

Appendix 5

PROPOSED CHANGE OF AGE RANGE FOR GREEN PARK COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND THE CLOSURE OF THE MAINTAINED NURSERY UNIT

Summary of the Public Meeting held on Tuesday 1 April at Green Park Community Primary School

Headteacher – Richard Hawkins

The school has been planning for the consolidation onto one site for the past year. It was known that it would not be possible for the school to manage effectively the nursery unit once the amalgamation has been completed. He welcomes the proposal for the continuation of the nursery through its use by a private provider.

Comment	Response
<p><u>Local Member</u> In principle he is opposed to the closure of state maintained nurseries but he can see the reasons for the proposal.</p> <p>Can he be reassured that there will be no diminution of service with the new provider. He does not want the children in a worse provision.</p> <p>He has visited the site and spoken with the private provider and he is aware that there is a commitment there.</p> <p>He is not pleased in one sense but it was better to have a going concern than straight closure.</p>	<p>It is not a practical proposition for Green Park to continue managing the facility as the site at the Linces is somewhat removed from the site of the unit.</p> <p>Children will be no worse off; the private provider which is a successful organisation will offer additional services to those currently provided.</p>
<p><u>Umbrella Nursery</u> The private provider assured the meeting that they will take any child in September who had planned to come to the state maintained nursery, and that no one will lose out.</p>	
<p><u>Governor</u> The proposal was already decided two years ago when the amalgamation was agreed. It is a logical proposal which he supports.</p>	