

Appendix 8 – Warninglid Primary School Consultation Analysis Summary report

1. Summary Data

	Do you support the proposal to relocate Warninglid Primary School to the Woodgate development in Pease Pottage by 31st August 2021? -	Do you support the proposal for Warninglid Primary School to federate with another school or schools to form a closer working partnership?	Do you support the proposal to review the catchment areas of neighbouring schools in the vicinity of Warninglid and Pease Pottage should the proposal for Warninglid Primary School to relocate to Woodgate/Pease Pottage be supported?
Support	166	165	157
Neither support or object	3	12	7
Object	21	11	22
Not Answered		1	
Don't know		1	4
Total responses to each question	190	190	190

2. Commentary

- 2.1 Written responses to the on-line and paper consultation exercise were overwhelmingly in support of both relocating the school and federation. Support was seen from both parents and local residents. Many saw this as a means of protecting the 'small school' nature and the quality of the teaching provided by current staff. The majority of comments espoused the positive experience current or past parents had had with the school. However, there were a few current parents and residents who had some reservations.

'We chose the school because of its size. Pease Pottage will no doubt be much bigger and that would not suit my child.'

'The proposal to relocate the school to Pease Pottage makes no sense whatsoever. The school in Pease Pottage would have absolutely nothing to do with Warninglid.'

- 2.2 Whilst overwhelmingly supportive of the proposal, the main reasons for dissent and objection to the proposal among those who objected came from either residents who had chosen their property specifically due to its proximity to another school and had concerns that the relocation

would change their own catchment area, or staff and governors linked with other local schools concerned about the impact of the relocation on their own school numbers.

'I do support Warninglid relocating and federating but I have concerns that it will expand from a 70-150 place school and the impact that this will have on other schools. For this reason, I object to the review of catchment areas as this will have a knock-on impact on other schools.'

'I still do not understand why you are moving a small school to a completely new site impacting on other local schools in the area.'

Whilst recognising that there are some concerns about a perceived impact on other schools, the point was made clearly at the public meeting that, in relocating Warninglid, there is no immediate plan to increase its planned admission limit from 70 pupils.

- 2.3 From the few respondents that objected, the review of catchment areas was a key concern of the majority and the impact this could have on them being able to access the school of their choice. Within any consultation on catchment area changes, schools and residents would be engaged in that process. However, currently the majority of children attending Warninglid Primary do travel down from the Pease Pottage and Crawley area already. The planned relocation is looking to move the school closer to where the majority of current pupils reside.
- 2.4 There were few other themes covered in respondents' comments.