

Agenda Item No. 1.5

Children and Young People Committee 8th March2023

Public questions on Item 4: Great Gidding Church of England Primary School Consultation Update [In order of receipt]

	Question from:	Question/ comment:
1.	Councillor Tim Alban District Councillor representing Great & Little Gidding	I am one of the ward District Councillors and although the County Council have consulted me and I have responded to the online consultation, I would like to emphasise my comments concerning the future of the school.
2.	Christopher Jakins Parent of child at Great Gidding	I would like to briefly provide further insight into our personal experience of the consultation process at the school since the last meeting in January. I would like to ask a couple of questions to try to clarify for me and my daughter, who attends the school, why it is that we have arrived at this point. I would like to ask about how the decision is being made, where the heart of the matter lies and whether forecasted enrolment figures are enough to make such an important and permanent change to a rural village such as Gidding. As always I want to emphasise the long term impact of this on the children at the school.

	Question from:	Question/ comment:
3.	Joanne Taylor Ex-Chair of Governors, Great Gidding	I am the ex-chair of governors of Great Gidding School and I would like to give my feedback in relation to the proposed closure of Great Gidding C.E Primary School. The key points I would like to focus on are. Financial position Children numbers Governers' Relationship with the Local Authority
4.	Dr Julie Byard Local resident	To convey concerns on the negative impact of closing the village school will have, on the community of the Giddings and surrounding rural areas.