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Dear Sirs

### **Community Engagement Survey – Secondary School Provision in the Wetherby and Boston Spa area**

Boston Spa Parish Council would like to make the following comments regarding the above survey:

1. We consider the information provided in the survey to be insufficient to answer your first question on the number and location of schools;
2. The application of one school to become an Academy is not pertinent to the argument for the number of schools needed in the area. Indeed, both current schools could equally apply for Academy status;
3. The document does not offer a coherent cost/benefit or value for money analysis for anyone to make a reasoned decision on the location or number of schools in the area;
4. Other options for education in the area such as 11-16 schools, 6th form colleges or free school provision for targeted groups of student are not considered;
5. The dismissal of the two schools option does not reflect the actual number on roll in the schools nor those allocated places for next academic year;
6. Data on wider issues in North Yorkshire which could affect the need for provision is not made available eg potential housing developments and availability of school places in neighbouring areas. Given the high numbers of students who cross county boundaries in this location this is important data.
7. It is hard to reconcile the number of students travelling to either site given your assumption that Wetherby is the preferred site;
8. The intended aim, to consider the quality of educational provision, is only given cursory mention. For a proper assessment much more data at all key stages is needed in addition to comprehensive destination data for all students in the area.

We are attaching the response form partially completed so that our response can be acknowledged as part of the data being supplied to the Minister.

Yours faithfully

Val Hunter  
***Clerk to the Parish Council***