

## **Appendix 5: Letter from Chair of Governors, St Andrew's CE Primary School, received 10 July 2014**

Thank you for your letter regarding our response to consultation which we discussed at the FGB meeting last night. In our previous letter to you we stated that we would like to defer our final response in order to allow for additional direct dialogue and presentation of information between the LA and parents as well as further plans which include Haddington Street. This process has started well with the meeting last week with parents and the school has also received interest from a number of parents regarding your offer to meet with them. However we do not consider after less than a week that we are in a position to be able to make a final submission which suggests that we are providing any form of support even conditional at this stage, given the strength of opposition from the school community. We consider that if we supported the move to statutory consultation, even with conditions, this would undermine our position with the school community.

Our preference therefore would be for you to defer your report to the Children and Young People Committee from 21st July until the autumn term. By that time we would hopefully have information to consider on Haddington Street and assess the views of the school community in response to that.

If you are not able to defer the process we will provide a separate response which will state that at this stage we cannot support the proposed expansion based on the strength of opposition and the fact that the additional information we requested in order to give this further consideration has not yet been received.

Please let me know whether we are able to delay our submission as initially requested or if you intend to proceed with a report to the Committee on the 21st July in which case we will need to provide a further submission for the Committee to consider.