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No	Traffic problems already in the area - this will bring more	No		Harrow resident
No	Too many schools in one small area. We are being over populated by housing and now schools in a very small area. There is other areas in the borough you can put this school. It is in a very dangerous area with regards to Cecil Rd. This is a rat run we do not need any more cars in this area. The site is too small for the number of children. This had already been decided by the government with regards to Avanti house who had to go elsewhere. Why are you now putting more children on this site.	No	The site is too small and not safe for the children. Its not fair on the resident to have to put up with another school in this area. The buses will not cope. The council needs to sort out existing problem with regards to traffic not just during the day but also in the evening along Cecil Rd and Whitefriar Ave	Harrow resident
No	there is to much people traffic in the area already	No	there is to much people traffic in the area already due to Islamic centre,school and new housing development.	Harrow resident
No		No		Parent/carer
No	Yes the area is already congested, and one more expansion is not wanted. The plan show the school will have exits onto Cecil Road , this will be accidents waiting to happen, the road is VERY busy during rush hours morning and night and when the Free school was there for a while it became impossible . Just think of the residents of Cecil Road we have enough to put up with , with GFL taking over the street and area, and they do not worry about other motorist or people walking in the area and Cecil Road is very dangerous around this area because the bend in the road.	No	The Free school showed what it was like with hundreds of teenagers coming and going to the school . our life was made unbearable . That is why the residents of the area opposed this school. Look back and see the commets given .	Harrow resident
No		No		Harrow resident
No	I agree that we need more schools or to expand existing ones but in case of Whitefriars Community School, this is not the right decision because: 1. This is not one of our top performing schools and expanding the same would further deteriorate, both, the quality of education and school rating. 2. The location of this school, the approach roads and surrounding area is not ready and developed to cater for such a rise in the number of school children, teaching and non-teaching staff and the traffic and parking requirements such a big school would generate. 3. This increase will cause a lot of inconvenience for the residents all along the approach roads, specially on Fridays considering the Mosque which is right opposite the school. 4. A similar proposal by the "Avanti House" was rejected recently by the residents and instead of learning from it the council wants to implement an exactly similar scheme again is highly irresponsible.	No	I agree that we need more schools or to expand existing ones but in case of Whitefriars Community School, this is not the right decision because: 1. This is not one of our top performing schools and expanding the same would further deteriorate, both, the quality of education and school rating. 2. The location of this school, the approach roads and surrounding area is not ready and developed to cater for such a rise in the number of school children, teaching and non-teaching staff and the traffic and parking requirements such a big school would generate. 3. This increase will cause a lot of inconvenience for the residents all along the approach roads, specially on Fridays considering the Mosque which is right opposite the school. 4. A similar proposal by the "Avanti House" was rejected recently by the residents and instead of learning from it the council wants to implement an exactly similar scheme again is highly irresponsible.	Harrow resident
No	I think the council is struggling to provide the quality of education in Whitefriars to make it bigger? how are you going to get the good quality teachers to work in this area?	No	Harrow Council's ideas change like the wind. I have no confidence in the decisions made. I remember fighting to keep Whitefriars open - as in the Council's wisdom it wanted to close the school due to falling numbers. Harrow Residents knew different. I think the Council does not know what it is doing and decisions are made by people that have no idea of the area and what it needs!!	Harrow resident
No	With three schools already here, the surrounding area is overcrowded. Access to roads and schools are very limited re pick up and drop off by parents.	No	As the Free School was dropped, due to undersized, how can same amount of extra places be acceptable? Again, access is poor, and dangerous for small children along Cecil Road and Whitefriars Avenue.	Harrow resident
No	Too many kids in a small area. We are overrun with schools in this area. The traffic will be immense. The council needs to sort out traffic now.	No	Why are you overcrowding Wealdstone? We do not need another school in this very small area. You have already overcrowded us with people. It's like a big social housing estate.	Harrow resident
No	The area is already congested with schools. The traffic volume will increase. It is at breaking point already. The buses will not be able to cope.	No	The government did not approve Avanti School for this small site. Why are you doing the same? It is not big enough for the amount of children. The traffic will be too much and dangerous eg factories, GFL etc	Harrow resident
No	I changed my child's school mainly because of the smaller size of Whitefriars. Larger class/year intakes have been proven to have a negative impact on schools and pupils.	Not sure	If there is a clear segregation between primary and secondary as there is a need for secondary schools in Harrow but hopefully not to the detriment of the primary school.	Parent/carer
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Not sure	Increased traffic in this area and safety of children walking in already busy roads	No	<p>The area already has two High Schools close to together with one expanding soon. The local bus service is already full with pupils going to these schools. As a result of these two High Schools anti social behaviour in The High Street is a problem and extra resources by the police have to be put in place to manage this. More High School pupils will require further police resources to manage this. Local traffic is already challenging and extra car journeys by staff and parents will add to the problems in the area particularly in Whitefriars Avenue and Whitefriars Drive which feed from the busiest road in the borough. Parking is already controlled in the area and future staff will have now where to park and as previous said Local public transport is often at full capacity. The area is already identified as a high crime area with young people often being the victim so adding more young people to the area by this expansion will subject to crime.</p> <p>The Council has not been clear on the advantages of such an expansion to the local community a part from extra school places there needs to be identified clear planning and community gains before any expansion is proposed</p>	Harrow resident
Not sure	OK in theory, BUT I would strongly object to more building and development affecting Cecil Road & its neighbourhood - and there should be NO use of green field sites under any circumstances. The very pleasant school field, trees and vegetation (or what is left of them) must be preserved at all costs. This area has already been over-developed and suffered very badly as a result, with loss of amenity/ trees/ open space and extra traffic & parking problems. Every time the council allows a "re-development" it almost always results in chaos, damage to amenities & environment, increased traffic and parking problems. We residents then have to suffer the consequences. Cannot existing sites / buildings be used or re-developed? Why cannot the old / dis-used Winsor & Newton Factory / Building in Whitefriars Rd be used or adapted?	Not sure	<p>Same applies as above for Q2. If these proposals actually went ahead in an acceptable shape and form, I think the entire length of Cecil Road and Tudor Road should be made into a 20mph zone. It is already a very dangerous road for all road users (especially pedestrians & cyclists, because many drivers treat it as a short cut and drive at quite high speeds (to avoid the traffic chaos that was created by the Council's alteration of roads in Wealdstone town centre). They seem so desperate to get from A to B to avoid traffic hold ups, that they often drive without due care and attention and treat it as a 40-50mph road. With the folly of allowing HGVs to use Cecil Road to access a factory / depots, especially in respect of the GFL site, which is the result of another very bad planning decision. (Incidentally, the residents of nearby streets, including my own (Wickham Road) are now suffering from having to put up with GFL's vans and trucks being parked in our residential roads, because GFL use so many vehicles. It seems to be increasing its fleet, but it is causing some problems for parking.</p> <p>Didn't the council consider this before allowing GFL to use the site as a depot?) I shall be monitoring very closely how these school re-development proposals develop, and any eventual consequential damage / loss of amenity / other adverse effects on my local neighbourhood will be carefully noted, and those responsible for the planning decisions will be held to account.</p>	Harrow resident
Not sure	I think it's time the younger children enjoyed the modern building (ie the Teachers' Centre) rather than the Victorian one. What outdoor space for the children is envisaged? Will the intake be for children within walking distance of the school? Will there be serious consideration for ESL? Will there be Headteachers for each section of the proposed school? Can you really pretend this is 'consultation' with two questions, and glowing omissions of information regarding the proposals. You seem more interested in ethnic and religious information about the people to whom you have circulated this questionnaire. Interesting but a little optimistic?	Not sure	What is your argument for this? Is it an experiment? On what is the idea based? What outdoor space is envisaged? Will the children be bused off to existing (already well subscribed??) sports centres? At secondary age, will pupils be obliged to stay here or have a choice of secondary schools? If the children will be riding around on public transport will more public transport be provided at essential times? What provision will be made for each teacher arriving in a car? Please make teacher numbers and ALL support staff clear as well as child numbers. Will the police be given more personnel to monitor the children's behaviour outside school in the way they already do? Please close the Tudor Rd entrance to children, allowing child entrance to all buildings from Whitefriars Avenue.	Harrow resident
Not sure	I have no objection to the school expanding as I know there is shortage in schools placements. My only concern is the traffic it will cause on Cecil Road. We already have several companies who have heavy duty lorries, trucks, diggers coming and going all day long with no concern about the residents. Cecil Road is a residential area and not an industrial road, so I cannot understand how the Council has allowed such a company to be based on Cecil Road especially when one of the companies called GFL has not submitted a planning application. If the issues around heavy duty goods vehicles being allowed to be situated on Cecil Road is resolved and are not permitted, then as a resident I do not object to the school expansion.	Not sure	As above and if traffic is monitored and some restrictions are put in place i.e. being able to park outside our houses and not allowing everyone to park as the time restrictions are limited therefore making it permit holders only.	Harrow resident

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Not sure	Ok in theory but I would strongly object to more building and development affecting Cecil Road. It is already over-developed with consequential loss of trees / vegetation / open space, and traffic and parking problems are already bad enough. How does the Council intend to ensure these aspects are safeguarded?	Not sure	As above, I do not want to see further loss of amenity and physical over-development in this area, especially Cecil Road. Can the old / disused Winsor & Newton factory / building be used / adapted instead of extensive re-building? Every time the Council authorises or 're-development' in this area, it ALWAYS results in chaos, damage to the amenities, and local environment. Please think VERY carefully before going ahead!! I shall be monitoring VERY CLOSELY how these proposals develop and any consequential damage / loss of amenity / adverse effects on my local neighbourhood and will hold to account those responsible for any loss/inconvenience or damage suffered.	Harrow resident
Yes		No		Parent/carer
Yes		No		Harrow resident
Yes	The same as other Primary which need expansion to cope with extra place requirement.	No	The area can't cope with another high school. Adding the development of the Collart site for houses and office space, the roads which are effectively single track due to parking on both sides will be block. All high schools should be expanded to cope with the extra demand in the same way as the proposal to expand certain Primary schools. This would more evenly spread the demand instead of burdening one are.	Harrow resident
Yes	This needs to happen with the amount of young children now in the borough. What will happen to the Children's Centre?	Not sure	Not sure how this will impact on Sacred Heart and Salvatorian College.	Other
Yes		Not sure		Parent/carer
Yes		Not sure	Concerns about lack of secondary expertise in 'sponsors'. Concerns post-16 proposal/numbers are unworkable.	
Yes		Yes		Parent/carer
Yes	Proposal to permanently expand school is good.	Yes	Proposal to permanently expand the age range school is good.	Parent/carer
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Yes		Yes		Parent/carer
Yes		Yes		Pupil
Yes		Yes		Parent/carer
Yes	That's a good decision to cope up with the growing demand of schools. More new places are needed in good & outstanding schools.	Yes	Yes, this school should cater for all age ranges due to growing population.	Parent/carer
Yes	It wil good for the community as long as the school maintains a very good standard	Yes	There are no open states schools within the vicinity; so it will be very helpful	Harrow resident
Yes		Yes		Parent/carer
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Yes		Yes		Parent/carer
Yes	As long as education standards are met.	Yes	As long as education standards are met. Also making sure promises are kept.	Parent/carer
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Yes	Does this come to a compromise of the resources enjoyed by the Whitefriars Primary School?	Yes		Parent/carer

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Yes	Wealdstone mixed community. Therefore children, average, bright and below standard (various reasons). So two suggestions to maintain high standard of school. a) Below average children be given special training to bring them above their normal standard. b) to improve school standard/status bright to average children should also be given preference. They are the flagship of the school. Suggestion a) & b) mixed in one class bring the overall performance of school down. Council will be wasting money if that happens.	Yes		Harrow resident
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