Annexe C - Comments from consultation responses

Full proposal 23 February 2015

Question 1	Comment about Question 1 - Do you agree with the approach to creating additional school places in Harrow?	Question 2	Comment about Question 2 - Do you agree with the proposal to permanently expand Longfield Primary School?
No	It does not address the underlying problem of an explosion in local birth rate due to the unsustainable immigration.	No	See commens to question 1 above. As a tax payer, a parent and a UK born national, the expansion will serve the influx of migrants to the detriment of indigenous popilation.
No	Due to increased population. In an ideal situation the schools should be built away from highly densely populated residential areas to sites similar to Tesco Super Stores and the pupils "bussed" in and out of school. There should be adequate car parking for those parents who drive their children to and from school.	No	Parking problems which already are very difficult on Hawthorn Avenue, preventing traffic moving with any ease when parents are dropping off and collecting pupils. 1 - SEVERE CAR PARKING PROBLEMS 2 - Preventing flow of traffic on roads adjacent to Longfield school e.g. ambulances and fire engines.
No	2 schools in the vicinity of 100 yards - namely Buckingham Boys School.	No	Congestion - Congestion - Congestion. Very bad at the moment (school times) - will get worse.
No	I believe there has to be a limit to how many places you can offer residents. I understand there is a statutory obligation to provide places though believe these laws were established in times when space was available. Overcrowding is at a critical level and to bring more and more pupils into a school is non-sensical.	No	The proposal wil involve buildings that either overlook local residents homes (due to their height) or replace green space currently used for exercise. At a time when obesity levels are on the increase, these again makes no sense.
No	The meetings recently held were at a very inconvenient time for many parents and working residents. I was fortunate to be able to attend both meetings as a parent and resident. My impression is that the decision has already been made and the school has decided where they want the new build to be situated, regardless of local residents. Only the existing building the furthest away from homes should be built on (A and B on your map). To avoid major disruption to the school day,this work could be done in the summer holidays. As a resident I object to the fact that plots D and E seem to already of been decided on. This will impact on my rights to privacy in my own home. Harrow is building too many new flats, encouraging people into the area, therefore making the need for more schools. This will just result in a bigger problem in the future , ie more primary school places = more high school places = more homes needed and so it continues. Other areas which are not already over populated should be developed instead . Or new schools should be built as well as other public services (hospitals, doctors) instead of diluting current facilities. If a school is to take on considerably more children, then more playground space is needed not less and these spaces are what will be lost to make the school bigger. Also the school will not be able to provide as many activities or services due to the volume of pupils. I understand traffic is an issue for residents in other roads, personally I feel that if people wish to drive their children to school, then they don't need to attend a local school.	No	See comments above Expanding schools is not a solution to the problem. You have already expanded several other schools in the area and every reception child has been given a school place this year. Why build more? You are only making a future problem for harrow. Longfield has a good reputation, one reason I choose it for my child. I do not see how expanding the school will be of any benefit. In fact I only see disruption to the school for the next few years. Including less after school activities.
No	Build a new school rather than affecting current schools which are operating sucessfully. No thought given to local residents regarding parking, etc.	No	The school can barely manage now. Resources and staff are too stretched currently i.e. admin, school dinners, etc. It will be too big to manage.
No		No	I think it will disrupt the normal school day for the children already at this school. The school could do with improvement and the expansion will take the focus away from making the school outstanding. There is already over crowing and issues with traffic and congestion.

Not Sure		No	Yes, I live in a nearby street to the school and there is already chaos in the morning/afternoon with too much traffic. I have had parents park across my driveway and also the parents/children drop litter. No more.
	IA strategy of opening new schools seems a better approach than plans to expand intake of existing schools as it may adversely impact the current pupils and local residents in that area due to extra congestion.	No	Any plans to expand the intake will adversely impact the current pupils and local residents in that area due to extra congestion created in the immediate area. It will take longer to drop off pupils and find parking around there and create extra traffic n the immediate area. Also, there will be a compromise on existing space for current pupils and any construction work to accommodate extra pupils may cause disruption.
	Parking and congestion is already appalling morning and evening. Cars are regularly parked on double yellow lines along Lankers Drive and roads leading to the Ridgway. Cars are often parked across dropped driveways. Parents doing both of these are rude and state they are doing nothing wrong. Parking throughout the morning is non existent with staff members parking along with road. Increasing capacity will only make this worse.	No	
Yes		No	The roads and parking is already very chaotic. A lot of the time my drivveway is blocked by parked cars.
Yes	Only if works with the local communities.	Not Sure	I am a local resident and dont beleive sufficient research and study has gone into the traffic impact this will have on local residents. Currently, at peak times the surronding area is completely conjested. Parents clearly flout the laws of the restricted parking with no formal mechanism in place to monitor this. School staff seem to have implemented a policy of frequently standing outside the gates in the morning, but do not necessarily prevent parents from stoppping to drop of children on the zig zg lines. There are no school staff controlling parking when school finishes. There have on very rate occassions traffic wardens, but a more long term solution is required to monitor and control the traffic on the surrounding area. Third party delivery companies on a regular basis block local resident drive ways to make deliveries for the school. The school has been advised of this but no visible action appears to have been undertaken. At peak times the nearby zebra crossing is very busy and also causes a bottleneck to the area. How will the plans impact this? At off-peak times, drivers blantantly ignore the zebra crossing and regulalry do not stop for pedistratians. Traffic cameras should be installed to capture motorists who break the law at off peak times. In light of the plans for expansion, these issues listed above will remain and become a bigger problem. How will the council resolve / improve them?
Yes	Yes, there has been no mention in your consultation about the increased traffic when there will be double the pupils in these schools. I am a resident without school children and it is chaotic EVERY school day. What will it be when there are more school places.	Not Sure	
Yes		Not Sure	
Yes		Not Sure	Concerned about the issue of parents parking in surrounding side roads. Farm Avenue and Lankers Drive become impassable during the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times. The roads are too narrow to cope with the existing traffic. How does the Council plan to address this issue, for the sake of residents in the light of this expansion?
Yes	Even though it will create more noise for me in my garden.	Yes	My garden backs on to the school grounds on which there is an enormous oak tree. As I have asked to have this tree pruned I'm hoping that it will now be done as part of the rebuilding.

Yes		Yes	I live in Lankers Drive and at pick up and drop off time the road is inundated with cars parked on both sides of the road. Quite frequently cars park across my driveway and my neighbours drives, also on the grass verges. I have observed people swearing and generally behaving in a manner which is inappropriate whilst children are around. This will get worse unless something constructive and far reaching is done about parking in the vicinity of the school. I am very suprised that there has not been an accident involving a child.
Yes		Yes	
Yes	I am a resident in Hawthorn Drive. My property backs onto the school. We are already plagued by commuters and school run drivers taking up parking spaces in the road. This has become sufficiently acute that our own visitors are unable to park within 100 metres of the property. The school expansion will obviously increase the volume of school run drivers. If this proposal goes ahead, parking restrictions in Hawthorn Drive and other surrounding streets will have to be implemented as a matter of urgency. They already should be implemented.	Yes	
Yes	Will they be building on theplaying field running parallel with Farm Avenue?	Yes	Will the new build be more than 2 storeys high?
Yes		Yes	
Yes		Yes	
Yes	Extra traffic from increased numbers. Teachers, staff and parents delivering and collecting children - traffic enforcement please	Yes	