationally or financially viable.

I fully support this school, with one child already there and another two looking forward to going. I do not feel that the council have given the school chance to prove that they can be viable. We are still in the early days of the school changes in Dunstable and the primary schools still have a lot to do to prove they will be good enough. This school has excellent facilities and care/celebrate the achieves for the children no matter what level of learning they are at. Also very concerned for children who attend the special needs unit, as no other school seems to have the support. I also fully support Streetfield in becoming a primary school, think their plans are excellent and wish this sort of facility had been available when my children had started school rather than driving around Dunstable for Pre-School, lower, middle and upper schooling. Will certainly be moving my younger two to here when the proposal is approved.

I have two of my children at the school and they have really benefitted with the support and care the staff have provided. One has special needs the school have been really supportive by giving him and us advice on how to help him and by giving him support and counselling at school. My youngest child was looking forward to going to the same school as his brothers in the future but sadly we have to tell him that might not be the case. I think it would be sad loss if this wonderful

I honestly believe that closing Streetfield school will be a great loss and very unfair. Especially when the vast majority of parents have always been totally against the change to the education system but were not only ignored but the schools were just left to make

rash decisions without much organisation or support. This has had a very negative effect on both of my children as I have one in year 8 and one in year 6 and I feel its been very unfair on the children who are now very worried and unsettled and has left us parents feeling the same and very confused and unsure of what to do for the best for our children. Streetfield has been a great school for my children and have greatly supported their learning and disabilities. They have thrived in their education thanks to streetfield who have been very supportive, understanding and motivational.

I object to the proposed plans to close Streetfield. It would be an absolute travesty to close this school. The expertise and teaching at this school is unrivalled in the area. I am also deeply concerned about the number of special needs pupils at the school, and how this will affect them- I really do not think the council appreciates the expertise of the staff at Streetfield when it comes to special needs pupils. Parents from all over Dunstable and Houghton Regis (please check the school roll!) choose to send their children there as they know it will be the right environment for their child- a nurturing, wholesome environment that encourages the child to be the best that they can be. What about the Autism provision? Do thr council appreciate that the ASD unit cant simply be 'plonked' into another school. I thik the council are making a terrible proposal, and simply have not considered the impactto the local community.

I sincerely hope that the Council will consider and approve the alternative proposal put forward by Streetfield. The school is proposing an exciting way forward to meet the demands of its local community and beyond. It would be a tragedy to lose the ethos, staff and facilities of the school. The Learning Centre and SEN department are excellent and will be a huge loss to the children and parents of the town if the school is closed,

I Think it will be a real shame to see such a purpose built resource such as this closing. I hope that if it closes it will be repurposed for education. The buildings and grounds are very happy and productive places. If the school closes I hope that the council will allow it to be re-invented with the proposed plans as a primary school to allow future children to benefit from it's excellent resources

I think it would provide a better transition for children if the buildings were merged with Manshead, then we would have a primary to secondary transition on this school site. We would also have more room at Manshead for other local primary schools to be able to send their children there as well.

I think that there is a considerable risk of losing: Expertise in SEN, ASD and BESD specialism within the town community because of the understated ethos of the school. Streetfield has 'mopped up' many hard to reach families and individuals with significant social issues on behalf of the other schools in the town. It has purpose built provision which cannot be rectified elsewhere in the town. This is more than bricks and mortar it is about an ethos and an attitude to learning in the widest sense. It is also about the personnel who have made this happen - their expertise is important but it has developed in Streetfield because of the way that Streetfield is. There will also be a knock on effect on standards because, again understated, Streetfield has 'mopped up' children with learning needs on behalf of other schools - as these schools will now have to absorb these children their attainment and achievement will drop accordingly and under the new Ofsted system it is likely that all schools currently outstanding and good will drop to at least 'Require Improvement'. The facilities are excellent and it would be a tragic waste to mothball them when so many schools are having to create new learning spaces to accommodate their expansion - this is a waste of public money. Financial considerations are valid but let's be clear they were caused by the way this has been implemented and the lack of co-ordination generally. Streetfield though, remains financially viable in 2014/15 because of good financial management it will not be bankrupt as seems to have been suggested. We have a financial plan and it is working. It is clearly important to have continuity of provision on one site. If Streetfield closes then the impact upon Manshead will be negative. Why? Because in fact as the town settles down children will generally go to their local school. With the closure of both Ashton and Streetfield the constituency that filled Manshead will also be lost from across the town. The local catchment is extremely small and Manshead depends on pupils migrating from across the town. This was achievable as three middle schools fed into it but this means that in 2018/19 after sibling factors have been removed Manshead will find it difficult to compete with the other improving secondaries and thus gain access to the constituency it hopes for. This town needs a 0-19 campus site that will fulfil all aspirations. It only has one such site and it is about to be compromised. Finally, the professional cost will be the loss of experienced and effective senior and middle leaders and managers in the system who will not want to be part of an authority that it feels has paid little attention to the real educational challenges facing some of the most deprived families in Central Bedfordshire let alone Dunstable. Treating professionals like they were mere pawns to be moved around the board as though they have little value is a sure-fire way to ensure that an exodus of excellence will follow this move. This move will result in 5-7 years of uncertainty, of increasing failures to reach the national average good or outstanding schools and will turn Dunstable into a ghetto. The lessons from the 1990 in Houghton Regis/Dunstable have not been learned and how Northfields' outstanding stature was undermined by a proposal such as this. I genuinely worry that we are about to repeat this sorry saga of poor judgment by the council once again. This is what will be lost: Expertise Professionalism Excellent SEN Excellent facilities Excellent ASD provision Goodwill Improving standards This is what will be gained: An empty school Short term financial savings Increased exclusion rates More schools losing their good/outstanding Ofsted ratings Lower standards of attainment Increased social division. There has to be a school on this site that joins up all the dots and will ensure that the mistakes of the past are not replicated and that will also build for a sound future. Of course, I have such a plan.

I would like the opportunity to send my children to a middle school and would like it to be Streetfield. I feel horrified at the thought of having to keep my child at lower school for another 2 years when they could move on and get specialism teaching!

If Streetfield closes, Dunstable will lose such a fantastic resource for that part of the town.

If Streetfield were to close the pupils and parents of Dunstable would lose the specialist facilities that the school offers, such as a design studio, two science laboratories, etc, and the expertise of specialist teachers for all subject areas.

If you close Streetfield you will be losing a fantastic resource and centre of excellence for education. The buildings are purpose built to provide specialist education for middle school pupils and could easily be adapted to providing primary and nursery pupils a unique to Dunstable headstart in education. The pupils are taught by specialist subject teachers in specialist subject areas - a large fully equipped gym, extensive playing fields, an art block, a food technology room, 2 ICT suites, 2 science labs, a fully equipped music room, specialist language teachers, a technology studio, specialist humanities teachers plus specialist maths and English teachers. What other primary school can offer these amazing and modern facilities resources. Streetfield is the only school (in any of the age ranges) in Dunstable and Houghton Regis to have achieved the GOLD kite mark in sport.

It has & still is provision of excellent education. There is a place for Streetfield as a Middle School, parents deserve to have a choice.

It is clear from the progress of the situation that Streetfield is going to have to change to stay open as a school in the Dunstable area. However the council must be careful to ensure that they do not lose the amazing educational provision that Streetfield has. There is no other site intending to offer a primary education in the town that can boast such a complete set of purpose built facilities, for science, computing, food and design technology. The full variety of art including a kiln, a huge sports field enabling full size pitches for the children to play on. a Specialist autism provision that is fully integrated into the school, as well as a behaviour support team who have successfully helped children who have been asked to leave or excluded from other local schools. The proposal that the school is putting forward fits clearly into the policy of both CBC and central government in creating a 0-19 all through educational site where all the services that a child and a family could need would be available. It is vital that Streetfield is kept open so that this valuable resource can still be available for the children of Dunstable, as surely the overriding deciding factor should be what is best for the children.

Middle schools have fantastic facilities such as science labs, gym, huge hall, food rooms, ICT suits and a workshop. None of these facilities are available at the new Primary schools in the area. It would be a great opportunity to re open Streetfield as a 0- 11 primary school where pupils can make full use of these facilities during their learning. The closeness to secondary schools allows for a smooth transition when the time comes. It is too good an opportunity to miss- I hope the council can see this.

My concern is to the children. I appreciate these schools may well end up in deficit. I would like to know how the upper schools and lower schools will be able to accommodate these children. Surely there is not enough room for them at these schools? Does that mean extra building will take place? Where will that money come from? Also what about the three school buildings? Will they be mothballed? Will they have to have money spent in them to renovate after a period of time standing empty. It seems a terrible shame to waste such fantastic facilities when these schools could be adapted to suit different age range children just by adding some different furniture. Equally, what about the staff? Surely we should be encouraging employment in Central Bedfordshire? If this happens where will those members of staff find work? I know that I personally would have to look further afield and out of central beds. If this proposal is approved I will lose faith in my

council. I am planning a family with my wife to be, I am not confident in the way the council are planning to educate my future children and I would seriously have to consider moving away from Central Bedfordshire to secure an education that I would feel happy and confident with. I urge councillor Versallion and his team to really think through the ramifications of actually closing schools in the area.

My son is in the ASD unit at Streetfield what may I ask is going to be done for him? Or is it a case of because they have needs then they can be forgotten about again he can not travel too far in a taxi so you close Streetfield then he will have nowhere to go I don't think you even think about these children when you come up with silly things like this he is going to have to be home schooled are you willing to pay for that to happen I very much doubt it from a very angry parent I think you are out of order

My son is not in the catchment for Streetfield Middle School, and as we looked around each middle school in the area, we were struck with how unsupportive some of the schools were during lunchtimes especially for children who find socialising sometimes difficult. This made me concerned with their support within lessons. My son does not have a statement, but has been diagnosed with higher functioning autism with characteristics of Aspergers, and also with ADHD. The primary school where Alex went until 9 years of age seemed to be unable to provide Alex with the support and understanding that he required. Streetfield Middle School has the SEN Autism unit which would provide support, understanding and skills not just to the student, but also the teachers, and to ourselves, the parents. They have not let us down. They have worked amazingly with Alex even though he is not statemented and therefore does not have the need to use the SEN facility, they understood him completely. Mrs Rose managed to look at Alex and see beyond the sweet smile into the boy who had issues, and was able to give support to his teachers and to us. Mrs Thomson, his head of year, has also been able to be very supportive and we have endeavoured to work with the school at every opportunity to support the strategies that they have put in place. Alex really has been a challenging child in school, and without the support of the wonderful staff at Streetfield Middle School, I think we would have been very hard pushed to be able to feel as proud in him as we are now. Another objection to closing Middle Schools down in general is that children in primary schools are ready to move on at the age of 9, and primary schools are unable to provide the excellent facilities in subjects such as PE and Science that Middle Schools can. The children are also nurtured in middle schools - more so than being thrust into an environment that has older children in. I was not happy about the thought of my struggling 11 year old having to mix with children as old as 16 years old.

Our grandson is coming to the end of his 3rd year at Streetfield. He has made excellent progress and has enjoyed his time there. His parents (our daughter and son-in-law) sent him there because they immediately felt the staff were very caring, supportive and have the pupils as their real focus. (Yes, we know all schools claim that to be their ethos - Streetfield really put it into practice!) We live in an area where there is a "2-tier" education system and we are very aware that, in what would have been our grandson's last 2 years at a primary school, he has been offered facilities that are far in advance of any in a primary school where pupils stay to age 11. Transforming Streetfield into a primary school would seem to be an eminently sensible idea because it already has excellent facilities, eg science labs, domestic science room, a gym, etc. whereas the transformation of an alternative lower school into a primary school wouldn't offer the older pupils this stimulating environment - yes, it could be changed, but at what expense? At Streetfield, it's already there. The number of pupils at Streetfield may be low at present but places will need to be found for the children from families who will be living in all the



new housing in the town. We hope that common sense will prevail and that our grandsons' education at Streetfield will be secured and the disruption to their lives kept to a minimum - all this uncertainty has been very distressing for everyone concerned.

Streetfield is one of the best schools in the world and should never close.

Streetfield does a wonderful job in supporting children who have difficult home lives. Without this school, so many children and families will suffer, as the same support is not available, to the same level elsewhere. Parents of children who attend Streetfield have nothing but praise for the way in which their children develop in the four years they spend there. Parents travel long distances to send their children to Streetfield because they know that they provide for the needs of their children. There will be a huge gap in the educational care system for this area if Streetfield is closed.

Streetfield is a great school with very good teachers. Both of my sons have been to Streetfield, one still there and one in high school. They both loved going to school there. It would be a real shame for the community to lose Streetfield and the support that can be gained through attending a smaller school.

Streetfield is a wonderful school with caring staff who are genuinely interested in the progress of each child. I feel that the closure of this school would be a huge loss to the community and feel that Streetfield should be given every opportunity to prove their worth with their new proposals. If that is not possible, I feel that the school should be embraced by Manshead and their facilities utilised for their own expansion. This could prove both a cost effective and beneficial option, largely for the children. Those children currently in year 8 feel very unsettled and uncertain about where the next year will lie, despite reassurance that Streetfield will remain open for a further 2/3 years which creates doubt and will almost certainly have an impact on their learning. Our children are our future, surely it is madness that adults are creating such uncertainty when our role is to make them feel safe and encourage a positive culture?

Streetfield Middle School is a caring, successful school that provides very well for its local community - particularly residents of Downside whose children are often in a vulnerable situation. The staff of Streetfield always seem to have gone 'above and beyond' to look out for the welfare of the child, not just their academic ability. Furthermore, the resources they are able to offer younger children are far superior to those provided for children at lower schools that have now become primary. Their science, ICT and PE provision seems far superior allowing children a much, greater broader experience. This, too, is preferable to yr7 & 8 children joining a secondary school where they would get lost, emotionally and academically, amongst all the older children. I believe their ethos not to be much more focused towards the young adult/ teenager rather than 9-11 year old children. I would fully support Streetfield staying as a middle school and if it changed into a primary I would definitely send my younger children there along with many others in the local community.

Streetfield offers the local community a different type of school. It's inclusive to its core and never rejects any child regardless of their difficulties or needs. It is fat static at sports and always offers the children a broad curriculum with specialist teachers. The estate of downside needs a school that is equipped to support its children who often struggle in school. They would get lost in a school the size of Manshead and would be at bad influence on the younger children of staugustines. If Streetfield is unable to stay open as a middle school it would be a waste to close the school they have fantastic facilities that cannot be found in any other local primary school. They should be allowed to become a

primary school if nothing else as it would be a waste of resources. The people of the town deserve choice. Parents deserve to be able to choose between the schools they can send their children to and Streetfield offers this.

Streetfield provides more than any other school I have dealt with. The staff go beyond limits to ensure each child gets exactly the help that they need. My children have had the chance to develop and build confidence, learn social skills and have been given opportunities that will benefit them for the rest of their lives. It is more than just numbers and results, they help children grow into thriving young people and it would be tragic to lose such a unique environment for future generations in our town.

Streetfield should not close. It is a wonderful school that provides an excellent all round education for all its pupils. Streetfield's application to change to a primary school should be viewed favorably due to its fantastic facilities and great teachers. The school's ethos of encouraging every child to be the best they can be is not words. They really do mean every word. You only need to spend a short while with the staff for that to shine though. Closing this school would be a huge loss to the town but allowing them to change age range would be a great credit to the town. It would show vision and foresight and would provide the town with a flagship primary school that Dunstable can be truly proud of!

The reason I am objecting is because I believe Streetfield should not close. Its staff and facilities must still be used for teaching children in our community. I believe the proposals to change to a primary school are excellent and would provide a Primary School that would lead the way in the town. We have a boom of primary aged children about to explode within our town and it is ludicrous to close a facility that can educate them. Streetfield provides a fantastic environment for underprivileged children along with children with special needs that I believe no other mainstream school can compete with. It is a travesty that this school is under threat of closure through no fault of its own. Why would the council happily close this school when they have financed a new roof and windows? The school should be given the opportunity to change its age range and continue providing excellent education to the children of our town. A lot of the new primary schools will be losing over 50% of their year 4 children as they move into year 5 because they do not have suitable facilities and are cramming in extra children into a space that is not designed for the extra year groups. Streetfield has the space and the facilities, facilities which are over and above what the average new primary within our town has. Along with the classroom facilities, it also has the space outside including 2 playgrounds, where both key stage 1 and key stage 2 children can co-exist without being on top of one another. All along the council has maintained that this has been parent led, the proposed closure of this school is not parent led, it has done all it can to consult with its parents to ensure it continues to stay true to its ethos which is putting the children first and that every child matters. Streetfield should remain open and should be given the opportunity to change its age range to become the excellent primary school it will be, please do not close this amazing school!

The school building is relatively new compared to Ashton, or even Brewers Hill for example but as far as I can see not many children actually want to go there now. The buildings can be utilised by Manshead which does seem able to attract students. There is no real need for middle schools in Dunstable so it doesn't make economic sense to keep such a large building open for a minority of pupils.

This is a fantastic school with excellent provision for students especially SEN. It has great community spirit and not only teaches the children the national curriculum but how to be

model citizens. It would be a great loss to Dunstable to see this excellent school go.

This is a local community school in a very deprived area of Dunstable, it would be such a shame to close a school that does such good work within the community. My own two children attended this school, we live out of the area, and so glad that we did. They excelled, the school encouraged them to do their best at all times. Streetfield has specialised teachers, many primary schools do not have this facility, let alone the space to extend and accommodate such buildings. Middle schools are important for children to mature in, it seems such a shame to shut a school that is fully equipped for this stage of a child's life.

This school can give the broadest education to a younger age group. I would urge you to allow it to change not close at this stage in Central Beds. transformation.

This school is so good at looking after the needs of this area. It would be a huge loss to the local community if it closed.

We have a child in year 7 at Streetfield and will also be sending our younger son to start year 5 in September. We are happily sending our youngest there rather than keeping him at his lower school because his lower school is not ready or prepared for the extra children it is trying to accommodate. Streetfield on the other hand is a ready made school for that age group of children that provides an excellent education to all of its pupils. Streetfield are trying to get approval to change age range to become a primary which we think would be a wonderful facility for both key stage 1 and key stage 2 children. Unlike the lower schools that are trying to fit in extra children into buildings that were not made for the extra classes, Streetfield can accommodate being a primary with very little adaptation at all. The teachers at Streetfield are second to none and they all care about every child. There is a boom in primary numbers and to close Streetfield with this in mind is extremely shortsighted. Streetfield should stay open and be allowed change to a primary.