

Name	Postcode	I am...	Please state which school:	Please state which:	Do you support the proposal ?	My comments are as follows:
Jo Matthews	BN41 2bb	The parent of a pupil			No	I am very concerned as to the implications this proposal may have for other local schools. My children both attended St Peters Infant school, which is a vital part of the local community. I would like clarification on the comments about 'wider re-organisation of school places in Portslade'. I do support the proposal, we desperately need more school places. My child started Benfield reception this week and loves it. The new classrooms and teachers are great. If the school is not changed into an all through Primary School what will happen to our children next year? They will have to go to a different school for Yr1 which will be disruptive and upsetting for them. They need continuity in their education. Also all of the money already spent adding the Reception classes will have been wasted. I definitely want the proposal to go through.
c.antoni	bn3 3rx	The parent of a pupil			Yes	I believe that no consideration has been given to the impact on other schools in the area. As a former headteacher of Benfield and now a governor at St. Peter's I know the area well. In history St Peter's sent all their children to Benfield. This has gradually changed over the last 10 years and about 50% now go to St. Nicholas Junior School. The problem will be that there will be insufficient junior places in South Portslade to meet parental choice within two years. The consequence will necessitate further changes. St Peter's is an outstanding school providing first class education and their future will be compromised. I urge you to reflect on your decision and continue with the proposal to adapt Connaught to meet the demands from central Hove.
Ann Gilham	RH20 4NE	A school governor			No	I have tried to consider this proposal in a positive way but there are many concerns that keep arising one being that the Local Authority are ploughing precious resources into a school that has been struggling to receive good OFSTED reports to the detriment of the schools in the same area that are achieving good results. As Vice Chair of the governing body of St. Peter's Community Infant and Nursery School in Portslade I have many concerns about this proposal and how it will effect St. Peters and other schools especially those within the South Portslade area. I believe that with all the monitoring that takes place within the Council this problem should have been foreseen much earlier and this was also a point raised by parents at the consultation meeting, the changes to Benfield School have appeared to be a rushed and last minute decision which has caused a great deal of stress to many parents, their children and families. After attending the consultation meeting on 15th September I gained the impression that this proposal will go ahead, despite what people think or say, and that the
Daphne	Geal	A school governor			No	
tom cook	bn35dq	The parent of a pupil			Yes	i think a through primary will be an excellent asset for the area and for my daughters learning and stability. we live in west hove and although benfield is not the nearest school it is a great size. i think that having an all through primary will support my daughter to build long term friendships and great learning relationship with her teachers. there have been ideas to rebuild other schools but it must make sense to refurbish an existing school and make it a great resource.
sara cahill	BN35DQ	The parent of a pupil			Yes	
Jo M.	Bn41	The parent of a pupil			No	I am very concerned by this proposal and the implications for other schools in Portslade. These are alluded to in the consultation document, but not clarified. I do not believe that the site is sufficient to meet the need of a through Primary and I am not convinced that the current school leadership are up to the task. I am also concerned as this is the second time I have commented, my previous comment having been deleted - perhaps it is considered vexatious to disagree with this council's proposals?
Tac Carters	BN3 2RQ	Other interested party				Portslade Infant School at present has 120 children leaving each year to seek a place at a Junior School there will clearly be a shortfall of 60 places. Where are the places for these children as some parents will not have a sibling link as they have been sent to Portslade Infants from over 2 miles from their address? This seems to be a sticking plaster on a wider problem and doesn't deal with the serious issue of families in south central Hove who are unable to get a place in Davigdor Primary, St Andrews and West Hove Infants yet more places are being created further to the west of the city. What does the Head of Portslade Infants think of these changes which will impact on the feeder relationship previously in existence between her school and Benfield? Benfield is being used as a solution to a problem based in central Hove, instead the problem has been exported to the schools around the problem. As a junior school it is a popular choice, with this year showing more demand for junior places than could be offered, so the council could have extended junior provision over adding a primary unit. Add to this the knock on affect to Portslade Infants, which will no longer have Benfield as a feeder school and a head and board of governors that still months later do not have any idea what the council will do with these displaced children, yet again suggests poor planning. Lastly with the options for parents sent to Benfield as an emergency measure and being offered a possible place at Connaught if and when it opens, what effect will this have if a large proportion of these parents take the opportunity leaving Benfield the poorer yet again! This expansion is not in the interest of the community surrounding Benfield as it is being used to accommodate children from other areas of the city not only displacing these children but prospective children wishing to
bob howitt	bn41 2le	Other interested party			Undecided	
Grace	bn3 1rf	Other interested party			Yes	
chris wilson	bn6	Other interested party			Undecided	It's nice to see such an open and transparent process being undertaken thank you BHCC

