

APPENDIX G
Child consultation notes -

Proposed merger of St. John's and Claremont Primary Schools

School:	St. John's Primary School and nursery class
Date of consultation	16/3/11

Nursery class- what I think about a brand new school for the children at St. John's and Claremont

It's fine, I'm excited
We can do new things together
New friends
Looking after each other
That sounds fun putting different people together
We could make new friends
I just don't know
The children think its a good idea
They also think joining together with Claremont is a good idea
Joining together would be good, new friends
A new school would be good
You'll learn more stuff in a new school
There will be nice toys
New friends
Might be too far away from my house
I think its going to be brilliant
It will be big school like this one
I will be happy
It will have lots of toys

P1-P3 - Would you like a new school to be built for the children of Claremont and St. John's to be together?

	53 pupils		29 pupils
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P1-P3 - Why would you like a new school to be built?
 Could paint on the windows, new friends, bike and scooter to school, nice to share friends, this school is old, Claremont might be sad, help the builders, make friends, everything new no cracks, new teacher, new toys, new room, new playground, bigger playground, lots of cracks and broken windows, starting to be unsafe, walls falling to bits, mouldy, water leaking could go to aunts after school, this school is a bit old, make friends, new playground, meet a friend already there, new football pitch, grass in playground, no cracks on wall, school might fall down, make new friends, fun days bigger, meet old friends, bigger playground to play, grass in playground, friends at Claremont, bigger playground, make new hall, more room in classroom, same school as friend, more friends,

P1-P3 - Why would you not like a new school to be built?
 Not safe, don't want, sad, too noisy, too far away, I like this school, love your school, bullies, proud of school, work harder at new school, work the same?, further away, like playground, like school, like playing football, really like this school, like everything here, hundreds of fun stuff here, forget old friends, further to walk, like this school, miss school, like school way it is, like that it is old, doesn't look old, old things need to be taken care of, love school, like to stay here, no friends, school will be further away

P4-P7 - Do you like the idea of one new school for all the children from Claremont and St. John's?

YES - 45 pupils	NO - 104 pupils
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P4-P7 What do you think would be the advantages of the new school?
 More people -14, School would be safe -7, new friends -54, meet old friends -7, bigger playground-42, more things to do -5, grass -6, football pitch/basketball court -6, bigger/more classes -20, more/new staff -8, lift -2, closer to home-2, more/better technology-5, bigger school-25, new/more equipment-26, new/better toilets-5, more space-25, better library-5, bigger lunch hall-2, larger gym hall-7, 1 less school in area-4,

more money-3, more trips-1, could last another 100 years-1, new school/facilities-9, meet more people before high school-4, new name-4, new uniform-5, having fun-2, child friendly-1, Claremont are nice people-1, no advantages-8, disabilities friendly-11, hot tub and swimming pool - 2, new rules-1, more first aid-1

P4-P7 What do you think would be the disadvantages?

Traffic-45, lots of parking needed-3, might get lost-5, new uniform-4, new name-4, further to walk/cycle/drive-18, work would be different-1, too many people-29, everything-2, nothing-1, flooding/muddy-20, school might sink-2, disturb residents of redwell-2, waste of money-8, toomaisy-9, dearer school dinners-1, new committees needed-2, more equipmentneeded-2, lack of technology-1, uneven ground/hill-3, bigger classes-3, what happens to old school-5, more chance of getting hurt-2, too big a school-1, lose friends-3, more/new teachers-9, not a lot of staff-1, like this school/good memories-9, new house system needed-3, railway-33, dogs walked here-9, footballers play on redwell site-8, schools not get on/fight-52, wildlife affected -4, bullies-17, more classes-3, teachers lose jobs-14, nursery affected-12, crowded playground-2, new rules-4, lose good reputation-2, bigger/longer lines-3

Thought Box slips- 123 slips posted in thought box

It would be very loud and weird

Claremont would not like us

There will be too many children in one class

My friends could be very far away

They should have grass in the next school

It is placed in a dangerous place(railway and road)

I will love to go to another school

Don't know what it would be like

I think that it is going to be fun

I think it is a good idea

I would like a new teacher

I want to make some new friends

I think it is good to make new friends

I like my school

I have friends and they are my best friends
I like my school
I have 2 cousins at Claremont. The road is not safe
I like the gym hall it is fun
Have to walk longer, get new furniture see friends
Cross a busy road, big school more classrooms
Meet more people, have a bigger playground, more
people in the class
It will be crowded, too much traffic on the road, meet
more friends
Have a football pitch, bullies
I can't get to school, make new friends
Too many people
Meet new friends
I think that it is sad
It will take longer in the school dinner hall
It will take longer to have your lunch
It would take lots and lots of time to realise they are
all part of a new school
Claremont and St. John's are two different schools
and I think they should stay separate
I really don't like this idea because it will take a long
time to settle in and we may not get along
People can mingle and socialise
What happens if I play football at Redwell, there would
be too many fights
There will be fights
I think there should be a hot tub
Too big, there would be a big school dinner line
I don't really think you should merge the two schools
as the two of them are fine on their own

They should have computers with windows 7 and a foam pit for under 8s and a swimming pool in the summer

Can we get vending machines?

What will happen to the football pitch, basketball pitch and the fun run?

I think St. John's should get refurbish so Claremont won't come.

I think we should get a new football pitch.

What will happen to the building and where will the new school be?

What will the name and uniform be like?

I think we should have a visit from Nate Robinson in the new school each week

Bigger pe hall

We don't like Claremont and they don't like us, new facilities, put gates on pavement

You could have more people that pick on you

Walk further

Not good idea to merge

Name of school Alloa West or Churchworld

Isn't the venue a bit noisy?

Doesn't that place where they are building it always flood?

I(think we should refurbish the school

What will they do with the old St. John's?

What will the new school be called?

What colour jumper?

Meet new people

Why Claremont and St. John's not Banchory or another school?

Build a new one for St. John's only

Loose our traditions

I don't think this is a good idea because St. John's and Claremont fight a lot and this would cause hassle and the place that the new school will be built on is not safe because of the railway and the road

Where would it be built?

More fights

More people to play with

What about the football clubs?

Meet old friends, some parents have not got enough money

I don't think it is a good place to build it

Redwell floods a lot so I think it's a bad idea and at sporting events we always fight

Will there be a nursery?

What is the name of the new school?

What will the uniform be like?

Who will be the headteacher?

Fights, bad building place, I don't like the look of the new school

Will this school get knocked down?

I don't think its a good idea because whenever St. John's and Claremont are together there is some rivalry between both schools

We should get a swimming pool, tennis court, hot tub, a new bigger gym hall, a new football pitch with grass, new art equipment, new gym equipment, extend St. John's but Claremont won't move in, better comfier seats, pillows on seats

I think that some teachers might get fired and there is a shortage of jobs already, there would be too many

pupils and it would take too long to build

I think St. John's should have their own school so there are no fights between schools

The P1's might get split up in schools and I don't think they'll take that well

I think that it would be weird when you are in P1 and above and moving to a busy school, it would kind of be like going to high school

What would happen to the wildlife garden?

I don't want to move school

What colour of uniform?

What about uniform?

What are we going to move school?

Do you want to move the school?

What primary will we be in?

What will it be called?

Is there grass?

What about uniform?

What about the playground?

What colour of uniform?

Will there be grass?

What about school uniform?

What about grass?

How many people in the school?

What will be our house colours?

What will be our uniform?

I think my mum went to Claremont

What about the uniform?

Where would it be?

What would it be called?

Why are we doing it?

How much stuff will there be?
What will be our teams?
How many children will there be?
What uniform will we have?
What teacher will we have?
What does the teacher look like?
What does the uniform look like?
Will the school dinners be in the gym hall?
Would we have the same teachers?
Would Mr. McNicol be the headteacher?
Will we keep St. John's or knock it down?
What uniform?
What teacher's are they?
Why don't they do it in the holidays?
What uniform will we have?
Why are they doing it?
Are the teachers going to be the same or not?
Are the people nice?
What is the uniform like?
What is the teacher like?
What is the headmaster called?
Are the teachers the same?
What the uniform look like?
Will the school have grass in the playground?
What will be the colour of the uniform?
What would happen if someone from St. John's and
someone from Claremont started to fight and someone
got hurt?
Will there be bigger classes or more?
There is a busy road so they might get ran over
Nobody likes Claremont

Ten government have no money and they are going to give us millions of pounds but they say they have no money

It would be a bad idea because of the train noise

This school has been here for years so people will get sad

What happens if the trains next to Redwell derail, then something bad is going to happen

If Redwell is such a good site why did they not build Alloa Academy there?

Congestion on roads for mums and dads and carers stopping on the road

In winter it is icy and somebody might get hurt

Other people in Claremont don't get on at all, especially in St. John's we won't get on

Children come to play over to school at night but the new school would be right next to the main road

Wrecking land by placing on field

What will happen to the kidzone after school care?

Will they have to move and what will happen to the after school care if they move?

Why do we have to merge the schools?

What would happen to the old schools?

We play in Redwell park

Why are we putting the schools together?

Why do we have to do this I would rather have the school refurbished and the same with Claremont because there will be bullying because people could get picked on because they went to St. John's

Where would we go if St. John's got chosen to be refurbished

Will there still be composite classes?

Will there be a totally different headteacher?

Will this affect the children who are just coming to nursery?

Will there still be a nursery attached to the school?

How will it affect the nursery?

What about the people who walk their dogs?

Can we have an outdoor basketball court?

Remember St. John's with jumper