

Nottinghamshire County Council's consultation on admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for 2021-2022 – summary of responses

Background information

The School Admissions Code 2014 states that all admission authorities must consult for a minimum of 6 weeks between 1 October and 31 January in the determination year when changes are proposed to their admission arrangements. Nottinghamshire County Council, as the admission authority for all community and voluntary controlled schools in Nottinghamshire, consulted from 7 October 2019 to 24 November 2019 on the following:

- Relevant areas
- Change to oversubscription criteria for All Hallows CofE Primary School, Gedling
- Published admission numbers
- Coordinated timeline
- In-year timeline

Who did we consult with?

- parents of children between the ages of two and eighteen
- other people in the area who may have an interest in the proposed admission arrangements
- all other admission authorities within the relevant area
- all community and voluntary controlled schools in Nottinghamshire
- chairs of governing bodies of Nottinghamshire schools
- diocesan representatives (relevant religious authorities)
- admission authorities in neighbouring local authority areas
- all registered early years providers within Nottinghamshire

Responses to the consultation

Full details of the proposed admission arrangements for 2021-2022 were available on Nottinghamshire County Council's public website for the duration of the consultation period.

Responses could be made up to 24 November 2019 by:

- completing the online response form on the public website
- emailing admissionsconsultations@nottscc.gov.uk
- writing to School Admissions Consultation, Support to Schools Service, Meadow House, Littleworth, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire NG18 2TA.

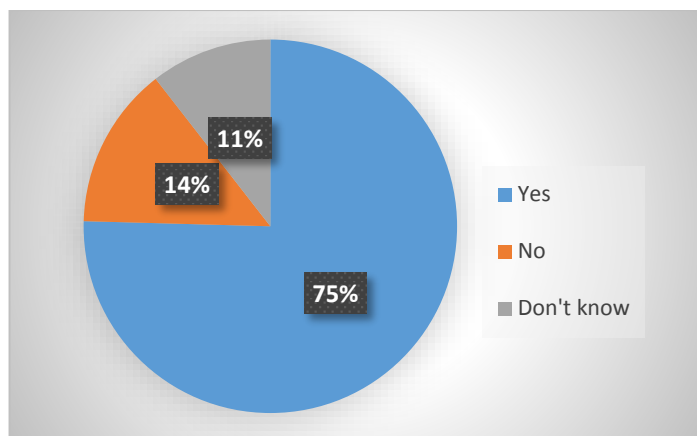
The online questions sought the views of respondents about specific aspects. A total of 57 responses were received all of which were submitted online. An analysis of the responses is detailed below.

Section 1.1 – Key terms (including relevant areas)

Q1: Do you agree with the relevant areas proposed?

Responses and comments:

- 43 (75%) agreed
- 8 (14%) disagreed
- 6 (11%) didn't know



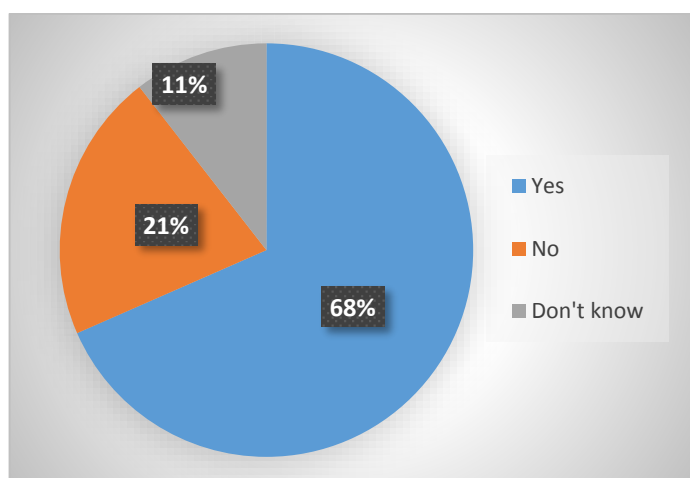
3 respondents who disagreed with the proposal made comments. The comments related to catchment areas and not relevant areas.

Section 1.4C – Oversubscription criteria for All Hallows CofE Primary School, Gedling

Q2: Do you agree with the proposal to change the oversubscription criteria for All Hallows CofE Primary School?

Responses and comments:

- 39 (68%) agreed
- 12 (21%) disagreed
- 6 (11%) didn't know



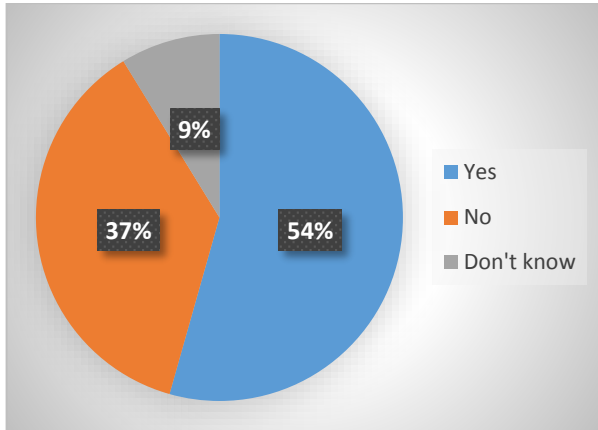
11 respondents made comments:

- 6 comments favoured the change
- 3 comments were against the change
- 2 comments didn't know as it was not relevant to them.

Q3: Do you agree with the proposal to include priority for children who live in the catchment area where the parent or child regularly worship at other Christian Churches, the Evangelical Alliance or other recognised places of worship?

Responses and comments:

- 31 (54%) agreed
- 21 (37%) disagreed
- 5 (9%) didn't know



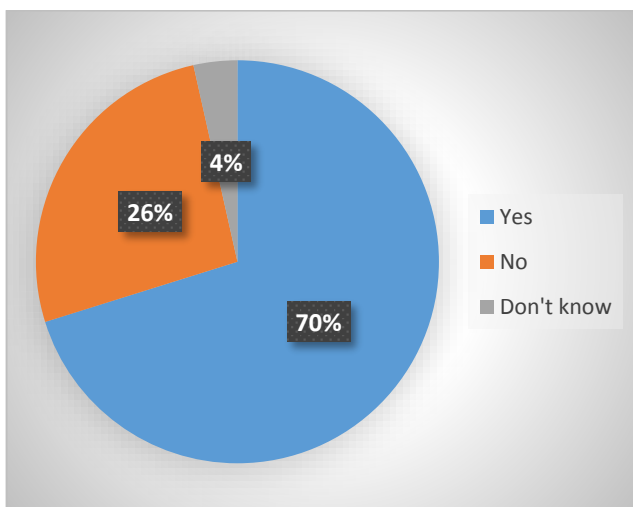
8 respondents commented:

- 5 comments were against the change stating religion should not be part of the criteria
- 2 comments were in favour of the change
- 1 comment didn't know

Q4: Do you agree with the proposal that priority for children living outside the catchment area will be given firstly to siblings and then to those children living closest to the school by direct distance?

Responses and comments:

- 40 (70%) agreed
- 15 (26%) disagreed
- 2 (4%) didn't know



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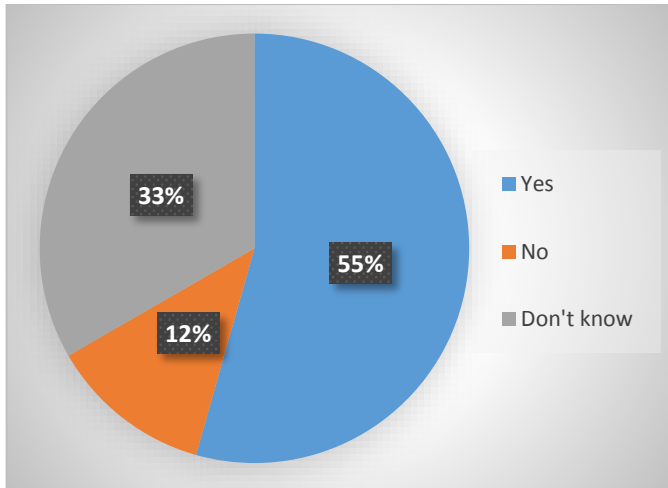
- 5 comments were against the change stating catchment and religion should be higher priority
- 3 comments were in favour of the change

Section 2 – proposed change to admission number: the number of places that can be allocated in the year group.

Q5: Do you agree with the proposed admission numbers?

Responses and comments:

- 31 (55%) agreed
- 7 (12%) disagreed
- 19 (33%) didn't know



6 respondents made comments:

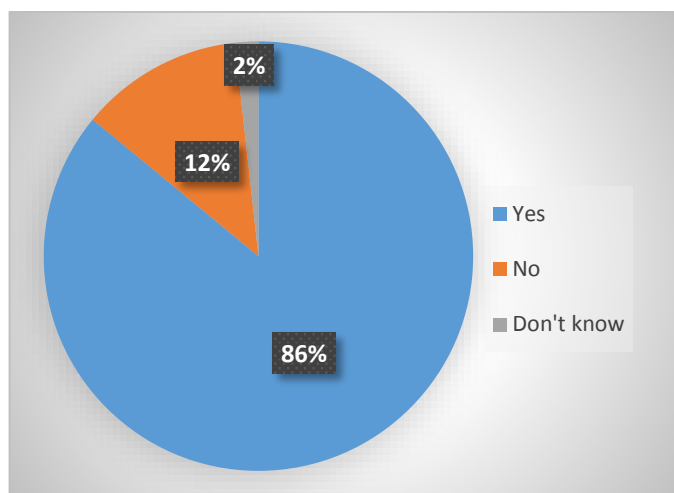
- 5 comments didn't know and commented that it would be clearer if the proposed numbers had been included in the survey
- 1 comment was in favour of the changes

Section 3 – coordination of pupils to primary and secondary schools in Nottinghamshire

Q6: Do you agree with the proposal to make an offer to all known Nottinghamshire children where no application or educational provision has been identified on 31 August 2021? (infant to junior transfer and primary to secondary transfer only)

Responses and comments:

- 49 (86%) agreed
- 7 (12%) disagreed
- 1 (2%) didn't know



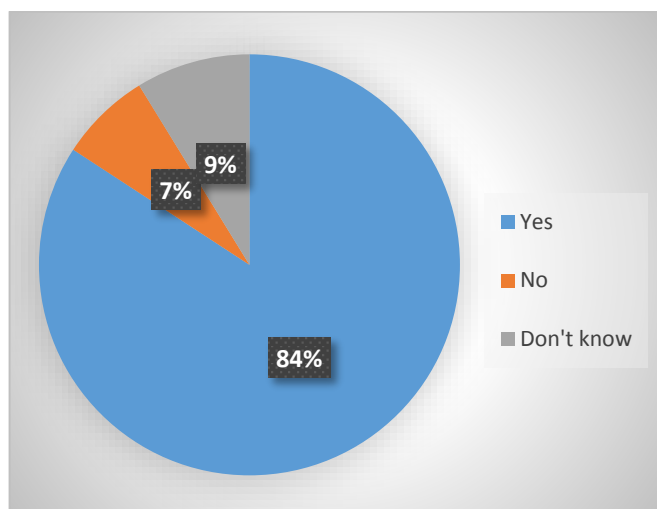
6 respondents commented:

- 4 comments were against the change
- 2 comment were in favour

Q7: Do you agree with the proposed coordinated timelines?

Responses and comments:

- 48 (84%) agreed
- 4 (7%) disagreed
- 5 (9%) didn't know



5 respondents commented:

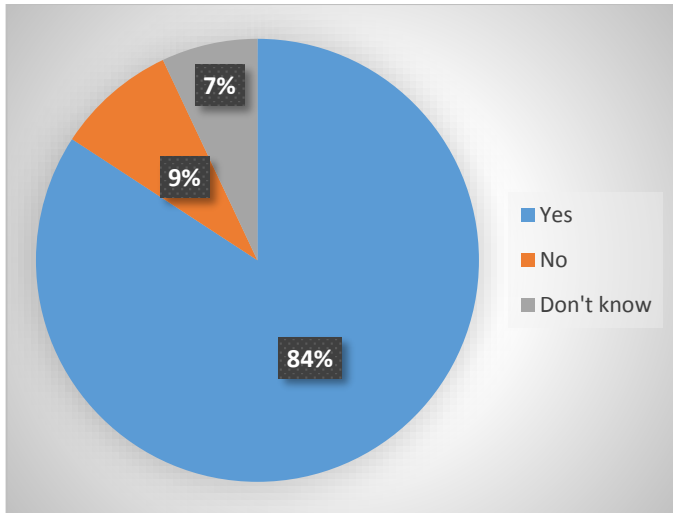
- 3 comments were against the change stating allocations should be made earlier
- 1 comment was in favour of the change
- 1 comment didn't know

Section 4 - how in-year applications are processed

Q8: Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the timeline for the in-year application process?

Responses and comments:

- 48 (84%) agreed
- 5 (9%) disagreed
- 4 (7%) didn't know



6 respondents commented:

- 5 comments were in favour of the change
- 1 comment was against the change stating increase in workload