

# **Proposed relocation of Wilby Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School to the Glenvale Park Development (new school), Wellingborough**

## **Consultation Analysis Report 2023**

### **Appendix**

October 2023

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## **Appendix 1: Questionnaire full results**

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#### **Overview**

This formal consultation is about a proposed primary school relocation opportunity to move into a brand-new school building.

Following North Northamptonshire Council receiving two completed expressions of interest applications to relocate, the Panel met following a robust interview process and recommended that Wilby CE VA Primary School relocates to the Glenvale Park site.

Further information about the Panel: A panel was convened to conduct a robust interview process with the schools who had completed an expression of interest. This process included a presentation to the panel from each school. The panel was made up of voting and non-voting members. A scoring system was used to assess the expression of interest, presentation and interview. All panel members asked questions during the interview and presentation process. Voting panel members made the final decision regarding which school they would be recommending to relocate to the Glenvale Park development.

The panel was made up of the following members:

#### **Voting members**

- Cllr Scott Edwards - Executive Member for Children, Families and Skills
- Neil Goddard - Assistant Director Education
- Claire Shortt - Headteacher Broughton Primary School

#### **Non-voting members**

- Jo Hutchinson - Head of School Effectiveness
- Cllr Scott Brown - Ward Councillor for Glenvale Park, Wellingborough
- Cllr Clive Hallam - Ward Councillor for Glenvale Park, Wellingborough
- Cllr Lora Lawman - Ward Councillor for Glenvale Park, Wellingborough

#### **Wilby CE VA Primary School:**

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- Wilby CE VA Primary School is a Church of England village primary school located in the village of Wilby
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- The vast majority of pupils reside in Wellingborough
- Wilby CE VA Primary School is a Local Authority Maintained School
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#### **Background**

The Glenvale Park site is located in Wellingborough, to the north of the town. Once complete there will be circa 3,000 homes. As part of the infrastructure and Section 106 (S106) proposals for the Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE), a 2-form entry, 60 places per year group, primary school was proposed to meet increased demand and serve the local community. The school building construction completion date is August 2023.

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Further information about S106 funding: Under S106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended, contributions can be sought from developers towards the costs of providing community and social infrastructure, the need for which has risen as a result of a new development taking place. This funding is commonly known as 'Section 106'.

As part of the annual strategic Pupil Place Planning exercise undertaken in January 2023, it became clear that, due to demographic changes, there would be insufficient demand to support the school opening until September 2025 or beyond.

Based on this position work has been undertaken to assess the options for the new school to ensure:

- The local community has access to sufficient school places
- No schools are disadvantaged
- Available assets are used as effectively as possible

## **The Proposal**

This consultation seeks your views on the proposal that Wilby CE VA Primary School relocates to the new school at Glenvale Park, opening at the start of the new school year in September 2024. There will be no change to the current arrangements regarding the provision of SEN places at Wilby CE VA Primary School.

## **What is the relocation of an existing school?**

A relocation of an existing school to a new school building means that the whole school including all children, all staff members and all fixtures and fittings and resources will be relocated to the new school. This move will be planned and managed to ensure that there is no disruption to learning.

## **Advantages of relocating an existing school**

- There is no need to create additional capacity
- The relocated school will not impact on other schools
- Relocating an existing school can be delivered relatively quickly
- If approved by the North Northamptonshire Council Executive, it will be ready to open by September 2024
- The school will bring with it all year groups, rather than filling from year R upwards as would happen for a new school

- Children from an existing school site will be able to utilise a brand-new building with capacity to expand
- The vacated site can be reutilised for other educational purposes
- A new and purpose-built facility supports improved outcomes for all members of the school community
- It enables the local authority to fulfil its statutory duties to provide sufficiency of places
- The Department for Education (DfE) support this approach

### Risks of relocating an existing school

- There may be local opposition to relocating an existing school
- Consideration would have to be given to support existing pupils to access the new site

For further information please read:

- [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) document](#)
- [Equality Screening Assessment](#)
- [Equality Impact Assessment](#)

### Timetable and next steps

Stage	Description	Timescale	Comments
1.	Representation  (Formal consultation period)	5 September – 5 October 2023	Representation for a period of one month
2.	NNC Executive	16 November 2023	Decision on Wilby CE VA Primary School relocating to the Glenvale Park site
3.	DfE relocation process	17 November – 17 December 2023	Making a significant change to a maintained school process

### Have your say

Please share your views by completing the questionnaire below. All views submitted during the representation period will be considered, including all support for, objections to, and comments on the proposal.

Your feedback will be part of a report with many other people's feedback, so you will not be personally identified.

You can also access this online questionnaire free of charge at any North Northamptonshire Council library. Please see the [Library website](#) or telephone 0300 126 3000 to check opening times.

Alternatively, you can email or send your comments in by post via the contact details below.

If you have any queries, comments or would like a copy of this questionnaire in another format (including paper, easy read or large print) please contact us.

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**This consultation will run from Tuesday 5 September 2023 to midnight on Thursday 5 October 2023.**

Thank you for helping us by completing this questionnaire.

For information about how consultation and engagement responses are managed, please see the [consultation and engagement privacy notice](#).

## About you

**Q. Are you:** Please tick (✓) all that apply

There were 192 responses to this question, with respondents being able to select more than one option if applicable.

	Response number
Pupil of Wilby CE VA Primary School	2
Parent/carer/guardian of a pupil of Wilby CE VA Primary School	64
Member of staff at Wilby CE VA Primary School	17
Member of a Parent Teacher Association (PTA)	1
A North Northamptonshire Council Councillor	2
A Town or Parish Councillor	5
Local resident of Glenvale Park	29
Local resident of Wilby	26
Local business	7
Local community group who uses Wilby CE VA Primary School for running activities	0
Member of staff at North Northamptonshire Council	4
Other (please give details below)	47

Other:

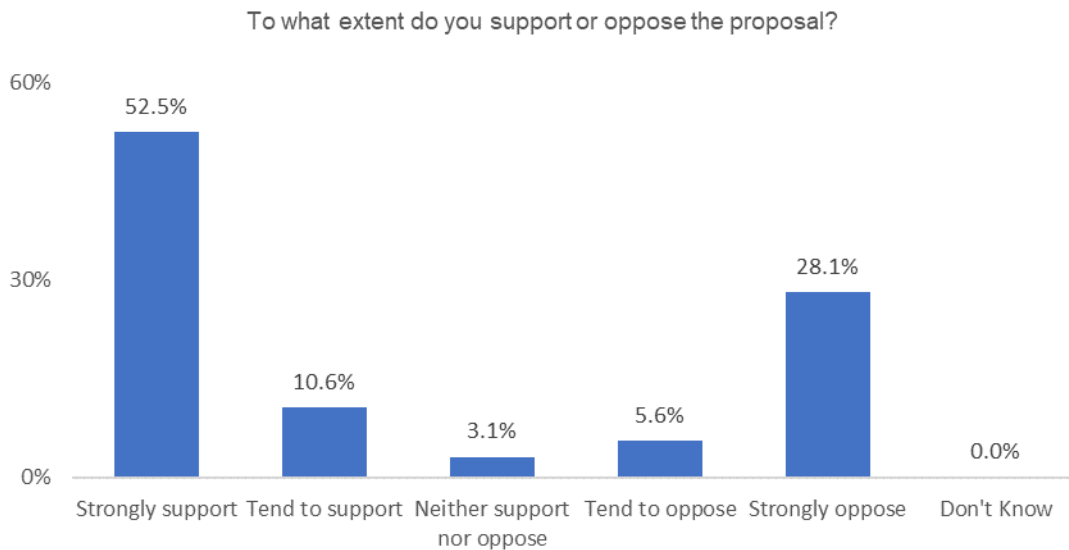
- Churchwarden of a Church of England Church in North Northamptonshire and former member of the Peterborough Diocesan Board of Education
- Wellingborough resident
- Was hoping to send my son to Wilby primary school
- Local resident of Wilby Way estate. Also retired teacher and head teacher
- Have two grandchildren who attend Little Harrowden School
- Parent of former pupils of Wilby CE VA School
- Vicar for Glenvale Park
- Concerned taxpayer
- member of CET Panel
- Grandparent of child residing in Glenvale
- I stay next to glenvale park. Myvkiid is 5 yrs old
- Panel member
- Parent of children once at Wilby School.
- Local resident
- Local resident near Wilby
- Wellingborough resident and former Teacher-Librarian
- Have two grandchildren who attend Litte Harrowden School
- Educationalist
- Grandparent of pupil
- Former pupil and former governor
- Parent & Vice Chair of Governors
- Resident of Wellingborough with experience of Wilby School (former staff member) & use of the School as a Community Facility
- Retired Preschool Manager
- Local resident near Glenvale park
- Parent of child due to start school Sept 2024
- Family member
- Grandparent of children at the school
- Grandparents of some children in the school the
- Local resident of Gleneagles Estate
- Family member of pupil at welby
- Curate (trainee vicar) at the local church for which Glenvale Park is part of the parish
- Auntie of two pupils at the school
- Auntie
- Local resident in Wellingborough
- Resident of Wellingborough
- Former school governor/chair of governors
- Parish Clerk. Wilby
- Potential New Pupil of Wilby CE VA Primary School
- Wellingborough resident
- Advisory Board Member Healthwatch North and West Northamptonshire, Elected Governor Kettering Hospital
- Aunty of children atltending the school

## The Proposal

Respondents were then reminded that the proposal under consultation was to relocate Wilby CE VA Primary School to the Glenvale Park new school building. This means that Wilby CE VA Primary School will be located on the Glenvale Park site, and the vacated smaller school be reutilised for other educational purposes.

Respondents were then asked to what extent they support or oppose the proposal.

There were 160 responses to this question. Approximately two thirds of respondents (63.1%) said they strongly support or tend to support the proposal, while about one third (33.8%) said they strongly oppose or tend to oppose the proposal. No-one said 'Don't know'.



**Q. If you think the proposal will have a positive impact, then please tell us why here:**

There were 103 responses to this question.

- I have 2 daughter who in a few years time will be going here and i think having an established school with experienced staff is good rather then creating a new school and staff from scratch
- Only positive is the parking at school open and close times will be removed from Wilby but will then be moved to Glenvale to deal with.
- Four a family of three without a car, this will mean I have to either find another school or find another means of transport.
- More space for the children
- I think the school could provide a great facility FOR THE COMMUNITY IT WAS BUILT. This was not the community of the village and Wilby and homes local to Wilby. The proposed school was built for pupils living in the Glenvale estate area, which is not close to Wilby.
- The new school will be in a modern building with modern facilities
- The children do not have enough green space or play space at Wilby, it is also a changing world and more and more educational special needs are being noticed and I believe in the best interest for the children and teachers to have better space available for learning and meeting the demands of those with additional needs. There is less impact on the village traffic.  
I understand emotion attached due to the age, but having previous family that attended the school over decades is not a reason to stop the move that will benefit the children's well being. For me personally it will make school run a few minutes longer , but the great satisfaction that my child will be supported and taught in a better environment. The children cant take the building but they cant take the values and everything that Wilby CEVA has become.
- Wilby school is no longer fit for purpose. Too small, not enough facilities.



- This relocation will be excellent for the pupils and staff of Wilby given the increased space and access to up to date building and facilities. There are also many families on Glenvale Park who moved there hoping they could send their children to their local school. Relocation also means that all classes can be made available from the outset, rather than opening it up to reception then year 1, etc as the years go by. This means families can send all of their children to the same school. Having the school open as early as possible will also help sell houses, it will help continue building community and be a place where people can meet.
- Because the school had lack of resources it will open it up for the children to gain more experience
- Wilby primary schools current building has a long history however education has moved a long way since the original guise of the 'village school' . I [redacted] and at that time (1980's/ 90's) was largely attended by village children with only a few living in surrounding outskirts of Wilby. Thus parking wasn't an issue and neither were the roads heavily congested. Not only this education was largely in the classroom delivered by one teacher. Classes were smaller than current classes and the layout of the school dramatically different. There was a larger playground which has been used in the development of the school. Education in the current format means more interactive environments, differing leaning and teaching styles, more use of electronic resources and the widely different abilities and needs of children and the current school is sadly lacking in space ( both indoor and outdoor). The children desperately need more outside space and communal areas to be able to safely gather together and to also receive much needed physical education. Currently wet weather means that PE lessons and lunchtimes are held in cramped classrooms or a hall that offers little space. There needs to be a better thoroughfare of the school , more spaces to be able to offer extra assistance , breakout areas and to generally be more of a whole school community. Whole school assemblies, plays, school functions are just not possible in the current building. The traffic on Mears Ashby road/ church lane is frankly dangerous. One child already recently hit by a car. There is no crossing area and when 95% of the school children arrive in a car the village road just isn't appropriate for the level of traffic. Safety wise this leaves me very concerned .  
Whilst I appreciate the history of the school times have progressed and the school community should embrace this opportunity.
- Wilby school is not fit for purpose anymore. There is nowhere for SEN children to go when they need time away from their class. There is no green space for children to play.
- I hear Wilby is a good school and cares a lot for its pupils. We need another educational setting like that in our area
- Think more money time can be spent in one place more facilities
- Children are restricted in a number of ways at Wilby, the school has not been fit for purpose for many years. Too small, no playing field, cramped classrooms, small playground etc etc.
- Wilby school is no longer fit for purpose. There is no outdoor space and indoor space is very limited. Children are driven to school and parking by parents can sometimes be dangerous
- Present school is not fit for purpose. It is far too small and has no outside space. The location means that cars are parked dangerously for drop off and pick up. Most of the pupils come from Wellingborough in cars.
- Current school not fit for purpose. No outside space, cramped inside space. No parking for staff or parents.

- [redacted] I have noticed that there are far too many cars that need to bring and fetch the pupils. The area isn't suitable for this, and with double yellow lines due to be installed parking will only be worse.
- Traffic and parking in Wilby will reduce and make the village much safer for both vehicles and pedestrians
- This will cause issue in the latter, we have built a new housing area equipped with a new school for the additional homes being built. How will moving another school into this location help?
- None!!
- It seems that the planning so far is excellent, and it seems to be a wonderful solution, especially if the school in its current location is not demographically feasible for the future.
- None it will be a negative impact, particularly the village of Wilby
- It will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to have so much space to learn in.
- Larger space for children to comfortably and safely work  
Lower running costs  
More reliable infrastructure  
Own green space
- The School currently suffers from cramped conditions which have already been expanded to their maximum capacity. The relocation to new purpose built School would offer all Pupils & Staff a much enhanced environment in which to provide an educational experience.  
A secondary benefit would be the elimination of severe traffic congestion on adjacent roads at school arrival and leaving times.
- Moving to a new building with new infrastructure and equipment will be a huge benefit to all pupils learning. Having more space to learn and play will be a great advantage to every child.

Also the roads around the current school are just not designed to accommodate so much traffic. Moving to the new site will have a positive impact on local residents who have problems with traffic at school times.

- School is too small. Time for a change, kids need more facilities.
- The school building is old and the playground is small. Children need space to play and do sports. The classrooms are small too.
- All year groups can be catered for
- The school building should be used for the local community and to boost the opportunities to the existing school going into it.
- Current school buildings are unfit for purpose resulting in daily challenges. Both children and staff deserve the huge benefits that will result from the relocation to a new purpose built site. consideration will need to be given to how the Wilby children reach their new school.
- Having visited the school and seen first hand the constraints imposed by the ageing building with all the attendant very costly maintenance issues, I can fully understand why this proposed move to a new building is so attractive.
- I think it would be positive for the right school. I believe Wilby is too small and far away and that this would have been a better opportunity for a different school.

- I consider it a wonderful opportunity for the current pupils of Wilby. There will be more suitable facilities as it is a school built with the consideration of the current demands of education, rather than the education system of the 1800s.  
Most importantly for me is the space the children will have to play. The current playground at Wilby is tiny and there is no realistic way the school grounds could be extended other than relocation.  
I think it is an exciting opportunity and I strongly support the move.
- Many of us [redacted] did so on the basis of the school and the other amenities we were being given. [redacted]. This estate needs a school the residents can use and although I'm not sure [redacted] to be able to walk their children to school and nursery as originally promised!
- The building has been constructed with the intended purpose of allowing student entry as early as possible despite there not being an immediate demand and, it would be a shame for the majority of the building to remain unused. Many residents who may have moved to the Development as a primary school for their child being on the doorstep appealed to them. [redacted]
- The new school will have
  - (1) Bigger brighter classrooms
  - (2) Larger, safer outdoor areas and sports facilities
  - (3) Rooms to carry out interventions with unruly or struggling children
  - (4) Modern toilet facilities
  - (5) As a new build, it should have a lower carbon footprint and be more environmentally friendly
- Having extra space for me is a huge plus. [redacted] and I think having a higher playground will be a huge benefit for them. I also think this move will create greater opportunities for them.
- The current building needs a lot of work on it and has no opportunity for expansion. The new building will provide great space including external space. Great opportunity for recruitment too.
- Better facilities and opportunities for children
- I don't see any positives about a Christian school on sight
- Don't see any really
- There are no positives at all
- Taking a wider view – [redacted] - the current facilities at Wilby whilst much improved are not really fit for purpose in terms of being able to offer pupils the best in terms of what is currently on offer in today's facilities.
- Opening of primary school to all years from September 2024 to support families with children of different ages.
- Pupils will have more space both in classrooms and outside to learn and play in a modern environment that is purpose built to meet their needs. The current Wilby school building has been outgrown for several years, is in urgent need of major updating and repair and the playground is also far too small for the number of pupils. Relocating to Glenvale Park will in my opinion be a fantastic opportunity for the children, staff and parents.
- Great to have a local school use the new building
- I think it'll be great for a local school to make use of the new building and facilities
- [redacted].
- Fresh start, better and more productive site in a purpose built school, increasing productivity and resources/capabilities for kids

- A move to a larger setting will provide an opportunity for the growth and development of our Wilby School community. The current building does not provide adequate space for varied learning and outside space is extremely limiting for active learning or sports activities. It requires improvements and modernisation and there is no available space for further development. The lack of facilities such as quieter areas/space for 1:1 work, small group work or interventions has an impact on our pupils.  
A larger setting that is purpose built for the expectations and requirements of a modern and demanding curriculum would help us better meet the needs of all our pupils.
- Hopefully local kids will be able to join the school
- New facilities would be great and just to have an outside green space! Whilst our current building is lovely, more space would be wonderful and more up to date facilities with perhaps a computer suite. Ideal opportunity to move as a 'family' together with a majority of our children coming from/being driven in from Wellingborough anyway.
- The Glenvale site will enable the children to have more outdoor space in which to play and participate in outdoor sport more easily .It will also facilitate the growth and development of the school .
- It will give: more outside space; better learning spaces; a more organised layout; a great focus for families in the new estate the new building is found in; a better representation of the current catchment of the school, many children already travelling into Wilby;
- It will be a fantastic opportunity for the whole school community.  
The children will have space to be able do PE.  
They will become part of a community that will take an interest and work alongside them.  
The current school is old and in need of repair.
- Children will have easy access to grass land and appropriate space and areas to complete learning such as geography, science, and PE. Possibilities of purpose built areas to support learning such as PPA, interventions, meeting rooms, cooking facilities.  
Overall space and greater opportunities will be provided impacting all areas of children's development and learning.
- The school is struggling for space and the children and staff work in limited space within the classrooms. Parts of the building are in need of repair and going to a new building with up-to-date facilities, will provide the children with a more rounded and comprehensive experience. We do not have any green area at the school and [redacted]. [redacted] Our technology set up and the technology available to the children is becoming out-dated and being able to use faster and more up-to-date equipment will improve their learning experiences. There is concern that the school, over the years, will not be financially viable as more and more money will need to be spent on it to keep it up to a good standard.  
There is no area to be able to expand, due to a planning application being turned down in the past. Many of the children come from Wellingborough and therefore this will assist in the transition to the school in the town. There is limited parking for the staff and during drop off and collection times, the street can become dangerous with some many cars in such a small area. This also impacts on the people living on the street, who also need to park.
- Children will have better opportunities to learn, grow & thrive in a location suitable for young development
- There will be more space for the children, larger playground, green areas, the building will be structurally sound. The new school will be a far better environment for the children to learn and thrive in.

- It will open up opportunities for both education and extra curricular possibilities that the current site doesn't offer.
- Larger outside area and more up to date facilities
- More open space for the children to play and better learning spaces
- Wilby, although an amazing school, it doesn't have the space and facilities for our children. I feel them moving to a bigger school will give them opportunities they can't have at Wilby, due to lack of space. [redacted]. Wilby school isn't so much about the location, it's the teachers and the students. But, with moving it to a bigger, newer premises, the children's opportunities will be endless! I am very excited.
- More room for the children to play, and better environment for learning
- Children will enjoy having a big playout area plus not having to share two classes in one class.
- New resources, more green space, prepare children for size of secondary school more effectively

- Better facilities for my child

PE is a big struggle at current site

Modern purpose built facility is a massive advantage over current site

Ability to attract more diverse teaching staff and to expand numbers

- The present school is cramped and in poor overall condition. The staff do their utmost to provide the best education possible for the children. The move to a brand new school with space, proper playgrounds and well equipped classrooms will provide a huge boost to the standard of provision. As I see it, the Governors, Staff, Parents and Pupils are extremely keen that this move should take place.
- A modern and up to date building for children to learn
- Providing new and better facilities for pupils and staff at the school
- The bigger environment will give children and teachers a greater amount of freedom. A greater area will allow teachers to be able to hold activities outside and not be restricted by size constraints. The bigger school will also help children better adjust ready for when they go to the large secondary schools in the area.
- Better facilities for the children.

Wilby is a lovely little school but feel as with a lot of things, things develop and needs are greater (eg technology, car parking spaces )

- More space
- New facilities, more space for the children to thrive. Less children per class with no shared year classes hopefully.
- It will be good so we can have a better playground and new computers.
- [redacted] The SEN support is limited for space if children need a sensory break or time out. Better resources are needed for SEN children.
- The school as lovely as it is was built over 100 years ago and the needs of today are a lot different to then.
- More space, better facilities

- I think this is a fantastic opportunity for all the children to learn in a bigger, more suitable environment. It will allow them to flourish in an improved education setting
- Our current building is outdated and there is no funding to make repairs. We have limited space inside and outside the building and no green space.
- Having spoken to parents of children currently at Wilby School, I think this proposal will greatly benefit school students who are currently learning in a less than adequate building space. They have the chance to move to a brand new building that is much more fit for purpose. The school will also be a central aspect of the new Glenvale Park community and will contribute to that locality being able to thrive.
- The current school is, in my opinion, "past its sell-by date". It was once an old fashioned village school, going back well over a hundred years, and I cannot see how it can be fit for purpose in 2023. It does not have the space, facilities or position to continue as a school for our young children. The new offering is clearly of modern design and (should) have all the facets to provide a good education to a diverse group of children.
- Make it easier for the children in Glenvale Park to access a school within walking distance. Also existing children from Wilby will benefit from a brand new school with better resources.
- A very positive impact will be the result of the move. The children will have access to education in a building fit for purpose. The present facility is cramped, very old, too few suitable areas for play and physical activity. The teachers will have greater access to the wider network to support their pupils. The building is modern and purpose built leading to happier and more successful teaching and learning.
- Children health and well-being are at stake here.
- It will be good for the school building to be utilised instead of sitting vacant for another year. It will also be beneficial for those parents with children of other ages to be able to start immediately.
- Giving the pupils access to better and up to date facilities
- This would be a great move for the pupils of the school
- Wilby school has an excellent curriculum and I think a relocation would benefit them and their students as their current facility could do with improvements
- I believe it would go towards the development of a community on Glenvale Park. Provide current & future children of Wellingborough with a beautiful environment in which to learn.
- The present school building is not fit for purpose. It is too small for the number of pupils. There have been safeguarding risks that have been difficult to mitigate without putting other pupils and members of staff at a disadvantage. There is insufficient space for children to exercise and enjoy recreational time. The flow and parking of cars has caused aggravation to residents in the area.
- Wilby Parish Council is in full support of the proposed relocation of Wilby C of E Primary School to a new purpose-built facility at Glenvale Park at the completion of the current school year.  
This decision, which is unanimously approved, follows consultation with Governors and Teachers, including a fact-finding visit by a majority of Members to the School to see a typical school day in action.  
They were struck by the challenges being faced daily, caused by the restricted site, and the ongoing maintenance needs of an old deteriorating building, where there is also insufficient space. Funding to merely address some of these problems, without delivering any pupil benefits, is prohibitive. Put simply, the current site is not fit for purpose.  
The children deserve so much better, and it is acknowledged that the proposed relocation is an opportunity to resolve all the current challenges through the provision of an ideal environment for them to grow and prosper.

- [redacted], I am supportive of the relocation. [redacted]. I am absolutely aware of the challenges the current building gives to the hardworking staff of the school. It is not fit for purpose for modern schooling, the site is too small, is dilapidated and would take significant investment to make it safe and even then, would have many issues that all the money in the world would not solve. The opportunity for the children and staff to relocate to a modern, purpose build facility means that on this occasion I must allow my head to rule my heart and accept that this relocation is in the best interests of all concerned. There is both local support and opposition to the relocation, as one would expect, however I note that the Village Parish Council have taken the decision to unanimously support the relocation. I would like it on record that I trust that the academy will make good their assurances to provide free transport to those children from the village, to Glenvale Park for the duration of their education.
- [redacted] and the biggest problem was having no green space. Also, the playground, hall and classrooms are far too small.  
Additionally, there is not enough parking as the majority of the children do not live in Wilby.
- Wilby School facilities are far too small, so not fit for purpose. [redacted] and the new generation of children deserve much bigger and better facilities, including green space.  
With just a small amount of children from Wilby village going to the school this is a fantastic opportunity not to be missed for their education and social skills. With more and more children coming from surrounding Towns/Villages the consideration for the residents are none existent.
- No
- [redacted] and 9 pupils in my class of 13/14 came from Wilby Village, which is a massive difference to date. The parking around Church Lane and Mears Ashby Road are highly impacted with the vast majority of the children not living in Wilby. From my experience I missed the lack of green space, also the playground and hall are too small.
- bigger space
  - \*new technology
  - \*more facilities
- lii
- A far better, newer facility can only be of benefit

**Q. If you think the proposal would have a negative impact, please tell us why, along with any suggestions on how any potential negative impacts could be reduced or avoided:**

There were 74 responses to this question.

- [redacted].  
I am concerned about school transport [redacted] commitments and no transportation for children has said to be provided.  
[redacted] The route to the new location goes through 3-4 traffic congestion points between Wilby and Glenvale so this congestion will be significantly added to.  
Wellingborough NEEDS SEN schools and Secondary Schools NOT another primary school.  
Wilby school is a village school. The number of families who choose THIS school each year continues to be popular. I know of families every year whose children have not successfully been accepted into the school so the school is popular and relevant.  
People WANT a village school setting. People have chosen this school because of

what it is, because of what it offers. It is small and it makes the school community a family with excellent one to one teaching.

The village preschool will be significantly affected as their numbers will decrease due to the loss of the primary school.

Village house prices will decrease and less families will move to the village.

The village has nothing but public houses and a garage. The school is the heart of Wilby village. It brings people into the village, the school also uses the church and keeps that open and keeps families attending. With the loss of the school, the church, the preschool and the Wilby playing field's playground will all be affected negatively.

The children at the school are settled and are happy with their teachers and their setting. [redacted] It is not fair on children physically, emotionally and mentally to have so much upheaval caused by a move in schools.

Not ALL children will be able to make the move, not ALL teachers/staff will be able to make the move or be kept on and this will also affect the children dramatically.

It is unfair on families in the village to remove their village school, as many have moved here with the intention to attend the school when their children are old enough. There is NO other school within reasonable walking distance from the village and NO SAFE route to the closest school either.

The Economic aspect of moving the school to glenvale is disastrous. There is no walking options whatsoever to get to Glenvale so EVERY parent would HAVE to drive there, therefore raising pollution levels and MORE costs onto parents for petrol, transport costs etc. A disgusting effect to add to the already unhealthy deteriorating town of Wellingborough.

If transport would be provided I would NOT be happy putting [redacted].

It is disgusting to have this facility removed from the village and it's residents.

The school has been fit for purpose [redacted]. [redacted] [redacted] and the school have been so supportive and their safeguarding procedures and policies have been absolutely critical. Without this small family style type network and the school being moved to bigger premises and more numbers of children/larger classes I don't think that [redacted]

[redacted] [redacted] There has NEVER been any road traffic accidents involving a child [redacted] There has NEVER been any incidents with children being approached by strangers on foot or in a vehicle.

The school is NOT over looked by any of the local properties so no one can watch the children with any inappropriate intentions. Not many other schools in this area can say the same.

This school is NEEDED.

This school is SAFE.

This school is RELEVANT.

This school is OUR school.

This school supports the village and is an essential part of the community  
**WILBY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEEDS TO STAY IN WILBY VILLAGE.**

- Children learn in various environments yiu are taking away choice from parents and children. Not all children thrive in a large school is daunting and scary and disadvantages learning.
- [redacted]
- it will be unsafe for families and children to get to the new location as there is no way to walk there unless a walking route is provided. Also if the only way to get there is by car what about the parents without transport? It will also add to the traffic volumes on Park Farm Way which is already a race track! and almost impossible to cross at peak times.
- People will be put of moving to wilby with no school within walkable distance ,it will take the heart of the village away.
- [redacted] I oppose this move [redacted]



- [redacted]
- Wilby school has been around such a long time a town and village will lose and important part of itself! The children and parents all love Wilby school and the size of it! If people wanted to send their children to a big mainstream school they would have from the start! Smaller classes have more resources and they support the children's needs! Wilby school should be left as it is! Glendale Park was and is unnecessary!
- It will massively impact the children currently at Wilby, a change like this could disrupt the rest of their school experience and be a huge change for kids who already struggle with change. This school has been around for many years and is a huge part of Wilby's history and family history.
- Wilby school is a thriving part of the community of Wilby and serves its community well.

Wilby school is located in the heart of the community it serves.

Any pupils from Wilby attending the new school will have to be driven to school as it is a) too far for them to walk and b) there is no safe footpath for them to use. You cannot even safely walk out of Wilby to get into Wellingborough without negotiating a fast four lane road. This issue raises questions about equality of access eg what happens to children whose parents cannot drive them to school perhaps because they do not have a car or cannot afford to pay for the fuel needed? What about the environmental impact of parents being forced to drive their children to school? If transport is provided who will pay for it when council budgets are being squeezed?

In the longer term where will pupils from Wilby village go to school when there is more demand for places from children living on the Glendale Estate? One can envisage children from Wilby having to attend town schools. Once the school has been moved from the village the facility will be lost forever.

Wilby school provides education in a small village setting which suits many primary age children - the new school will be much larger - bigger is not always better.

- The village will no longer have a small village school. Pupils will be in larger cohorts and further away from home/ base peer group or catchment area. They will be increased traffic to and from Glendale Park. Pupils will be placed amongst Glendale Park families too so competing for places. The proposal will increase capacity but not on top of existing places as Wilby school will be lost, reducing numbers
- The impact on the village will be negative as villages need schools to survive as communities. Otherwise Wilby will just become a suburb of Wellingborough. The families who live there nearby will need to travel by car, which will not help towards our net zero target. Many families already travel to the school by car because of the lack of a safe crossing over the A509 at the Sainburys roundabout. [redacted] I know that parents will choose a village school over a town school. This may be because it feels like a family, or it may be because their child has particular needs that may be overlooked in a larger school. By moving Wilby School to Glendale Park this choice is being denied and a school which has been part of the village will no longer exist, along with the village shop and other facilities.
- There are very few community facilities in Wilby of which the school is a most significant one. To remove the school from the village will, in my opinion, have a serious impact on the village community.
- The proposal would put children under unnecessary stress from having to move to a new building, and new area. Particularly those who struggle to settle in. Furthermore many of the school children live nearby, so moving to a completely different area would result in transport issues. Lastly, a lot of parents chose the school for its small size and location in a quiet village. The proposed new building is near a busy road, surrounded by ongoing construction works.
- Glendale Park is in the middle of nowhere, how will children get there. I feel this is not a page move for the poor Wilby children who will have to travel over long empty distances through industrial parks. What could not go wrong. This will lead to more children not attending, accidents, health and safety issues.

- As a resident I am concerned that the proposal to introduce a school that prioritises the admission of children of a single religion would discriminate against those on the estate of other or no religion. If the admission policy is changed to no longer prioritise children of COE faith I would have no problems with it
- The village Community School will be lost with no educational needs being met for Wilby. In my opinion Wilby will be encompassed with Wellingborough and with the possibility that the village nameplates replaced with Wellingborough. In the opening statement the school will be reutilised for other educational needs, I believe that this should be identified at this time otherwise the school building may be redeveloesidential purposes.
- My greatest concern, [redacted] is the religious preferences around entry. This is a very diverse neighborhood and I believe the school grounds within should reflect that so I am very against wilby's current policy of preferring children of the Coe faith over those with proximity to the school [redacted]. The same story applies to his school friends that live here, the come from Islam, sheikh, Hindu, agnostic and atheist families they should not be treated less preferably to any other prospective student
- If the admission policy is based on CofE religious leanings, this may well discriminate against children brought up in other faiths or no faiths.
- Glenvale and adjoining areas are a diverse community. A faith school in such diverse community is almost akin to discrimination. I would like a school that respects and upholds diversity instead of one faith over other.
- What affect it will have on the village
- This plan effectively involves closing down a village school. Calling it 'relocation' is stretching the term as students will have to travel 2.4 miles to school. Those who are local to Wilby and west Wellingborough will not be able to walk or to make their own way to and from school. Travel by car will be required. The school at Glenvale Park may be nice but it does not make up for the loss of a village school in a completely different part of Wellingborough. The village of Wilby will, as a community, lose out.
- Changing location on the school van cause a disruption with friendships and school staff and the wider community. It will also cause more disruption to the roads during school drop of and pick up times.
- It takes away the village school life. [redacted] and this will be lost going into a bigger school
- Plan is not future focused. At some point in near future there will be a demand for more school places with all the building that is going on in and around the area. By proposing to move Wilby CE VA primary and closing their current building you are losing all that schooling space. Your proposal says that the Glendale school won't have enough demand until 2025, that is not that long away. And what will you do when the demand is there from families in these developments but you've already filled the new school with an old school.  
Plan seems short sighted.
- It's a village school needs to stay its in good area .it would mean small children having to travel and lose the village atmosphere. Later when glenvile needs to start admitting children it would be over subscribed. .bad idea
- This will not aid the amount of residential homes being built in the area. Also will NNC fund the transport cost for the children who aren't able to travel to the new location. We need to ensure that this will not impact the budget of NNC and all boroughs.
- Wilby School on it's present site has so many advantages for the current pupils. The school is right for children that require smaller classes ( I believe that is why parents chose this school as 1st place & then others choosing to move their children here from other local schools to Wilby.) Many of them Christian parents. By Moving Wilby School, this will increase the class numbers. This will have a detrimental effect to those children that do benefit from smaller classes.
- While [redacted], my school district was re-zoned. [redacted]

- The school is a major part of the village of Wilby which has been here for close to 2 centuries, serving the village and surrounding areas very well. There is a local park and lots of green space just a 5 minute walk from the school on the site of the Wilby Pre Primary school which has served the schools and village very well. The smaller school gives better education to the attending pupils with more teacher to pupil time than larger schools can. [redacted] At least half of those pupils have no access to family transport in order to be able to get to Glenvale school unless the school or council were to supply a village bus to take the pupils from Wilby to Glenvale and back home again. You state that the distance between the schools is 2.4 miles. Well according to Google Maps which is a trusted source the distance is actually 3.5 miles. Moving Wilby school to the Glenvale site will add even more vehicles to that area of the town at the busiest time of the day which is already very busy causing more congestion.
- See previous response
- The school has a role of 90 pupils of which only 6 live in Wilby, but if relocation does take place it is essential that a free bus service is provided to transport these pupils to and from the new school
- 1. To create a larger primary school is not in the best interests of the current pupils, who are used to a smaller and more caring school.  
2. Secondly the new school would be 2 miles from the centre which means it cannot easily be reached on foot. This means parental transport (not always available) or bus (if available) or..... Extra cost to the parents, whichever it is.  
3. Thirdly, based on previous new build schools, it is unlikely to be ready on time and satisfactorily settled into before the next school year.
- Most parents drive into the village so the closure won't affect villagers much. Plus it will reduce the number of cars
- Include transport buses for current parents in the village. It must be alarming for parents who do not drive to transport 2.4 miles away when currently can walk.
- N/A
- Consideration will need to be given as to how the Wilby children reach their new school.
- I hope the concerns of any Wilby residents to this move will be addressed including ensuring there is a safe way to get their children to and from Glenvale Park.
- The school is quite far for parents to travel. Many won't be able to make the commute. Transport organised by the council would only be temporary. Long term, it would have been better to choose a school closer to avoid causing as much disruption. A one from entry school would have helped the school to reach full capacity as well. With the estate still growing, I wonder how many children will be starting from the estate and whether there will be wasted space in the school as Wilby are a very small school.
- I do appreciate it would have a negative impact on the village of Wilby to lose the school. It would also cause the parents who have bought in Wilby for the ability to walk their children to school, there is a lot more children already living on Glenvale park than the amount of students in Wilby being driven to and from school causing a lot more environmental issues with use of fuel etc. [redacted] and the environment was lovely so I do worry how the children who are close to finishing their time at Wilby school would cope with the move around their upcoming tests.
- Wilby already has very few village amenities and this will be another one lost. However, as less than 10% of the pupils at the school are from village families, is it really a village school?
- [redacted] this is very unfair to have a specific/ particular CE school onsite. Im not racist but I wouldn't want to send my children to a school with different structures implemented in the school day being from CE school.  
Why couldn't the space be offered to normal school with nothing different in the day.

Don't get me wrong im all for RE lessons and children learning about different faiths but not for a school where they will most likely implement CE in their routine.

[redacted] I know I am not the only resident who feels this way.

What about families who live here and dont want to send their children to a CE school? We bought a home here with hope of sending our children to a "normal" mainstream school, local to us and with hope of getting a job there hopefully but this will not be fair or likely if Wilby CE are coming.

- Unfair for residents living here who do not want to send their children to a Christian school
- Will be difficult and make life harder for residents with children not wishing to go to a Christian school
- Why has this space been offered to a Christian school only? How is that fair
- Where should parents send their children if they live here and dont wish to send them to a Christian school
- This community strongly needs a normal school and not 1 faith school its important for children to learn different faiths but unfair to attend a school with 1 faith
- The loss of a school from a village can be significant, but given the very small number of children from the village actually in attendance is not a key issue. I would like to see that Wilby School remains as a community asset - meeting room, youth facility etc
- Parents living in Wilby - maybe an initiative to support with transport?
- One of the reasons [redacted] due to the promise of a new school, now we are told the council would not fund it, and another school is being moved in [redacted] Are residents children going to be given priority for a placement? Or is the school going to be at full capacity, I think it's a joke that we pay for the upkeep of this estate and we can't even place our child in the school [redacted].
- Of course, it is a pity to lose a village school, but as housing developments around Wellingborough have disrupted the town and village distribution of the past, a move is more reasonable. I do not know the balance of the proportion of the school community that are families who live in Wilby, but I can imagine for Wilby-based families the move would be sad.
- I do like the community feel of a small village school and it is lovely that all the staff, children and parents know each other. This may be lost when Glenvale Park starts increasing numbers to full capacity.
- Extra travel
- It would cause transport issues not only for us but for a lot of other parents and children at the school who live locally.
- [redacted]
- Larger class sizes impacts on education that is a proven fact. There is also no mention of the school being Church of England and this is important to many parents. Location also means increased traffic due to the ring road being already a busy road which will delay some parents getting to the school and workplace
- Would ths enlarge class sizes?
- potential commute for some children.
- We chose this school as it was a small premises. [redacted] in that environment and can become anxious in bigger spaces, especially the size of the new proposed premises [redacted].
- Transport for the few children who actually live in Wilby
- Increased traffic during rush hour causing additional negative impact on current traffic around the junctions from Wilby to Glenvale. Increase in pollution, accidents and delays for existing residents.

Provision of shuttle bus from current school site would help. Move start and end time for new location outside of current rush hour

- The only negative impact I can see is that it will leave the village with less growth potential as fewer people may move to the village if no school is available.

But I think if the school is converted into another facility that would benefit the village the impacts would easily be reduced. A shop for the village or a nursery would be good.

- N/A
- I would hope the lovely feel of the family values and closeness would remain in a bigger school.
- It would have an impact on a small village community where it is currently at the hub of the village. It would be good for the building to be reused in order to meet this need. It would be more difficult for some parents who have no transport to get their children to a school out of the village. Transport would need to be provided. We may lose the small family feeling of the current school.
- The main negative impact will be on the Wilby village community, who are understandably concerned about losing their village school. However, given the small number of children from the village who currently attend the school, it seems that the substantial benefits of this proposal significantly outweigh the costs. In addition, whilst this move might cause some disruption for existing school families, the distance between Wilby and Glenvale Park is not insurmountable. Perhaps a bus service could be provided for those who are disadvantaged by the additional distance needed to travel due to the move?
- No negative impacts catch in my mind
- I can't see how most of the parents of Wilby will be able to get their children to school without causing traffic and parking issues for the residents. Will Glenvale Park primary be renamed as Wilby CEVA or vice versa? If the school is moving, surely this will impact on how GP is going to be run and by who, as it would have been a new school with new staff. [redacted] I've been led to understand that Wilby will move all their school resources across to the new building. Surely as a new building; they should be provided with all new equipment so the children have the best start possible with all the latest resources? Not all new schools only open with Reception. By the time it will be ready there would surely be enough to initially open multiple year groups on a 1 form or mixed class entry, such as Pineham Barns in Northampton did, which would accommodate families with children of differing ages. Then as the school fills with more children joining the local catchment area they can filter to 2 form entry.
- It is disappointing that a new building cannot be provided within the village of Wilby. The move will place a strain, possibly sever the connection between the school and the parish church. It is difficult to see how this might be mitigated. However, there is an opportunity to build a new relationship between the new school and the worshipping community in Glendale Park.
- Transport will have to be permanently provided to transport pupils from Wilby to Glenvale. There is no possibility of a safe pathway being provided and the distance is too far.. Staff from this very small school are going to struggle with a two form entry primary school.
- Existing school children's travel to and from the new location must be provided for.
- Wilby School's appeal lies in its small size and high student-to-teacher ratio, which provides a nurturing and intimate learning environment. Small "village schools" like ours are highly sought after precisely because of this unique atmosphere. In contrast, the proposed school is expected to accommodate 420 students, which would inevitably diminish the intimate learning experience that draws families to Wilby School. It is essential to recognize and preserve the distinct.
- The relocation of Wilby School would have a significant impact on our village community and its cultural fabric. The school is the heart of the village. Losing

such an integral part of our community would undoubtedly diminish our village's culture.

The village preschool will be significantly affected as their numbers will decrease due to the loss of the primary school.

The school's connection with the church will be lost. This will negatively affect the attendance of churchgoers to Wilby church and also affect how Christianity is taught to the pupils.

Relocating the school would significantly affect local families in the village in terms of accessibility to primary education and the financial burden of relocating schools and purchasing new uniforms. Many students currently walk to Wilby School, and with limited bus services in the village, the proposed new location would leave families without a nearby school that can be safely reached on foot. This would create a challenging situation for families who do not have access to transportation, placing an undue burden on them.

The disruption of the relocation is bound to have some negative outcomes for the students physically, mentally and emotionally. It is unfair to force a school relocation on a primary child and their families especially when the move is not wholly welcomed and the upheaval will be very damaging on the pupils.

Increase in congestion to the Glenvale estate.

Village house prices will decrease and the appeal to move to the village decrease due to the lack of school.

- One of the reasons for the relocation of Wilby school was the need for costly maintenance and modernization. The site would still be required to be used as an educational facility and therefore the maintenance would still need to be undertaken. Focus should be put on maintaining and upgrading the current school location.

The move is not welcomed by the public and locals residents of Wilby. A local petition has gained 407 opposing signatures.

Wellingborough needs SEN schools and Secondary Schools NOT another primary school. The site would be put to better use if made into a SEN school.

- **\*\*Community Disruption\*\***: The proposed relocation threatens to disrupt the close-knit community that has developed around
  - \*\*Loss of Village Identity\*\***: Relocating the school could result in a loss of the village's identity, as the school has been
  - \*\*Reduced Appeal to Young Families\*\***: The move may make the village less attractive to young families looking to settle in the area, potentially impacting its long-term vitality and growth.
  - \*\*Historical and Cultural Loss\*\***: The current school holds historical and cultural significance. Its relocation could result in the loss
  - \*\*Impact on Local Businesses\*\***: A decline in the village's appeal could have a cascading effect, negatively impacting local businesses that rely on a thriving community.
  - \*\*Safety Concerns for Students\*\***: If the proposed new school is not within safe

walking distance, it raises concerns about student safety during commutes.

**\*\*Disconnect from Church and Christian Values\*\***: Failure to preserve the strong ties with the church and Christian values could disconnect the school from its roots and the beliefs of the community.

**\*\*Lack of Stakeholder Involvement\*\***: The lack of active involvement of parents, teachers, and residents in the decision-making process could lead to a sense of alienation and discontent.

**\*\*Loss of Future Generations' Educational Experience\*\***: The exceptional educational experience that the current school provides might be lost to future generations if the relocation proceeds.

**\*\*Potential Alternatives Ignored\*\***: If viable alternatives to relocation were not thoroughly explored, it raises questions about whether the best interests of the village were considered.

**\*\*Uncertainty and Anxiety\*\***: The uncertainty surrounding the future of the school and the potential relocation could create anxiety and stress within the community.

**\*\*Communication Gaps\*\***: Improved communication and transparency between the school administration and the village are vital to address concerns and maintain trust.

- [redacted] The school is small. The Church has involvement with the School. It is right next door. [redacted]
- walking distance is longer from residence (1hr)as kids like to walk.
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**Q. If you have any other comments you would like to make that you have not already told us, then please tell us here:**

There were 51 responses.

- I am disgusted by the cloak and dagger approach to this move that Wilby School Governors have taken. Giving 'selected' parents an email survey to complete within two days about the move when in fact they had known about it for weeks before. I would also like to point out that the head chair of Governors claims to have NO personal connections to the school, however, this is entirely false [redacted].
- it needs a re think as it seems unnecessary
- [redacted] The new glenvale site is a 50 min walk from Wilby compared to the walk now of 10-15mins.
- Keep wilby school as it is! Glenvale park isn't needed
- [redacted]. There has been no proper communication with parents other than a very short window before to have our say. Making a choice of where your child goes to school is a big decision for parents and this has been taken away but the proposed move. [redacted] I think it is disrespectful to parents who made that decision for their child.
- I really hope this proposal is reconsidered so not to affect our children's wellbeing and mental health by such disruption and change in their early schooling years.
- It seems very short sighted to build a large school in an estate setting, and because homes have not been sold, effectively close a village facility in order to open the new school.  
It would seem more sensible to delay the opening of the Glenvale school; capacity in schools in the town could be used to place children currently living on the Glenvale Estate until numbers warrant the new school being opened. I wonder if Wilby School is the scapegoat for an error in school places planning - which has undoubtedly been impacted by the economic situation.  
Wilby school is a good school - it should be allowed to continue to serve its local village community.
- The community spirit and few of a local school or village school is very different to a larger multi entry school. This is what is appealing to many parents/ children

- The school at Glenvale Park will eventually have the children it needs but it is proposed to half fill it with children who are happily learning at Wilby School. What North Northants needs is provision for SEND as the current provision in Wellingborough is full and not only that, Rowan Gate has expanded to two other sites in Rushden, both of which are Victorian school buildings and in so doing implying that children with SEND can have mainstream "cast offs" as though these children are less important. The new school at Glenvale Park lends itself to a SEND (ASD) unit as part of a mainstream school. For many children with ASD this is the way for integration to work. [redacted] It has worked else where and could work at Glenvale Park. I understand that the S106 is for a mainstream school, but this can be changed if the desire is there. The building could then open gradually, as Stanton Cross has opened, with a phased intake of both mainstream and SEND provision.
- I do not understand why the Panel have considered the matter before the public consultation is concluded. This makes it look as though this consultation is merely a formality. I consider the whole process is fundamentally flawed because of this, and I think you should go back to re-consider the matter from the start.  
This has been very badly organised and managed in my opinion.
- There is nothing wrong with the current Wilby School building. Although it is small, its size, history and location is what gives it its charm. Children are perfectly happy there. What's more important is that the small classroom system allows the school to have a closer relationship with each child, thus, having an extremely positive impact on learning.
- It has not been made clear to residents if they would be able to send their children of any primary school age to the school
- It's a wonderful building and grounds central to our budding neighborhood I sincerely hope that a good quality setting is achieved that respects the diversity of our neighborhood
- Please go for normal school that has no faith bias.
- [redacted]
- Should a brand new school, in today's society be a Church of England (or any other religion) school? I think it would be more appropriate for a new school to be non religious and so moving Wilby CE VA primary you would be automatically making it a religious school which isn't inclusive and likely doesn't reflect the local community.
- The school was built to ensure there will be enough schools to accommodate all the new housing projects that are taking place. This is just moving the problem around. Unless they plan to Rebuild Wilby school it makes no sense to move as it will only be additional cost to NNC and families which in these current time of inflation doesn't seem reasonable.
- It Seems the 'Chair of Governors' , said she was the representing the governing body .... (She wasn't, no meeting has yet taken place!) Has already decided on what is best... Even before this consultation was released (I Listened to the BBC Radio Northampton interview..... Absolutely shocking that the head of the Governing body hasn't listened to concerns from the rest of the Governors yet Concluded Moving to Glenfield Park is Best for the school.... The Chair of Governors has only her best interests in mind, At least listen to the parents / Diocese / Village & most importantly the children that attend the School!!
- What happens to the pupils next year if the relocation does unfortunately happen that are unable to have transport to and from the school. Which is why some families decided to move to the Village of Wilby because of their situation and the culture of attending a village school with close ties to the Church in Wilby?
- I submitted an on-line survey form yesterday in which I said I believed the process was fundamentally flawed because the Panel considered the matter before the results of the public consultation were known. This in effect makes this consultation exercise meaningless. As further evidence of this situation I notice that in the guidance at the beginning of the consultation it says "...the panel DECISION was made in July to relocate Wilby CE VA Primary School to the Glenvale Park site." which leads one to the conclusion that the consultation is a sham. It seems to me that the guidance has been sloppily written and contributes to the overall sham nature of the consultation process.



- There would seem to be no reason to use the new school building before the inhabitants of that new housing area are even there.  
Unnecessary disruption of the current pupils for the sake of some currently non-existent pupils.
- The children deserve a better learning experience – let's give it to them!
- [redacted]I feel that the current school is not fit for purpose and even if there was the money to upgrade it (which there isn't) the size of site makes it unviable in the 21st century.
- As mentioned if this proposal goes ahead then for thd large asian community already here this will not be welcomed and will most definitely put off potential buyers too from what we have already heard.
- We know if potential buyers who are being put off because they do not want to relocate here and have to travel by car to send their children to school somewhere else as they don't want to send them to a Christian school
- There should be a normal school here not 1 Pacific faith school
- PLEASE CONSIDER OTHER SCHOOLS AND MAKE LIFE EASIER FOR RESIDENTS WHO LIVE HERE
- Having seen both sites, the new site is preferable, and an opportunity that, on balance, carries many more advantages (assuming there is none of this weak, cheap concrete in it that has been in the news). The real trick is for the school to be well-led so that there develops a family atmosphere, valuing the children, encouraging their learning and preparing them well with skills for life and for their next steps in education.
- To accept local kids when the school is transferred
- [redacted] the residents have not taken a positive interest in the school, quite the opposite actually.
- Overall, I believe it is the best option for Wilby CE Primary School to ensure that the children have more opportunities and we can continue to provide them with an education.
- We need this as our school is not fit for purpose anymore. Our children deserve the very best we can offer.
- The current school has all necessary facilities for children. Thanks to the schools small size it is able to focus on each child's individual needs. Expansion of the school would only kill its values and qualities
- I think it is important to keep the school in the village for the students that live here and surrounding areas. If it will be used for educational purposes anyway, there is no need to change it.
- The "Save oy School" campaign is a misnomer. The vast majority of people wish the move to take place. The "Save our School" campaign is attempting to thwart their will and force them to remain in inferior conditions. A number of the points made in the campaign leaflet are in valid and in some cases untrue.  
For example, the school is not the hub or heart of the village. Few, if any events take place outside the normal reach.
- Strongly support this transition.
- I don't understand why it needs relocating? What's wrong with it's current location? And what's being done to support the need for new schools in the wellingborough area with at least 3 new housing sites being built?
- We feel the kids will benefit from better outside space too.
- The concrete pavement is unsafe (eg needs a different surface for when they fall over)
- The site at Sainsbury's should have included a replacement for Wilby School as Glendale is inconvenient to get to.  
Glen ale would then provide for itself.
- Me and my friends think it will be great

- The school needs better computer facilities, Sen areas and parking facilities (obviously there was not the amount of cars about over 100 years ago).
- The staff teach in very restricted conditions and have little personal access to quiet areas needed to support children with additional learning needs.
- I have seen with other schools closing in the past that they have just been left to 'rot' I would be disappointed if the intentions to use the old building were not followed through
- I hope any concerns over Wilby being a C of E school can be overcome and that current and future parents focus on the level
- I am concerned that in the future the building may be used for "other educational purposes". The coming and going of cars and vans
- [redacted], my concern is what other educational purpose the vacant site would be used for as there is not adequate parking around the school.
- Please see the link to the local petition opposing this move. There is also 72 signatures on a paper petition in addition to this. This currently totals 407 people opposing the relocation of Wilby Primary School. <https://chnng.it/V9jQhqPTC5>
- [redacted], it's remarkable that our local petition has garnered such significant support, with 407 signatures. This demonstrates the depth of concern and commitment within our community. I earnestly recommend that, should the relocation proceed, the village should not be left without a school. While we understand there are a number of rationale towards the move we don't believe they are justified, the proposed new location does not seem to be the optimal choice for our village or current students. It may lead to students being redirected to schools that are closer and they may not provide the unique qualities and community ties that our current school offers. Let's work together to ensure that any changes made prioritize the best interests of our village and its children.
- \* would be good if council can arrange school bus service for new school.
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## More about you

**Q. Are you responding to this questionnaire as an individual or on behalf of an organisation/community group?** Please tick (✓) relevant answer

There were 158 responses to this question.

	Response number	Percentage (%)
As an individual	154	97.47%
On behalf of an organisation/community group	4	2.53%

**Organisation/community group respondents**

**Q. If you are replying on behalf of an organisation or community group please tell us the name of your organisation and your job title/role:**

**Name of organisation:**

There were two responses to this question.

[redacted] Anglican Church [redacted] Parish Council
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**Job title/role**

There were two responses to this question. We have not listed the job titles / roles of respondents within this appendix in order to ensure respondents' anonymity is retained.

## **Appendix 2: Written responses**

### **Feedback received via letters / emails**

There were three written responses received.

Having read the information regarding the proposed relocation of Wilby Primary School to the Glendale site I have a many concerns.

I do not feel all angles of this proposed relocation have been considered and it feels that the work done has been skewed towards giving the green light to the move. I do not believe it has been a balanced process. I believe several issues have not been thoroughly considered - including relating to provision for SEN pupils and will outline my thoughts for your consideration.

It is stated that the majority of pupils do not come from the village of Wilby itself but from the surrounding Wellingborough area. This is put forward as a reason Wilby doesn't need a school but I think it actually proves a point to the contrary.

No village in the uk has a birth rate of 15 babies per year, each year, every year. Not even 7 babies per year. As such no village school will be primarily populated with children from the village.

The point is that approx 15 families, every year, from the surrounding area feel a small village type school, with the caring, nurturing 'school family' ethos is the right choice for their child.

Moving Wilby school to Glendale obliterates that choice for families such as these. There will be varied reasons for parents/carers wanting to make this choice but it will have been carefully considered and incredibly important to that family and child for the benefit of their education.

[Redacted]. As such, my own personal experience backs the concept I do not think you have fully considered the SEN child experience of different types of school. I believe the school relocation move will negatively impact on many pupils already at Wilby School, especially the SEN contingent. The same can be said for future pupils who have had the opportunity to attend a small, nurturing village school taken away.

Most village schools in this area of Northamptonshire, with the exception of Wilby, are in effect reserved for those more affluent members of society who can afford to live in rural settings. By virtue of distance they have small village schools as an option, as well as the option of larger urban primaries which inevitably have more capacity to take those from further afield. Families living in Wellingborough do not have this choice if Wilby Primary is taken from them and relocated.

Fundamentally you are removing a vital type of primary school, much needed for the education of certain children, from the educational estate. While the pupils will technically have somewhere to go (Glendale) the type of school is so different it will not suit many children.

I would suggest that there is a piece of work that must be carried out before the relocation is finally approved. This would need to assess the impact of change of school type (from small, village, nurturing environment to larger less intimate, school environment), upon current and future pupils, especially SEN and looked after children.

You would need to look at WHY so many families think their child NEEDS to be at Wilby Primary compared to perhaps a larger closer school. Then consider where these families would go and how the children would cope and be educated if the relocation goes ahead.

[Redacted]. I also take umbrage at the concept that Wilby Primary will “literally” be picked up and placed down in Glenvale. By suggesting this is done you forget one very important factor - you have left behind the heart and soul or perhaps the essence of Wilby Primary.

[Redacted] I look forward to hearing from you, please could you acknowledge receipt of this email.

I am emailing just to have my say [redacted] about the proposed school coming to the area.

[Redacted]

Why couldn't the space be offered to a school with no faith like Little Harrowden as was mentioned previously?

[Redacted] a primary school will be opening too so it will be convenient for our children to attend but little did we expect it will be Christian school.

This is very unfair and we strongly oppose this.

How do I go about voicing my concern about the school possibly being moved? I see there is a chance until today, but can't see how to do it. [Redacted].