

14/60 (to be made)
Appendix 2B.

Proposer's responses to petition received on the proposal to expand Parsonage Farm Primary to 4FE		Proposer's Response
Objections /Comments from Respondents	Author	
<p><u>Petition 1 (235 Responses)</u></p> <p>A rise in noise levels throughout the day Congestion on roads Parking concerns</p>	<p>Residents</p>	<p>The council has a statutory duty to ensure there is sufficient school place available for all children in Havering.</p> <p>The impact of increased traffic is taken very seriously during planning processes and a joint effort is made by all involved to explore ways of mitigating the issues. Guarantees cannot be made to improve upon existing situations, but consultation is undertaken with Highways advisers in order to develop measures which will help to mitigate some of the additional</p> <p>Parking and traffic issues will be considered in full so that appropriate improvements or changes could be made. Through the planning process, the Highways team will be consulted and any recommendations or conditions will be fully considered</p>
<p><u>Petition 2 (190 responses)</u></p> <p>Be safe when arriving and leaving school Enjoy their education without the disruption of building work Gain the best possible education without becoming lost within the numbers of the school</p>	<p>Parents</p>	<p>Whenever there is a change made to our schools, we make every effort to ensure that the quality of education and the welfare, safety and security of pupils is given the highest priority. We have an excellent track record for managing major building projects at primary schools and we aim to keep disruption to a minimum both for those teaching and learning as well as for anybody who lives close to the school.</p> <p>During each stage of the process, a number of meetings will take place between the Schools, the Council and the contractors to make all the necessary arrangements to manage activity around the site and the school</p> <p>The school is confident that the benefits from having a larger school will enable them to provide an excellent education for all the pupils that attend the school.</p> <p>The impact of increased traffic is taken very seriously during planning processes and a joint effort is made by all involved to explore ways of mitigating the issues. Guarantees cannot be made to improve upon existing situations, but consultation is undertaken with Highways advisers in order to develop measures which will help to mitigate some of the additional impact</p>

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	<p>Parsonage Farm was built as a 3FE school but as the numbers were quite low in previous years the school rolls declined and the school had fewer pupils on roll. The school had three mobile classrooms on site and these were taken off as they were no longer needed. The pupil numbers in the area started to increase in September 2012 and the school started taking 90 pupils since. The cohort size will increase on a yearly basis and the school is having permanent classrooms being built to replace the mobile class. If the expansion to 4 FE is agreed then the school will take 120 in Reception in Sept 2015 and again the cohort size will increase on a yearly basis rather than becoming a 840 place school on the 1 Sept 2015. Parsonage Farm is a good school and has the capacity to manage an increase in pupil numbers. The most important aspect of any school is the quality of teaching and there are already high quality teachers in the schools</p> <p>There is site capacity for the school to be expanded to a 4FE school. If the expansion is agreed we will in fact increase the amount of play space available – a third playground will be built and we will be upgrading the existing outdoor play space as well in order to support the outdoor curriculum.</p> <p>The design is still at feasibility stage and other areas may still be considered as part of the physical expansion proposal.</p> <p>Both Brady and Rainham Village schools do not have space on their existing site to enable an expansion.</p> <p>The Local Authority is experienced in managing the delivery of projects on schools sites, working closely with the schools to minimise disruption for the children and staff; planning the stages of delivery carefully, and using school holidays where possible to carry out works that may otherwise cause disruption.</p> <p>Parsonage Farm is a good school and has the capacity to manage an increase in pupil numbers. The most important aspect of any school is the quality of teaching and there are already high quality teachers in the schools.</p> <p>Schools with strong senior leadership teams (SLT) have been chosen because the local authority has confidence that the staff and Governors will make every effort to ensure that the ethos of the school doesn't change and that new staff are carefully recruited to ensure that the school's friendly approach continues further. The wider range of staff as a result of additional appointments to deliver an additional class will bring with it an opportunity for the SLT to recruit a broader level of expertise and specialisms within its staff which can be used to enhance the teaching and learning delivered at the school.</p>
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