

## **APPENDIX 2: Representations received during statutory consultation on the amalgamation of Tinsley Nursery Infants and Tinsley Juniors**

Following the Sheffield City Council consultation responses concerning the proposed site for the new school and during the statutory consultation period, the Council established a working group to look in more detail at all the possible site options.

The working group included local parents, local residents, Tinsley Forum, Tinsley Community Action Group, Tinsley Schools, Tinsley Parents & Children Consortium, and Sheffield City Council. The group met 5 times between January and March 2014.

In addition to the published notices and the working group, a drop-in was held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014, at which approximately 95 people attended.

Representations that follow include:

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Some comments received on comments forms at the drop-in have not been included as they include foul, abusive and threatening language and drawings.

**Extract from the notes of the Tinsley Working Group looking at site options (19<sup>th</sup> February 2014):**

*3. Amalgamation*

*JH introduced the item to specifically consider bringing the two schools together as a single legal entity, separate from the discussion around sites and buildings. JH asked that if members wished to share their views that they be noted in order to feed into the statutory consultation period concerning the amalgamation of the two schools that would be fed back to the Council's Cabinet.*

*A school Governor described the current situation at the two schools, he reported that the governing bodies were supportive of the proposals and briefly described the benefits seen by governors. One member said that he was not supportive as it would cause problems with bullying, intimidation and harassment. Another member thought it would be a very good idea in itself. One member said it was a really good idea and asked about the number of governors that would be needed. The group agreed it was generally supportive of the legal proposal to bring the two schools together as described in the notice, but not including any view on change of sites. Two members were not supportive, one for the reasons noted above and the other as there had not been a discussion of pros and cons. One of those members added he thought it was part of a move to become an academy.*

**Letter from the Chairs of Tinsley Junior & Tinsley Nursery School on behalf of their Governing Bodies:**

3 March 2014.

Jayne Ludlam,  
Executive Director,  
Children, Young People and Families,  
Sheffield City Council,  
Town Hall,  
Sheffield,  
S1 2HH.

Dear Jayne,

**RESPONSE TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITY'S PROPOSALS FOR TINSLEY NURSERY INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS**

This letter is sent on behalf of the Tinsley Nursery Infant & Junior Schools' Joint Advisory Committee which is a partnership between the two existing school's governing bodies and has equal representation from both. We are pleased with the proposals overall and particularly with the proposed move to a single school for the area providing education for a wider age range of children.

The existing schools are already managed by an Executive Headteacher and overseen by this Joint Advisory Committee with the benefits of collaboration already becoming clear. We see so many advantages to the whole school community of taking this strong partnership to the next stage as quickly as possible. Therefore, we request Cabinet approve the proposals with a modification and that this modification is the bringing forward of the implementation date to 1 September 2014 or sooner if practically possible.

Given the current situation in Tinsley the governors of both schools are convinced that the formal amalgamation of the two schools is a natural and entirely desirable progression and urge the local authority to support this.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Hunter  
Chair – Tinsley Junior School

Ron Baynes  
Chair – Tinsley Nursery Infant School

### Comments noted by officers at the drop-in on 5<sup>th</sup> March:

- It's not a good idea to bring the schools together. The cons outweigh the pros. My only real concern is the future of the park.
- I don't see why it's necessary to bring the two schools together.
- I don't think the schools should be joined – there will be a cost in terms of managing the process (it will be time-consuming for the school leaders). The Headteacher will then have to manage a split site school and possibly a new build in the future.
- Expansion of the school is a good idea. Bringing the two schools into one makes sense, there will be additional jobs created locally as well in the larger school. I have a concern about doing this with existing resources (*explained about the funding arrangements for schools undergoing expansion and this provided reassurance*) – we need to ensure the school can manage the needs of these pupils especially those with English as an additional language, new communities such as Eastern Europeans, and we need to maintain the educational quality of the schools. Class sizes and educational resources need to be maintained as well as managing the constraints of the existing sites.
- I object to the merger in principle until I know where it is going to go
- The people should all be sent a letter asking them yes or no and Councillors should be here to represent themselves

**6 written points agreed and signed by 93 people at the drop-in:**

(NB The signatures are not included but are recorded and held by the Council)

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**Tinsley School Proposals – Comments Form**

Please write any comments or queries you have regarding the proposals and place the form in the comments box at the meeting.

Thank you.

We object to the merger of the Infants and Junior school into one single <sup>legal</sup> entity for the following

reasons :-

- 1) The Consultation has been poorly publicised.
- 2) Inadequate and insufficient information has been provided to the community such that attendees could give informed and meaningful views.
- 3) it was insulting that this event was scheduled for today, 5/3/2014 one day prior to the Statutory Consultation cut off day, and only then the Council had allocated one hour
- 4) it was disingenuous to suggest that

## 6 written points agreed and signed by 93 people at the drop-in (Cont.)

(2)

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Thank you.

this issue (bearing in mind the long term implications of a merger decision) was progressed without due consideration being given to a merged school being sited on different locations to the current 2 sites.

5) it was insulting that not a single elected member for the area, nor any school governors involved in the process of merger so far attended this consultation event.

6) inadequate provisions made for expressing views from those who's first language was not English bearing in mind the ethnic make up/demography of the local area.


Individual comments forms from drop-in (1):

Tinsley School Proposals – Comments Form

Please write any comments or queries you have regarding the proposals and place the form in the comments box at the meeting.

Thank you.

This our park we want  
our park and we have  
played here for years,  
It would be a disaster  
if it goes and turns  
into a school.



We already have  
2 schools in Tinsley  
a 3 would ~~be~~  
be more than ~~inf~~,  
you could have took  
the ~~bastry~~ bastry Road  
~~bastry~~ Muslim School.

**Individual comments forms from drop-in (2):**

**Tinsley School Proposals – Comments Form**

Please write any comments or queries you have regarding the proposals and place the form in the comments box at the meeting.

Thank you.

We got three children that like to play in the park also do bike riding a school will be miss place in area as the surrounding of houses  
eg Children Safety



### Individual comments forms from drop-in (3):

#### Tinsley School Proposals – Comments Form

Please write any comments or queries you have regarding the proposals and place the form in the comments box at the meeting.

Thank you.

It is not a good idea to join the schools.

It is time consuming  
costs a lot of money

will cause pollution + traffic in Tinsley  
will be a different environment for the children  
The Park is only the safe place to play  
Crime rate may increase because the loss of the park

This proposal is ridiculous

This should not be allowed  
to even disagree with this!!

SAVE THE PARK!!!  
SAVE THE SCHOOLS!!!

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**Individual comments forms from drop-in (4):**

**Tinsley School Proposals – Comments Form**

Please write any comments or queries you have regarding the proposals and place the form in the comments box at the meeting.

Thank you.

We don't  
Want it  
in the  
Park!!!

**Individual comments forms from drop-in (5):**

**Tinsley School Proposals – Comments Form**

Please write any comments or queries you have regarding the proposals and place the form in the comments box at the meeting.

Thank you.

I am very  
dissatisfied.  
I use the park.

## Individual comments forms from drop-in (6):

### Tinsley School Proposals – Comments Form

Please write any comments or queries you have regarding the proposals and place the form in the comments box at the meeting.

Thank you.

The proposal for building a school on the Tinsley park site I disagree with strongly. Below is a list of all disadvantages:

- traffic
- taking away the park
- green space
- park is only safe place for community members.
- The crime rate may increase
- cause youths to roam streets.

Individual comments forms from drop-in (7):

Tinsley School Proposals – Comments Form

Please write any comments or queries you have regarding the proposals and place the form in the comments box at the meeting.

Thank you.

This is our park we have played here for years and ~~for~~ it would be a disaster if the park gets turned into a school. We already have 2 schools in Tinsley and 3 would be ~~to~~ too much. You could have taken the Muslim school ~~mosque~~ when it shut down ~~an~~ but you decided to take our park. I am disappointed

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**Individual comments forms from drop-in (8):**

**Tinsley School Proposals – Comments Form**

Please write any comments or queries you have regarding the proposals and place the form in the comments box at the meeting.

Thank you.

I strongly object to the merger of hence  
Tinsley park as the site of the school  
N Khan



I OBJECT TO PROPOSAL TO MERGE  
SCHOOL.

M. Khan



**Letters & emails received during the notice period (p1):**

**PETITION AGAINST THE BUILDING OF A SUPER SCHOOL IN THE TINSLEY COMMUNITY PARK**

Name: [REDACTED] .....

Address: [REDACTED] .....

I/we strongly object to a super school being built in the Tinsley Community Park!

This will cause a detrimental effect to our environment.

- Taking away green open spaces.
- Significantly increase noise pollution.
- Drastically impairing views.
- More cars and related vehicles increasing pollution into the heart of our homes.
- Congestion on streets before and after school times.
- Cause barriers and obstructions in our park during holidays.
- This will cause ill health, impact on our community liaison space.
- Take away the beauty of our park.
- In return this will devalue our property and cause deprivation and ill health.
- We will seek legal advice if you do not adhere to our legitimate objections.

[REDACTED]

## Letters & emails received during the notice period (p2):

I write to you as a resident of Tinsley who, like the majority (if not the entirety) of other residents is against this proposal.

There has been an abject failure by the council to engage with the community in any meaningful way. The proposal has been presented to us as, for all intents and purposes, as a fait accompli.

It is demonstrative of a contemptuous attitude towards residents, believing a fundamentally flawed proposal can be forced through.

SCC would dare not behave in such a way in an area with less socio economic challenges where perhaps it would be assumed residents would be more vocal, articulate and organised. If the latter is the case you have greatly underestimated us and our resolve.

The letter 'from' Clive Betts MP was insulting in how it feigned neutrality and objectivity. The reasons cited in support of the proposal were vacuous.

For example, it was asserted that there are health and environmental reasons behind the proposal. What has SCC done to combat the various sources of pollution in Tinsley to date?

Moving the school does nothing to alleviate this problem. How does shifting our green space to the site of the junior school (next to the M1) reduce the pollution residents are exposed to?

This proposal would effectively kettle day to day activities within a small area of a small area. It is motivated by nothing more than financial concerns.

I understand you have not started your 6 week consultation period with us. In the 30/1/14 edition of the Sheffield Star a council spokesman said "*we will be working with a local group of stakeholders*".

Who are these stakeholders? Do residents not warrant such (if not greater) consultation?

The last time it was attempted to foist a fundamental change, detrimental to residents, upon us (the closure of Highgate Surgery) it was fought tooth and nail.

I and my fellow residents will adopt a similar approach to this flawed proposal.

I urge you to reconsider this proposal, the manner with which you have failed to engage with residents and how you have failed in this regard to honour your claimed commitment to:

*"Supporting & protecting communities...fairness...better health and well being"* (SCC corporate plan 2011-14).

Regards



### **Letters & emails received during the notice period (p3):**

I am writing to make a formal objection to the new school being built in side tinsley park, this is the only green space available to the tinsley residents of which i am one.

I believe the council proposing this are trying to do "quick one" one the residence of tinsley by not have proper consultation with the people of tinsley and when they said they will after admitting they didn't have one in the first place. This hasn't materialised. In my opinion 85 percent of the people in tinsley DO NOT want this school on this site. This was clear at last meeting they, the council and mp Betts had with us Where nearly all objected to the new school be built there. I hope the councils executive director of families and young people will consider the views of the families and young people and save the only park accessible to the tinsley residents and help save tinsley recreational space. Thank you for time

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I strongly object on the grounds, you failed to inform the people of Tinsley on a fair and proper consultation, on Merger of schools.

Furthermore you fabricated and diluted strategic information, I am objecting on behalf of 600 plus people, who are family and friends, names can be passed on when required.

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Dear sir or madam.

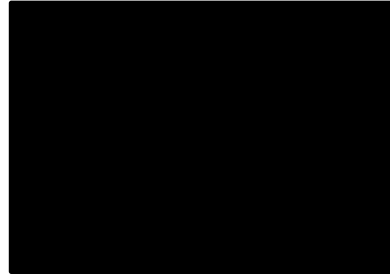
Im writing to you with regards to a lack of care and information that has been provided by your colleagues. As you may be aware of a new school is been purposed to built on a green space at tinsley which has been strongly oposed by the local residents. I feel my local council is not communicating promptly To the local residents informing them about te meeting and of its agenda.

I hope in the future the council will consider tinsley residents feelings !!!

A trully upset tinsley resident

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**Letters & emails received during the notice period (p4):**



5 March, 2014.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to express my absolute opposition to your proposal to site a new combined infant/junior school on Tinsley Recreation Ground.

This is the only piece of green land in the community, and is an important and significant resource for us. At a time when — as you have observed — the streets are more frequented by vehicular traffic than they have ever been, the Rec. is, more than ever before, a vital area where children can play, run off energy, safely socialise and learn

**Letters & emails received during the notice period (p5):**

a little more, first hand, of the natural world. It has, historically, also been a place where older people could go and sit in the sun, play bowls or just watch the world go by. We don't want a school on there. If you feel the need of a new school in Tinsley - The junior school was only built in 1964-65 - please, build it somewhere else. We don't want it there.

And while I'm about it, I don't appreciate the sly & underhand tactics employed to try to push this through.

Yours faithfully,

