

Summary of the consultation for the proposal to increase junior school places in the central Milton Keynes area

A six week consultation relating to the proposal to increase junior school places for families living in Springfield, Fishermead, Woolstone and Peartree Bridge took place between 8 February 2016 and 20 March 2016 inclusive

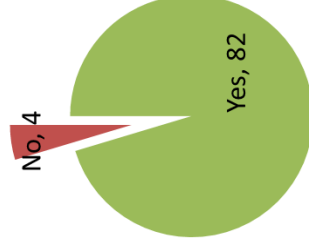
On 8 February 2016 the link to the consultation document was distributed to interested parties as follows:

- Schools within the Milton Keynes Academy Liaison Group: Orchard Academy; Faclonhurst; Langland; Jubilee Wood; The Milton Keynes Academy; Moorlands Nursery; Moorland; New Chapter; Oldbrook; The Redway; Shepherdswell Academy; Charles Warren Academy and The Willows School
- Local ward councillors
- Constituency MPs
- Campbell Park 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

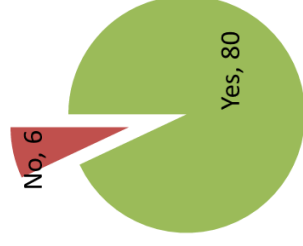
A total of 86 responses were received

95% were in favour of providing additional junior school places



Question: Do you agree there is a need to secure additional junior school places in this area?

93% were in favour of expanding Orchard Academy



Question: Do you support the proposal to increase the number of places at Orchard Academy?

Key themes in support of the proposal were:

1. School is thriving and it is a perfect site for expansion
2. Benefits local children within and around the area
3. Builds on the success of a 'good' school
4. High demand for school places in the local area
5. Provides parental choice for junior provision

Key themes of concern:

1. Parking concerns for local residents during drop off and pick up times
2. Ensuring high educational standards remain if more children per class

Alternative suggestions identified by consultees

1. Altering the catchment areas of Jubilee Wood Primary School to minimise demand on Orchard Academy
2. A new school in Campbell Park or Woolstone to minimise the demand for places at Shepherdswell and Orchard Academies