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Dear Ms Smith

In response to the Public Notice in respect of Red Hill CE Primary School expansion the Diocese Board of Education make the following comment.

The Cabinet Report of February 2016 stated that:

*7. The proposed expansion would require construction of 6 additional classbases and associated support space. A feasibility study has been completed which identifies two locations on the site where the new block could be constructed. Should the proposal be approved, further work will take place to determine which location provides the best solution. The estimated build cost is £1,838,500. This would be funded from the 2016/17 Basic Need capital allocation and from Section 106 contributions from housing developments.*

*17. Having taken account of the comments raised, the Governing Body of Red Hill CE Primary School has indicated their support for the expansion. This support is based on the understanding that the increased accommodation to be provided will be suitable and reflective of the needs of the staff to enable them to operate the school in a safe, efficient and cost effective manner.*

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The Governing Body of the school have written in response to the Public Notice stating that they are no longer in favour of the proposed expansion as It is understood by them that the budget that resulted from the feasibility study, conducted without input from the school, will only provide a set of classrooms built in the middle of the existing playground. This is a contradiction to Point 7 of the Cabinet Report which states that there would be associated support space.

Worcester Diocesan Board of Education concur with the response of the Governing Body to the Public Notice in no longer supporting the expansion unless the building provided meets the guidance set out in Bulletin 103, Area Guidelines for Mainstream Schools, June 2014 and also addresses a number of items of essential infrastructure, based on the guidance in Bulletin 103, outlined in the response of the Governing Body to the Consultation in December 2015.

Yours sincerely

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