

Appendix B Summary of written consultation responses

	CfBT	Early Years Team LCC	Employer/Business	Ex Site Manager	Gov Body local primary	Governor	Governor of local primary	Grandparent	Lincoln City Council Leader	Lincoln City Council Scrutiny Committee	Local resident	Not specified	Governor and parent	Parent/Carer	Parish Council	Headteacher local school	Schools staff	Sibling	Town Council	Town Councillor	Transport services	Grand Total (123)	
Supports Proposal (26)	1	1				2	1						1	13			6					1	26
Against Proposal (86)			2	1	2			1	1	1	1	2		45			14	1	1	1		13	86
Not For or Against (11)														8	1	1						1	11

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Point of View	Supports Proposal (26)	Against Proposal (86)	Not For or Against (11)	Poor accommodation at Queen's Park	Pooled and improved resources at St C and St F	Stress caused to current pupils	Improved post 16 provision	Other comments/Notes
Schools staff	y				y			PMD pupils will benefit from more Physio, medical, OT and SALT. Concerned that own job will not still be available but offered to NQTs
Parent/Carer	y				y		y	Will offer broader range of opportunities for all pupils to fulfil their potential including post 16 opportunities
Parent/Carer	y			y	y			Should be a win win situation ie outstanding provision at Queen's Park together with better setting and facilities/resources. Concerned that there will be no loss of staff expertise.
Transport services	y			y	y			Appreciate that there are no funds to build new school and therefore feel that expanding at St C & St F is best alternative. Confident that Govs and Headteachers will continue to maintain staffing ratio and hope that all staff will go with the children. Our child with special needs had to change schools several times and coped well in spite of our fears.
Parent/Carer	y							
Parent/Carer	y			y	y			Poor accommodation at QP with little scope to improve or expand. Much better that resources put into St F and St C
Early Years Team LCC	y			y				Poor accommodation at QP not fit for purpose or meeting Ofsted standards. NB external provider of after school and holiday provision contracted to be on site till September 2013.
Parent/Carer	y							In favour as long as no overcrowding or lack of amenities as too many pupils in a classroom. Are there any facilities for resident pupils?
Parent/Carer	y						y	Proposal takes account of suitability of premises, provision of post 16 and care and education of all children with learning difficulties.
Governor	y			y	y	y		Accept unsettling effect on pupils of move but QP not fit for purpose. Facilities at St F and St C together with expertise of QP staff will serve best interests of all pupils.
Parent/Carer	y			y	y	y		Will be upheaval in short term but will benefit majority in long term. Lack of ability to expand at QP and expansion at St C and St F is best use of resources.
Parent/Carer	y						y	This will provide a better post-16 provision for all pupils.
Parent/Carer	y						y	Access to specialist teachers and post-16 provision
Schools staff	y			y				Understand staff and parents not wanting to lose their school. Considerable thought has been given to problem of poor accommodation at QP. All 3 HTs support proposal. Must manage change with care and sensitivity.
Parent/Carer	y							
Schools staff	y							Best interests of QP pupils. Must ensure developments benefit pupils at St C too.
Governor	y				y		y	Best for pupils at all 3 schools. Will increase inclusion, provide better facilities and also a broader range of opportunities at post 16
Schools staff	y				y			The proposed new facilities will enable all the childrens' needs to be met. The school family community will be strengthened and staff can learn from each other.

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Governor of local primary	y			y			Expertise will be concentrated in 2 areas with less travelling for pupils. Better accommodation.No loss of employment for QP staff and increased training for staff. Concerned that no staff will lose jobs, is 16-19 provision guaranteed, what staff training will be available,what provision will there be for out of county children, will DSU placements be available on a part time basis for gradual integration?
Parent/Carer	y			y	y		3 very successful schools which will continue to thrive and children should benefit from shared expertise. Concerned that no staff will be lost.
Schools staff	y			y			Best available option given financial situation. If handled sensitively this can be hugely successful. Do what is best for children not best for Council.
Parent/Carer	y						Could benefit all children with additional needs.Agree with the need for inclusion but this may not be beneficial for all children - must be parental choice of school.
Schools staff	y			y	y	y	Appreciate parents concern about resettling children in new school but accommodation poor at QP.Opportunity to pool resources and staff is most positive impact of proposal. We fear change but none of us would start process without welfare of children at forefront of minds.
Governor and parent	y			y		y	Accommodation is not fit for purpose. 6th form provision can be developed. But concerned that children be forced into DSU placements.
CfBT	y			y	y		Driven by 3 HTs in best interests of all pupils.Half of existing QP pupils will continue in annex making best use of buildings. Meets DfE improvement test and is in line with Special School Review. Proposal is not about the closure of a school but ensuring suitability of provision to meet needs of children and young people in Lincoln
Parent/Carer	y				y	y	Combining schools will create an ideal site for all pupils. Broader opportunities at post 16 will be much appreciated
Employer/Business		y					
Parent/Carer		y		y			There is a need for all 3 schools as they cater for differing needs. I would prefer my child to stay at QP and have the buildings improved as far as possible. Our children are worth more than a cost cutting exercise.
Parent/Carer		y				y	My son was a pupil at St C but was not suited there and really thrived after time at QP.
Parent/Carer		y					Look at keeping the main school open and not the annex. Increase the size of the classrooms at the main school. If money is not an issue then consider a new school at QP
Gov Body local primary		y				y	Why has council allowed accommodation at QP to deteriorate? Transport does not appear to have been fully considered. Will cause stress to parents and pupils.There are still too many unanswered questions.
Not specified		y					
Transport services		y					I do not want to lose my job as 1 to 1 on school transport due to the school closure.
Gov Body local primary		y					Outstanding school in ideal location and moving pupils will increase transport costs. Not enough information on specialist units - may not be enough places so pupils will have to go to mainstream school which is not suited to them. Feel that QP is being close for financial rather than educational reasons
Transport services		y					It will greatly affect the lives of the QP pupils and be a loss to the community
Parent/Carer		y					This closure will not be the end - others will follow.(as has happened with hospital/ward closures) These are all to save money. My son is settled at QP.
Employer/Business		y					
Parent/Carer		y				y	My daughter attended St C but the school were unable to meet her needs and she was transferrd to QP - she is making good progress now but it tookher 12-18 months to settle in. QP ethos is excellent and everyone works together for the best interests of the children & I do not believe this ethos will be recreated following a move. The stress caused to the children will last a lot longer than a couple of weeks as LCC suggest. My son is at StC and will find it hard to mix with QP children, also I feel he may be forced into DSU provision. The stress this will cause for both my children will impact on our family for many months.

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Parent/Carer		y					My children have attended both St C and StF but neither could meet their needs and I now home educate. Why close QP if it is "highly successful" Neither StC or StF are highly successful. Moving QP children to StC and StF will result in deterioration of provision for current pupils at St C and St F.
Transport services		y				y	Minor changes could be made at QP to improve facilities.This will place an unnecessary burden on children, their families and staff. As a school bus driver I foresee problems with vehicular access and parking.
Parent/Carer		y					This will lead to pupils being pushed into mainstream schools where help and support is minimal.
Transport services		y				y	I don't think mixing QP pupils with Pupils at St C will work. This proposal is not fair on all these children who do not like change.
Transport services		y					
Parent/Carer		y					Not enough work done to find an alternative. Time scale is too short. QP staff are not guaranteed their jobs. The school is unique and also a community - this should not be lost. If £2 million can be found to spend on the other 2 schools this should be spent on QP instead.
Sibling		y					Such priority services should be improved and not shut - it will be very difficult to find a replacement once QP is closed.
Schools staff		y					This has all been rushed - other alternatives should be looked into. The stress that this will cause children and their families needs to be taken account of - parents will be left to deal with this.
Schools staff		y					School was outstanding at the last Ofsted. QP is part of community and this support will be lost if QP closes.
Parent/Carer		y					£2million earmarked for StC and StF should be spent on QP. Closing QP will increase transport budget. Why can the land at the side of QP not be used? This is just a cost cutting exercise. Why have only QP staff got to re-apply for their jobs?
Parent/Carer		y					There is a need for 3 special schools in Lincoln.How can the removal of a centrally placed school reduce travel time? If the process to improve QP was timed and managed correctly this would not need to cause disruption and upheaval. The LA should admit it cannot afford to run 3 schools and there isn't enough money to refurbish QP and this is the only cost effective solution. More alternatives should be considered.
Transport services		y				y	Moving QP pupils to StC and StF will cause an imbalance. QP staff do not just do their duty but really care for the children. These children will be badly affected by change - they need stability.
Parent/Carer		y				y	Child has made such excellent progress at QP. Decisions so far have been made behind closed doors and need to be open and transparent. Too many unanswered questions
Grandparent		y					There are no alternatives, no choice, no evidence of cost analysis, no plans to save money by bringing back into the county those children who are currently educated out of the county, no adequate provision in the future for children with PMLD, no opportunity for parents to put forward their preference.
Schools staff		y					I have worked with my 1 to 1 at QP for 5 years and built up a relationship and there is no guarantee that I will have a job if QP closes. Everything should be left as it is.
Parent/Carer		y					Other options have not been considered. QP is a community. My son has flourished there after transfer from StC
Parent/Carer		y					Our children are more important than money. Mainstream children get a choice and a voice but our children are being discriminated against as they cannot speak for themselves.
Transport services		y				y	Too much upheaval for pupils with a long time for everyone to adapt.
Parent/Carer		y					Poor public meeting and no alternatives presented. Options that were suggested by public were dismissed without full explanation. QP is excellent school with outstanding Ofsted. Staff jobs are not guaranteed
Schools staff		y					Process too rushed and no alternatives considered. No guarantee of staff jobs other than "somewhere in the county". Need more information regarding placements in mainstream classes and Post 16.
Parent/Carer		y					My son has done very well and is happy at QP. He and other children like him deserve to benefit from the excellent teaching at QP.

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Parent/Carer		y					QP is not falling down or overcrowded. Other options should be considered eg land at side of QP, use an empty school building or apply for Academy status. This is just a cost cutting exercise. StF and StC already have waiting lists. QP ethos will be lost.
Parent/Carer		y					I understand the importance of health & safety but surely something could be done to improve QP and prevent closure. Disabled children are being treated as second class citizens
Parent/Carer		y					Build more schools and do not force pupils into mainstream schools. Children in special schools thrive due to small groups. Don't redo statement process so that more children are statemented but spend money on schools instead. Why isn't money already in place for a sixth form college especially as school leaving age is increasing? How do DSUs work?
Transport services		y					
Parent/Carer		y					QP is a unique school, the staff are excellent and the children respond to this. Any transition must be managed with sensitivity.
Parent/Carer		y					QP is a good school and my son has come a long way there.
Lincoln City Council Scrutiny Committee		y					The generic curriculum model that this would create is not preferred by DfE. No evidence that this will ensure equality of provision throughout 7 district councils. No evidence of Equality Impact Assessment. No evidence of reduced travel. No evidence of costs of other previously considered options. Lack of input of medical professionals. QP Chair of Governors against the proposal. Petition shows depth of feeling against the proposal.
Parent/Carer		y					The children are all very happy at QP. Don't take that away from children who can't speak for themselves. The staff know all the children at QP and so can care for them. Why change something that works well.
Schools staff		y		y			QP has outstanding Ofsted, and is a community. We need to keep the children and staff together to continue the good work. The buildings are old but could be improved by investment.
Transport services		y					QP is a good caring school with excellent reputation and moving the children will be detrimental to them.
Local resident		y		y			Qp is a community and breaking that up may dilute the excellence and speciality offered by QP. We need to minimise disruption to protect the well being and development of these vulnerable children.
Lincoln City Council Leader		y		y		y	Accept concerns over QP fitness for purpose but also stress that changes will impose on QP pupils whom have to move. Any change must be sensitively planned for and managed in the best interests of the children and their families. Issues to be considered - have medical professionals been consulted, will pupils be better served by the proposal, have all options been considered. Consultation should be suspended until all options have been considered
Parent/Carer		y					QP has outstanding Ofsted and is special because of its ethos which will be lost. The school is part of the community and that also will be lost. My son has made amazing progress at QP. The staff and school provide endless support to the families of pupils.
Parent/Carer		y				y	Our children at QP have severe disabilities and I cannot see how they will integrate into the 2 named schools nor the 2 DSUs. These children need security, stability and continuity of teaching.
Parent/Carer		y				y	There should be consideration of more options. The process should be restarted but openly and honestly. If teachers are lost this will be a huge loss of expertise. The closure of QP will have a devastating long term impact.
Town Council		y					The council recognise the value of QP School to the community and do not wish to see it close.
Transport services		y					This will have a major impact and be detrimental to pupils learning
Schools staff		y					Annex is too small for post 16. Why can't we move to the Usher School which could take post 16 also? SEN pupils can't speak for themselves but money was available to make Hartsholme a lovely new school.
Parent/Carer		y					The high standards at QP and relationships built up between parents, children and staff will be lost. Improve rather than close QP
Transport services		y				y	All 3 schools are good and should be kept. We should make education fit the child not vice versa. Buildings at QP may be old but could be improved, The current system works well and suits the children.

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Schools staff		y				y	There are 3 special schools for a reason -,they cater for different needs. This is a cost cutting exercise. QP is a community. Change will cause great distress to QP pupils
Ex Site Manager		y					QP does wonderful work with children that have been refused by other schools and should remain open.
Parent/Carer		y					Our son has attended QP for 5 years and is very happy and well cared for there. We want a choice as to where our son might go to school as mainstream children have a choice. We are in favour of an extension to replace the portacabins. Invest in QP - do not close it
Parent/Carer		y				y	Child is thriving at QP. QP is outstanding school. To close school would be loss of expertise that has taken years to create. As I live close to QP I am able to go with my son in ambulance when he has to be taken to hospital but this may not happen if he is at another site. Other options need to be considered
Schools staff		y					QP has outstanding Ofsted,and is ideally situated to be part of the community. The children have strong emotional links with their friends and the staff which would be lost.
Schools staff		y					QP pupils will not thrive in a larger school. Pupils make outstanding progress there and this is due to its size, location and ethos. Parents right of choice will be taken away. All pupils with physical and medical needs should go to StF freeing up space at QP where improvements could be made
Town Councillor		y					Moving pupils from QP to a larger environment would impact on their education and quality of life. QPs buildings have not been maintained in recent years to the proper standard.
Schools staff		y					Process has been hurried. Lets have a proper consultation taking everyones opinions into account and ensuring thjat an alternative is not overlooked.
Parent/Carer		y				y	It will be too difficult for children to cope with new surroundings and new staff. Swap the Sincil School and QP so the children will only have to deal with a change of site but keep all the existing staff.
Parent/Carer		y				y	I do not believe my son will get the education and understanding of his needs at another school and the changes will have a dramatic affect on him. The QP team will be split up and relationships etc will take years to rebuild.Our children deserve the best and I believe this is to keep QP open.
Not specified		y					
Transport services		y				y	This will put a strain on the schools accepting QP pupils. His will be too much of an upheaval - these children need routine and can't cope with change.
Schools staff		y				y	Why penalise the parents, pupils and staff because the buildings are not suitable. QP is an excellent school. Parents will no longer have a choice - it will be St C for one type of disability and St F for another.
Parent/Carer		y				y	QP should be either improving and extending the existing premises or by building a whole new school - it should not be split. The pupils will not cope with such change - it will have a detrimental affect.
Schools staff		y					This proposal will not improve the childrens' education or well being.
Schools staff		y					QP has outstanding Ofsted. Not all staff will retain their jobs so expertise will be lost. This proposal benefits StF and StC not QP.We should be increasing SEN provision in Lincolnshire not reducing it
Parent/Carer		y				y	The closure of QP would mean my son having to move school and this will affect him greatly however sensitively it is handled. The only reason for this proposal is for the council to save money.
Parent/Carer		y					My son moved from StC to QP because they were not meeting his needs. QP meets his every need and should not be closed.
Parent/Carer		y					QP is not just a school but a community and second family. QP meets his every need. I would have to send him to a school in Nottingham or educate him at home as when he was previously at StC they could not meet his needs.
Parent/Carer		y					The physical environment at QP is not ideal but the ethos of the school is strong enough to overcome any difficulties. However, the proposed changes could rescind all the progress made by the pupils.
Transport services		y					

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Parent/Carer		y				This will be too much upheaval for the QP pupils for whom small changes have a huge impact. Buildings should not have been left to get into such a state. Investment through sponsorship or Academy status should be sought.
Parent/Carer		y				We chose QP as best school for our daughter but if this proposal goes ahead there will be no choice of schools any more. Our daughter gets hugely distressed about travelling and this move would therefore cause her increased distress.
Parent/Carer		y				Not all options have been considered. The land available at StC is the same as available at QP. Neither the work of the staff at QP nor the children's welfare is being considered.
Parent/Carer		y			y	Moving the children to different schools with larger classes will affect them physically and emotionally. They are happy in their small classes with teachers that they know.
Parent/Carer		y				This is the best school, great location, great staff and headteacher and all it needs is some money spending on it to provide some extra room. Our twin boys will be very upset if they have to go to a different school.
Parent/Carer		y				My son loves the school and the staff have worked very hard with him.
Parent/Carer		y			y	A change of this magnitude will be extremely detrimental to both the education and the self confidence of all the children involved.
Parent/Carer		y				QP works really well for my son, why change anything
Parent/Carer		y			y	Children have had to be moved to QP because StC couldn't cope with them so where will StC transfer them to if QP is closed. This change will be too distressing for the QP pupils. Why close a school with an excellent Ofsted rating?
Parent/Carer		y				Not all options have been considered. Our children need continuity of care, support and education that QP provides and would not cope with the proposed changes. Can the £2 million be used to improve QP? Why have there been so few admissions to QP when StC and StF have waiting lists? What is the next step bearing in mind that so many people oppose this?
Schools staff		y			y	Expand school by building upwards and use lifts. Students know the staff and moving to another school will cause distress.
Parent/Carer		y			y	My daughter feels safe and happy at QP. I would lose the option to choose a school for my daughter. It has taken a long time for her to get to know and trust staff at QP and this would all be lost. Any additional travelling would also cause her distress - she hates travelling and often holds her breath causing her oxygen levels to drop to dangerous levels.
Parent/Carer			y			This must be the best for all the children and not affect the education of St C pupils.
Parent/Carer			y			My initial strong opposition, based on fears that children's needs would not be met, has lessened as more information has become available but I still have concerns.
Parent/Carer			y			
Parent/Carer			y		y	My son was in mainstream school and it has taken a year and a lot of stress to get him into St C. He is very happy now and making good progress and I don't want anything to unsettle him now.
Parent/Carer			y			I would support the proposal except for the post 16 aspect. The Annex is not big enough and lacks facilities. Could there not be post 16 education at either the St F or St C sites?
Parent/Carer			y			
Transport services			y		y	Don't know enough to make a reasoned decision but if this results in better facilities then it could be a good thing.
Headteacher local school			y			How will it be decided who goes to mainstream provision. Will additional funds be given to mainstream schools. Will lose specialist skills of QP staff. Do not want to lose supportive community of QP.
Parish Council			y			Concerned that schools will be full and then children will have to travel further to school

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Parent/Carer			y				By 2013 when the school closes my son will be 16 and so will be able to stay at the Annex therefore there is no major change for him.
Parent/Carer			y				
Parent/Carer		y				y	Received after deadline. QP has outstanding ofsted, children are happy,staff excellent - why change something that obviously works.This will not improve provision but just limit choice.
Schools staff							No preference specified. There should be more than one option to consider at consultation stage
Parent/Carer							No preference specified. Move all physically disabled children to St F freeing up space at QP then renovate QP.