

Summary of the consultation for the proposal to expand St Mary's Wavendon CE Primary school and transfer it to a new site

A six week consultation relating to the proposed expansion and transfer of St Mary's Wavendon CE Primary School to a new site at Eagle Farm South took place between 1 February 2016 and 13 March 2016 inclusive.

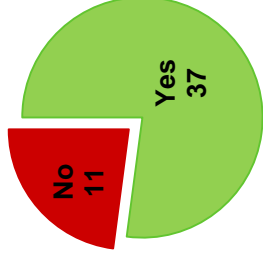
On 1 February 2016 the link to the consultation document was distributed to interested parties as follows:

- Schools within the Walton High Liaison Group: St Mary's Wavendon CE, Bow Brickhill CE, Heronsgate, Wavendon Gate, Heronshaw and Kents Hill School
- Local ward councillors
- Wavendon Parish Council
- CoE Diocesan Board of Education and NORES, Parish Centre Holy Ghost Catholic Church
- Trade Unions

The consultation was also available on the council's website, alongside an electronic response form

A total of 48 responses were received

77% were in favour of expanding and transferring the school



Question: Do you support the proposal to expand and transfer St Mary's Wavendon CE Primary School?

Key themes in support of the proposal were:

1. Builds on the success and existing community links of a 'good' school
2. This proposal will make what is a very small school financially viable and sustainable in the longer term
3. Provides choice and diversity
4. Improves school facilities
5. Eases congestion in Wavendon Village

Key themes against the proposal were:

1. Loss of small village school and links to the community
2. Safe access route to the new site
3. The expansion of a Church of England school does not provide equality of access to children, irrespective of their social, cultural or religious background and could impact on demand for other schools
4. The council had not explored further the opportunity to open this as a national competition