

## Appendix 3

**Consultation on Draft Proposal to Amalgamate**  
**Holy Cross Junior School and Springfield Infant School**

**Introduction**

This appendix selects and responds to the main points raised during the consultation, including at the meetings with staff, governors and the community. The minutes of the meetings at each school are also attached to the report as appendices 2a and 2b. The actual responses received are available for inspection in the Members Library and will be available to Members at the Cabinet Meeting on 19 May 2008.

**Points Raised and Response by Officers**

<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Point Raised</b>	<b>Response</b>
1	The good work in the Infant school must continue and expand into the Junior if the amalgamation takes place.	This will be achieved by the proposed amalgamation as it is our expectation that an all through primary will lead to increased standards for all pupils of all ages. The strengths of both schools would be incorporated into the new school.
2	Retention of church status is important.	This is supported by both governing bodies and the Diocese of Lichfield. Whilst the original corporate view of the two governing bodies was to close the Infant and extend the Junior school, further discussion has resulted in support for closure of both schools and reopening as a Voluntary Controlled primary promoted by the Diocese.
3	The new school has to have an attached Local Authority Nursery as continuity needs to be seen for Foundation to KS1 provision.	Local Authority Nursery provision would be maintained on site and would be unaffected by the proposals. The private playgroup provision attached to the junior school would be similarly unaffected.
4	Suitable adaptations are needed to ensure that the school can operate as a primary from day one.	Such adaptations would be discussed with the temporary governing body during the transition period following a decision to amalgamate.