

Lincoln St Christopher's School Consultation Event

16th September 2019

Consultation for Parents and Carers

Session attended by one parent so informal meeting was held in Heads office.
Present: Parent, Kyna Adkins (Headteacher), Matt Clayton (LCC) and Eileen McMorrow (LCC)

The following contributions were made by the attending parent:

- Children and families associated with St Christopher's have been subject to upset and disruption, particularly with the closure of Queens Park. How are the LA going to ensure families voices are heard in the consultation and not disregarded, as the contributor felt had happened in the past.
- The LA needs to provide assurances that the project will be efficiently managed.
- The building users (i.e. staff, parents and children) should have a voice as to how the building is designed – particularly those with Autism as their specific needs must be considered.
- The LA and School need to provide parents with reassurances that contractors will be accountable for their behaviours and actions on site.
- Disruption during build programme should be considered and kept at a absolute minimum as it could have a harmful impact on students, particularly those with Autism
- Are the LA going to learn from their mistakes on previous projects? Building projects going over time and over budget.
- What about the mistakes made in the development of St Christopher's. The Ark is not well-designed and the LA needs to ensure this doesn't happen again.
- What are the contingency planning arrangements – both is this doesn't go ahead and if it does, contingency plans to ensure it is completed.
- The LA must not ask the school to fund the project.

Consultation for Staff

Attended by approximately 30 staff members. Present: Kyna Adkins (Headteacher), Matt Clayton (LCC), Eileen McMorrow (LCC), Tina Shaw (LCC)

- Staff generally excited about the project but concerned that the council might say no/not go through with it. Could the council not implement the proposal?

- Staff asked how they could support the proposals through the consultation period and also if/when planning is submitted.
- How are the plans going to address the ongoing highway and parking issues at the school? There is currently congestion on Hykeham Rd with the amount of traffic from Manor Leas School and St Christopher's traffic. This needs to be addressed in the plans.
- It was raised that traffic congestion around the old Usher School was problematic with the number of schools in the area. How would this be addressed in the plans for the primary facility?
- How will the LA manage parental preference in the All Needs system? Nearest school.
- Discussion held regarding the LA's plans for workforce development to ensure all staff can meet all needs.
- Would any of the current pupils be forced to change school if they live near a special school which has been expanded and redeveloped before this school. It was reiterated that no child would be forced to change school and that any transition would be effectively managed through the Annual Review process.
- How will the school manage staffing of the new premises – would staff be expected to change sites/offered the opportunity to work on a different site?
- Discussion regarding transition for students once the primary facility is open. How long would the school have to move into the new premises and would it be staggered?
- Would it make more sense to move the secondary provision to the new site and leave early years at the existing site? LA had explored this option but it was deemed that this option would be preferred.
- Would staff, parents and pupils have the opportunity to be involved in the design process?