

General Comments – Maldens and Coombe Primary Expansion FINAL

I support very strongly the letter sent to you by Lynne Finnerty of the Residents' Support Group in the area of the two church schools above

I am not familiar with Malden Manor so am unable to comment. Burlington Infant and Junior Schools will love play area and the new areas will be more difficult to supervise. Also increased traffic. Regarding Christ Church and Corpus Christi my main concern is one of safety in that there are long standing unresolved traffic issues associated with schools within Coombe Vale Ward. This area is bordered by the railway and consequently both access and parking are difficult at school drop off and pick up times. Numerous cul de sacs, a level crossing and a narrow railway arch also cause delays and congestion. Pavements are narrow and are becoming dangerously overcrowded with adult and child cyclists and young children on scooters, weaving among pedestrians and pushchairs. Damage to cars is common. Plans to relocate and construct a new build for Christchurch Junior school adjacent to Corpus Christi school could concentrate the arrival/departure of approximately 1000 children at an already dangerous junction. In 2000 a planning application (99/04190/FUL) was submitted for a 3 classroom extension to Corpus Christi School. Permission was granted on condition that before building commenced, a "kiss and drop" facility was provided. This was "to ensure that the proposed development does not prejudice the free flow of traffic or conditions of general safety on adjoining highways and that adequate parking, servicing and manoeuvring provision is made." It seems that this extension was never built but, instead a smaller addition which did not require the "kiss and drop" facility. Current proposals for a significantly bigger increase in size gives no consideration to general safety, they will exacerbate it. In 1987 and 2004 petitions due to traffic problems were submitted to the Maldens and Coombe Neighbourhood Committee. The SNT are reluctant to enforce restrictions and in my experience their presence outside these schools is ineffective as persistent offenders are not penalised. It has been agreed that large coaches used by Corpus Christi school be escorted by a police officer when contravening the one-way. The SNT does not always respond to the school's request. School travel plans cannot impose use of sustainable means of transport on school staff or parents since personal circumstances dictate car use. As a faith school Corpus Christi school's admissions criteria results in a wide catchment area. Commuter parking has recently begun. Residents have a good relationship with a local business, but with no proper provision planned for increased staff parking, the neighbourhood could become little more than a car park. A national drive to promote schools as "community hubs" will pressurise head teachers and school governors to provide extended services. Early morning care clubs, after school clubs, weekend activities and functions already impinge on residents. The new build is proposed on Christ Church Junior school's current playing field. The other 2 expansions will also lose green space. Coombe Vale Ward has been defined by the Borough's Open Space Assessment as being deficient in public parkland as well as natural and semi natural green space. The RBK Local Development Framework Core Strategy Consultation 2009 cites "protecting borough character" an "protecting and enhancing green spaces" among the 5 most popular responses to a question on total values. The architects advise that a new build would involve a 12 month minimum programme. Due to limited access, building works would, presumably, occur outside school hours and term time causing noise, pollution and severe disruption to residents. Air quality would be affected by a further increase in traffic. I have personally been part of working groups on traffic calming measures and successfully campaigned for a one-way system on the approach to Corpus Christi's sole access. The one-way was made permanent in November 2006 in order to alleviate gridlocks at junctions. Together with other residents I have, over the years, also taken time to meet the Corpus Christi school head teacher with our ward councillor and representatives from Traffic Engineering, the SNT and Road Safety. Suggestions have not been taken up by Traffic Engineering or the SNT. Council officers are now arranging a working group to include residents; as you can see, we have always been proactive but have yet to resolve the problems. This area is bordered by the railway

The local area around Elm Road and the Groves cannot cope with the current pupil levels at these schools. The roads are blocked twice a day every day. With parking on ALL corners and yellow lines it is therefore not practical to add 305 more pupils with mums in cars, to this area. I feel this would arise to a serious matter of health and safety to all.

This will cause additional traffic congestion in adjacent streets at school start and finish times, especially around the entrance to Corpus Christi school in Mount Road and Chestnut Grove.

Traffic congestion around the 2 schools a school start and finish times is very bad at present. Expansion of the schools will increase this greatly

In principle I support the expansion strategy for Malden and Coombe school. However, I am still undecided whether to fully support an additional form entry because of the detrimental impact it will have on the social and physical environment in New Malden. The main problem is the resulting increase of traffic congestion - more cars, more pedestrians. The area is already congested. The traffic management need to think of ways to lessen the traffic congestion like opening up another entrance to Corpus Christi C/E school at Northcote Road.

The local roads simply are not designed to cope with even the current levels of traffic at drop off and collection times from these schools (Corpus Christi and Christ Church). Apart from being incredibly dangerous for the children on a daily basis through extreme volumes of traffic, bad parking (illegally on protective yellow zig zag lines and double yellow lines), aggressive driving by parents, it is also completely impossible for the local roads to cope. It is gridlocked on a twice daily basis (at least) during school pickup and drop-off times, which are even with a tight catchment area which should make all vehicles, access unnecessary anyway. Parents and students should arrive only on foot NOT in cars. We have significant concerns about further pressure on the local roads and increasingly concerned for our own young children, given the daily issues we all suffer as a resident. We simply cannot cope with expansion of these sites. This is NOT the answer.

As a resident of New Malden (in particular with reference to the Christ Church and Corpus Christi Schools) I have grave concerns with the proposed plans for expansion on these sites. Provision for the increase in flow of pupils both in terms of pedestrian access and road traffic congestion. Problems already occur with 2 schools (Christ Church Junior and CC) in close proximity. To then propose to expand both schools and putting both on one site (the CC site) with shared access seems foolhardy. Having just amalgamated CC Infants and Junior as one primary school on 2 sites and now the proposed building of the junior school on the Corpus site they are now even further apart, making it nigh on impossible to function as one united primary school. The wellbeing of the pupils on several fronts. A child's first experience of school should be in a small welcoming family environment, not a large primary impersonal complex where it is increasingly difficult for a Head to have a hold on each individual family. 3/4 form entry is too large for primary. Secondly, having seen the proposed plans for extension on both sites, there is not enough space to effectively accommodate all the extra pupils. It compromises the recreational space, reduces the green space to the detriment of the pupils' well being. I understand the need for tough decisions to be made, but they must be measured against the long term effects to the neighbourhood environment and to the pupils who are embarking on their educational journey.

Extremely concerned about the traffic (both road and pedestrian) around the proposed entrance to Christ Church juniors. If Corpus Christi and Christ Church BOTH increase in size, I think there will be serious safety issues for taking the children to school (the pavements are currently extremely crowded, especially under the railway and along Elm Road. A pedestrian entrance off Mount Pleasant would be pretty useless as very few Christchurch children come from that side. The schools are just too close together.

You should be very aware of t he congestion on all the roads, round the schools it is a joke! That should be enough reason to stop the increase in pupils. No good saying you will police it because it never happens.

I live in the middle of both schools. The traffic is bad enough now when parents drop the children off and pick up. If another school is built it will be chaotic.

I wish my daughter to attend Christ Church and understand that the places are very limited. I would support the expansion of other schools if I knew more about them or had links with them.

Two schools close together having extra classrooms would be an even bigger traffic problem. Corpus Christi has already grown far too big over the years. It is time to consider the residents.

I think the plan for Corpus Christi looks ok and they have enough space. The plan for Christchurch is not going to work in my opinion: Not enough room on infant site for 3 more classrooms and will eat into precious outdoor space. The proposed new junior site is too close to Corpus Christi and one school may lose its identity somewhat. Traffic increase on both sites (infant and junior) will be too much for the narrow streets to cope with. It is already too busy. We were told that the increase in form intake to 3 classes would mean we had a brand new primary school on one site. This has not been the case and I therefore oppose it.

Being a parent I can see the need for expansion, but being a resident and walking to school each day I can also see that the current gridlock around the immediate area, and lack of parking, can only get worse unless some big improvements are made to the traffic issues. I think placing 2 schools so close together in such a small area will inevitably cause some chaos and I would have thought a new site for Christchurch, in not such a congested area, would surely be better for everyone concerned.

We have a vehicle which we try not to use as when we go out there is never anywhere to park owing to vehicles PARKING that use SCHOOLS. If this is like it is NOW, what chance of PARKING outside or near your OWN RESIDENTS with another extra 30 pupils attending? There are times we NEED to use the car as I have trouble with my knees. I have to use a walking stick.

I recognise the need for the expansion of schools in the area, but am concerned about the effect the changes will have on existing school premises and performance. (E.g. loss of playing fields/playgrounds leading to overcrowding of schools). I am also concerned about the consequences for the local residential areas around the schools.

I'm affected by both Christ Church and Corpus Christi as I live in the middle of both. Traffic is a major problem already, and to add to this is illogical. I am particularly opposed to your proposal to build Christ Church on the playing field. Even with the substation removed, this will just add to the congestion.

I do not agree with the expansion of Christ Church New Malden for the following reasons: If the junior school is constructed right next to Corpus Christi School, the congestion will be dreadful in the mornings - already in the Groves area, the walk to school is very busy. If the schools are side by side there will be far too many pupils, too many cars, too many opportunities for accidents and collisions between pupils/parents and cars. The building site noise and pollution would be unacceptable for the pupils who are trying to learn and study in peace.

Corpus Christi currently has the space to expand. However consideration should be given to local residents. I strongly disagree with the proposed expansion to Christ Church school using the school's current playing field. As access to this is served by a shared drive to Corpus Christi, then the extra burden on the local area to accommodate cars and pedestrians would be untenable. There is already a problem with congestion in the local streets and extra traffic would make the situation untenable.

Re Christchurch and Corpus Christi - I understand the need for more school places but this particular area is absolutely NOT the right place.

Son due to start school in 2012 (nearest school - Burlington) and wish him to attend a local NON FAITH school!

As parents looking to choose a school for our daughter for the 2011/2012 academic year, we are concerned at not being able to attend the school of our choice due to insufficient places. Key factors for us are standard of education, proximity, and a fair admissions policy for all applicants.

E.g. being able to address the issue of people taking on short term lets etc to get into the 'right' school.

I am against the proposals mainly because I think it is ridiculous to expand two schools, side by side, in an area which already has major traffic congestion. I live by Christ Church Junior site and if I mistimed my journey in or out the street (I have to drive for work), I often leave until outside of school start/end times. The situation is exacerbated by the level crossing in Elm Road, meaning that gridlock is not unusual. I am not convinced by the planning proposals for extra entrances to the new site as most traffic will still come from the Groves and Elm Road direction. If extra school places are required, I would like to see a new school built elsewhere in the borough - for example on part of Beverley Park, with the current Christ Church school field which is rarely used (I speak as a parent who has had three children through the school) turned into a community space to compensate for the loss of play space in Beverley Park.

1. I am unconvinced by the statistical evidence that so many extra places are required. 2. I think that even if there is a need to accommodate extra children in the future, this is not likely to be a continuous trend, especially once the economy recovers and people relocate out of the borough. 3. I query whether there is the capital to expand all these schools in the way proposed, and think that a more sustainable and cost effective solution should be considered e.g. temporary accommodation on a number of sites. 4. The proposal to relocate Christ Church Juniors to the field beside Corpus Christi, plus the expansion of Corpus Christi itself, is ill considered: a. most importantly, it will cause even more traffic chaos in the surrounding roads; traffic in the immediate area is already heavy and at times gridlocked; b. I have concerns about restricted emergency vehicular access to the sites in the event of a major emergency e.g. fire, terrorist threat, railway accident. 5. I object to the lack of information about the future redevelopment of the current Christ Church Junior site and think that the council will end up selling it for housing which I would strongly object to.

We think that Malden PAROCHIAL school should be expanded to 2 form entry so all the local schools are equal sized. We do not think the discipline and control needed would be kept at Malden Manor if it becomes a third larger. Particularly if the new secondary school in North Kingston is to be CofE England, there should be an expansion in the C of E primary and meet the high demand for this type of school.

Although I understand that this is a 'quick fix' to providing sufficient school places for New Malden's children, I have concerns over road safety of families travelling to school, increased journey times and impact on residents living close to these schools.

1. Severe concerns about overcrowding at Christ Church Infant Site and lack of play space - there will be 4 x 30 additional children with the inclusion of the nursery opening 2010. There are national concerns about children's activity levels and forcing them into smaller spaces with less green space does not help this situation. 2. Present traffic problems will be exacerbated to severe and dangerous levels especially Elm Road, chestnut Grove, and Lime Grove. It will become impossible to walk children safely to school along the pavements due to overcrowding. Very likely lead to serious accidents from children being accidentally pushed off pavements or from cars mounting pavements. The expansion of Church Schools is particularly likely to encourage extra vehicles as these schools give preference to Church goers from a relatively large catchment area over local children. 3. At the Expansion meeting the speaker explained that the school leadership is the crucial factor in the success of a school especially with larger schools. The Christ Church Deputy Head teacher is leaving the Infants this year and the Head teacher is likely to retire in the early stages of the expansion so this leaves the school very vulnerable to failure from inadequate leadership during this time. Please look at alternative sites to build a new school rather than increasing the number of children coming into an area with such access and traffic management problems. There is a large area of green space owned by the council and presently leased to the Golf Club. This serves a small minority of people and would be better put to use as a site for a new (non-church if possible) school with area for the children to practice and enjoy adequate physical activity for their present and future health

Traffic conditions in Elm Road and Chestnut Grove are already unmanageable during school drop off and collection times and traffic volumes would increase significantly with extra cars coming to the schools. These roads are just not suitable for increased volumes of traffic and the railway crossing in Elm Road only makes matters worse, with the barriers staying down for such long periods of time between trains. The congestion caused by this is horrendous during school opening times. I gather there are no other road entrances planned or available other than Chestnut Grove or drop offs at Elm Road site once the school is demolished. I feel very strongly that this scheme is going to have a very adverse effect on local residents and I strongly oppose it.

Loss of green space. Traffic already a problem. Corpus Christi has wide catchment area-will not be all local children

Loss of green space. Area over developed. Traffic congestion present in area now. Increased traffic due to Corpus Christi catchment area

Loss of green space. Traffic/safety problems in area with current problems. Area already over developed

Whilst I accept the council have a duty to provide children with schools, as a resident who lives close to Corpus Christi and Christ Church the issue for me is traffic. At the moment during drop off time in the morning and collection in the afternoon there is total grid lock of the streets around where I live due to mothers using their cars to transport their children to and from school? Any expansion of this school will make the situation worst. It is unacceptable that I should be made prisoner in my home in the mornings and prevented from returning home in the late afternoons.

I have said No to Christ Church because the sites of both infant and junior schools are too small. A primary school under one head teacher should be on one site, not two, but the Christ Church field is not easily accessible. With expansion of Corpus Christi on the adjacent site traffic for local residents will become intolerable. There are places at The Mount for parents who do not specifically want a church school. Yes to Corpus Christi because Catholic parents usually strongly prefer a Catholic school, a considerable number of immigrants esp. from Eastern Europe are practicing Catholics and C.Chisti site could have an extra entrance on Mount Rd, Yes to Malden Manor because it has the space and Malden Manor only other school in locality, Burlington No because large schools are not ideal for primary children and quite a lot of Burlington pupils travel from the California Rd area which is close to The Mount where there are places. I do have an interest in that I am a governor of The Mount, which is very much an improving school. If parents are encouraged to overcome prejudice and come and see for themselves they will discover that the poor reputation so often attached to The Mount is quite unfair and unfounded. The Mount actually has space on site to expand, but my point here is that it should be filled before expansion in Christ Church, Burlington or The Mount is implemented. (I am a member of Christ Church/St John's so am not anti-church schools)

I feel that the planned expansions are flawed and do not really address the issue. The schools above do not have the space to be expanded and any expansion will only lead to more problems. Traffic congestion is a serious problem both around Burlington and Christ Church and it is becoming increasingly dangerous for children to walk to school. My children have nearly been run over whilst crossing on the zebra crossing outside Christ Church. The fact that new classrooms will be needed leading to a reduction in outside space for the children is another reason I am opposed. With increasing childhood obesity, surely it is not a good idea to remove outdoor play space, especially at the CC Infants, which has limited space already. I also believe the caring and close environment that has built up in the school due to its size, will be lost. Surely, a better solution would be to tighten up the entrance criteria and stop so many children coming to schools from outside the borough. Alternatively, why is the council not building a brand new primary school with 4 form entry and leaving all the existing schools as they are?

It may be necessary to expand both Corpus Christi and Christchurch schools but to do this without thought for traffic and parking issues is dangerous in the extreme. This is the first and most important planning issue and when addressed and dealt with safely and satisfactorily, only then can

any expansion/design of any new school be considered. Where is the traffic planning report? Have the safety services been consulted? The Groves area was not built with the intention of 1000 children approaching on foot or (and mostly by car) from Chestnut Grove and Mount Road, if Christchurch is moved from its current site in Elm Road.

As a resident living in Mount Road we already have to put up with significant traffic disruption at morning and afternoon school runs. Parents park on our drive playing loud music, on double yellow lines on corners, on hatched school markings and fail to observe the highway code. There is no parking enforcement undertaken by either the police, parking control officers or the school. Those walking to school are put at risk by drivers and the pavements are congested. The proposal to build Christ Church Juniors Key Stage 2 on part of the school playing fields is unacceptable. This is valuable green field playing space and to have a school built on here will severely restrict activity space for the children. Having two schools in such close proximity will compound the traffic problem. The proposed Junior site will even be further from the Infant Sites not helping parents who have children at both sites and making joint Infant and Junior internal events hard to administer. Any proposal for the use of the current Junior site is likely to add to population and traffic and also disrupt the present children's education. One of the reasons we chose to send our children to CCMPS was that it had a small intimate atmosphere where parents knew all staff, parents and children. With the proposed expansion this closeness of contact will be lost. The addition of a nursery at the Infant site will also increase pressure on the village style school which is so valued in the community. The proposed development of the Infant site again uses green field space in a school where currently lunch and playtimes are difficult to manage. Play equipment is dangerous and the slide, playhouse and gazebo need replacing as the wood has not been treated and is rotting. Parts of the gazebo roof have fallen down and it is only a matter of time before a child is seriously injured. The children play on the grass in the dry weather and also teachers teach PE in this space as well as it being used for the highly successful Summer Fayre. Play is an important part of the curriculum in Key Stage 1 and this will be severely impacted with building development on this site.

The entrance to Corpus Christi and the proposed new school for Christchurch is located in a small road, part of which is a cul de sac. The traffic during school hours is already chaotic from when the school day starts, mid morning, and afternoon sessions, as well as numerous events that take place in the evening. Parking for residents is a nightmare during those times and many cars have been damaged. If you were to increase the numbers of children that would mean a large increase in traffic and be quite dangerous for children who seem to run everywhere. To knock down the electricity substation and have the entrance there is stupidity itself.

I believe there is a shortage of school places in the area and I am worried for when my son starts school next September. The only solution is to build more classrooms to make more provision, rather than increasing class sizes to any bigger than they already are.

You invite comment on your proposals for the expansion of local primary schools, and as a resident living close to Corpus Christi, I am already aware of the problems already caused in terms of traffic both in the immediate and local area of the two schools in question considered for expansion. In the case of Corpus Christi we already have the one-way traffic system for Chestnut Grove and a supposed voluntary system for one way traffic in Beech Grove for start and end school times. Nevertheless, parking and access to the local roads for residents at these times is a persistent problem. The increase in traffic brought about by the increased number of places at the expanded schools will certainly further exacerbate the problems. However, the point that never seems to receive much consideration or at least attention is the bottle-necking of traffic in Elm Road, caused both by the narrowness of the road for through traffic whilst parking is allowed for resident there (fair enough, surely), but the problem really is really exaggerated by the level crossing and the traffic queues that build up both ways from this point. Consideration must surely be given to this. Motorists who wait for the regular two trains simply push both ways to get through the single-track road under the bridge and then over the crossing. The give-way sign on the Kingston Road side of the bridge is simply ignored by most motorists travelling from that direction. When the two queues of cars meet, the bottle-necking occurs and it can take considerable time for cars to extricate

themselves from this mess and pass on their way. Any plans for increasing school sizes must surely take account of access and local road problems. Apart from so called promoting environmental traffic systems (bicycles, walking etc), can I ask whether there are any concrete proposals to take into account: 1. the ability of residents to arrive at and park near the homes, and 2. More importantly, any traffic smoothing measures for through traffic that must pass in the local area and particularly down or up Elm Road? Could the whole of Elm Road for instance be made one-way (even if this was for limited hours, as is the case with certain slip roads off the A3 towards Kingston Vale)? Could control traffic lights be used in the region of the bridge to give a smoother flow of traffic? Or, even, although unfair to residents of Elm Road, could different parking measures be taken to increase the road width for traffic to pass? It seems to me and I am sure many other residents who live or work in the area that substantial measures in the wider area must be taken if planning permission is to be granted. The traffic generated at school start and closing times is of course also related to other schools in the area including Coombe, Holy Cross, The Mount and the Christchurch Junior school. There is indeed a high concentration of schools in this area and limited space for through traffic if avoiding New Malden High Street. Can I therefore ask for a response as to how these wider traffic problems can be treated for the sake of all, including parents taking and collecting infants from these schools? I also take exception to your standard non-discrimination policy questions dominating your response form, with little room being given to serious feedback on planning proposals. Perhaps you would rather not have serious feedback? Of course it is understood that provision must be made to accommodate increased numbers of children within the education system, but please let us have planning done in the context of the actual geographical environment.

Traffic Problems

No comprehensive traffic planning. Traffic infrastructure already on disastrous around Corpus Christi & Christ Church, so this ill thought out expansion scheme would take that infrastructure to catastrophic. Traffic starts 07.15am & does not stop until 18.00pm. This is due to breakfast clubs & after school clubs. Between these schools there is absolutely no respite from the traffic for the residents. Deliveries are a nightmare and even disability ambulances are hooted at to get out of the way. This is combined with a severe lack of police enforcement of traffic violation laws.

I feel there is no room for expansion on any of the schools listed and feel you should look at building a new school centrally so all children can have access to it. Then children can be moved from these schools and join new children coming into the system at both the old and new schools. I live in New Malden and feel that the changes at the sites in New Malden C/E primary and Corpus Christi, would result in increased congestion in what is at present a very busy area. Parking and loss of quality of life in these roads and area adjacent to the 3 schools would result if you go ahead with your plans.

Am undecided on Christ Church and Corpus Christi due to the fact that the existing roads cannot cope with the volume of school traffic as it is now and bringing in more parents will only add to the ongoing problem of congestion at school drop off/pick up. I am fed up complaining about the driving antics of some of the parents. They make crossing the road danger and often park illegally. It can take me nearly 20 mins just to get out of my own road each day due to the inconsiderate parking/driving of school parents.

I believe you are looking to expand Christ church which will take some of corpus Christi's playing fields. I do not agree that we should lose our recreational space for a different school when we ourselves are being proposed to be expanded.

In my view it's better to form a new primary school than expanding existing school, we have to think about the spaces particularly play area. I don't think so many classes in one school can give efficient education to kids. I could feel the differences between now and before each year with 3 divisions. Lunch time or play time it's not easy to control so many kids in the same time because when the number of kids increase the space is decreased I can't understand what mathematical ratios were used.

Everyone knows that the schools will need to be expanded and that's a good thing. This area already has a problem with school traffic (and rat running) that the Highways Dept refuses to address. Please ensure that all the schools have a proper traffic plan to allow the kids to walk to school. Currently we have a situation where the children who walk are in the minority. The schools have not done enough to encourage walking/cycling and have positively encouraged traffic (the top end of Chestnut Grove is now one-way). Why can't we be inventive? Have drop off points at the bottom of the road and supervise the children along Chestnut/Elm Road. What fun for them!!...and safe. If you do nothing...a child will be killed

Any planning proposals that affect school playing fields will require statutory consultation with Sport England (London Region), 3rd Floor Victoria House, Bloomsbury Square, London WC1B 4SE

My son is part of a large bulge year. Whilst our neighbours all attend Coombe-he is now 16th on the list. There was no waiting list for the catholic school Corpus Christi and small one for Christchurch. The demand for places is for community schools, e.g. Coombe, not for the Christian schools. Clearly Coombe should be expanded not the other less popular schools. Many parents prefer non-denominational education. This is reflected in the waiting lists which are being ignored.

The Christchurch Infants site is very small and I fail to see how additional building would not impact on quality of children's play / time outside

Roads too small. Paths congested. Sites too small for expansion. Schools too close together to warrant an extra 405 pupils by 2011/420 children eventually in the future in Christ Church and Corpus Christi.

Has consideration been given to providing extra services such as health to these children i.e. educational psych's, school health etc

With Burlington School I believe it is a very busy area generally, simply not enough parking available in the area. Also the complete overall size of the school and their playing grounds is too small. All children should be able to walk to their nearest school, in 20 minutes or so tops. Better for child/family/environment. If possible we should not be driving around.

Proposals to use Christ Church playfields for replacement of the Junior phase of the school on the playfield, means depriving us neighbours who back the playfield from our right to enjoy peace in our homes - front of our houses on Mount Road, we are already suffering from the present traffic caused by Corpus Christi; yet if plans go ahead and Christ Church is built at our back gardens then we have nowhere to go during school terms. It is very unfair to have expansions done at the expense of resident's lives. That would also mean destroying the environment; changing the green space playfield to heavily polluted area!! I disagree with these plans.

An "outstanding" school should be made available to more local children.

Whilst I support the expansion plan, I have concerns about the likely increase in traffic in the vicinity of Christ Church Junior and Corpus Christi Schools and look forward to seeing details of the Sustainable Travel Plan.

My primary concern is the traffic management proposals for the area around ELM ROAD/CHESTNUT GROVE/MOUNT ROAD. School traffic already makes this area a "no go" area for a time in the morning and afternoon. Drivers become frustrated and accidents happen. The safety of children is paramount and I feel that this small area will not be able to cope with the increased traffic.

It would seem to me, maybe unwisely that Christ church would lack the space for expansion and extra road traffic in the Groves would be horrendous - and despite people living close by you do see children being dropped off by car - maybe a school bus could be organised. Living in Northcote Road I would be worried about proposed access designs to Corpus Christi school - hopefully it won't involve an access road at the bottom of my garden??

Good idea to provide more places at existing schools, provided does not reduce outside play area.
To ensure any schools expanded have the appropriate financial support to make it a success
I find it hard to make a decision on the above as I do not live in the Kingston borough although I heard from the mother at school that there is a need for extra school places
Christ church playfield is straight at the back of my house - I strongly object to have classes and facilities being built there - I object to change of use of the playfield. Most of the school term, as residents of Mount Road, we suffer a lot from the congestion caused by Corpus Christi even before the expansion; during the day often cannot find parking space to unload our shopping and have to wait on side roads waiting to be able to get through. Any further expansion would result in even more misery to us residents especially if the entrance to the 2 schools would be from Mount Road.
What is needed is a new school. I am concerned at the undue pressure that expansion will put upon schools forced to expand. I am utterly opposed to Burlington infant/juniors increasing to 4 forms. My daughter attended these schools and with 3 forms there were not enough playgrounds. As a teacher I can only stress the importance in the development of co-operative a social skill that playtime teaches. To achieve this it is essential that children have room enough to engage in a variety of activities and the needs of those wishing to play imaginative games and those who wish to participate in ball games are met. Another concern is hall space. Children must participate in 2 hours of physical activity per week but with one hall at Burlington infants and one in the juniors this will be impossible with such a heavy demand on the hall, particularly in winter. Parents are currently frustrated by the lack of room in the hall during concerts and drama productions. I remember well having to stand during my daughter's end of year production as the hall was filled to capacity. That was with a 3 form entry. I am concerned that in the case of Corpus Christi, Christ Church and Burlington expansion will involve building on to the field. It is essential that children have sufficient outdoor space, hard and grassed surfaces on which to participate in sports and outdoor learning activities including the growing of vegetables. Furthermore my property backs onto Christ Church playing field and I would oppose any building on this area. Finally with regard to Christ Church and Corpus Christi there is an issue about traffic and parking for local residents. Currently during the beginning and end of the school day it is virtually impossible to drive down Elm Road and the parking is appalling. With both schools increasing it will become impossible to use Elm Road during these times. With such a massive expansion planned in this part of the borough, it is clear that what is needed is a new school.
I feel 90 pupils per year are high but for obvious reasons needed. To have 120 pupils in one year is far too high and as a result the children may suffer if the schools cannot cope with such a high volume of children at different levels to deal with
Expanding existing school is NOT the best strategy! Schools are already too big. Adding more children means that students will not be looked after properly; staff will be overloaded, not to mention the head teacher! I believe the best solution is building new schools from scratch, instead of building flats!!
Concerns are increased traffic in the Groves area, already quite busy. Parking issues. Perhaps look at a facility for dropping children off at school gate, manned at the front by staff to ease parking issues. How the build will affect existing children i.e. noise, disruption of building and their education. Is there the possibility of support staff being stretched to cover additional classes? Feel would lose the intimacy of the school.
The schools do not have the space especially outside play. There has already been a badly broken arm at Burlington due to too many children being in the playground. If you are building houses at the rate you do then you must provide schools first.
Schools with an intake of 90 or 120 children is far too large and intimidating - particularly for those

children with special needs. The provision of new schools is the only responsible answer.

It is good that there will be expansion in many of the schools in Kingston area. However, it would have been more fair to see small, popular primary schools with only a 1 form entry e.g. St Luke's, Kingston, to expand as they are so small and therefore very popular too! I am not a fan of huge schools like Latchmere, due to their size, and am not happy that it will become even bigger.

If the population demands additional school expansion, then RBK has no choice. As far as Christ Church is concerned, cannot an allotment swap be done with the Alric/Cambridge Avenue allotments, and the existing 2 school sites (and playing field at Corpus Christi, fields) to provide a new, fit for 21st Century, 3 form entry combined infants and juniors at Cambridge Avenue. The school would be nearer to Christ Church, Church, and have fewer access problems. RBK are planning authority so really could make it happen if there was the political will. PLEASE RETHINK THIS OPTION. The option to expand Elm Road, combined with Corpus Christi just will not work because of the traffic. The lollipop man (Ray) spends more time unlocking grid lock than seeing children across the stationary traffic.

New schools should be built. Burlington will become too big.

As a parent and a teacher I am aware that a smaller primary school provides a better environment for primary education. To provide more places, a new school should be built or existing buildings e.g. Moore Lane, used within the borough.

I am opposed to the extension of these 2 schools on the grounds of safety. There is absolutely no way that the additional traffic that would be generated by these additional classes/pupils could be safely accommodated in the already busy/unsafe (in terms of visibility, narrow roads, poor access for emergency services.)

The way of life for residents is unbearable at present, with mothers in cars, and if they are spoken to you get swearing etc. Children on bikes and scooters on the pavements - they have nearly knocked me over on several occasions. This will only get worse if these 2 schools expand. Look into these matters please.

The site is not big enough to take a 3FE. They are already short of outdoor space. A nursery is a much better idea. Parking would also be even more of an issue.

Priority for introducing permanent extra classes should be those schools that so far have not had to take overspill classes.

I think it is totally irresponsible for the council to be considering increasing places in TWO schools within a few hundred yards of each other. The environmental impact on residents in the surrounding area will be totally unacceptable. We are council tax payers whose concerns are only going to be discussed at a very late stage in a planning process that is unlikely to be turned down by another department in the same council.

As a parent living within 10 minutes walking distance of 2 out of 4 of these, I have found it difficult to find a place for my daughter. With the exception of Burlington Infants/Junior, who offered us a place, but because of travel costs, it would not be feasible to travel there and back every day. Being a Christian and having attended faith schools both at primary - Corpus Christi and secondary - Holy Ross, the schools' focus on faith alongside education was very important to me and are values I want for my daughter. However, it is unbelievable to say that I was told upon application for a place at Christ Church, that my not having proof of my daughter having been christened, was a reason for her to not be considered for a place. I believe that a child should be given the option to be baptised when he/she is old enough to decide. That does not make them any the less a Christian. As mentioned before, we are a Christian family. "Perhaps the school's policy on these qualifying criteria needs to be put into context?" The expansion in places will also be a great thing and very welcome in the borough.

The traffic around Burlington is already bad - the streets around the school cannot cope with the number of parents who drive there - hence the recent need for a consultation on the traffic in the Beverley Park area.

I do not agree with Malden Manor school being expanded. I feel it is a big enough school already, and feel the children already there will suffer if the school expands. They are fortunate to have quite sufficient grounds to play in which will not be the case if they expand. Their hall would not then be big enough to cater for everyone for lunch or assemblies either.

It is necessary to provide school places for our community. NO to Christchurch because 2 developments is impractical in such a small area. YES to Corpus as more sensible.

The sites at Christchurch are already cramped - classes of 35 currently in cramped accommodation. We cannot see how the additional classes would be fitted in. Making larger schools will depersonalise the experience of children in education. Also traffic in this area (around Christchurch and Corpus Christi) is already dreadful. Adding extra classes would increase traffic congestion and the dangerous driving that we often witness.

The preference of humanists and other non religious families and teachers will always be for inclusive secular schools to expand when there is a need, because faith based schools may operate discriminatory admission and employment policies and curricula.

Christchurch is totally unsuitable as a site to even contemplate expansion. We are already on 2 separate sites, neither of which have enough space to expand without seriously impacting on the welfare and learning of the children. The Junior department has no green space, unlike Burlington and Corpus Christi, so to build on the playing field is totally unreasonable. Although Corpus Christi has more room, it is also situated in the Groves, which at school drop off or pick up times is extremely dangerous, due to the bottleneck at the top of Chestnut Grove and the general narrow roads surrounding the schools. It would be a danger spot to add traffic which would be unavoidable with the expansion of either school. It has been suggested in the past that Christchurch would be moved or rebuilt in order that both infants and juniors are all on the same site - where have those plans gone? There are many existing parents at the school who have a child in infants and another in juniors, and yet another either at secondary school or nursery. This means they have 3 children at what feels like 3 schools. It is more of a priority to Christchurch to be a one site school than expanding. I cannot comprehend why the borough would contemplate expanding schools which are already stretched to capacity. Are you going to expand playgrounds - entrances - all other facilities, including classrooms - libraries - IT rooms etc. in order to compensate the extra children year on year? Are you going to expand the actual "Christ Church" in order that the whole school can fit at religious festivals? We are pretty tight when parents attend already.

There is a flaw in this survey - For people living near a school they are going to vote for a school further from them to be expanded. I am undecided on the strategy as I believe these needs need to be considered for the whole borough. The more you expand the more people are going to want to move to the area. Poorer less developed areas should get more focus. People may not want to travel to Tolworth and Chessington at the moment for additional school places, but if more development was put in to these areas then people would move there, spreading the population rather than increasing it in focused areas. Traffic is horrendous in New Malden, therefore I would vote for Malden Manor to be extended. For two years I have been told the signage at the end of Chestnut Grove will be amended, but it hasn't happened. With both Christ Church and Corpus Christi so close to one another this is going to cause even more disorder with the traffic.

Christ Church has the least physical room of the noted schools. Cannot see where physical expansion of infant site is possible without compromising the already small outside area, especially given the new nursery class in September 2010. Re building on the junior playing field massively compromises the external space here. Furthermore, by expanding both Christ Church and Corpus Christi, will have serious traffic implications in the Groves - already seriously congested at school

run times.
I believe our schools only have so much room. If you keep expanding the numbers there won't be enough places to play for the children. We obviously need our schools or we need to limit the amount of properties being built in this area. There is no thought to the "knock on" effect of all the places being developed in Kingston. We will need more of everything because of this. Bigger hospitals, more GPs, more nurses, dentists, the list is endless. Kingston is full!!
It seems to make sense to start expanding schools in the KT3/KT4 as the KT2 schools have already expanded.
Due to increased traffic in the Elm Rd and Mount Rd ahead, should expansion go ahead would like alternative access points to schools to be included in the plans. E.g. for Corpus Christi access through gate at bottom end of field from Mount Pleasant Rd.
Traffic chaos in the area currently from traffic due to parents dropping off/picking up children. Additional construction traffic and subsequent additional parental traffic will gridlock the area. Any expansion will require traffic management changes.
Congestion in local area is already significant, due to corpus Christi/Christ Church schools. Corpus Christi has sufficient land area to build upon whereas Christ Church does not. Any proposed plans to move Christ Church to the current playing fields behind Mount Road would prove to be a disaster for the local area & residents. being so close to Corpus Christi, the current congestion would increase to immeasurable levels and result in the area becoming grid lock twice a day (drop off/collection time).
Expansion of Corpus Christi and construction of a new KS2 building next door for Christ Church New Malden will create impossible access pressures.
This is really difficult. Nobody wants to see the school their child is attending have its resources stretched or to have their child in the midst of building works or temporary accommodation. However, I would be devastated if there was no school place for my child and would hate that to happen to anyone; therefore I concede that expansion is necessary. My preference would be for a new school to be built instead of more housing in the borough, which kills 2 birds with one stone, but I am aware that is a tunnel vision view of a parent with a school place, in a school proposed for expansion. Difficult to be objective!
Concerned about overcrowding at all sites. At Christchurch NM Primary, my concern would be access to outdoor space at both sites. The infant site would need extra outdoor space for 90 pupils. At juniors, if the playing field site was lost, where would sporting/outdoor activities take place? Corpus Christi is a more spacious site. Major building work on SMALL sites is also an issue for existing pupils.
I understand that more school places are necessary, Malden Manor being an example. Yet I am a little concerned about the children's' safety down Lawrence Avenue and Sheephouse Way. Many parents continue to park on the corner of a road or in front of driveways - putting the safety of children at risk. I am unsure whether the 2 roads mentioned above can accommodate an increase in car capacity. I am also hoping that the quality of teaching will continue to be great and the outdoor space will be used to its maximum, as it is important for the children to be able to run around in the fresh air.
Concern about impact on safety of children the proposed development will have on school journey. Corpus Christi is a catholic school for catholic children and is not full for September 2010. Is there a need for more CATHOLIC places or is this a knee jerk response? Concern over impact on school life during building stages.
Due to the poor state of New Malden High St, Elm Road is used as an alternative route, and

whether there are intentions to prevent parents from using their cars to transport their children to school, ultimately, no one can prevent them from doing this. Elm Road is far too busy a road, and far too residential to justify the additional traffic that will result, should this intention be granted. Corpus Christi and Christ Church are far too close together to justify creating a potential, if looking to the worst case scenario, additional 180 people trying attend the area at one time. The road is chaotic and often dangerous enough, which is not helped by the school patrol officer, whose ability to assist children crossing the road safely is questionable, and it is irresponsible to consider adding to this without first introducing effective traffic control/calming measures and fully considering the needs of the residents, who have to avoid leaving or returning to their home at certain times of the day. Despite requesting several times that alternative parking methods, i.e. the use of the playground, be introduced at such time when the school holds outside of hours activities, for example school plays/weekend arrangements, these requests have been repeatedly ignored and residents are unable to park anywhere near their house, which is obviously not fair on residents further down the road who really should not be troubled by this. Additionally, it also begs belief that a 20 mph speed limit is imposed on a road which houses a secondary school, with young adults who have the sense to cross the road safely, and yet a 30 mph limit, which is frequently broken, remains on a road in which two primary schools are located in close proximity. Common sense has clearly been lost somewhere.

Christ church infant and Junior sites have very limited space for pupils as it is. Another 90 children over 3 years at the infant site would be unmanageable. In terms of access there is a lot of heavy traffic in the area with double parking across driveways and driving on pavements where children are walking! Can you imagine how bad this would get with extra pupils?

Some of these schools are too small to expand. The fact is the borough is in a difficult position and all the housing developments (mainly flats) is increasing no young children in need of a good education. The borough needs 2/3 New Primary schools that cannot be ignored.

The groves are already very congested at home time/ collection around Christ church and corpus Christi this would add to the congestion further making it more potentially dangerous for pedestrians/parents/children

School site at present is very cramped with so many children so expansion would give much more space and freedom to school.

IF extra spaces are needed it is essential. I have a newborn and I am already worried about this school space. Extra schools are ideal but extra classes are crucial if this can't be done.

I think that a 4 form entry for a primary school is too big and might be a little daunting for very young children

I have a connection with Coombe Hill and know it has already been expanded

Corpus Christi has a huge field. It has the space to carry out further expansion. I think it is a great project

I believe that primary schools should be kept on a much smaller level. I believe one form entry is the most desirable as the head teacher is able to know each pupil. I certainly think no primary school should be more than 2 form entry. Your research shows it does not affect the educational outcome, but I do believe it affects the community aspect of the school. I also believe pupils can become "lost" in such a big set up and that could damage their education. I would suggest a new school would be preferable, with its own ethos and identity. One other issue is the amount of traffic around some of these schools. Corpus Christi has had significant problems with the volume of cars and I feel this would increase with more pupils attending the school. I imagine Christ church and the 2 other schools have similar issues with traffic. I am sure that land is an issue where a new school is concerned. My suggestion would be to perhaps use some of the Corpus Christi land, but to create a new school. Other sites which could be used are Beverley Park or the recreation grounds

along Kingston Road, opposite Dickerage Lane. I cannot state how strongly I feel against the proposal to expand these primary schools

This school cannot afford to take on any more children. It has not got the parking or walking i.e. lollipop people to get the children to school safely. A 3 form entry to this school will only make this bad school a whole lot worse. Uniform, discipline, needs to be addressed, before any other changes go ahead.

I believe Burlington Infant and Junior School is already crowded and cannot see how building further classrooms will solve this problem. Additional classrooms were already added last year. I think Christ Church and Corpus Christi should expand instead.

These schools are in residential areas. Traffic is chaos at morning and afternoon dropping off and picking up times. The roads would not cope with an extra 420 children travelling to schools very close together. Christ Church is already an overcrowded school (particularly the Junior site) with limited open space. I do not think it's acceptable to make it more overcrowded and build on "green" space. Suggestion: survey the locations of those who travel by car and build another school nearer to them (encouraging the children to be involved as Faith schools are very popular)

A lack of places for non religious children

To expand Christ Church Infants site with an extra form entry is irresponsible of the Council, as I consider the school property overcrowded as it is. At the infants site the small area of recreational grass should not be despoiled with building expansion. The council should build a replacement primary school on one site on the current Key Stage 2 playing fields. The other 3 schools have substantially more land to expand buildings into, so an extra form entry is appropriate.

Christ Church site is too small! Stop building more flats and houses. Kingston is over populated. Stop building plans for housing. People should go to other areas to live. A new school is what is needed. These schools are not suited to 4 form entry - every child loses identity. Expanding this area is not the solution as it also causes problems for the NHS dentists, doctors and not to mention secondary schools!

I believe it would make more sense to build a completely new school rather than trying to squeeze extra classrooms into existing schools. Additionally, 2 of the schools are religious schools (including the school that my children attend). This means that residents that live outside of the Maldens and Coombe area can get priority admission over residents that live locally to the schools.

Completely agree need to add additional forms of entry but am not qualified/understand detail as to which schools are to be expanded.

I think this is unavoidable for the future. I have 3 children, one still at Burlington. I think adding portakabins is not fair to the other children in classrooms. Most schools have fields and grounds to expand, and purpose built modern extension block. Also your list of reasons - why does it not include immigration, which is a MAJOR factor in New Malden/Korea?

Burlington Infant/Junior already has 3FE and others joint 2FE. so it makes sense to expand them.

This is so important. Every child should have a place in their local school. Some schools may not have the space in their current boundary for the expansion. It may be necessary to acquire neighbouring plots.

All 3 schools do not have the space or resources to deal with this amount of children. Malden Manor does not have parking spaces to accommodate these parents. There are not enough lollipop persons to cross walking children. Malden Manor cannot cope with the children it takes now. The school needs to organise the children it has now!

I am a local mother of 2 children who will be attending primary in the area from 2011 onwards. I am very concerned that my children are able to attend a school within walking distance from their home. I want their school to maintain the high standards of education set out by the schools listed above. If they were not offered places at their preferred choice, it would have a huge impact on our family and their school experience.

I feel Burlington would be expanded beyond a comfortable capacity by becoming a 4 form entry, and alter the structure which leads it to its appeal. It is already congested when entering or exiting via Burlington Road, due to the narrow walkway alongside the children's centre, and the road leading from the fountain has pathways is narrow and shops with parked vans/driveways, with cars parked, it is almost inaccessible to buggies and will be compounded by extra footfall. I do not agree size of school does not affect quality of education.

If there is need for additional places in schools in the borough I support that because it is important that every child should get an education

Burlington already has 3 Forms of Entry and shortage of staffs and classrooms and not much play spaces for the kids.

I am concerned that the build will be in 2 parts, initially for the Infants school then 3years later for the junior school (as the first expanded year gets to year3). This means that the building work will have a much longer impact on the children already in the infant's school. A child currently in reception could be affected whilst in year1 (for 4FE Sept 2011 reception) and then again whilst in year4 (for 4FE year arriving in year3). If the build was going to happen at the same time for both schools I would be in favour of the expansion at Burlington.

I think that children need school places in the local community and there are no spaces to build locally. This is the best option

Why do you have to make Burlington the size of a small secondary school? What about the 1 form entry schools? Build a new school?? And stop giving planning permission for new housing in this area.

Other schools near to Corpus Christi and Christ Church are under subscribed so this will affect them badly. The roads around these schools will not cope with the traffic. Burlington is too big already and it is not in children's best interests to be in such a large school.

Burlington has been four form entry for the last 2 years. There is not enough space to make it permanent without losing what little field/green areas they already have

There is not enough room on CCNMPS site to hold another class. Corpus and Burlington both have large grounds.

Most of the schools on the list are moving from 2 form entry to 3 form entry. Burlington is already a 3 form entry and I believe space is already quite limited, especially in the Juniors. To have a 4 form entry will only make the space issue much worse and the logistics of running the school day to day. The schools are such a lovely environment for learning that I think making it a 4 form entry can only have a negative impact. Currently the extra classrooms that have been installed are not viable as long term solutions and should not be made permanent structures in my mind. They are not inclusive and make the children feel cut off from the main school.

I am unclear about the anticipated demand for 'faith based' school expansion. If faith-based schools are expanding, then there should be an agreement to allow the school proximity factor to be the determinant of access to the additional places (as opposed to the requirements usually put in place by CoFE or RC schools). The new places must be available to all and free from selection on religious grounds.

Having seen the effect of increasing from 3 form entry to 4 form entry in only one year group at my son's school - Coombe Hill Infants - I feel a similar increase at Burlington would be detrimental. All aspects of school life are affected due to the increased demands on space let alone consideration of the financial burden that will probably not be increased in proportion to the cost of maintaining standards (as we have seen at Coombe).