

APPENDIX 1

Proposed permanent expansion of Pupil Places at Dalestorth Community Primary School

Consultation Responses Analysis:

Number of leaflets distributed approximately 500

	No. of responses received Agreed	No. of responses received Opposed	No. of responses received Didn't Know
Parent/Carer	17	6	3
Governor	3	1	0
Staff	1	0	0
Pupil/Other	1	4	2
TOTALS	22	11	5
Where reply forms indicated more than one type of respondent only one has been included in the table above using a priority order of 'parent/carers', 'governor', 'staff' and then 'pupil/other'.			

Comments/Issues/Points raised within Written/Electronic/On-line responses:

The decision making process

- In opposing the expansion of Dalestorth primary on the grounds of inconsiderate parking that currently exists around the school's locality,

a suggestion was made that a larger school car park should be provided

- If the proposal goes ahead, clarification sought on whether the County Council is going to provide adequate parking facilities near to the school to accommodate the extra demand for spaces it was felt would be generated
- In supporting the proposal, concern raised regarding the suitability of the school's site for the expansion
- Clarification sought on whether the newly built premises would impact on any of the school's playground space and playing fields

Staffing matters

- Support expressed for all the staff at Dalestorth Primary, citing that they are very helpful
- Clarification sought on whether extra teachers would be employed, or if class sizes would increase

Building and site related issues

- Concerns raised about current daily inconsiderate parking during school term-time when alleged parents/carers drop-off/collect their children from Dalestorth Primary. In some cases, residents are unable to access/egress their drives until the cars have moved.
- Feelings expressed that the proposed expansion of Dalestorth Primary will only exacerbate the above-mentioned potentially dangerous and hazardous situation, especially relating to a potential increase in traffic flow
- In opposing the proposal, feeling expressed that the school is large enough already
- Concern raised that the school's communal areas are allegedly very small and there appeared no plans to increase the size of these facilities
- In supporting the proposal, concern raised and opinion expressed that there is insufficient parking facilities on Dalestorth Primary's site and within the school's locality to take any further potential traffic flow

Pupil, Curriculum and Community related issues

- In supporting the proposed expansion, comment made that during 2011 children were allegedly refused admission to Dalestorth Primary on the grounds of insufficient school places being available
- In opposing the proposed expansion, concern raised and opinion expressed that there is already inadequate road safety provision in the school's vicinity. It was felt that with a proposed increased intake of children at the school, this situation would put even more lives at risk.
- Opinion expressed that the lack of available school places means that siblings of children already at Dalestorth Primary are having to attend

different schools, or older children moved away from the school and their friends

- Concern expressed that since the school's playing field was raised, a local resident's house has allegedly suffered from rising damp and it is hoped that the proposed school's expansion will not worsen the situation
- Feeling expressed that the proposed new pupil places would be beneficial, as it was felt that Dalestorth primary is a very popular school and many children allegedly are not fortunate enough to acquire a school place there
- Feeling expressed that more children should have the opportunity to attend Dalestorth Primary
- Opinion expressed that the proposed expansion would not affect the standards of services at the school
- In supporting the proposal, opinion expressed there is currently insufficient school places to cater for local children wishing to attend Dalestorth Primary. It was felt this meant they then had to attend a school further away from their homes. Not all parents/carers had cars and found it difficult to take them there.
- Comments made about alleged new housing being provided in the locality and that children would need a school to go to. It was felt that as Dalestorth Primary is a popular school, the proposed expansion would be needed.
- In supporting the proposed expansion, opinions expressed that it was very unfair and distressing for children and their parents/carers when being unsuccessful in gaining a school place at Dalestorth Primary, especially in some cases where pupils are within walking distance of the school.
- Opinions expressed that all children living in their school's catchment area should be given a place at that school
- Concerns raised over class sizes and how mixed age groups will work as children progress through the school
- Opinion expressed that large schools rarely work, class sizes increase and the teachers do not know all the children
- Concern raised that the school's personal and community feel could be lost if it was expanded