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To all Stakeholders of Stockton Heath Primary School

Tim Warren
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Date	Your ref	Our ref	Please ask for	Children's Services Director New Town House Buttermarket Street Warrington WA1 2NF
20 th May 2005			Tim Warren Tel: 442906	

Dear Sir or Madam

STOCKTON HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL – TARGETED BID

I write to you with regard to the successful targeted bid the Council has received from the Department for Education and Skills (DfES) for Stockton Heath Primary School and to outline the consultation process.

A public consultation meeting was held at Bridgewater High school in February 2005 to provide a brief outline of the Targeted Bid. Some opposition was expressed at this meeting against demolishing the existing building. An open evening was held at the school for parents of the children in March 2005 which was considered to be a good informative forum (details on the school's website www.stocktonheath.org). After seeking further clarification with the DfES it has been confirmed that it would be possible to either rebuild the school or refurbish and remodel the school. Therefore two feasibility studies have been commissioned to establish which will be the best option to proceed with. Consultation regarding the feasibility studies will be very important and it is with regard to this that I write to outline the ways in which we can proceed with the consultation.

Focus Groups – various focus groups will be established to consult on the details of the feasibility studies. Focus groups will be established for:

- Governors
- Staff
- Parents
- Residents and
- Other users of the school

Malcolm Roxburg
Strategic Director
Children's Service

Each group would be made up of approximately 6-8 members. This letter is to request volunteers for the focus groups. If you wish to be a member of a group please complete and return the form attached (see Appendix I). The letter has been sent to various stakeholders of the project (see circulation list, Appendix II), please advise if you consider any other groups should have been included. Pupils will be consulted as part of ordinary school work.

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David Whitehead

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Consultation Meetings – feasibility studies are currently being prepared on both a rebuild and a remodel for the school. It is hoped to hold consultation meetings with the various focus groups in the week commencing 13th June 2005 when initial details of the projects will be available. During the initial feasibility study various surveys (structural, electrical, ground, etc.) will be commissioned to establish if there would be any problems with any option. Please note the surveys should not have any impact on children's learning. It is at this stage when drawings, pictures, etc. will be available to assist in the vision of the new building/remodel.

Work will continue on the feasibility studies for the rest of the summer term and ideas and suggestions can then be considered and incorporated wherever possible. There will be a further consultation meetings with focus groups at the end of the summer term (week commencing 18th July 2005) where detailed architects proposals will be shared.

Overview of Timetable

May 2005 – surveys commissioned and feasibility study started

Week commencing 13th June 2005 – consultation meetings

June 2005 – feasibility study continued

Week commencing 18th July 2005 – consultation meetings

September 2005 – preparation of contract documents

February 2006 – tender period

April 2006 – tender appraisal

May 2006 – Executive Board approval and appointment of contractor

July 2006 – construction started

July 2007 – completion date for new build (external works will continue for a few months afterwards)

The Council would welcome your views on this matter and you are invited to send your comments to the Children's Services Directorate or via the school's website. We are aware of a number of rumours both within school and wider community. These rumours cause distress and are unfounded. Facts and details are and will continue to be officially communicated as we are in a position to do so. We hope this letter clarifies many of these but if you wish to seek further clarification on any issues to ease anxiety please contact the Headteacher Mrs Carnes on telephone number 264470 or Julie Hall on telephone number 442948.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix II

Circulation List	Focus Group
Governors of Stockton Heath Community Primary School	Governors
Parents of pupils of Stockton Heath Community Primary School	Parents
Staff of the school including school meals	Staff
Little Lot Nursery	Other Users
Parents of pupils of Little Lot Nursery	Other Users
Stay and Play Link Club	Other Users
Ward Councillors and MP	Regular Briefings
Stockton Heath Parish Council	Residents
Residents of surrounding area – such as Egerton Street, Roman Road, Brackley Street, Algernon Street, West Avenue, Kimberley Drive, White Street, Southern Street, Egerton Mews, South Avenue	Residents
Shopkeepers from the Forge Shopping Centre and London Road	Residents
Warrington Civic Society	Residents
Warrington Borough Council representatives	