

## APPENDIX 1

### Outcome of Consultation

By 1 November 2007, the closing date, 138 written responses to these proposals were received along with 30 additional responses from pupils of The Newark High School and The Grove School. A majority of the responses were in support of the proposals.

Overall,

74 (54%) support or strongly support the proposals  
55 (40%) oppose or strongly oppose the proposals  
9 ( 6%) were undecided

The responses were analysed according to the groups of stakeholders involved as follows: parents, governors, members of staff, 'other' – including statutory consultees and pupils. It was not possible to further analyse these groups because some respondees fulfil multiple criteria - some parents, for example, have children in more than one school.

Of parents,

51 (46%) support or strongly support the proposals  
51 (46%) oppose or strongly oppose the proposals  
9 ( 8%) were undecided

Of governors,

11 (85%) support or strongly support the proposals  
2 (15%) oppose or strongly oppose the proposals  
0 (0%) were undecided

Of members of staff,

7 (88%) support or strongly support the proposals  
1 (12%) oppose or strongly oppose the proposals  
0 (0%) were undecided

Of 'other' groups,

5 (83%) support or strongly support the proposals  
1 (17%) oppose or strongly oppose the proposals  
0 (0%) were undecided

Of the pupils,

17 (57%) support or strongly support the proposals  
12 (40%) oppose or strongly oppose the proposals  
1 (3%) were undecided

The following comments were also received from statutory consultees:

- From the governing body of the Newark High School:

“Newark High School is pleased to support the proposal to work with the Grove School in developing an enhanced curriculum experience for the pupils of Newark and Balderton. Merging the staff resources will provide an excellent platform to deliver the Every Child Matters agenda. As Governors we look forward to working with Grove School governors to shape the future.”

- From the governing body of The Grove School:

“We have come to our decision following considerable collaboration with senior leaders at Newark High School. It is our wish that the high quality curriculum reform that has led to significant examination success at Newark High School in the past 2 years be maintained and that the staffing expertise and strong community partnerships that Newark High School currently has will become a valued part of the newly expanded Grove School. By supporting this proposal we hope to strengthen the future sustainability of fully inclusive and comprehensive education in Newark and the surrounding villages.”

- From the Learning and Skills Council:

“The proposed arrangements will provide a more appropriate curriculum offer for Newark Town.”

- From Newark and Sherwood District Council:

“This course of action is broadly supported as the most viable option at this stage. It should be pointed out, however, that previous actions taken by the County Council with regard to the High School have effectively ensured that its eventual closure would become inevitable and this Council views with regret the consequent impact on educational resources within Newark and the disruption for the children and young people who are affected.

There are a number of broader issues around education which are affected by the proposal. The first of those is the development of specialisms within the Grove and the opportunities presented by the development of the Lilley and Stone site. This Council would wish to see such specialisms and their resources developed in a shared and co-ordinated way for the benefit of all 11-19 year old provision in Newark. The relatively compact nature of Newark makes the sharing of specialisms across all educational institutions both possible and desirable.

Secondly, the Council would wish to see all educational provision, including Newark College, working together as part of a coherent

strategy for 11-19 year olds in Newark. Such an approach needs to be resourced and facilitated as a priority.

Finally, the Council wishes to see a clear understanding and analysing of the impact of the Newark Growth Point on educational provision at primary and secondary level across Newark so that the expansion of the Grove and the developments of other schools is set in this context.”

- From Lincolnshire County Council:

“Lincolnshire County Council strongly supports the proposal as it appears to rationalise secondary school places in Newark. It may give some cause for concern to the odd school in Lincolnshire but it is entirely reasonable that Nottinghamshire should seek to resolve school place issues in Newark”

A number of responses were from parents of children attending John Blow Primary School in Collingham. Almost all of these parents responded negatively to this proposal and included comments directed at the issue as to which ‘feeder school’ John Blow should belong. All of these responses have been included in the totals summarised above.

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