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Winwick CE School and Community Improvement Plan Consultation Process - 15th March - 5th April 2021

Public Response Summary 7th May, 2021

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Consultation Outcome Summary

- The Consultation was originally conducted from 15th March until 1stth April – then extended to 5th April
- There was some concern amongst the wider community that all had not seen the consultation document and had not had time to respond; the period of consultation was then extended by Winwick Governors until the 5th April to capture all those who wished to express their view/ opinion.

Notification and communication conducted via:

- Local social media sites – Winwick & Hermitage Green, Winwick Park and Church pages.
 - Email notification to Winwick JFC
 - Window posters placed in Church Hall, Winwick Leisure Centre and in the School exterior facing windows
 - Posters on Parish Notice boards throughout the village
 - Full documentation on a dedicated page on the Winwick School website
 - Residents were also asked to share details via word-of-mouth.
 - Information could be obtained from the school reception
- A total of 72 email responses were received to the school email address from Winwick residents, parents and stakeholders.

Phase 1 – Upgrade to Access Road, installation of swing barrier & fencing in school carpark

- There was a majority support for the Phase 1 development plan with 4 objections received from the total of 72 responses.
- Objections were based on the installation of the swing barrier from Myddleton Lane deeming this to be a safety risk in traffic management on the main road.
- There were questions and clarifications requested for Phase 1 – these are addressed in the Questions and Answers section of this document.

Phase 2 - Development of the proposed carpark on the Parish field – responses as follows:

- Responses in support of the proposals – 38
 - Responses objecting to the proposals – 29 (6 emails from within 2 families)
 - Responses asking questions/clarification - 5
- The Chair of Governors also received 22 letters from Y5 children who had been studying the proposals in class and expressed their views as follows:
 - The children were in support of the phase one development based on the safety improvement benefits.

- **For Phase 2** – 15 children were in support of the development with 7 objecting – objections were based on concern for the loss of the trees and/or with any possible loss of green space and wildlife in that area.

Consultation Response Summary	
TOTAL email address responses received	72
Phase 1	
Responses received in support	63
Responses received objecting	4
Phase 2	
Responses received in support	38
Responses received objecting	29
Number not expressing support or objection to either phase-asking clarification/questions	5
Letters from Y5 children -	
Phase 2 - 15 in support - 7 objecting	22

Next steps:

- Outcome summary brought to the Parish Council Meeting – 27th April, 2021. Decisions on this deferred until next Meeting, after local elections.
- All emails received by the Chair of Governor have been replied to – 27th April, 2021
- **Phase 1** – summary of feedback to be shared with WBC planning department with anticipation of Phase 1 upgrades proceeding Summer 2021.
- **Phase 2** – at the Parish Council Meeting on the 27th May, this Consultation feedback will be shared and discussed. The school will await the decisions and outcomes from this meeting.

Community and Residents Questions with Responses

	Question	Response
1	What has changed in your plans (for phase 2) to make you think that they are any more acceptable this time?	The proposed plans have been amended following advice from WBC planning dept. based on previous plans submitted. The revised proposal is to reduce the size of area to a two row linear layout - 15.5 metres x 31 metres long (23 spaces) using a 'greener' surface which supports the environment and has an improved visual appearance; the re-planting of trees is of key focus and requirement also.
2	Exactly when will the gates be open and closed outside of school hours / term time, and who will be responsible for doing this?	<p>The barrier to the road will be closed from 8.30-9.15am and then again from 2.45-3.30pm during school term time only. It will be the responsibility of school staff to lock and re-open these gates at the times mentioned.</p> <p>The school car park gates will be locked at all times with members of the school staff and leisure centre having access to this. The car park will only be opened in the event there is a booking at the Leisure Centre whereby more parking than they have on their site is needed. This would also be available for the Football clubs to use if there were no other booking/ rental at the school during the same hours.</p>
3	Are we losing green space purely for the convenience of staff parking?	No. Relocating the school carpark allows an increase in school yard/open space available to the younger KS 1 school children. Any future plans to expand the school offering to include a pre- school would take into account the need to retain as much outdoor space as possible.
4	I wonder if anything could be done from a signage and / or CCTV perspective in the short term to dissuade / warn against the unsociable behaviour?	There are patrols from the PCSO weekly to dissuade this anti-social behaviour and all incidents of this are reported to the police when they occur. There are cameras and signage in situ which does not seem to be deterring those responsible.
5	Could better utilisation of the 'waste land' on the other side of the car park between Premier Inn (behind the football container) and the bungalows on Rectory Lane. Could this area be adapted for carparking?	This option can be discussed with the Parish Council to see if this is a viable option
6	Would a new pathway be built to replace that, around the new car park, should phase 2 go ahead?	The plans retain a pathway which will allow pedestrians to walk across the field from the Myddleton Lane gate. This will meet a zebra crossing on the access road to ensure safe crossing into the school yard. This route will be encourage as a much safer school approach option for those children walking from further down Myddleton Lane.

7	How big will the proposed parking area be?	The Plan is for 23 carparking spaces in a two row linear layout - area 15.5 metres wide by 31 metres long
8	<p>Who will have access to the car park keys? And what hours do they plan to lock/ unlock? Also we don't understand why they will need access to this when they have a large car park at the rear.</p> <p>Will we the shop owner be able to park our car outside our garage on the side road?</p>	<p>The carpark will be used for school parking in term time from morning until evening weekdays. It is proposed that the football and sports club users of the field will have access, where required, for traffic parking on training and match nights at weekends. Club users of the school hall early evening, will have access also as they currently do for school carpark, and the Leisure centre could utilise this as and when needed for their larger events.</p> <p>You would still be able to park outside your garage on the access road, as long as it was safe and you didn't need to move the vehicle during the times when the swing barrier was across the entrance to the access road (from 8.30-9.15am and then again from 2.45-3.30pm term-time). It will be the responsibility of school staff to lock and re-open the swing barrier at the times mentioned.</p>
9	I heard about this on social media. What about the people who don't have social media? Why have all the village members not had a letter?	Awareness of the Consultation has been shared via social media, posters in the windows of the leisure centre, school front and side facing windows, church hall as well as on the Parish notice boards around the village. The full document and proposals were available via social media groups and on a dedicated area of the School website. We have also asked if people would share this via word- of- month and made packs available from the school. There of course would be a further formal consultation if planning were to go ahead under the Phase 2 following WBC Planning department procedures.
10	To future proof the quality of education for our young children, I think we have to ask if the location and buildings of Winwick School are fit for purpose in the long term or has the building space been exhausted?	The school has in past years looked at other options for relocation to other areas in the village to build a brand new school. Unfortunately, in the currently climate the funding and land is not available to do a complete new build project.
11	I do not understand the comment that "the linear car park will mean less green space is taken up", how can it by increasing car parking space clearly reduces the amount of green space. Also, "visibilty to the road is opened up".	By making the carpark linear it will take up less surface area than a square carpark as previously proposed. By removing the current hedges and bushes between the access road and the field will allow greater visibility for crossing safety and general safety and security in the evenings also.

12	Could car parking not be created at the far end of the Swan car park; there is room for expansion and it backs directly on to school?	The School has in previous years approached the brewery owners of the land by the Premier Inn and The Swan who are unwilling to relinquish any land unfortunately.
13	Will the green space be gifted to the school or bought by the school?	The land will not be bought by the school but the school will bear all the cost of the development and the ongoing maintenance of this and the access road area.
14	Will there be access to the road while the barrier is down?	The barrier on the access road will only be used on school days during school drop off and pick up times 8.30-9.15am and 2.45pm-3.30pm week days/term time. All other times it will be secured in the open position.
15	Will the carpark will be built over the current path around the park, Will this be replaced? If so at who's cost, school or the parish?	The plan is to retain the pathway which will allow pedestrians to walk across the field from the Myddleton Lane gate. This will meet a zebra crossing on the access road to ensure safe crossing into the school yard. This route will be encouraged as a much safer school approach option for those children walking from further down Myddleton Lane. These costs will be covered by the school in the phase 2 development plan.
Comments with Responses Red = Objection, Green = Support, Amber = Neutral		
	Comment	Response
16	The school is currently not at full capacity - The current enrolment level is 187 – a whole class short of being full.	The school is at 194 number on Roll. The KS1 classes are currently at capacity of 91 which is over capacity for the school. Our total school capacity is 210 pupils.
17	By relocating the car park and leaving it open due to the schools' arrangement with the parish council, you are moving the antisocial behaviour away from the school and relocating it to the rear of residents' houses.	The new carpark area will only be open in the early evenings when there is sport on the field or when the school hall is in use. All other times it will remain locked.
18	The school is only a small part of the village, and your plan impacts the whole village in a negative way.	By making the improvements to the access road and improving the carparking area for sport/leisure centre usage the school is investing in the community by making the area safer for pedestrians and cars as well as dramatically improving the visual element of the area.
19	Extend the church car park as there is a large area not used for anything.	The church carpark is already often full at weekends and during funerals and church/hall events during the week. The grassed area is for the church's use for outdoor functions; it is also potentially part of the future graveyard capacity and therefore not available to extend onto.
20	I don't see the need for more pre-school/nursery places in a village which already has two nurseries.	The proposed pre-school option would be one class of approximately 26 places and would secure the ongoing admissions to Winwick CE to their main school setting. Parents of Winwick have the choice over which setting would be most beneficial to their child and as such the more different options they have, the better this is for all children in our community.

		School would continue to work with all nursery and pre-school settings on transition to Reception.
21	As to the drug use, isn't the answer to address the source of the problem, a WPC issue, rather than a clear up operation. If the carpark is fenced and locked as proposed, then the litter will move to the access road, problem still there.	We have not found this as the cars which drop the litter sit on the car park and enjoy their car snacks then dispose out of their windows. If there was not space for cars to park, which they would not be able to do on the side/ access road then they would be unable to do this and unlikely that this would happen.
22	I would also like the tree situation to be considered. Maybe this could involve the children of the school doing some tree planting. It would be nice if a Christmas tree could be planted by the school, then the children could watch it grow year after year and they could have a light up ceremony every Christmas.	We are very much prepared to look at the options to retain as much greenery and as many trees as possible and as within the planning requirements also.
23	I'm sure I saw a range of potential schemes from the council a little while back for traffic management on Myddleton Lane, and I seem to remember this included removing, or at least limiting, street parking on Waterworks Lane? I don't know which scheme was ultimately deemed the preferred scheme, if any, but it may be worth checking how your plans intersect with these?	Thank you for the comment, this is something we can discuss and look into with the Parish Council
24	I feel sad about the impact it would have on Winwick preschool at the leisure centre; it is a lovely provision, affordable, and the staff there really nurture the children to get them confident to start school.	The school's proposal for a pre-school facility is not intended to be to the detriment of the other pre-school offerings in the village - it will provide a solution to those working parents who need access to pre-school provision on a full day basis and who may also have other children in school.
25	An open forum for the whole village is needed as these changes impact on all the village not just the school children. Not everyone is part of social media so I think we should go back to the old fashioned way and send out letters.	The current process has been conducted by the School in agreement with the Parish Council and we have created a great deal of awareness through social media, school website, parish noticed boards and posters around the village. At the point when this is formally registered as a revised planning submission this would follow the usual formal planning consultation process which includes letters and notifications with the ability to feedback via the Warrington Planning website in the usual way.
26	Trial the parking for teachers on the leisure centre and see if it actually does have any adverse effects.	Whilst the work takes place for Phase 1 with the re-surfacing of the side road, staff will need to park elsewhere which will enable them to trial parking on the adjacent streets as well as at the Church. The leisure centre would need to address the lighting situation as Staff would not feel comfortable walking in the dark around the side of the building of the Leisure Centre due to the anti-social behavior which has been happening in the past few years.

		They would also need to ensure their barriers were open at the hours staff would need to park from 6am -6pm (sometimes later if meetings are on in the evenings).
27	I have read all the comments on facebook and was a bit insulted to be told we should be thinking of the children. My late husband and I have been heavily involved with Winwick school over the years and have done everything possible to help the children and the school at the same time as being objective if felt the need was there.	As a school one of the places that the consultation document was shared was the local Winwick and Hermitage Green facebook page; we are aware that lots of residents did comment on this and have strong feelings, both positive and negative towards the consultation. The Comment function was left on by the site Admin to enable discussion and feedback from members of the public. This is a public group managed by individual Administrators it is not managed or subject to control by the school. We thank you and your husband for all the years of support you have given to Winwick CE and for doing everything possible for the children, past and present.
28	We are already surrounded by roads and do not want to see more tarmac whilst in our home. We don't believe anyone on the school council would immediately be excited by a car park overtaking green space behind their home either.	Following feedback from the original plans for the car park, the design was amended for the new proposal under Phase 2 so that it took up less space and was made out of a greener parking surface as opposed to tarmac.
29	As a resident of the village for almost 20 years I feel strongly that the remaining green spaces should be protected.	Thank you for your opinion; it has been duly noted.
30	Furthermore 'disposal' or gifting of land suggests that the land is surplus to requirements and unused, this is just not correct.	Again, thank you for your opinion; it has been duly noted.
31	The children automatically presume it's a 'safe zone' once they turn into the side street so there has been many a time I've had to grab my child to pull him out the way of a moving car.	We agree with this comment totally and even though we discuss road safety and our safety around the site with the children, it does still happen hence the need to act and add in extra safety measures on this side road.
32	I think it will be good that the area will be lockable as that will stop people to congregating in an evening. This again will benefit the community as when the football is played at the weekend the car park is always full again more benefits to the community.	Thank you for noting the positive impact on the wider community.
33	The playground/car park extension will no doubt make a huge difference to the school's facilities and the education of children. If the size of the car park is minimised to the level required, is secure and protects category A or B trees then I would have no concerns with this. The expansion of a land-locked school with limited outdoor space is a very special circumstance in my view.	We agree that we are in a very fortunate location at Winwick in that we have a wonderful field and surrounding countryside for our children to enjoy.
34	Having personally been hit by a parent car on the private road (highlighted attached) in the past, we agree that phase 1 will address the dangerous mix of vehicular and pedestrian traffic during busy times of the day.	We are aware of the incident but thank you for raising it again in this consultation. From a school point of view, we are responsible for the health and safety of our pupils and families and have a duty of care to ensure their safety. Our risk assessments which link to drop off and pick up have

		identified the need for measures to be taken on this side road. During Covid, access to the road has been restricted at key times, this was independently reviewed by Highways England who noted there was no impact on the surrounding roads and the safety of pupils was secure.
35	A welcome improvement and re-assurance for school staff personal and vehicular safety.	Thank you for your opinion; it has been duly noted.
36	By relinquishing a relatively small area for the new car park, we would gain an improved utilisation of secured outdoor space. This is essential for the school to grow and will allow for the enhanced well-being of current and future generations of children.	Thank you for your opinion; it has been duly noted.
37	Adding a Pre-School would be a great addition to the local community. The only pre-school in Winwick at the minute is not offering the 30 hours funding for 3-4 year olds (only 15 hours). As such, parents are either not taking up the full 30 hours entitlement (which is at huge detriment to the children), or they are being forced to go to private nurseries.	Thank you for your opinion; it has been duly noted.
38	Outdoor space and the school yard are very limited for the school children and given how important this is for the development of children, especially those in early years, it puts the school at an unfair disadvantage compared to other schools in the area.	Thank you for your opinion; it has been duly noted.