

**Consultation Meeting on proposal
to change finishing time of school day**

**Monday 01st June 2009
6.30pm**

Present; Mrs D Spence Headteacher at Hyde Technology School
 Mr Slinn Parent / Chair of Governors at Flowery Field Primary School

Received; One letter from resident on Bennett Street expressing concerns over HTS finishing at the same time as Flowery Field Primary School.

- number of students who will all be on the pavement at the same time
- congestion resulting in pushing and shoving
- too many cars parked on the footpaths waiting for children

Mrs Spence went through provisional plans for new building with Mr Slinn explaining the rationale behind the proposal to alter the finishing time. The rationale is as stated in the notification of the proposal distributed to parents and attached to these notes. Various avenues explored including having 2x 40 minute lunchtimes in order to finish at 3.10pm. However this does not work within the curriculum and time-tabling model in place for September 2009. Agreed that the proposal, as outlined, is the way forward for Hyde Technology School but there are some concerns to be looked at. A range of strategies to alleviate possible pressure points will need to be explored for feasibility. Some examples outlined below:

- Need to increase number of exit routes at end of school day to prevent huge numbers of students exiting via Bramhall Street
 - 1) Pedestrian gate needed towards turning circle end of school site.
 - 2) Possibility of using technology entrance as route in and out for students at beginning and end of school day.
 - 3) Look at possibility of path along Castrol boundary to exit at bottom of site.
- Look at delivery times and perhaps restrict access for deliveries around start and end of school day.
- Contact Council via Councillor Peter Robinson about a variety of traffic calming measures e.g. speed bumps, reducing amount of traffic / lorries on Old Road. Review siting of lollipop patrols, involve police in moving cars parked on pavements surrounding both schools.
- HTS to have staff on duty at end of Bramhall Street and at bottom end to ensure HTS students go off home promptly and do not cause nuisance.
- Building work does not commence until January 2010 so Autumn term gives us time to review problems etc and find strategies to solve them.

Meeting closed 7.10pm