

Summary of the informal consultation for the proposal to expand St Mary and St Giles Church of England School

Informal Consultation took place between 9 January 2017 and 10 March 2017

On 9 January 2017 the link to the consultation document was distributed to interested parties as follows:

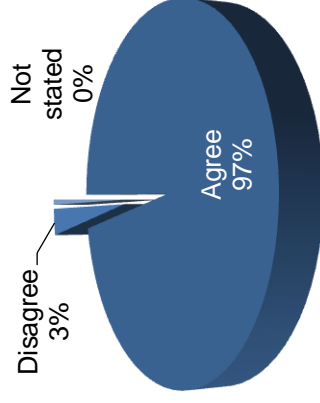
- Local Schools: St Mary and St Giles CE, The Radcliffe, St Mary Magdalene Catholic Primary, Bushfield, Castlethorpe First, Greenleys First, Greenleys Junior, Hanslope Primary, Haversham Village, Russell Street, Slated Row and Wyvern.
- Local ward councillors
- Constituency MPs
- Stony Stratford Town Council
- MKC Officers
- 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 186 responses were received

180 (96.8%)

Were in agreement with the expansion proposal



Key themes in support of the proposal were:

- Expansion will ensure continuity for children attending Russell Street School transitioning to junior school with their peers
- Stony Stratford has a strong sense of community and an expansion will benefit the community further
- More places available at St Mary and St Giles, an Ofsted 'Outstanding School'

Key themes of concern:

- Further division between both the North and South site. The south site should be made a more popular option for parents
- Lack of space on both the North and South site
- Concern regarding the integration of children from both sites
- The growth in pupil numbers may impact on staffing and resources
- Quality of teaching may reduce due to an increase in pupil numbers
- Impact on parking and traffic in the local area
- Russell Street School is under-subscribed since expansion

ANNEX B

Alternative suggestions identified by consultees:

- Expand the provision at the South site
- Expand the new schools that are planned for the Western Expansion Area