

PROPOSED EXPANSION OF ASH GROVE PRIMARY & NUSERY

CONNECTION	AGREE WITH PROPOSAL	COMMENTS
Governing Body	No	<p>This is the view of Ivy Bank Governing Body.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed expansion is a doubling of the PAN which serves an area which other schools use as their caption area and these schools have had their PAN repeatedly refused – Ivy Bank have had their PAN rejected on several occasions, including last year, although there has been an increase in PAN for September 2014- this is not at the level that has been requested. This continual rejection of increasing the PAN for other schools has created the resulting shortage of places. This shortage is not an infrastructure issue, but a local authority created issue. If Ivy Bank, along with other schools, had been able to have an increase in PAN then there would be no need for the proposed doubling of the PAN for Ash Grove. These increases would also have been cost neutral as they would have been accommodated in existing buildings. 2. Any justification along the lines of the school receiving Outstanding from an OFSTED inspection is not a reason for increasing the PAN. 3. The figures used within the consultation report indicate a 16% reduction in the Number of children on resident in the catchment area of 2012 to 2013. The 2013 level is also less than 2011 and only 13 more than the 2010 level where there were only 7 in the number of first preferences. 4. If CE believes there is a demand for the increase, than the wider review of the area should have taken place first to identify the future demands on all schools.