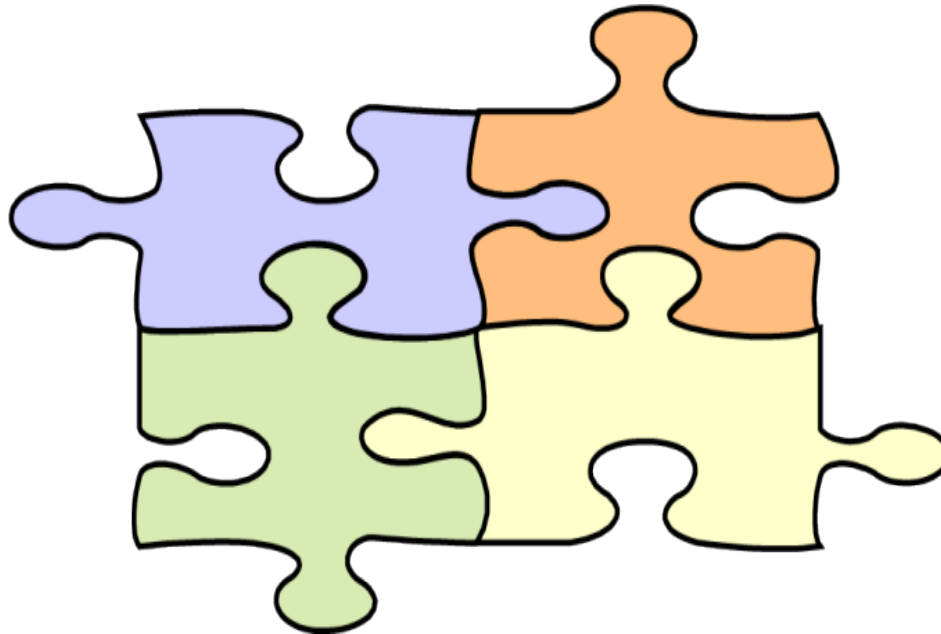


Children and Young People Select Committee - Review of School Organisation and Admission Arrangements (Phase 1) – Response to consultation



Proposals for public consultation

Agreed at Cabinet – 4th December 2014:

The two key areas for which the Council has a statutory duty to approve and make public:

1. The scheme for co-ordinating admission arrangements and timetable for the school year 2016/17
2. The admission numbers for Primary and Secondary schools for September 2016

The two remaining proposals, as a result of the recent review:

3. **(Priority 2a) - The admission zones changes to primary schools in Ingleby Barwick**
4. **(Priority 2b) - The admission zone arrangements for secondary schools in the South of the Borough**

Consultation methods

Officers worked closely with the Communications and Consultation Teams within the Council to develop a plan which included:

- Survey Monkey
- E-mail
- Public consultation events
 - E-mail
 - Leaflets
 - Letters
- Press releases
- Social media
- Council website

Consultation questions

Two key questions asked as part of consultation process:

1. To what extent would you agree with the proposed changes to the primary admission zones in Ingleby Barwick?
2. To what extent would you agree with the proposal to introduce a zone based admissions arrangement for Egglecliffe Secondary?

Key stakeholders

- Local Councillors
- MPs
- Council Officers
- Head Teachers
- Chairs of Governing Bodies
- Diocesan representatives
- Parish Councils
- Parents
- The Public
- The media

Media Coverage

There were a number of press releases:

1. 15th December - 'Have your say on future School Admission Policy'
2. 20th January - 'Parents called to have their say on school admission arrangements'
3. 28th January - 'Council extends school admissions consultation'
4. 4th February - 'School admissions meetings give parents a chance to have their say'

Public Consultation Events – January 2015

Officers presented the information in relation to the primary and secondary proposals and answered questions at two public events:

21st January – 9 parents attended

26th January – 50 parents attended

Revisions as a result of the January meetings

- Consultation period extended to 28th February.
- Press release on 28th January to promote additional meetings.
- Invitation letters were written to the parents/carers of children aged 3 – 10 years, residing within the Egglecliffe School zone and posted to their home address.
- Presentation slides were produced.
- Statistics were also added to the presentation as parents requested more information.
- A copy of the presentation was put on the Council website.
- The Head of Education, Early Years & Complex Needs presented, supported by other Officers. The Head of HR & Communications attended with a member of the Communications Team.
- Copies of the consultation documents were made available at the meeting.
- Copies of the Survey Monkey questionnaire were also made available, giving the option to complete it anonymously on the day.
- After the meetings, all responses were inputted by Officers and recorded on the system.

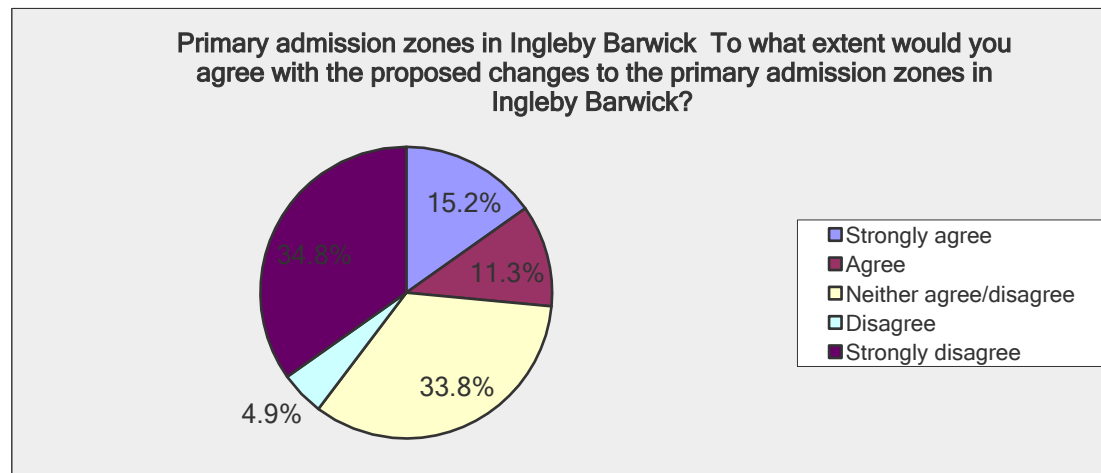
Public Consultation Events – 5th to 12th February

The Events focussed on Priority 2b – proposal for Egglecliffe School

- 5th February – All Saints School, Ingleby Barwick
In attendance – Approximately 100 parents
- 9th February – Egglecliffe School
In attendance – Approximately 20 parents
- 11th February – Willson Centre, Long Newton
In attendance – Approximately 40 parents
- 12th February – The Links Primary School
In attendance – Approximately 10 parents

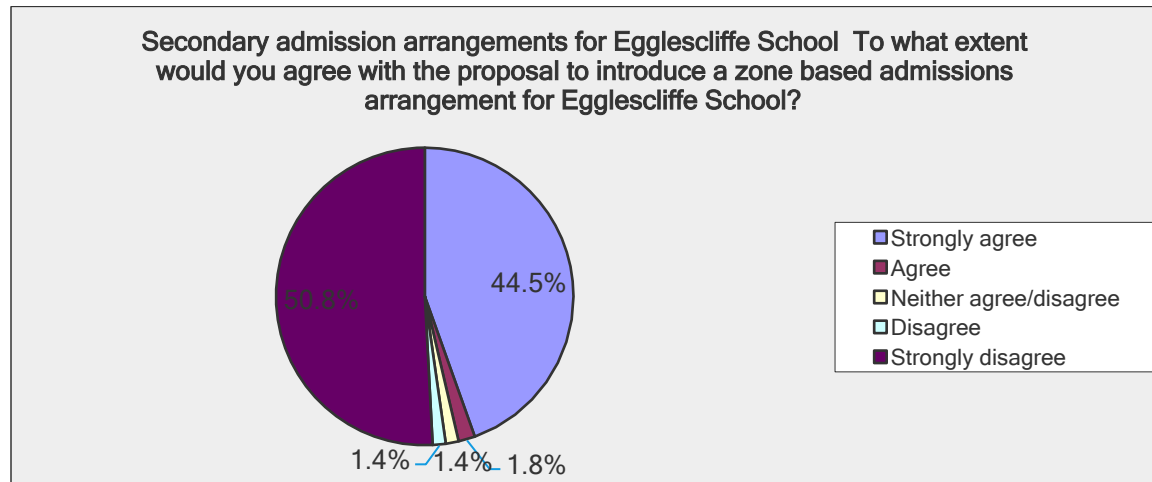
Survey Monkey responses – Primary proposal

Strongly agree	15.2%	87
Agree	11.3%	65
Neither agree/disagree	33.8%	194
Disagree	4.9%	28
Strongly disagree	34.8%	200
answered question		574



Survey Monkey responses – Secondary proposal

Strongly agree	44.5%	343
Agree	1.8%	14
Neither agree/disagree	1.4%	11
Disagree	1.4%	11
Strongly disagree	50.8%	392
answered question		771



E-mail responses

- 92 e-mails were received relating to the consultation
- 3 expressed a clear view on the primary proposal
 - 2 against
 - 1 in support
- 76 expressed a clear view on the secondary proposal
 - 72 against
 - 4 in support

Key themes - comments

1. Penalising children from 'Zone B' – only IB children without a zone school.
2. Not enough secondary places on IB itself, children should have a school in walking distance.
3. Cost of transporting children.
4. This will impact on traffic congestion.
5. Reduce property values for those living in 'Zone B'.
6. This should be considered as part of the larger review.
7. Consideration should be given to expanding Egglecliffe School.
8. No other school in Stockton operate a Zone A and Zone B system.

Final recommendations to Cabinet

- The consultation revealed a preference for the proposed arrangements to be looked at in the context of the Borough-wide review planned for next year and which would come into effect from 2017/18 onwards.
- The Committee is advised that the revised proposals going forward to Cabinet are:
 - not to make any changes to the existing primary admission zones for Ingleby Barwick.
 - to retain the existing admission zone arrangements for Egglecliffe School by **not** adopting the Zone A and Zone B arrangements.
- Work with Egglecliffe School to ensure the school has the capacity to accommodate demand for places in 2016. We are now proposing to develop this work further and in more detail.