

CONNECTION	AGREE WITH PROPOSAL TO EXPAND	COMMENTS
School Staff	Yes	I strongly support the decision to expand Mobberley CE Primary School from 140 to 210 pupils, in order to provide a larger intake of local pupils to the school. I believe that it will provide the opportunity for local pupils to be provided with the school place that many are entitled to; particularly those with siblings already attending school. The problem of intake and appeals are always a huge issue, involving children in the school catchment area. Moreover, in the growing community of Mobberley, there is a need for the places to become available.
Other	Yes	<p>The case for expanding primary school places in Mobberley is overwhelming. As it has been under consideration since 2012 I will assume that the proposed buildings and outdoor space meet the standards of building schools for the future and the equality act. Car parking/ drop off is an issue so again assume this has been thought about..</p> <p>The 2 questions I would ask you to consider are these:-</p> <p>Is a one class per year of 210 capacity going to be enough given projections still show big shortfalls AND much more housing development is proposed for the "village". Can this site be expanded to 420 if needed? This site is poorly located in Mobberley- a relocation should be considered?</p>
Parent/Carer	Yes	None given.
Other	Yes	None given.
Parent/Carer	Yes	<p>Regarding the above proposed extension to Mobberley school.</p> <p>I am in agreement with the proposal to extend the school.</p> <p>You sent me a letter date the 5/2/14 indicating that I am a stakeholder in the decision.</p> <p>Mobberley school excels and I know that they are very limited on space.</p> <p>If the extension takes place it would be good if the school became a 2 form entry school every year.</p> <p>Cheshire East Council should be promoting schools like this which excel.</p> <p>Of course, had you not closed small rural schools previously, including Ashley Primary School some years ago, we would not now need this extension.</p> <p>Of course, hindsight is a marvellous thing but I know there was great objection from the residents to the closure of Ashley Primary school at the time.</p>

Governor	Yes	Mobberley Primary school is an outstanding school and cannot currently meet the demand for places from within its catchment area and from within the village of Mobberley. The school is at the centre of the community and it is very important that it can meet the demand for places within the village, as it is one of the key strands which holds the community together. Children in Mobberley deserve to have access to the outstanding education which their local school can offer if they so desire – children who are turned away lose not only access to an outstanding primary education, but the village loses the connection to the next generation of people who contribute to the life of the community.
Resident	Yes	With reservations concerning increased traffic, already the grass verge opposite the church is getting badly damaged and the number of cars travelling at peak time i.e 8.30-9.15am and 2.50-3.30pm with small children on board on a narrow lane with sharp bends is quite alarming.
Staff	Yes	None given.
Other/Unknown	No	<p>I wish to make it known that in my opinion this school shouldn't be expanded just yet. My reason is that many schools across Cheshire and neighbouring counties have many spaces available and it would be unwise to expand a school that would effectively cause other schools to have less pupils. Unless it can be justified that other schools would not receive a lower intake of pupils in a following year to the expansion, the move would be more of a hindrance to the wider community.</p> <p>It could also risk jobs, because if one school expands it may hire 10 more staff but if others have to close then that is 20 staff per school with fewer pupils who have jobs at risk. The move would be a great mistake as it risks increasing unemployment in Cheshire and its neighbouring counties.</p> <p>Furthermore through expansion of any school there would be an increase in traffic that is unless these new extra pupils are all going to arrive by bike, but then again if they walked or cycled there is the increased risk of young cyclists and fast moving vehicles on the busy streets of an already highly populated county.</p> <p>Can any expansion be justified without hindering life, causing a risk to communities and causing harm to the economy: the simple answer is no it cannot.</p>
Parent	Yes	Lovely Community School, Great ( Church) Christian Ethos. Shame not to be able to provide for more children in the Mobberley community
Staff	Yes	<p>Demand for school places in Reception consistently exceeds the number of places available. It is my belief that local children have the right to a place at their local school.</p> <p>This is important to the wellbeing of the child and also to the local community as a whole. The expansion would ensure that there are sufficient places at the school to meet local demand and negate the need for local families to go through the stress of an appeals process for a place at their local school.</p>
Grandparent	Yes	There is no sane reason not to proceed with the expansion. Denying village children access to an education within the village, when there is a solution would be scandalous.

Grandparent	Yes	The expansion is long overdue and to not proceed would, in my opinion, be a gross negligence of the Authority's statutory duties towards children of this village.
Parent/Carer	Yes	This expansion simply has to happen asap. Mobberley children are being turned away from their local school because of a lack of space. It is causing a great deal of heartache & stress to families that have lived in the community for years. Expanding Mobberley School & changing it to a 1 form entry would eradicate the ridiculous system of streaming children from the age of 6. Being separated from his closest friends at such a young age has damaged the confidence of my quiet, introverted child.
Parent/Carer	Yes	None given.
Pupil	Yes	None given.
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Parent/Gov	Yes	<p>I strongly support the proposed expansion of the school. There have been in excess of 250 new build properties which have been constructed within the village of Mobberley over the past 10 years. Those additional properties have attracted young families to the village and they have created unprecedented demand for places at Mobberley CE Primary. No consideration was given at the time of those developments to the implications for demand for school places for the village at that time. The new build properties have also had a significant impact upon the allocation of places within the village. Many of the new developments have been built in close proximity to the school. As a result of this families based in central locations within the village were unable to secure places for the children in the Reception class for the September 2013 intake. This was not a new problem in 2013, a similar issue occurred in 2012 and was addressed by the school agreeing to take a class of 30 for reception as a one off measure.</p> <p>Many families were forced to pursue an appeal in order to secure places for their children. That caused significant distress to those families and also to the school who would have liked to have accommodated all children from the village.</p> <p>It should be remembered that the current catchment for Mobberley CE is not limited to the village of Mobberley but also includes Ashley. Existing demand for places coupled with national policy on the allocation of those places means that the residents of Ashley currently have little prospect of securing places for their children.</p> <p>The absence of availability of school places in villages like Mobberley and Ashley is harmful to the children affected. It is also harmful to the community at large. Many families who would be unable to secure places for their children would consider relocating away from the village. Children growing up in the village who do not attend the school would be strangers in their community. They would be disenfranchised.</p> <p>The expansion of the school is therefore vital in order to address known capacity problems. Live birth data indicates that the increasing demand for places at the school is not a blip but will continue to</p>

		<p>present problems for the foreseeable future unless the capacity of the school can be increased to a single form entry PAN of 30.</p> <p>A further consideration to the provision of education for the village of Mobberley is the public transport links from the village to the neighbouring towns such as Knutsford and Wilmslow. The transport infrastructure in place is very poor. Bus services are infrequent and the Railway station in Mobberley is situated in an isolated location which is not easily accessible except by car. That means it is essential that the village has a school which can meet local demand.</p> <p>Mobberley CE was assessed by Ofsted in 2013 as being an outstanding school. That in itself will encourage families to move to the village in an effort to secure places for their children at the school. The expansion of the school will promote better access to the school site. It should assist in alleviating parking congestion. It will provide better facilities for the pupils and will ensure that pupils have much needed space for education and play provisions. Currently lessons are held in the school hall because of restricted capacity which is not ideal.</p> <p>I therefore strongly support the proposal for expansion.</p>
Other	Yes	As a member of the public, I am in favour of this proposal.
Other	Yes	None given.
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Staff	Yes	Our school continues to be oversubscribed and the recent outstanding Ofsted grading ensures numbers will continue to grow. Families living in the Mobberley catchment area should be able to secure a place in their local village, faith school. We need to grow (additional physical space) and increase our PAN to 30 to facilitate this growth.
Staff	Yes	The Mobberley school community has been growing steadily over many years. Its popularity is due to its location, values, excellent teaching and Christian ethos. All these, coupled with recent new housing in the area, and consolidated by a recent Ofsted report ensures that this growth is set to continue. Despite a new office build and extension of a classroom, the school in its present form is unable to support projected numbers whilst maintaining standards. All children in the catchment area who wish to attend their local village school should be able to do so, thereby securing community cohesion for the future. I believe expansion is the right and only way forward.
Staff	Yes	None given.
Other - Parish Council	Yes	Please be informed that Rostherne Parish Council fully support the proposal to expand Mobberley CE Primary School.
Staff - Bowdon Church School	No	Working at a school located just minutes away from Mobberley C of E, I am fully aware of the need for additional school places in this area. In fact, the school that I work at is, at present, undergoing its own expansion to fulfil the requirement of school places in the local area. However, I wholeheartedly feel that to expand Mobberley C of E Primary in its current location would be unsustainable, dangerous

		<p>and inappropriate. The schools location was fit for purpose when it was a small village school. At this time, the fact that it resides on a blind corner, in the middle of active farm land was less of an issue. However, as the school has grown, so too have the dangers and the inadequacy of its location. Safeguarding children is high upon any schools priority, yet it seems that within the proposal to expand the school where it stands, safeguarding has much less priority than it perhaps should. It is obvious that the village of Mobberley needs a larger school to accommodate the rising number of children moving to the area and I am not opposed to this. However, I can not understand why the council are unable to see past this short term 'fix', as it seems that from the figures of forecasted birth rates and new inhabitants to the village (as a direct result of new housing proposals) the expansion will only accommodate pupil increases until around 2018. I ask what will happen then? Will the school be in the position where it needs to expand again? If so, how will you do this? I feel that it is short sighted to not consider these issues. In conclusion I am opposed to the proposal to expand Mobberley Primary school, not because I do not see the need for more school places, but simply because it is not sustainable. It is a short term fix and the current site does not have the infrastructure to support the school at the size it is now, let alone after further expansion. As a governor of another school, with experience in this field, I feel that the council needs to be more open minded and look into other sites around Mobberley. This would allow the school to expand effectively to cope with required pupil places post 2018 and in the current economical climate, I feel that this would be a better investment of such a large amount of money. Surely Mobberley families deserve a school that is sustainable, safe and efficient, rather than a substandard quick 'fix'.</p>
Staff - Altrincham CE Primary	Yes	<p>.....living on Church Lane, would like to show support for the proposed expansion of Mobberley CE Primary School. It makes sense to increase the intake number to 30, enabling all of our village children to attend their local primary school.</p>
Other	Yes	<p>It will create a greatly needed number of further reception places at the school to ensure that local children get the opportunity to attend their local village primary school.</p>
Other - Parish Council	Yes	<p>Mobberley Parish Council discussed the increase in PAN at their meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014 and I can advise that they support the increase in pupil places from 140 to 210 places. The members would like to see the children of Mobberley secure a place at their village school. There were concerns regarding the additional cars, however understand that this will all be taken into consideration during any planning process.</p>
Other	Yes	<p>As residents of Mobberley &amp; parents ..... we are fully supportive of the expansion of Mobberley CE Primary school in order that our child (and other residents in Mobberley) is able to attend our local school.</p>
Resident	No	<p>I feel that any expansion of Mobberley primary school in its current location would be unsafe and detrimental to my livelihood. I strongly feel the site is unable to facilitate the expansion. The road</p>

		<p>network and parking facilities are inadequate and unable to withstand the volume of traffic. Also, the school playing field is on the other side the car park, meaning children are required to cross an access that is used by the farm. This is unsafe when they are unsupervised. 140-210 is a 50% increase and from figures given in the consultation document, by 2018 which is only in 4 short years, the school would need to expand again and this is without new housing in the area. In conclusion, the proposal is unsustainable and a short term fix. The current site does not have the infrastructure to support the expansion. My main concern is Safety. I firmly believe that the increase in numbers will further increase the risk of accidents.</p>
Other	No	<p>The problems exist already, Car Parking on the grass verge, Surface Water Drainage none existent – so you will put it in the sewer. All you have produced is a lot of figures that solve neither.</p>
Other	Yes	<p>We need a bigger school for this area to accommodate all of the local children. Thank You.</p>
Parent	Yes	<p>Please approve expansions and proceed as fast as possible. Having one class with the hall as their classroom is in adequate and inefficient both for the class and the rest of the school. 30 spaces each year are needed to stop the crushing rejection for those people in the village who can't get in their local school.</p>
Pupils attending Mobberley CE		<p>We love our school and lots of children that live near us want to come here too, we like to play with the people we go to school with when we are at home.</p> <p>The little ones at pre-school will feel more settled if they get to move to our school with their friends, some of us have been friends since pre-school.</p> <p>I would like to move up the classes with my friends. Some people have been split up when some children move up and some children don't. It would be good to have children in one year group all together in the same class.</p> <p>If our school gets bigger we could have a separate playground for infants and juniors. Then the juniors would not have to worry about knocking the little ones over. The little ones would be safer. We would have more space to play our games. The school used to have fewer children than it does now and the playground has not got any bigger. There are a lot of people running around at once. We need fresh air and exercise at break times to help us concentrate in lessons.</p> <p>My brother wants to come here like me and my brother and sister, I worry he will not get a place here and he will have to go somewhere else. I don't know how my mum will be able to drop us all off at different schools at the same time. If we get a bigger school, we can all come to school together.</p>

		<p>We are a bit squashed in our classrooms and sometimes there is no carpet space to use the floor in class 6. When we are trying to work in groups it is difficult to work in a good way when we are all on top of each other.</p> <p>It is good that Year 5 has their own class now, but it would be better if they had their own classroom instead of using the Hall, they are like a team now.</p> <p>I want our school to get a bit bigger, but not too big, our school is a bit like a family and I like knowing everyone in school.</p>
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