

Community Engagement – consultation summary

Event (eg name of group / event) :	BALSALL COMMON PRIMARY SCHOOL [BCPS] STAFF
Nature of consultation (eg Community event; focus group; questionnaire) :	FOCUS GROUP
Date : 14TH July 2016	Venue : Balsall Common Primary School
NDP lead : Vince Ritters	Key contact (if applicable) : Graeme Burgess [headteacher]
Participant details (eg approximate number; attach register if available) :	Seven [4 living in the Balsall Common]
<p>Purpose of consultation (ie nature of data to be collected incl. housing, education, traffic, public transport, retail, amenities and utilities. Focus on BC and/or rural areas incl. Berkswell) : To gather some more in depth thoughts around two themes – education and housing for Primary School Staff. Individuals asked under each of the two themes; Q1 what’s good now/Q2 what’s good now /Q3 what’s needed as community grows</p>	
<p>Description of consultation (incl. photos; material presented / on display/ handouts) : Facilitated focus group. Only material supplied was NDP letter seeking focus group engagement</p>	
<p>Data collected (eg lists) :</p>	
<p>Analysis of Results relating to themes and location (eg pie charts; mindmaps):</p> <p><u>EDUCATION</u></p> <p>QUESTION 1 - what’s good now</p> <p>Places for all local children within catchment area Outstanding judgement for BCPS 3 x Both schools [Berkswell & Balsall Common] OFSTED Outstanding 2 x High standards Strong curriculum Well organised fit for purpose staffing Well behaved pupils Ongoing demand for places Size of BC Primary School 2 x lots of great facilities in BC Primary School Good facilities at BCPS – adventure playground/swimming pool/nursery and reception outdoor areas clubs BCPS offers range of after school Swimming pool – for lessons and fundraising Plenty of after school care provision in BC After/before school provision Out of hours on site provision Our own before and after school care On site nursery provision. Proximity of Heart of England secondary 2 x Next door to Heart of England, useful for Y6-Y7 transition Proximity to feeder school Supportive parents Schools are in a nice setting, large fields and can share fields between schools Established location High profile</p> <p>QUESTION 2 - what’s good now</p> <p>School hall not large enough for whole school Bigger facility</p>	

Room to grow and future proof school

Larger school required to allow more space in school for intervention and activities

More outside space require as we are bursting at the seems and limited to outdoor activity

Facilities are old and building needs lots of improvements to it. Not fir for purpose at the moment

New build to ensure sufficient space – free space, additional teaching rooms for SEN, sports facilities – high proportion of sporting achievements, despite limited space to practice

We need more space, perhaps two sites. Present for nursery to KS1, new site KS2

Larger school – more places for pupils, more facilities needed, larger hall, larger playgrounds, larger classrooms

Building needs extending to meet demand

Classrooms [some] are small for class sizes

New/more modern greener facility

Bigger play area

Better outside space – pond/garden

More sports facilities

Shared/community facility

Better links between primary and secondary

End to end learning

Input from local industry

Bigger car park

Drop off area

Parking a real issue for residents so need space for parking

Parking becoming an increasing problem

Parking /traffic/access to school for both staff and parents

Traffic slowing measures outside BC primary, pedestrian crossing at Holly Lane/Gypsey Lane/Balsall Street East junctions

QUESTION 3 - what's needed as community grows

To look after a growing community we would need a new/extended building. Every room and cupboard is taken in school

This site is not fit for purpose now

New purpose built school – primary and possibly secondary

Either new site for BCPS or an additional school

New school [possibly infant and junior]

Room for the school to grow and adapt over the next 20years

Still need the school to be a big part of the community

Increase in Primary [+secondary??] places

New school needed as BCPS not large enough to expand further

We would need a bigger nursery to cope with the more families in the village

More nursery place

Could local SEN specialists be used for local schools?

Need larger space – if one school I feel the children will get lost. We have had such a good ethos. Keep this site as infants and new site for juniors

Heart of England could have this site for expansion and BCPS could relocate

Heart of England will also need to expand

Sports facilities/fields needed for Primary access – possible links with local sports clubs?? Use of their shared facilities.

If had larger site could be used as a community learning base for the village. What a great way to keep that village feeling

At secondary school the catchment area needs to become more locally specific

Separate 6th form to ease pressure on HoE site

New school to offer community facilities too for adult ed/sports clubs – HoE has limited availability

Support for local businesses to provide to provide apprenticeships for FE

Awareness of traffic flow past houses affecting residents – car parking on school sites

Parking would be an issue around school but we wouldn't be able to take on more children. Parents would

then be travelling to take their child to a school in another village

Bypass for the village

Road network – careful consideration to site – effect on residents reparking/safety concerns over crossing roads which are becoming increasingly busy

Need to plan for an increase in traffic, especially at peak times – school start/end, parking/congestion/safe crossing for children.

Greater community facilities

More houses

Affordable housing

Better shopping facilities – wider access to amenities

HOUSING

QUESTION 1 - what's good now

Newer housing has been planned with driveways so there's not too much on street parking

Still some green space/trees/space around housing

Most housing allows central access to both primary and secondary schools

Village is well kept, houses well kept

Village has a number of pubs, rugby club, chip shop all accessible to the houses

Village centre is central

Good range of housing close to schools

Good quality housing

Most have central location close to all amenities

High value

A mix of house types and good amount of bungalows to serve the older generation

Houses are local to good range of facilities, i.e. shops, public transport, services such as doctors, dentists

Still has a small village feel even though growing all the time

Primary school still the hub of the community – just about

Village is making most of unused land to develop quality housing

Housing value is high in the area

Location of schools, train station, near airport, local shops, library etc

Station convenient for village, good links to London/Coventry/Birmingham

Railway station

High quality health centre

Access to station good

Access to motorway good

Good transport links

Proximity to airport

Access to motorways

Surrounding countryside [green belt] and public walkways.

QUESTION 2 - what's good now

Village lacks character, some newer housing developments lack character

More green space for children – only two play areas in village

More affordable housing, i.e. buy large plots knock down and rebuild affordable homes

People to buy homes by a school and accept the level of chaos

Stop building

Too large

No longer a village

Need a "green" part in centre for people to sit and meet [perhaps behind co-op – community use]

With growth need a hub

More housing

More affordable properties

Smaller homes

More banks in the village
More play areas
A limit on how many more houses are built in the village
Parking at station needs improving – commuters park in road
Parking near school – roads very congested at drop off/pick up times
Parking by shops – bays should be angled
Not many safe places to cross busy roads
More cycle paths
Local roads are not safe – traffic moves too quickly and there are not enough crossings or speed reducing measures taken
Bypass for wagons
Building by co-op needs to go – could become a small green space
Worry about HS2 housing effect on village and surrounding areas

QUESTION 3 - what's needed as community grows

Keeping houses with character of current housing
Not building on parks etc
Trying to build on brownfield sites as opposed to greenfield
Continue to build mix of size of housing
Include affordable housing
Keep developments small
Too much social housing could alter the character of the village
NO TOWER BLOCKS!
Housing prices kept high if possible to keep area desirable through good education facilities
Greater mix of properties/cost/size
Sympathetic build to compliment existing
New homes
Affordable homes
Future housing needs off street parking
Road network –bypass to keep through traffic out of village
Possible village by-pass for traffic
Better parking to take cars off the road
Better infrastructure to take cars away from the village
Slower traffic speeds
More parking could be crated by demolishing the building by the co-op
Better transport – more frequent buses
Bypass
New schools to cater for increase in population
Bigger schools – possibly build a new 4 form primary school
A larger school to cope with the demand of new families
We need a “community hub” perhaps school site with meeting/sports facilities for all to use
More community space, e.g sports hall
Possible new children’s park/play area for incoming residents
Redevelopment of youth centre to keep teenagers busy and out of trouble
Play space
More free facilities for children
Further playing fields for children nearer the new houses
Encourage new businesses into village
Provision of medical and education service needs to be increased to provide for expansion
Increased amenities
Sports centre
Restaurants

