

**Questions & Observations for Meeting with Education Officers**  
**Wednesday, 20 July 2016 – 10 am – Wigan Town Hall**  
*(as supplied by Elected Members and Co-opted Committee Members  
who will not be attending the meeting)*

Cllr J Ball

- 1) The SATs results nationally are poor this year - House of Commons – 12 July  
How does this affect the Ofsted inspection category awarded, i.e. 'requires improvement', 'good' or 'outstanding' at our schools?
- 2) When did the LA arrive at the decision to go for the preliminary consultation with schools?
- 3) When did the Portfolio member give the go-ahead for the above? When was the decision made at Cabinet?
- 4) Can the district councillors call in any decision for further transparency (scrutiny)?
- 5) Is this a 'done deal' like the one at 'Mere Oaks'?
- 6) There needs to be more openness and transparency. Will this be done?

Cllr C Miles

- 1) Why did the authority not intervene at Shevington Community primary when staff were leaving and children moving to other schools en masse? Was this because they knew that in the future it was to close?
- 2) Closing one school will not provide enough places for the current intake of Reception, as you can not have more than 30 in Reception.
- 3) All 3 schools are needed to take the overflow from new homes in Standish. Shevington Surgery has already been recommended by the sellers of the houses as a good place to get health care, so families will use the doctors and then the schools.

Mr B Lomas

- 1) If there is to be a closure (and this was never stated as anything other than a certainty), are we to be assured that the establishment to be closed will be the one with the most restrictive site?
- 2) Built into any capacity plan must be the provision for sudden influx (the current and developing migrant scenario exemplifies this.)
- 3) What investigations into traffic flow investigations is presented?
- 4) What is the opinion of teacher unions on the proposed plans and ensuing proposed redeployment/redundancy?
- 5) Why will formal consultation only be taking place after Wigan Council have seen the unconstitutional and informal comments from un-named respondents who would, without doubt, have

tainted the committee in terms of prior knowledge and biased responses?

Mr B King

- 1) Some residents are saying that, as schools in Standish will be oversubscribed as the result of the substantial numbers of new housing, Shevington schools could provide for this shortfall. In Q.12 on the FAQs sheet the following statistics are provided for pupils from outside the area in Shevington schools:

Shevington Community Primary School 17 -17.5%

Millbrook Primary School 67 -32.5%

Shevington Vale Primary School 14 -10.2%

Overall 98 -22.3%

Would it be possible to know where these children come from?

- 2) According to Q.8 on the FAQs sheet the figure of 64 is quoted as being the number of new houses on the Oakwood Meadows estate. Does this refer only to the number of houses still to be completed?