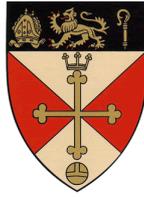


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Malmesbury Town Council's response to Wiltshire Council's Statutory Notice for a proposed enlargement to Lea & Garsdon CE Primary School, Lea, Wiltshire.

Dear Sir / Madam

Malmesbury Town Council considered the Statutory Notice at a meeting of Full Council on 21st November and at a meeting of the Planning & Environment Committee on 30th November 2017. After careful consideration of the matter, Councillors have instructed me to make the following comments:

The Town Council believes that the decision to expand Lea & Garsdon CE Primary School would have a significant adverse impact on a generation of school children in the Town. The prospect of large numbers of Malmesbury's young people being bused or privately driven miles out of town each day for their education, is a scenario which the Town Council must object to strongly. We feel that such an important decision should be taken in an open and transparent fashion, yet note that there appears to be little knowledge of it amongst residents in the Town. The Town Council would like to urge that the decision on the expansion of Lea & Garsdon Primary School is delayed, in order that all relevant information (including any impact assessments) can be placed in the public domain. We also call upon Wiltshire Council to meet, once more, with Malmesbury CE Primary School to discuss the mutually desired outcome of an extension at the School. If you think it would be of help, Malmesbury Town Council would be willing to facilitate any discussion with the School.

Yours faithfully

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Deputy Town Clerk