

Appendix 2

Summary of Written Responses

	In favour	Opposed	Undecided
Pupil at Wilmington Enterprise College	3		
Parents/Carers of children at Wilmington Enterprise College	12	3	5
Parents/Carers of children at other schools			
Governors/IEB Members			
Members of Staff			
Local Elected Members			1
Interested parties/other respondents	2		2
Total	17	3	8

Comments received in favour of the proposal

- This proposal couldn't come soon enough
- Something definitely needs to be done as the discipline and levels of teaching are not satisfactory.
- We have three sons attend and they have been let down severely in their education.
- Should've happened years ago.
- We think your proposal is a good one shame it has to wait as long as September.
- Great idea, something needs to be done urgently as currently, WEC is failing its pupils.
- Although initially unhappy with the proposal, I can now see that there is no alternative. My son has four subjects not with a regular teacher.
- I feel this may benefit my girls in years 8 & 9. Making it an academy will hopefully aid my girls more.
- I think that changing the school completely is a good idea.
- Until last year we had nothing but praise, but now my children are quite negative about school
- Continuity of teachers is a problem.
- We would welcome any change that would give our children the secondary education they deserve.
- If the college can continue to improve then it can only be a good thing.
- I would have like to see the school given more time to continue the work to improve standards.
- I believe that the change can only be a benefit to the students who attend now and in the future.
- Very positive plans to turn WEC into an academy.
- Slight concern that Leigh has the monopoly.

Comments received opposed to the proposal

- Freedom to choose taken away from us and future parents.

- Wilmington is the only KCC school in the area.
- Have the children been asked?
- Not enough time has been given to see whether the changes and improvements have worked.
- Not convinced that academy is the solution.
- Improvements have been made, why change to an academy?
- May it go onwards and upwards, but as WEC, not an academy.
- We viewed the Leigh and we did not like what we saw on offer. We detested the format.
- We do not want to see groups of sixty students learning together.
- Despite successful improvement, academy is the only option.
- Complete erosion of parental choice in the Dartford catchment area.
- The re-build will cause noise and disruption which will be detrimental to teaching and learning.
- Wilmington has a rich historic past and we do not want something so grotesque built here.

Comments from respondents who are undecided

- Why have there been four name changes in twenty years?
- Like a bit of stability.
- I feel I was misled as the school went into special measures right after my daughter started.
- Will teachers be moved around the three academies?
- Will school times change?
- I hope that the school will not get any bigger and become more impersonal.
- Leigh Academy picked the best children, how will that work at Wilmington?
- Teacher must be full time, not supply.
- I chose Wilmington because I did not want my daughter to an academy.
- I feel I am being forced into a school I did not want.
- Concerned about encroach of the school site onto Green belt
- Concerned about highway issues for the local community
- Academy schools will dominate in the locality
- Parental choice seems to be restricted with three Academies in Dartford.