

**TATTENHALL & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL**

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Miss E. Oats  
Chair of the Governing Board  
Tattenhall Park Primary School

Cc: Cllr Mike Jones, Pam Bradley

Dear Miss Oats

**Re: School Boundaries - Planning for the Future - DRAFT - STATEMENT AND  
FAQ**

The Council have carefully considered the two draft documents "A Community Statement" and "Frequently Asked Questions".

At the CWaC facilitated meeting on 26th June 2017 the Council representatives did not agree that consultation would be limited to the style/colour of the fence and out-of-hours access. The subsequent statement "*it was agreed that the Parish Council and Primary School would work together to shape a local consultation about the introduction of the perimeter fence and access*" reflected this.

Councillors unanimously agreed that they cannot support the Community Statement and we, therefore, ask that reference to the Parish Council be removed.

In the Frequently Asked Questions, we would like it to be made clear that there was no consultation with the Parish Council prior to the School Governing Board's decision on 22nd May 2017 to install the fence despite a formal request from the Council in January 2017. We request that the paragraph "*It was the intention of the Governing Board to consult with the Parish Council after an Extraordinary Governors Meeting on 22nd May 2017, when a majority decision was made to erect a fence around the School playing field....*" be removed or altered to "*inform*" rather than "*consult*". Consultation can only take place before a decision, not after.

With reference to "*How is the fence to be funded*", the Parish Council have not indicated that there would be a possibility of funding being made available other than public fund-raising by the school. We request the words "*Parish Council*" be removed.

As elected representatives, the Parish Council are disappointed that there has been failure to consult with the community and resent what appears to be an attempt to manipulate the Parish Council into supporting a decision by the School Governing Board which is deeply unpopular with a large number of residents.

If the School Governing Board is serious about consultation with the community then they must be prepared to review their decision. The Parish Council, therefore, request a meeting in order to address:

1. Sharing of Consultation results with the community
2. Area to be enclosed by the fence
3. Height of the fence
4. Time scale

We look forward to a positive response.

Yours Sincerely

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Chairman Tattenhall & District Parish Council

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