

Appendix A - Responses to School-led Informal Consultation on the expansion of Bromsgrove First Schools

School	Total number of responses	Support	Oppose	No decision	Key supports	Key concerns
Fairfield First School	33	20	11	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children can be taught in single age groups which will improve the quality of education for the pupils, support school organisation, attract a wider field of teaching staff who often wish to focus on single age groups, and if preferable to parents • Improving the capacity may attract more people to settle in the village and help to revitalise it • Additional pupils would support the sustainability of the school • The increase in staff required would bring additional expertise and skills which would enhance the learning of all the children. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the closure of the village hall car park some 3/4 years ago, parking along the main road of the village has become a problem for local residents, there is a concern that additional pupils attending Fairfield First School would exacerbate this problem • This expansion will likely support the demand from outside the Fairfield First catchment and not local children • A concern was raised by the residents of the farmland directly behind the school that an expansion onto this land could affect their livelihood
St Andrews CE First School, Barnt Green					Information not supplied as school opted to withdraw from consideration	
Hanbury First School	2	1	1			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed limit on the road outside of the school is currently 40mph which is a concern, particularly if the

						<p>school is expanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited car parking • Concern that the school will have more children from out of catchment than from within • Increase in pupil numbers will put pressure on facilities • Building work will be disruptive to current children
Dodford First School	9	5	4		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure longevity, the school has to adapt to the changing dynamics of the local area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern for parking and the road infrastructure of the area to support additional pupils, particularly for school events • There is a nursery next door to the school which adds to parking concerns of local residents • Concern that expansion would contradict the traditional architecture of the school