

APPENDIX B

Written Responses in the Consultation Period on the proposed closure of Brocklesby Park Primary School

Point of View	Supports Proposal	Against Proposal	Not For or Against	Other comments/Notes
Resident		Y		All communities need schools. Ours is a small close knit community and would suffer greatly if school is lost
Parent/Carer		Y		
Resident		Y		It would be a terrible loss to the village
Resident		Y		All our children loved the school and it formed an important part of the village and surrounding villages' social life
Resident		Y		Eldest child has just left this school. It's a great school and it will be huge loss to the village if this school closes. Would be interested in pre-school if it opened
Parent/Carer		Y		I have been to this school to support events like the Autumn fair. My family attend at pupils and do incredibly well. It is such a shame to see such a lovely place struggling. I think there could be more done to children to go - knock on doors, promote it. There is talk of setting up a nursery and this would be a good idea It would be such a big loss to the area if such a historical place didn't survive. The closure proposal is a surprise. Parents and friends of the school could have been involved much earlier - why weren't they told how serious the situation was?
Employer/Business		Y		
Parent/Carer		Y		My daughter went to the school and I feel it is beneficial to the community
Resident		Y		The school has been part of the village for over one hundred years. This continuity is important for village life.
Resident		Y		
Resident			Y	I was educated in a village primary school when it was closed due to lack of pupils. The village lost its heart and there was no reason for young families to live in the village. Relying on purely older people to populate rural areas is anti-social and short sighted for rural prosperity
Teacher/School Staff		Y		BPPS is the heart of the village. Our school is a facility and has been for generations...there exists an inexplicable harmony between the teachers and the pupils that allows education to occur on all levels. Closure would leave pupils with no place to call their own. There are huge benefits to our small village school - larger schools may lead to them (pupils) feeling insecure and lost.
		Y		
Resident		Y		We would like to see the school remain open for future generations

Parent/Carer	Y	It would be a great shame to lose such a wonderful school. It is precisely because the school is small and lessons and teaching can be tailored to each individual child's needs that my son has flourished here. I also believe the school provides a social situation not possible in larger schools. The teaching staff have always done their utmost to provide a diverse education with as many opportunities for trips, sporting events as possible. H would be sad to lose such a long-lived school without fully exploring preschool/outside nursery providers.
Parent/Carer	Y	All my children went to Brocklesby School. All did well and to have small numbers and your children do well is more beneficial than great numbers. It's the hub of the village.
Resident	Y	This school has always been and should continue to be part of the Great Limber community. Several of my children attended and benefitted from this school as I would like to think future generations may likewise.
Parent/Carer	Y	Very family orientated. I chose this school for my child because of the structure of the classes, the staff and because it is small. I propose sharing a head teacher with another small school to save costs and have a nursery so that children will move up from the nursery to the school.
Other	Y	A school is valuable to the community and important to the survival of any growing community
Teacher/School Staff	Y	Size of the school is unique and allows for excellent support for children educationally and emotionally. Wonderful positive atmosphere giving children confidence and stability and interaction with peers. Staff dedicated to getting most out of children and to reach their potential. Asset to the area and should be sustained.
Teacher/School Staff	Y	I have been a teacher since 1989. BPPS is the best school I have ever taught at. It is vital for the children's well being and education that this school remains open. It is part of the community and has been since 1852. This is a highly successful school, and closure would be detrimental to the children/staff/parents/community
Resident	Y	It is a good small school that local children can attend. An idea would be to provide nursery or out of school clubs to make it more attractive to working parents
Parish Councillor	Y	I would like to see shared head ship and preschool idea
Employer/Business	Y	Having been educated through the school I believe it has given me a good background in life skills. The school is a backbone of village like. I believe anything that can be done to keep the school in place must be considered. I think a pre-school is a good idea and I would support this to keep the school open
Former staff	Y	BPPS historically has always had fluctuating numbers. Due to the proximity of the school, students have come from quite a wide area because of the small numbers in the village. Perhaps a stronger leadership team and governing body could help raise numbers and standards. Whilst I was at the school we had a good Ofsted report under the previous head teacher and we were going from strength to strength. There has been a decline in numbers due to dissatisfaction and unrest with the leadership team. It would be a shame to completely write it off because of a dip.
Parish Councillor	Y	A good school and a required village asset
Employer/Business	y	Closure would harm local community. Please keep the school open but provide pre and post school facilities
Employer/Business	Y	Use money available to transport local children to another school to transport children to BPPS. Children in inner city schools often in classes over 30.
Resident	Y	How important a local school especially in rural communities
Resident	Y	Can give children such life lessons within a rural community that town schools

Governing Body	Y		Sorry, but understand the difficulties of maintaining viability. Not the nearest alternative school but do have capacity. No formal objection to the closure but sympathise with uncertainty it causes to staff, pupils and parents.
Grandparent		Y	There is a demand for good schools. BPPS is a brilliant school. We do not want to lose this facility. We are told more schools are needed, this school is an established building.
Former parent		Y	
Resident		Y	
Resident		Y	It's a shame to shut it after all these years
Teacher/School Staff		Y	This school provides a safe and fantastic education. Its history goes back many years and it should be given the chance to rebuild with a preschool for future generations to enjoy a fantastic education and learning environment.
Resident		Y	The school should not be closed for any future children that may come to live in the village
Resident		Y	
Resident		Y	It is an important part of the village. And lots of children have had a good education in the past years.
Resident		Y	Such a shame to lose the village school
Former parent & governor		Y	Unique school that offers quality care and strengthens community cohesion. Preschool provision would make school viable. Placing school under headship of Keelby with 2 full time teachers at Brocklesby Park would provide financial savings and enable quality education.
Resident		Y	I think village schools are a good thing because the children get more attention and good community spirit.
Parent/Carer		Y	Understand the school cannot financially stay open. More should have been done in last few years to boost pupil intake. Communication between school and parents is poor. Our son has flourished academically and we believe he has benefitted from quality teacher time that he may not have received in a larger school. However his social interaction has suffered from low pupil numbers. Closure would be sad - the school is part of area's heritage and the reason we moved to the village.
Resident		Y	Removing the school from the village may well be the beginning of the end what's next the shop/pub/hall
Neighbouring LA	Y		NELC supports LCC with regard to the proposal to close Brocklesby Park
Neighbouring LA		Y	North Lincs schools that serve the areas in which displaced pupils live have capacity to accept pupils and the council does not object to the proposal to close the school
Teacher/School Staff		Y	I have thoroughly enjoyed working with such dedicated and caring staff. All of my three daughters attended and I feel fortunate that they were taught in this small, wonderful school which is located in a lovely rural setting. To close this school would be upsetting for all the staff and parents and would deprive children of being taught in a caring family environment.
Parent/Carer		Y	
Parent/Carer		Y	My 3-year old attends 'Little Brocks' toddler group and attends to Montessori pre-school nearby as she is an only child and enjoys the personal family atmosphere. The physical surroundings of the school of a rural nature enhance this 'hidden gem'...I would very much like my daughter to remain part of this family throughout her primary education.
Resident		Y	
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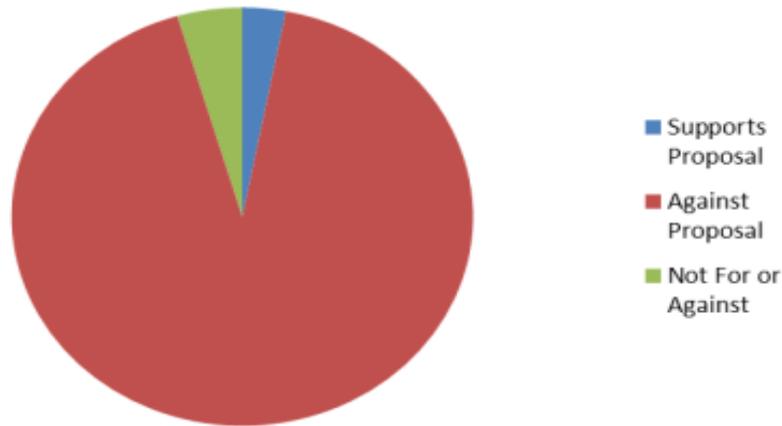
Resident	Y	I feel it would be nice to keep this small village school open as I have know many parents whose children have used this school and highly recommend it.
Teacher/School Staff	Y	School has always had a caring family feel. If transport was offered from nearby villages this might boost numbers
Resident	Y	
Resident	Y	
Parent/Carer	Y	We moved here so our children could go to this school. My child was getting lost at his last school and since they have been coming here they have come on leaps and bounds. The work my child provides is amazing and that is down to the teachers and the head at this school.
Parent/Carer	Y	My grandson started at this school and could not read or write. I have been so impressed with his progress and the care the staff take with children. Not all kids thrive in big schools. BPPS means so much to the people who know and recognise how special it is. This school has a big heart - parents are leaving kids who treat kids like their own. The problem lies in not enough people knowing about it. I think the governors have been weak and complacent and not explored every opportunity. HT is a lovely lady who has improved standards but the school needs a more dynamic manager. A pre-school would help the school build numbers. Join with another school of look at independence - to suit uniqueness
Resident	Y	
Resident	Y	
Resident	Y	I wouldn't like to see it closed
Resident	Y	From how my granddaughter was encouraged with her education. Coming from a school in Norfolk she was behind but soon improved with good teaching at BPPS
Grandparent	Y	school is hidden gem and closure would be a travesty. Hopefully a way can be found to increase pupil numbers. Having to bus pupils to another school would be expensive and outweigh benefits from the school's closure. Could sponsorship from the industrial Humber Bank companies be a possible option? My grandson has progressed extremely well at the school in a way which may not have been possible at a larger school. Pupils and staff all know each other - a very friendly family atmosphere.
Parent/Carer	Y	We chose the school because of its location, nurturing and friendly atmosphere. Children, parents and teachers are like family. The school is an important meeting place for parents. Numbers need to increase and one way of doing this would be to open a nursery. The school could be marketed better and most parents would be happy to help with this.
Governor	y	Unique family school. Management of the school has been weak and not enough has been done to build up the numbers. Nursery provision and out of hours care should be looked at. A business plan must be marketed. There needs to be closer federation with local schools e.g. head sharing. The school is in a fantastic position for parents from Brigg, Grimsby, Scunthorpe and Caistor and parents who work on Humber Bank.
Resident	Y	All my children went there and had a good education

Teacher/School Staff

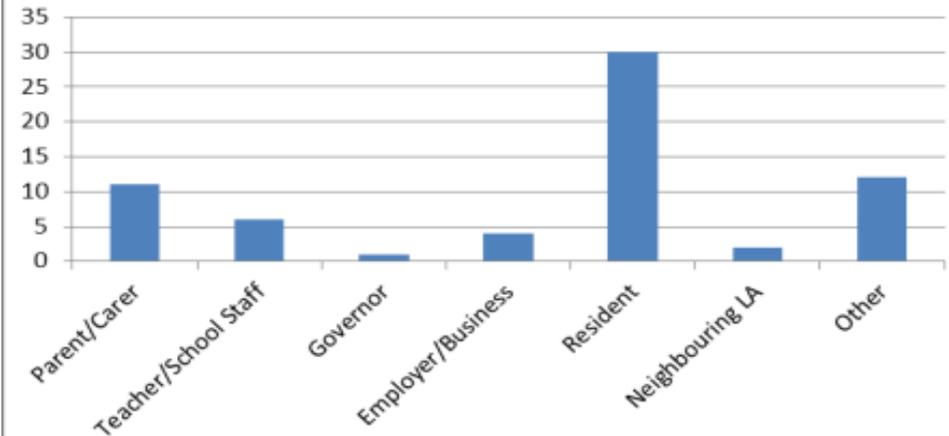
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For over 160 years this school has been a vital part of this community and the surrounding area. Pupils are taught in a unique environment and building which is very rare these days. Both children and adults are very supportive towards the school which is shown whenever fund raising and social event happen. The school has promising results with all the staff contributing to maintaining and raising standards, levels and results. To close the school would end years of learning traditions and values that once gone can never be reclaimed. It would be a travesty should it close for good, its loss would be irreplaceable.

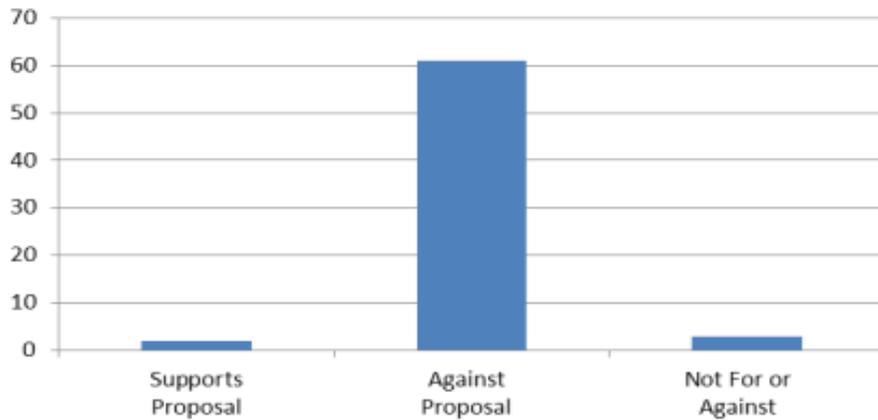
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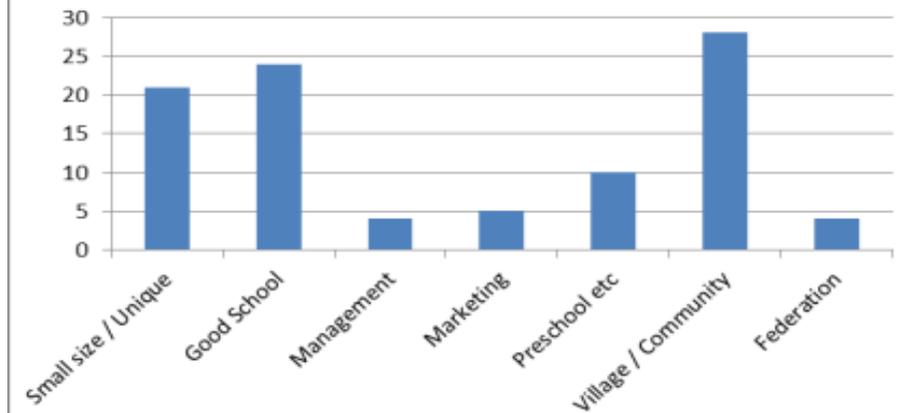
Responding Consultees



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Key Noted Reasons Given



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