

## School Specific Responses

**School:** Cedars Manor School

**Planning Area:** North West

**Proposal:** Permanent expansion with effect from September 2013.  
(The school will also open a bulge Reception class in September 2012)

### School Response Governing Body

Cedars Manor School's Governing Body would be in favour of expanding the school to three forms of entry on the condition that it is adequately funded either as a rebuild through the Government's Priority Schools Building Programme or improved through refurbishment. The Governors requested detailed plans and timescales.

### General Consultation Responses (including individuals, organisations and on-line)

A summary of the number of responses is presented in the table:

Yes	No	Not Sure	No Reply	Total
40	5	7	0	52

The majority of responses are in favour of the proposed expansion. Few comments were made in the responses, though comments made included: some uncertainty was expressed about the impact on the school, ramps for pushchairs and wheelchairs; traffic congestion at dropping off and collection, and; the need to keep parents informed about detailed planning.

### Officer Comments

The permanent expansion of Cedars Manor School would provide school places in a good strategic location and offers the potential for a financially efficient solution. The school site used to accommodate two separate three forms of entry schools. The permanent expansion would increase the school from two forms of entry (60 places) to three forms of entry (90 places).

Application has been made to the Government's Priority School Building Programme for a complete rebuild of the school under Private Finance Initiative arrangements. The Government's announcement about applications is awaited and has been delayed beyond the original timescales, and at the time of writing this report no date has been given for the announcement to be made. Officers have included provision for the refurbishment in the Council's Schools Capital Programme.

To implement the expansion programme implementation officers will work with the schools to develop the accommodation proposals and this will include the timescales for building work to commence and completion.

Permanent expansion is proposed from September 2013.

### Officer Recommendation

Statutory proposals are published to increase Cedars Manor School by one form of entry (30 places) to be a three form of entry (90 places) school with effect from September 2013.