

APPENDIX B Written Responses made in Consultation Period on the proposed expansion of Coningsby St Michael's Church of England Primary School				
Point of View	Supports Proposal (11)	Against Proposal (48)	Not For or Against (7)	Other comments/Notes
Governor	y			Setting of school, safe access, road network make this school ideal choice for expansion. Headteacher and governors are enthusiastic and dedicated and are doing excellent work to further the standards of education. The school plays a central role in life of community and ecclesiastical parish. Pleased to play my part in the future expansion of the school.
Governor	y			This will be of great benefit to the community, a really exciting project. Slight concerns that any build will impact on playground and grassed areas and need to try and find a solution to this.
other school parent		y		
other school parent		y		I feel it will affect Tattershall Primary School negatively
other school parent		y		
other school parent		y		Places should be filled at other schools first. Smaller schools should not miss out just because of transport issues.
other school parent		y		
other school parent		y		The increase in traffic will disturb the home next to St Michael's. Tattershall Primary School has lots of car parking space, a site large enough to cope with expansion and lots of outdoor space for sport and games. It is also in the middle of an estate so children do not have to walk long distances to get there and it is safe with no heavy traffic around.
other school parent		y		expansion could have negative impact on class size at Tattershall Primary leading to loss of teachers or teaching assistants and therefore effective learning. Also loss of finance could mean teaching equipment and media falling behind latest technology and again reduce effective learning.
other school parent		y		
other school parent		y		Expanding St Michael's will take opportunities away from Tattershall Primary School. All 3 schools in the area should have an equal share.
other school parent		y		
other school parent		y		Tattershall Primary School has worked hard to get where it is. It is the only non-religious school so gives more cultural and religious choice
other school parent		y		
other school parent		y		
other school parent		y		This will result in a loss of pupils for Tattershall Primary School and then loss of good teaching staff when it has improved greatly over the past two years. I do not want to see its numbers dwindle.

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other school parent		y		Children get better teaching in smaller classes. An expansion at Coningsby could mean smaller schools having to close therefore affecting the pupils. Tattershall Primary School has worked hard to turn itself around.
other school parent		y		
other school parent		y		
other school parent		y		
other school parent		y		My daughter did not do well at Coningsby so moved to Tattershall Primary where her grades have improved. If any expansion is needed it should be at Tattershall Primary which is on an upwards slope and the staff are more focussed not at Coningsby which I feel is declining.Surely the school with better staff and happier children should be expanded?
other school parent		y		
other school grandparent		y		There is too much traffic using the road already causing difficulties for access to the nursing home. It is not a safe road.
other school gov and parent		y		Expanding Coningsby is forcing parents to apply there rather than giving them free choice. Holy Trinity serves a far greater residential population - why should residents of Tattershall have to travel to Coningsby? Holy Trinity could offer more places if developed - which could also deal with issue of outdated inadequate portakabin currently in use.Coningsby's latest Ofsted report was "far from glowing" and the school has enough challenges without increasing numbers.Development of Holy Trinity would better serve the local population.
other school gov and parent		y		Tattershall Primary School will suffer through class sizes and funding which is needed to continue to ensure 'good' teaching in our school which we have all worked so hard to achieve.
other school governor		y		I would like to see data to support increased birth rates.there are spare places at several if not most local schools. It should be a priority to fill these and keep existing schools in a healthy state
other school governor		y		There are surplus places in locality and the expansion will detrimentally affect other primary schools. There is no data or logic to support the proposal - no large population increase forecast from national statistics. RAF Coningsby may not generate number of children indicated. Why rush to put this through at the expense of other schools?
other school governor		y		I do not believe the indicated birth rate warrants the expansion. There should be a fair balance between Coningsby and Tattershall schools - to expand one might put the other under threat. This could be seen as a monopoly and parents should have choice.
Governing body other school		y		Welcomes expansion of places in the area but does not consider Coningsby as most suitable or only solution. Roads would be too busy. Capacity at Tattershall Primary was reduced in 2000 on understanding that if expansion was required in area this would be priority at Tattershall Primary. Now graded as good by Ofsted and should have opportunity to expand to benefit staff and pupils. Expansion at Coningsby may cause financial risk at Tattershall Primary. LA should be supporting sustainability of smaller schools. Tattershall Primary is the only none CofE school in area and if it failed to sustain its numbers this may restrict parental preference. Would it be possible to increase the PAN at Tattershall Primary as well as the expansion at Coningsby?
other school governor		y		Surely the increase of child numbers is in urban not rural areas? Where are the facts to back up the long term requirement for more places?. Which school will be forced to close if the birthrate does not increase?
other school governor		y		The access to St Michael's will not cope with additional traffic. Police are often asked to attend to solve problems with parking etc.There is little space for building on the site and open fields should not be lost.As a good improving school Tattershall Primary expected support from LA and the childrens centre was built on condition that the school would expand if needed.
other school gov and staff		y		Should consider expanding Holy Trinity School as it is always oversubscribed - a temporary portakabin was installed in 1991 and is still in use. Why should children travel to Coningsby to attend a church school. Many children who live in Tattershall will not get a school place in Tattershall.
other school gov and staff		y		This will affect traffic congestion in Coningsby where RAF traffic already makes travelling difficult. Increasing the size of one school will affect surrounding schools giving an unfair share of funds and pupils to one site.

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other school parentgov and staff		y		No need to increase capacity in area as shortage of primary places not evidenced. Parents choose schools not merely on nearest but on what is best for their child.Tattershall Primary has capacity for growth. Support should be given to all local schools and not concentrated in one. St Michael's is only graded as satisfactory by Ofsted -it should be good or satisfactory before being considered for growth and finance.
other school staff			y	Is Holy Trinity's future under threat? It would benefit from a brick built structure to to replace the portakabin. This will give St Michael's an advantage over Holy Trinity in attracting new pupils and parents.
other school staff		y		This expansion may give the wrong impression to parents and cause a decline in the numbers of families choosing Tattershall Primary School causing it to close.
other school staff		y		Tattershall Primary is the only 'good' school in the area. Expansion At Coningsby would cause concerns about the increased traffic through Coningsby.
other school staff		y		Tattershall Primary is the only community school in the area. Our school provides the best education in the area. Our pupils are safe and happy. This proposal could negatively affect the numbers at Tatterhall Primary School and also affect the struggling traffic issues around Coningsby making the area less safe for children and affect local businesses.
other school staff		y		Holy Trinity is oversubscribed - 30 first choice applications for 2013 with a PAN of 16 so parents are not really getting a choice. We are having to spend considerable sums on keeping the temporary classroom fit for use. It is not ideal and should have been replaced years ago. If Coningsby benefits from new facilities this will place us at a further disadvantage.
other school staff		y		No evidence to confirm that there is a shortage of places in the area. Kirkby on Bain school will suffer if PAN is increased at Coningsby as a significant number of pupils for whom Conigsby is their nearest school actually attend Kirkby on Bain school.
other school staff		y		If Coningsby take on more children and Tattershall have less on roll this will have a negative impact on Tattershall Primary School's finances so restricting the childrens learning experience and could mean staff redundancies. We are the only community school in the area - parental choice should not be restricted and all schools should be treated fairly.
other school staff		y		This could lead to a reduction in numbers at Tattershall Primar School. Can the community afford to lose a school rated as 'good with outstanding features'?
other school staff		y		The extra children could be accommodated at neighbouring schools - Tattershall Primary, Mareham le Fen and New York for example.Where is the evidence of increasing numbers? Less RAF are settoing in the village compared to recent years. Coningsby is already a large school and there is limited parking with chaos at home time.
other school staff		y		It would be a travesty if a school rated as 'good with outstanding features' had to close due to falling numbers. This could have an impact on the only community school in the area. Smaller schools are better equipped to cope with the pastoral care of children in the community.
other school staff		y		It is wrong to put at risk a school rated as 'good with outstanding features' by increasing numbers at other schools not graded as well as this.
other school parent and staff		y		Surely the 3 existing schools can cater for the needs of the community.Where are the extra numbers going to come from without swallowing up other schools? It would be unfair to close a school judged as 'good to outstanding' Tattershall is the only none faith school.
Parent and parent at other school			y	Has children at both Tattershall Primary and Coningsby. Worried about impact of building work at Coningsby on child who is pupil there as he is being tested for Aspergers and has difficulty coping with change.
Parent and schoolstaff	y			I am in favour as it will benefit my child and also give opportunity to make impact on community and give children a wonderful start to their learning journey.
Parent		y		Concerns over traffic safety -already 'accident waiting to happen' let alone with further numbers. After a disappointing Ofsted the focus should be on improving rather than expanding. We are a church school yet how will all the children now fit into the church? Perhaps the plan should be to improve 2 schools rather than focus on Coningsby. I feel increasingly let down by the school and feel my children will just become a number at the school.
Parent			y	Traffic issues -access to my house is often blocked, near miss accidents, and would only be in favour if general access restricted aeg at certain times of day or access restricted to residents only or buses.
Parent			y	For - new job opportunities, improve teaching, single year group classes. Against - carparking already insufficient, main road over congested with high potential for an accident,more buildings will spoil the look of the school and take up valuable outdoor playing area, church will not be able to accomodate 420 pupils at once. Why not expand one of the 2 Tattershall primary schools?
Parent	y			Pre school places are already hard to find. I do not want my daughter to go to a different school/area.

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Parent	y			Can only be an asset to the school with more space and choice for the children in the future. Concerns over parking and dropping off of children.
Parent		y		Concerns over safety and security of children following increased numbers and additional supervision required within the school and also restricted parking and access with potential for accidents to children if numbers increased.
Parent future	y			It is a good thing for children to attend a school in their village. I hope that classes will not be mixed years and reception becomes more structured
Parent governor	y			Concerns that school will still be happy friendly place; will teaching standards be negatively affected by having to cope with increased numbers; hall not big enough; negative impact on traffic safety following increased numbers; outside space big enough for extra children once building work undertaken; if an increase in none-english speaking children will this affect standards. But feel positive about 2 classes per year group so no mixed year group classes.
Parent governor	y			Coningsby community is growing and this will enable village children to go to village school. Hopefully this will also enable the school to have single year group classes.
schoolstaff	y			Expansion will address problem areas and provide facilities an increasing school needs. Beneficial for children to have all parts of their lives connected ie school, friends, after school activities all in same locality to provide stability (especially important for service families). "cracking school with superb staff" Will allow school to provide safe & great education in modern surroundings for many years to come.
schoolstaff	y			
Secondary school			y	No issues with consultation proposal
Town/parish councillors		y		We don't believe there is a shortage of Reception/Primary places - not the case at Mareham-le-Fen
Town Council			y	Mixed views- can see the need for more places but why not increase all 3 schools? The infrastructure at St Michael's cannot cope with the numbers already - little or no parking and access issues.
Parish Council		y		The Coningsby site is small, would not provide adequate open space and has access issues. The 2 Tattershall schools are better placed to serve local children. Tattershall Primary School is the only community school and none faith so if it closed this would reduce parental choice. Also if the proposal for a new nursery in Tattershall goes ahead this would be a natural feeder into the Tattershall schools.
Town/parish councillor			y	Too many questions to make informed decision - will there be sufficient car parking for increased staff, will 2 new classrooms be single storey, will new classrooms encroach on playing area as this is already limited for existing numbers so more will be needed if expand school not less. Why not buy the old primary school buildings across the road to increase capacity rather than build on existing site? NB Letter sent 08/02/2013 to provide more information and enable informed response.
Parish Council	y			
Not stated		y		