

APPENDIX F

Written Responses made in Consultation Period on the proposed expansion of Louth St Michael's Church of England Primary School				
Point of View	Supports Proposal (7)	Against Proposal (4)	Not For or Against (1)	Other comments/Notes
Parent	y			Logical and practical solution. It will result in smaller class sizes which is beneficial to the children
Governor of St Michaels	y			Benefits to the school and families in Louth far outweigh the disadvantages. Rebuild would be opportunity to incorporate sustainable technologies eg rainwater harvesting, ground source heating, solar panels and any major rebuilding should take place when the school is closed to minimise disruption.
Governor of St Michaels	y			It will provide additional facilities/resources for existing pupils and additional opportunities for staff enhancing staff retention. It will increase the number of children in the Louth area who will benefit from high standards of teaching and care at St Michael's.
Parent and governor	y			The school is very popular and consistently oversubscribed. The school's strong christian ethos and values are at the heart of the school and all it undertakes. The expansion will enable more Louth families to benefit from all that the school offers.
Town Council	y			
C of E Diocese	y			Subject to the approval of the governing body and the school community at St Michael's
School staff	y			In favour of proposal but concerned that toilets need improving.
Parent		y		The decision has already been made - consultation should have taken place before before the extra 15 places were offered.
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Parent		y		The decision has already been made - consultation should have taken place before before the extra 15 places were offered. Unacceptable to have 45 children in one classroom and toilet and cloakroom facilities inadequate. Why has there not been a public meeting? LA should have taken action before now. Why not expand another school - one school in Louth has vacant classrooms, larger playing fields and car parking space. Will cause too much loss of outdoor space. Standards will suffer from mixed age classes.
Governing Body		y		Expansion in Louth should be at a school which is highly rated by Birth to 5 Service, CfBT and Ofsted as Eastfield is. It should be on a site that has space, adequate outdoor provision, good access and parking as Eastfield and Lacey Gardens have. Cost would be less at Eastfield and Lacey Gardens as they already have accommodation for an additional 30 children. The proposal would result in mixed age classes which have been shown to impact negatively on childrens education. Parents have already made their choices for September 2012 and this may cause confusion and/or distress. The Governing Body do not believe that Louth St Michaels is a more popular school and would like the PAN at Eastfield increased from 90 to 120 taking back the classrooms from the Children's Centre rather than the expansion taking place at Louth St Michael's.
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