

	AGREE WITH PROPOSAL TO EXPAND:-			
CONNECTION	WILSMLOW GRANGE	DEAN OAKS	LACEY GREEN	COMMENTS
Governor – Dean Oaks & St Benedict's	Support	Support	No view	Extra spaces needed especially if Town Plan proposals accepted.
Governor – Dean Oakes	Support	Support	Support	I think these expansions will benefit Wilmslow and Handforth enormously. As you know we have a growing population here and I am sure all the places will be filled.
Parent of Pupil - Wilmslow Grange and Local Resident	Oppose	No View	No View	<p><b>Point 1</b> – Increased car traffic will create additional and potential risk to children on Ullswater Road. We live opposite Wilmslow Grange school. As it stands now the morning drop off and afternoon pick up is chaotic with so many cars parking across our and neighbours drive s when we are trying to get to work and children are trying to cross the road safely to get to school. They also park in the restricted areas outside the school gates and generally drive too fast and park in an unsafe or unreasonable way. The school seems powerless to manage this despite numerous complaints by many residents about speeding cars and bad parking to the school and police. Police have made efforts to notify bad parking cases, but nothing is working at all and local residents have even been threatened by parents who have parked cars across the drive and been asked to move them.</p> <p>Now the proposed 50% more children means 50% more drop-off and pick-up activity and I see no ability now to manage the cars racing up and down Ullswater Road and Kingston Road every day. This will be 50 % worse in the new proposal.</p> <p>We understand the need to increase school places: however this must be coupled with an action plan that manages traffic at peak times@ keeps children safe around the school roads and allows local residents to access and leave their properties without being parked in.</p> <p><b>Point 2.</b> – Why close and sell off primary school property ( Dean Oaks and Brooke Dean) and then expand those in the proposal.</p> <p>The other comment that we must make is that we cannot understand the logic of selling off part of Dean Oaks to housing developers, and now Dean Oaks is to be expanded again. The space now needed was existing at dean Oaks before it was sold off to builders !!! The Brooke Dean Primary school on Spath Lane was also</p>

				closed and the children moved to Wilmslow grange. Brooke Dean had 85 children. The capacity of both the closed schools would have covered this new demand: so why does the Council have such a limited vision in planning primary school pupil numbers?
Parent / Carer - Dean Oaks	Not indicated	Oppose	Oppose	I strongly object to the expansion of Dean Oaks Primary School. Dean Oaks is already a larger than average Primary School building will retain adequate playground and playing field provision. The children should not be subjected to any further reduction in their existing outdoor play areas and especially not if these facilities are then expected to serve over 100 additional pupils. As you are aware the school has already undergone extensive alterations and building works as recently as 2009 with double the number of children now making use of the original outdoor space when Oaklands Infants and Dean Row Juniors merged. Any further reduction to the playground and playing field areas coupled by a further 30% increase in pupils should not be permitted. Numerous comments were raised with the council by parents about the retention of part of the adjoining infants site in 2009 when the infant and junior schools merged. These comments were ignored with the council selling off the entire adjoining infants site for residential development which is only just taking place now. It is shockingly short sighted to now be suggesting only a few years later that the outdoor play areas be reduced even further whilst increasing child numbers by 30%
Pupil Dean Oaks	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	I think that cutting off part of the playground to make space for classes and 105 more children is terrible idea. Firstly it is bad because playtime is the only time to have freedom and fun so destroying the playground would make us feel like there is no fun at still in school. Secondly, if you want 105 more pupils then we will all be crowded in a smaller playground with a lot less to do. Thirdly if there are more people we can't all be out at the same time because of the size of the playground so we will have to have fewer breaks because of the amount of people and the size of the playground. And finally, we don't have a big enough hall so we can't fit all the kids in for lunch or assembly. DON'T EXPAND OUR SCHOOL! In my conclusion I think that you shouldn't do it because it takes away our only fun thing at school so I say that it is a despicable idea and should not be done!!!
Governor -I Dean Oaks	Not indicated	Support	Not indicated	This will enable the school to return to a two form entry with single year group classes, kindly the current mixed year group classes. There is ample room for the expansion, it should include a lager school hall for lunches, assemblies and PE.

Parent/Carer Lacey Green Academy	No view	Oppose	Oppose	<p>I am appalled by the short-sighted actions of the council. It was perfectly apparent to me as a member of the general public that there was an impending expansion of Primary School places required to cater for the current baby boom, so how on earth did someone arrive at the decision to knock down the former Oaklands/ Dean Oaks school and build houses on it??? It didn't make sense at the time (which is not very long ago at all).</p> <p>The proposed expansion of all three schools will impose burdens on their localities in terms of increased traffic and parking problems – it's bad enough at Lacey Green as it is. An increase in congestion at peak times will heighten the risk to pedestrians. There will also be problems for the schools in terms of pupil access to shared facilities such as halls and canteens, not to mention a further reduction in the size of playing fields and playgrounds at a time when the importance of exercise is being increasingly recognised.</p> <p>The management of such potentially large primary schools is also a factor that may lead to worse outcomes for educational achievement. I can only conclude that the decision regarding Oaklands must have resulted from some cosy relationship between council members and property developers. The responsible people want disciplining or sacking.</p>
Parent/Carer St Benedict's/ All Hallows Catholic College	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	<p>As a parent since 2001 of St Benedict's Catholic Primary I am a little disappointed that the 2 schools above are in the thought process for expansion. The site St Benedict's sits on is massive – ripe for expansion, and even the inclusion of a nursery. You don't have to be a Catholic to attend, which I think is something that some parents are not aware of. Just because the school is voluntary aided, I don't think the council pushes the school enough to prospective parents, or are we to be penalised again by the council for choosing to send our children to a faith school, as we were 5 years ago when free school transport was rescinded? St Benedict's is THE only Catholic Primary in the local area and should be included in any developments!</p>
Not indicated	Not indicated	Not indicated	Not indicated	<p>I am all in favour for making our schools better in the area but there is one school that seems to be have been over looked. St Benedicts Catholic Primary in Handforth is the only faith school in the area and is very full with small infant classrooms. Every child has the basic need to have room in their classroom to be able to sit comfortable, be able to see the board from where they sit and not to have to work in a corridor.</p> <p>The new reception class for September 2013 is going to be 31. Every class is</p>

				<p>approaching or is already over 30 and as the infant end of e class has not been changed since its build in the 70's it really needs doing to give our children the best possible start in life.</p> <p>Please take this on board and see if you can do anything to help our faiths school</p>
Parent/Carer & Governor Dean Oaks	Support	Support	Support	<p>With our rising population, there is a proven need for more school spaces. With larger schools we will better cater for the needs of the growing community.</p>
Parent/Carer St Benedict's	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	<p>St. Benedict's has the land, plenty of it and could incorporate a nursery, with its own play area around and still have room for outdoor games and play time for the primary school. This would provide better continuity in the Early Years stage of schooling and Phonics which is so important. As a parent it is very frustrating when one's child starts school at St. Benedict's often not knowing other children. Some children come from private nurseries, child minders of Rainbows preschool (which has a waiting list now and only does full days on Fridays – no use to working mums) A waiting list at Rainbows albeit a super nursery suggests there is a provision not being met in this local area. St. Benedict's is doing so well now. To expand schools around could impact on their intake St. Benedict's is the only Catholic provision in the area.</p>
Not indicated	Not indicated	Not indicated	Not indicated	<p>The expansion and investment in schools in the Wilmslow area is a fantastic and very necessary measure. I wholeheartedly support this proposal, but feel that the proposals have missed a vital opportunity to expand the only catholic School in the area – St Benedict's is a small community school where children thrive, however the classrooms are in need of modernisation. This could be done through the proposed funding, therefore meeting the basic needs of the children already attending, whilst expanding the school to allow for an increase in expansion.</p>
Parent /Carer Wilmslow Grange & Staff at St Benedicts	No view	Oppose	Oppose	<p>I feel these schools would become too large four hundred and twenty pupils is far to many. In addition there will be major issues with parking and is currently in all of the aforementioned schools without increasing pupil places. I do feel that improving other local schools such as St Benedict's in Handforth to ensure that the building is adequate and fit for purpose should be of equal priority. Without this you are disadvantaging a group of children who may choose a church school. Over the coming years when there is a increase of uptake several of those children may be catholic and not be given the opportunity to attend a catholic school.</p>

Parent & Staff at Dean Oaks & local resident	No view	Oppose	No view	<p>Access to the school (Dean Oaks) is already congested and dangerous at drop off / pick up times. The local roads will not cope with the added pressure of extra numbers. How will Wilmslow High School cope which is already over subscribed? This is just a ploy to justify further house building on local green fields. Prospective parents do not like big primary schools, they like smaller schools. Bigger is not necessarily better. I would not have chosen Dean Oaks if its intake was 420 when my children were approaching school age. It will just result in more children attending the school from outside the catchment area and more children being dropped off by car. How ridiculous to close Oaklands Infant School, build houses on the land and then say that Dean Oaks needs to expand.</p>
Parent/ Carer St Benedict's	Support	Support	Support	<p>My husband and I do support the expansion of these schools however we are a catholic family and want our children to attend a Catholic school with equally good provision as these may have. Currently St Benedict's does not have the classroom facilities required to meet the ever increasing intake each year and our concerned that without necessary funding the school will not be able to meet the basic needs our children have in future years.</p> <p>We have 1 child currently in Reception and are not particularly happy with the layout of the classrooms of years 1 and 2, in these so important first years at school, some money needs investing to improve these to support KS1 learning. These is a lot of potential for the school to be "Excellent" but given the layout and size of rooms in KS2 classes we worry it will impact our children negatively if the school doesn't get financial support it deserves to expand the premises, in particular at the moment years 5 and 6 share a classroom, which we feel is far from ideal.</p> <p>With our daughter due to start at the school in September 2014, we wanted to strongly put forward our feelings about where the Council's funds will be invested over the next couple of years and hope that our popular and successful school will be considered for their fair share of the pot too. We are really happy with the excellent staff and teaching levels at St Benedict's and I would highly recommend anyone to send their children here. It has such a lovely community feel and all the children seem very happy. Although we wouldn't want the school to become too big, as in a two-form entry, We would like to see an overall improvement in the building itself, not just for our own children but all the children who go there.</p>

Parent – St Benedict's	No view	No view	No view	I understand that in addition to the expansions above it is being taken into consideration the increase in pupil admissions at St Benedict's. I would like to express my concern because I do not believe the school is ready to accommodate for more pupils without an improvement to its buildings and facilities. It would be a shame if St Benedict's was worse equipped compared to neighbouring schools because catholic parents may feel the need to send their kids to different schools in the future. I would like to ask you to kindly take into consideration some sort of support (financial mainly) if the number of pupils admissions is bound to increase at St Benedict's.
Headteacher-Dean Oaks	support	support	support	I feel that the data analysis projects that by 2018 there will be need for all three expansions and so I approve all three school extensions to meet this need.
Parent – St Benedict's	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	More school places means they will want to build more houses!! We have very few green open spaces left and we are fighting to keep them green! Also I feel that St Ben's will be excluded if the other school get extended.
Parish Council	Not indicated	Not indicated	Not indicated	<p>Many thanks for contacting Nether Alderley Parish Council regarding the proposed expansion of the listed schools in Wilmslow.</p> <p>The Parish Council considered the proposals at its meeting on 16th May 2013 and has no objections to the plans.</p>
Parent/ Carer Dean Oaks	Not indicated	Oppose	Not indicated	<p>The figures given in the consultation document state that Dean Oaks Primary School is not over subscribed and it is apparent that it is not the first preference for the majority of local families. Therefore it does not meet the criteria as set out in the proposal. The consultation document states that “increasing demand in Wilmslow area” yet none of the other Wilmslow schools have been proposed for expansion. It is very hard to believe that other Wilmslow schools do not meet the criteria for expansion, for example:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Reception places are over subscribed</li> <li>2) Can accommodate additional buildings</li> <li>3) Have a good OFSTED report.</li> </ol> <p>It has not escaped our notice that the 3 proposed schools are located in the north Wimsow/Handforth. We strongly suspect that there may be a link with the current proposals to further develop residential areas in Handforth</p>

				particularly on the green field next to the A43 ( near Total Fitness)
Governor – Wilmslow Grange	support	support	support	
Governor & Staff – Wilmslow Grange	support	No view	No	Our school was closed 7 years ago due to falling numbers. If we extend more schools surly we will have surplus places and these should be in state schools not Academies.
Staff – Wilmslow Grange	support	support	support	We need the spaces in Wilmslow so really they need expanding.
Parent & Governor- Wilmslow Grange	support	support	support	
Governor – Wilmslow Grange	support	support	support	
Local Resident	support	support	support	
Staff – Wilmslow Grange	support	support	support	
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Staff – Wilmslow Grange	support	support	Not indicated	
Not indicated	Not indicated	Not indicated	Not indicated	<p>I have recently been made aware of the consultation which is taking place relating to Wilmslow primary schools. I have no objection to these proposed changes, however, I am concerned that there are no plans to extend St. Benedicts's Catholic Primary School. This is only catholic school in the area. Surely there should be a balance of provision for both faith and non-faith schools. The current proposals would potentially result in parents not choosing a faith school due to the inadequacy of its provision compared to the neighbouring non-faith schools. As the school's results are very good, surely the school should be supported in their continued provision by having improved classroom provision?</p> <p>I hope that this consultation period gives the consideration to St. Benedicts that it deserves.</p>

Governing Body	support	support	oppose	<p>Lindow Community Primary School's Governing Body discussed this proposal in committee, these are our comments:</p> <p>The potential admission rises in 2013 but dips back in 2014, the planned implementation date for this proposal, before climbing again in 2015.</p> <p>While our PAN number for 2013 is 30, we only have 27 places currently taken. We believe capacity in existing schools should be filled first.</p> <p>In 2012, admissions were 376 from a potential of 410; why is the number for 2013, 413 from a potential of 412?</p> <p>If the proposed expansion is not completed until September 2014, what will happen in September 2013?</p> <p>The document states 'an additional 330 places will be made available phased in at the normal point of entry'. However, the proposal seems to suggest all the necessary building work for the 330 children will be carried out at the same time. Why is this work not phased in line with an increase year on year? We are concerned that the expanded schools will attempt to fill additional places in years 1-6 by taking children from other Wilmslow schools.</p> <p>Within the Dean Oaks and Lacey Green proposal it states increases "<u>can</u> be phased in from September 2014 at the normal point of entry to the school". Why does this caveat not appear in "The Grange" proposal? We would seek assurance that for all expanded school, this "<u>will</u> be phased in" in this way and that the expanded schools will not seek to recruit children from other Wilmslow schools.</p> <p>While the document does show that admission numbers for reception</p>



				<p>children will increase, we are not convinced that the case for expanding all three schools, at the same time, all in the same area, is justified.</p> <p>With funding for schools so tight, we believe it makes more sense to phase any building programme over the next 6-7 years, ensuring that expansion of these schools is at the point of entry and not throughout the school.</p>
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