

APPENDIX H

Written Responses made in Consultation Period on Proposal to close St Bede's and expand Haven High

Point of View	Supports Proposal (24)	Against Proposal (19)	Not For or Against (10)	Transport and/or traffic concerns (3)	Consider a merger with The Giles (3)	Catholic ethos (7)	Other comments/Notes
Parish Council	Y						
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Teacher/school staff	Y						Benefits everyone. All abilities will be accommodated within the new structure; broader curriculum will be available to choose from.
Parent/Carer	Y						For the good of the pupils.
Teacher/school staff	Y						Pupils will be part of a better school.
Parent/Carer	Y						
Teacher/school staff	Y						Since joining the BWSF, Staniland children have benefitted greatly; Impacted on raising attainment - a dramatic increase in pupil progress. Due to working together and sharing good practise and expertise.
Parent Governor	Y						
Teacher/school staff	Y						A pragmatic solution and a wonderful opportunity. Current situation not sustainable in terms of 'floor standards'. Young learners have an opportunity to succeed under this proposal. A challenging and exciting time.
Other	Y						Money for the site should be used effectively to safe guard standards and employment; not be swallowed up into paying deficits - brought on by waste at Boston Borough Council.
Parent/Carer	Y						
Teacher/school staff	Y					Y	It is the most beneficial option for all parties. However, it is most important that the faith element of the St Bedes be preserved in whatever way possible.
Teacher/school staff	Y						
Parent/Carer	Y						St Bedes small but has always had a very good teaching reputation. This can only enhance Haven High - already a good school.
Teacher/school staff	Y						Have seen the benefits the Federation structure has had on the children's education.
Parent/Carer	Y						I want my son to be able to finish his education on the St Bede's site - he chose the school himself. Smaller school with smaller class sizes suits him better; stated. Also, we only live round the corner from the school; retains his independence - important to him. Some behaviour in class is sometimes beyond teachers; hopefully this will be resolved with a wider scope of more trained teachers.
Teacher/school staff	Y						Working within the Federation gives the students access to much wider curriculum and staff with experience and qualifications. Retained staff will have access to more opportunities to work with other colleagues and greater career progression opportunities.
Teacher/school staff	Y						I feel it would be better to focus on one secondary school and put all energy and resources in to make it a super school.
Governor	Y						In the best interests of all concerned!!
Governor	Y						
Parent/Carer	Y						
other	Y						

Parent/Carer	Y						
Teacher/school staff			Y	Y			What is meant by the expansion of a local secondary school? Section 4. What will happen to the St Bede's site. Will St Bede's site be expanded as Haven High or be closed and sold off?
Parent/Carer			Y	Y			Obviously this will mean an increase in the amount of pupils within this school community. Will the budget be large enough to take this in to account and guarantee that there will be enough teaching staff to keep class sizes reasonable.
Parent/Carer			Y				
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Teacher/school staff			Y				Needs to be carefully and sympathetically planned and change over due to the needs of the children. Potential for bullying.
Parent/Carer			Y				No objection if change really needed but concerned about how child will feel in new school.
Parent/Carer			Y				
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Parent/Carer			Y		Y		In favour of proposal but would also like to see a proposal involving The Giles to compare.
Parent/Carer		Y					Chose St Bedes for son & daughter, both doing well and like school. Did not choose Haven High. Husband works near Haven High and has nothing but trouble from pupils - smoking, stone throwing, drinking, bad language. Joining together would lower St Bede's standards. Too many pupils in one school.
Ex governor		Y		Y			Haven High failing by current standards - should not be allowed to take over. Movement between sites; fraught and difficult to manage. No statement about which year groups will use St Bedes; will it be sold to make money? Haven High full, how will it absorb more pupils?
Parent/Carer		Y					Understandable that grades lower because EAL. Multi-cultural aspect has benefitted daughter. Good in federation but decision to close does not address issues. Recruitment would improve if future assured.
Ex governor		Y					Decision already made and consultation is dishonest. St Bede's has had many problems and lots spent but big does not always mean better.
Parent/Carer		Y				Y	Should be kept as a Catholic School. It will decline if name is changed.
Parent/Carer		Y				Y	Chose St Bedes because small and only Catholic school. Want daughter to stay for remaining two years.
Parent/Carer		Y					
Member of Catholic community		Y			Y	Y	Notes of meetings held before the consultation should be taken into account. Should have been Diocesan rep at public meeting. Merger with Giles should be considered.
Parent/Carer		Y					
Parishioner		Y			Y		No approach to The Giles, parents/pupils should be allowed to decide between Giles and Haven High. Decision to go with Haven High looks like done deal.
Teacher/school staff		Y					Many pupils need smaller environment. EAL parents not able to understand meeting or letter. no choice left if merger goes ahead. 'Done deal' not properly discussed. Meeting a farce etc. Needs to be carefully considered.
Parent/Carer		Y					
Parent/Carer		Y				Y	Two children left St Bede's. Very good - excellent grades and qualifications. Two children still at St Bede's - both doing very well, especially youngest who is SEN with dyslexia. Floor standards do not take into account selective nature of area. Also high EAL and SEN.
NUT Division Secretary		Y				Y	Concerned about staff, failure to consider concerns of parents, contact number unobtainable, having to rely on children to translate.
Parent/Carer		Y				Y	Not a merger; a take-over. Unsatisfactory process - federation tacked onto closure to rectify previous errors. Schools good at different things so should mutually assist each other. Future performance estimates should be treated with caution.
Parent/Carer		Y					
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Parent/Carer		Y					Poor reputation, behaviour & examination results of St Bede's, High number of EAL places high demands on Teachers. Did not choose St Bede's; prepared to remove child.
Parent/Carer		Y					Concerned about daughters continued 1:1, bullying etc. Needs to be in a smaller school.