

APPENDIX 2

Summary of responses by school

Falling rolls

- Understand rolls are falling and surplus places are high
- Standards cannot be sustained when rolls are falling
- Understand the demographic issues and reasons why change is necessary
- We lose a lot of children to Neston High School because it is a mixed school
- The birth rate will rise again
- If you focussed on single sex more pupils would come here
- Could you advertise to get more pupils here
- Council has not supported the Federation
- Council should reduce the admission number at the grammar schools
- Neston High School is making Wirral primary schools a feeder school

Educational standards and quality of provision

- Standards are improving year on year at both schools
- Concerns about loss of Sports specialism
- Concerns about the impact of amalgamation on GCSE results
- Grammar schools cream off the best pupils
- Pupils who struggle at grammar school should come here instead
- Will staff be lost?
- Can't see how the merger would cause standards to drop
- The proposal will strengthen teaching and learning
- Boys school is excellent in some areas
- Best practice will be able to be shared across all pupils
- Staff and expertise can be shared across the two schools
- Better choice of subjects with larger school
- Boys and girls will be able to compete with each other
- No difference in standards between single and mixed sex schools
- Concerns that class sizes would rise

Building and site

- Sports fields should not be sold for housing
- Surplus space in the Boys building could be used for community purposes
- Science labs are smaller in the girls building

Disruption to education

- Concerns about disruption to education in Key Stage 4
- Change should not be at the expense of children's education
- Could you start merging with Year 7 and leave other year groups as they are?
- Children are very worried about the amalgamation
- Girls are now worrying about make-up and boys which will distract them from their studies
- They will not be able to keep the same form tutor through to Y11
- Boys are badly behaved and will disrupt girls

Financial

- This is all about selling the land to make money
- Will pupils have to have a new uniform?
- How much is the budget shortfall?

Choice of single sex education

- Failure to act puts both schools at risk
- You have known about this for years, why is it only happening now
- Proposal is a lifeline to Pensby Boys at the expense of Pensby Girls
- Taking away parental choice for single sex education in this area
- Both schools should stay open as small schools
- I am hoping the school will be merged by September because I want a mixed school
- Only practical solution
- Need a school in the local area we can walk to
- Children will adapt
- Rather have a mixed school than go to any other school
- We should have known about this when we were choosing secondary school options

The Consultation

- No point opposing the proposals because the decision has already been made
- Consultation should have been better and wider
- Disappointed by low turn out at meeting, reminders should have been sent out
- How do we capture the views of the majority who will be in favour of the merger?