

Appendix 3

Comments relating to existing Ingleby schools:

“There has been a problem with secondary schools in Ingleby for quite some time and yet more houses are being built! Why is the new school not being built to accommodate the growing population? Why is All Saints not being extended also?”

“The new school (Ingleby Manor) should make the rings their zone A and the rest of Ingleby zone B, so The Rings are guaranteed a place in a secondary.”

“We are not in catchment for All Saints despite it being a 5 minute walk away”

“I know for over 10 years some councillors have been fighting to get another Secondary School and extension to All Saints”

“Parents from these areas (The Rings & Broom Hill) would much prefer their children to be part of an Ingleby Secondary School, allowing our children to walk to school and be part of the community in which they live.”

“On reading the document it states that the reason for the change is to relieve traffic congestion, if this is the case why not include all of Ingleby in the catchment for Ingleby schools. I am sure that most residents would prefer their children to go to school on Ingleby and not be shipped out to the surrounding areas. If you were to extend All Saints and include all of Ingleby as the catchment rather than parts of Thornaby (that already have secondary schools) then I am sure a lot of money will be saved on buses”

“It is bad enough that you cannot provide a school place or catchment area for my daughter within walking distance of the area she lives.”

“There are not enough places even with the free school”

“Having only one small secondary school, the provision of secondary education on Ingleby Barwick is a well-known problem”

“We live a stone’s throw from All Saints, but I believe we are not in catchment for that school”

“You’ve spent years denying Ingleby Barwick needed another secondary school now you are going to need it”

“Surely one secondary school and a local free school is not suffice for the ever expanding villages of Ingleby Barwick... I and many other residents feel extremely disappointed that SBC cannot offer state schooling within Ingleby Barwick for its residents”

“I was always under the impression that All Saints school (less than 0.5 miles from my house and less than a 10 minute walk) was built for the children of Ingleby Barwick to attend a school in Ingleby Barwick.”

“Would urge you to start taking action to provide enough secondary school places for Ingleby Barwick Children in Ingleby Barwick. The residence of Ingleby Barwick would all prefer for our children to go to school in Ingleby Barwick, rather than be bussed here, there and everywhere. To extend Eggescliffe School, is not the answer. The answer for Ingleby Barwick is to extend All Saints School and approve more places for Ingleby Manor School, before the building work starts.”

“It is unfair that the children of Ingleby do not have enough secondary places within Ingleby and feel that Stockton council should extend the build for Ingleby manor or extend all saints. This would make all happy! This issue has been around for years and really a solution will only occur when enough school places are provided.”

Comments relating to transport issues:

“We already have daily battles getting our children to school and ourselves to work due to the incompetent road network.”

“The traffic problems in Ingleby would be doubled, as you would be expecting parents to take their children past 3 schools in rush hour traffic to reach the new school.”

“As far as I am aware the new school (Ingleby Manor) will be built on the other side of Ingleby Barwick leading to approx. 45 minute walk. The children in this area who go to Egglecliffe only need to walk to the end of the road for the school bus and as a parent we feel this is a safer method of transport.”

“The money spent annually ‘bussing’ Ingleby children to Egglecliffe went in to hundreds of thousands”

“If you were to extend All Saints and include all of Ingleby as the catchment rather than parts of Thornaby (that already have secondary schools) then I am sure a lot of money will be saved on buses, this will also relieve traffic congestion in Ingleby.”

“Every school is a long walk away from the rings making driving essential but then parking a nightmare.”

“Transport can be an issue in the area as apart from All Saints School, pupils have to travel to the others which are available.”

“Ingleby Barwick has trouble with traffic congestion getting on and off the estate during rush hour, and surely X amount of children being driven to and from school every day can only make this situation worse. This also highlights the cost of taxiing children to school which could be an 8 – 10 mile round trip per day.”

“The council have said that parents will be expected to meet the costs of transport if their child has to go to a school out of their catchment area.”

“Under your proposals... our children could be spread far and wide over the catchment zones... This will cause more traffic problems, as more buses will need to be provided, which us parents, will be expected to pay for... instead of just one bus service, going to one school, or, the best option, our children being able to walk to a school in Ingleby Barwick.”

“This will also result in increased traffic through an already gridlocked traffic network in Ingleby Barwick.”

“With the current social situation of childhood obesity resting at 25% or thereabouts, I would expect the council should prioritise and encourage all children to walk to school. Therefore all children must have adequate school places available within walking distance”

Comments relating to property value and decision to live in The Rings:

“We recently moved to the Rings area of Ingleby Barwick solely because we wanted to be within the catchment area of this school. We have spent a lot of money moving here... We moved away from Thornaby to join a certain catchment area”

“You will be destroying house price in the rings as no family would want to move there”

“Families may be reluctant to buy a house due to this proposed change in catchment.”

“We moved to (Broom Hill) 12 years ago... to ensure we were in the catchment area for Eggescliffe School.”

“Having a property within the proposed Zone B will have an adverse effect on its value, as with every parent one of the most important factors when choosing a new home is its school admission zones.”

“I purchased my property three years ago with the school catchment in mind. Will Stockton Council cover my sale and stamp duty fees for me to move back within the catchment?”

“This proposal if implemented will give a huge blow to the housing price in Ingleby Barwick (in particular the Rings area). As far as I am aware many people choose to live in this area based on the selling point that it is within the catchment area of Eggescliffe secondary school.”

“This area is well thought of and people often look to the admission zones for schools when considering buying a house – so will this mean less people will buy within Ingleby if the zones are changed?”

“Another major concern is what this will do to house values as school choice is a major factor in families buying houses. This could completely devalue the area and make moving on very difficult to afford as the houses will be worth thousands of pounds less and young families will not want to move here.”

“We bought our family home at the top edge of Ingleby Barwick, to deliberately allow us to send our children to the above school (Eggescliffe), when they reach the right age... just like everyone else, we looked at admission zones before buying our home 15 months ago.”

“When making our decision on our new home... We decided on location due to being in catchment area for Eggescliffe School.”

“I have live in the Rings at Ingleby Barwick for over 10 years and one the benefits of being here is the knowledge the address makes any young person here eligible to attend that school (Eggescliffe).”

“We are also concerned about the value of our home with the proposed changes. Who is going to want to pay in excess of £300K for a family home with a second class choice of access to their catchment school.”

“If we have no priority catchment within Ingleby, Yarm or Eggescliffe the value of our homes will be significantly reduced.”

Comments from those from the Western Parishes

“Children should not have to travel in excess of 10 miles to go to school. Children from my village were placed as far away as Ingleby Barwick this year. The pressure is too high on local families.”

“A village such as Longnewton should be able to send its children to the nearest school – Eggescliffe.”

“We live in Long Newton, we have a bus to Eggescliffe School and nowhere else, if we can't get into the school we are supposedly in the catchment area for, then what chance do we have of getting into any others. Ingleby now has good schools of its own.”

“Geographically it makes no sense for children living in Ingleby Barwick to have to travel through Yarm High Street, a well-known bottleneck, when there are enough secondary school places in their immediate area. Furthermore the increase in housing developments over the next few years in and around Yarm will mean that children should be able to take up a school place nearest to their home.”

“This would make it fairer and easier when applying for a place. It is not the fault of residents in the traditional catchment area that Ingleby Barwick continues to expand. I am concerned that there are large volumes of residents in Ingleby Barwick against this.”

“We live in Carlton and have very few options for secondary education. Transport is not provided for other good schools from our village.”

“This would clarify and confirm the admission arrangements for the villages.”

“Children in the villages are part of the Eggescliffe community and should be able to attend Eggescliffe School. Children in Ingleby Barwick now have a choice of 2 secondary schools and should attend these where possible.”

“As I do not live in Ingleby Barwick I am unable a comment on the primary school admissions. I am pleased that Stockton Council is giving consideration to the proposal for secondary admission for Eggescliffe School as I feel that villages have been disadvantaged with regard to access to high performing schools in comparison to Ingleby Barwick.”

“Western parishes have always been in the catchment/admission zone for Eggescliffe School and should remain so.”

“I strongly agree to children from surrounding villages and the local community been given priority over an expanding community with a choice of schools such as Ingleby Barwick. These village communities are a small minority to the overall population of the school and should have the option of Eggescliffe School as they have for years.”

Other comments to note:

“It would seem far more responsible for Stockton Borough Council to look at increasing the capacity at one of the best schools in the area (Egglescliffe) and giving the best possible education to as many children within the catchment area.”

“If admission changes are to be made, then this should affect all areas of Stockton, to make it completely fair and not just single out The Rings and Broomhill who are being treated very unfairly.”

“The fair solution should be based on the direct distance to the school within the catchment area”

“If Stockton Council wish to make changes to admissions in this way (which I can see the reasoning in) then they should first ensure that they have provided sufficient quality secondary school places within Ingleby itself. Expand All Saints, provide another school... if changes are to be made then provision for a large section of Ingleby's children needs to be addressed first.”

“Many of the areas that you intend to leave in the catchment areas are further away (from Egglescliffe School) than our property.”

“Compared to some areas in Zone A, Zone B is much more close to the school (Egglescliffe). What is the rationality to prioritize the admission in Zone A?”

“This is a very unfair way to resolve the admissions issue surrounding Egglescliffe particularly as many children are admitted to the school on the basis of sibling link even when they live outside of the catchment area.”

“A more comprehensive review for the whole South Stockton area should be considered instead, not just make abrupt change to a single school admission policy.”

“There are no other areas I'm aware of within Stockton that operate secondary school catchment allocation on a zoned basis... no other school in the Stockton Borough operating a zone A and zone B catchment area. All other schools have one catchment area, not split off into 2 zones with some areas having priority over others.”