

** identified as more than one stakeholder

Q1) Do you support or oppose the proposals to remove the secondary phase of Almondbury Community School by lowering the age range of the school from age 3 –16 years to age 3 – 11 years?

1 .1 RESPONSES Strongly supporting Question 1	
Strongly support	Responses from parents/carers at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I think it's good but I want my child to go to King James but she cannot and I am a single mother struggling to help my own daughter plus all of her cousins go there honestly I need help ACS has been on a downward spiral for years, and this will give the children of Almondbury the chance to receive a better education at a better performing school.
	Responses from parents/carers at All Hallows' CE(VA) Primary School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school has been failing for many years now, and it seems as though the management of the school takes a back seat. I would fight to NOT send my child to Almondbury Community School. Surely it would be sensible to put effort and resource into improving the school and its teaching, given it has the facilities, estate, capacity etc to teach secondary pupils. Shifting the problem will not make it go away. Because I think all the publicity and the fact that the school is in a 'consultation' period means that it will be impossible to remain open.
	Response from parents/carers at Kirkheaton Primary School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school is a disgrace, but it should not of been left to get to the state it is in
	Response from parents/carers at Rowley Lane J I and N School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where r the older kids going 2 go???? The schools r full already No going back now so need to support the changes
	Responses from parents/carers at Lepton CE(VC) J I and N School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The secondary phase at Almondbury has proven to be inadequate and all attempts to improve the provision have failed. It is far better to make a fresh start with a rearrangement of provision in the area.
	Responses from parents/carers at Lowerhouses CE (VC) J I and EY School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Almondbury does not have enough subscriptions for yhst age range in Almondbury therefore needs a provision for 3- 11
	Responses from parents/carers at Moldgreen Community Primary School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school has always had a bad reputation, be it the area or the teaching standards. I do not want to subject my child to any bad treatment which could ultimately affect her grades and her career. My two other children have had bad experiences here and I believe this affected their grades and performance. My other two children were placed in a different school and this was the best decision ever made. "
Response from parent/carer at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ofsted rating and numbers 	
Response from member of staff	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school no longer fully meet the needs of pupils; other local schools provide a better offer, in terms of curriculum options. The school does not have the pupil numbers to make it viable, even if it was given a longer period of time to improve. 	
Response from Pupil at Almondbury Community School	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I believe that the school needs to be closed so that students have better chances at different schools. 	

	Response from Governor
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACS is not financially viable going forward with a falling roll. The money is not there to make the improvements needed.
	Response from Local Resident
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With falling numbers and parents moving current ACS pupils due to current publicity about possible closure, it will be impossible to remain open.

1.2 RESPONSES supporting Question 1	
support	Responses from parents/carers at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not enough pupils to sustain it. Never been enough support from the LA for it to be successful "I do support the move in general terms but do have a number of concerns with it. I think a more accurate option for me would have been 'Support with reservations' In an ideal world I would like Almondbury Community to stay open as my child (year 6) has been there since nursery, is settled, she loves her teachers and is doing really well there. However, I know there are problems, and if this is the only way to keep the school open then I support it.
	Responses from parents/carers at King James's School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A high school with such a small number of pupils cannot offer a broad range of opportunities for its pupils ** Almondbury Community School unfortunately has a poor reputation, which isn't great for the area as a whole. It is very much undersubscribed and so cannot be an efficient use of Kirklees' education budget. What will happen to the building currently used by ACS?"
	Responses from parents/carers at Huddersfield Grammar School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 11-16 phase is unsustainable due to the dwindling numbers on roll. New housing has been proposed for the locality which will increase demand although the standard of 2 pupils per 100 houses for pupil yield being used has been found to be low in other areas. Any future school places provided should be of good quality. **
	Responses from parents/carers at Lowerhouses CE(VC) J I and EY School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on what you say about the viability in terms of pupil numbers, I would support the proposal. However I do think it poses a significant problem in terms of proximity of secondary school provision, particularly for some areas of the current Almondbury catchment.
	Responses from parents/carers at Rowley Lane J I and N School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impossible for school to keep functioning effectively at less than 50% capacity and while continually failing/in special measures. ** The school is clearly not meeting the needs of the secondary aged children and is significantly undersubscribed for this group. On this basis I am supportive of the proposal to lower the age range and focus on this group of children where the school evidently meets the needs of the local community. However any proposal should not detrimentally impact other schools and children in the area. Sadly, ACS staff/leaders have failed to turn it around and not viable to run at under capacity. It seems the damage has been done.
	Response from staff at King James's School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provision is poor and unlikely to improve
	Responses from local Resident at Dalton

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I agree however the current students education shouldn't be disrupted especially years 10 & 11. This is very unfair and there are lot of disadvantaged children at the school.
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1.3 RESPONSES Neither support nor oppose Question 1	
Neither support nor oppose	Response from parents/carers at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can understand both the pros and cons of removing the secondary phase of this school, having dwindling numbers in the past few years has only helped tip the scales for this proposal to come forth.
	Responses from parents/carers at King James's School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I understand there are serious issues and concerns, however a great deal of investment has been made into the school so feel further attempts should be made to turn the school around. I have friends who have children in Almondbury Community High School who are very happy. I am concerned that closure of the school will lead to overcrowding and decline in education at King James, Newsome High Schools Pupils within this school have already faced unrest with the transition of the junior school setting into the through school - why should they face more change. Whilst I appreciate the school is currently underutilised, why not throw everything at it as Kirklees said they would when they changed to an all through school and make it a beacon school!?
	Response from pupil at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are not investing into Almondbury high school like you have with other schools
	Responses from member of staff at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a very new school which I feel hasn't been supported properly to give it the chance to succeed. Whoever made the decision to bring the three schools together with the numbers of children who were supposedly going to come to the school made a gross error of judgement? Allowing King James to increase their PAN has had a negative effect on this school. It's not good for the community but numbers are declining. What is planned though for the Fernside building?
	Responses from Local Resident
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not convinced that there would be sufficient school secondary places in the area if the KS3/4 part were to be removed. Additionally what is to happen to the site since KS2 are moving to the Greenside part leaving the whole school building empty plus the swimming pool and community centre which are community assets. Wouldn't it be better to keep the building and have it as the KS3 part of King James and so not build further on the KJS site which is a very tight squeeze as it is.
Responses from other	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can see the reasoning so don't oppose, however I do have concerns for the children and staff in the system. Work has to be done to secure a smooth transition. Also have concerns it's a bit quick - can King James really be ready so soon. Do also have concerns about the impact on the already bulging Shelley pyramid of schools. The concern is about those already at the school and the transfer of those students with SEN particularly those without an EHCP to another school. Such children need the right level of support and ACS has a good pastoral system with Nurture groups and mentors for their SEN children. This needs to be replicated elsewhere. 	

1.4 RESPONSES Oppose to Question 1	
Oppose	<p style="text-align: center;">Responses from parents/carers at Almondbury Community School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many children from Almondbury and the surrounding areas attend this school, the local area needs this school to support the children. Pushing children into already over-subscribed schools will only have a detrimental effect on their overall education. • My children are happy and settled here. • Almondbury children need a school nearby • My son is settled at school and doing well. I feel closing the secondary provision at ACS will cause unnecessary disruption to his education. He is currently able to walk safely to and from school on his own and has a close group of friends some of whom he has known since reception. I feel he has some good teachers who are enthusiastic about their subject and care about the pupils. I believe the school should be supported to take the current cohort of 300 pupils through their GCSE exams as part of a 4-5 year plan. Any decision to close the secondary provision could be implemented after that when the planned lower intake at junior level comes into effect. • I recognise that due to current numbers the secondary phase in its current form might not be sustainable, but I do not believe the plans serve current KS3/4 pupils well. The proposals seem to be a knee jerk reaction; a "simple" solution to close the "problem school". There is no clarity as to where current KS3 students will go. It seems a great number of students will be transferred to Newsome, which itself is rated by Ofsted as Inadequate. • It shows the council are bailing out of investing into the through school that it railroaded public parental opinion to get in the first place, not long ago. It makes a mockery of all the hard work that pupils, parents and staff have put in to make the through school work. There will be good teachers put out of work as a result.** <p style="text-align: center;">Responses from parents/carers at King James's School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This change will have a huge impact on some of the children possibly social and emotionally, that are already in the high school or those due to go there in September. Some children have left or been moved schools from Almondbury because of bullying and are now happy and settled in their new school... but now have the worry that the bullies will be sent to their new school. ** • Because there is not enough space at alternative schools to accommodate more children and if this happens it will have a detrimental effect on pupils both physically and emotionally. My son has to already carry a heavy bag full of books plus a PE kit around all day with him because his school do not have space for lockers. • King James's School is full and the money suggested for building classrooms will not help the overcrowding in corridors not the tiny lunch hall. In addition, children moving from a small school with small class sizes will find adapting to a huge school with large class sizes very daunting. ** • The area needs a community school - the children shouldn't have to travel as far as they will ** • To go to an alternative school. The area needs a community base and the school creates that. It needs support and funding to help it to grow and develop successfully. • My child attends King James and I don't feel it would be beneficial to take Almondbury school pupils in. It will affect behaviour and learning for my child at KJS. • I think it would be better to bring new teachers in to turn it around rather than close it. • Too disruptive for 12 - 16 year olds. Why not focus on improving the standards within the school. If need be, weed out the trouble-makers, and let the genuine pupils who want to learn get on with it.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One incident does not a school make, strong governance is what's necessary • The options and strain on other schools too much. • I think that this would not solve the problem for the children who remained as they would have to continue within the negative culture that has already been built up. It may work if there was a major change to the school in terms of environment/ staffing etc ** • King James school is oversubscribed and has limited capacity for the students who are currently at the school. The school is small the classrooms are small porta cabins are used as classrooms and the dinner hall is too small
Response from parents/carers at Lepton CE(VC) J I and N School
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almondbury needs a local high school, it's part of the community. The disruption to the children involved will be terrible at such a crucial time in their lives. The impact of closing this part of the school is far reaching and other options should be looked into.
Response from parent/carers at Lowerhouses CE(VC) J I and EY School
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because there isn't enough spaces at other schools for new students
Responses from parents/carers at Rowley Lane J I and N School
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of clarity on how the quality of teaching provision at King James would be maintained. ** • Kirklees should have addressed the issues with Almondbury ages ago. They should invest, make it an academy- improve prospects for this school. The parents here don't care enough.
Responses from pupils at Almondbury Community School
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is putting lots of uncertainty for the GCSE students and their GCSE exams. There will be a lack of teachers which will result in a poor quality of education and poor GCSE results. • I am a pupil at ACS and previous attended Almondbury Junior School in my opinion closing another building would not be fair especially since ACS appears not to have been supported properly. This situation is unsettling especially to me and my peers since we should be choosing our options very soon. • Because I like the school and would like to keep going there. It's easy to get there from my house. It's also a great school. • Obviously there is something wrong here at Almondbury but I don't think it should have been let to get to this stage. Changes need to be made but I don't think the proposal is necessary. If they gave the school an update and got new technology to help us learn it would be fine and I think the changes could be made over the holidays.
Responses from member of staff at Almondbury Community School
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I recognise that there is a fall in numbers. This has been exacerbated by All Hallows becoming a through Primary school. If this was still an Infant school Almondbury Community School would have continued to take a large number of children in Year 3. This may have been enough to keep Y7-11 going. Almondbury needs a school within its own community." • I am a member of staff at the school and live close to the community. I believe ACS offers an education for all and a strong pastoral support for more vulnerable pupils.
Responses from Local Resident
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not think it is possible to send children to King James or Newsome due to schools already being full • Reduces choice for secondary places - same number of children but now two schools not three.

1.5 RESPONSES Strongly Oppose to Question 1	
Strongly oppose	<p>Responses from parents/carers at Almondbury Community School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When we placed our children into this school we did so in the belief that it would be a smooth transition throughout their school life. • This has been announced Leeds than two weeks after secondary school places for September 2019 intake were confident. Our preference, our choice is now thrown up in the air by this move. Almondbury community school has many excellent facilities and opportunities that are just not mirrored by King James school. I have no wish for my children to have to catch a bus to school when they attend a school in walking distance and I feel that we will be forced into this option because King James is full to capacity right now. The disruption current year 6 pupils are facing is disgraceful given they are working hard towards their SATS and need to be focusing on their studies with calmness and confidence. • I believe there are other options to make the school viable. It is a through school and as parents we were told this would have lots of benefits. It is great for parents having all their kids at one school. The older ones help out the younger ones and the school has a caring and supportive environment with less pressure on class sizes. The KS2 students have benefited from specialist subject teaching and better facilities than most junior schools for sports, science, art, etc. All the children in KS2 learned to swim too and this was fantastic. They will lose all this if consolidated on the small KS1 site. • How about exploring an Academy partnership with King James School, which has outgrown its site and would benefit from sharing some of the excellent facilities at Almondbury Community School? A co-operative arrangement rather than two schools competing for the same children. • Or finding more uses for unused parts of the school to benefit the community, while reducing the roll numbers to more realistic levels and focusing on making a small through school work. • The proposal says that the school would probably fail due diligence for a multi-academy trust, but is it not worth trying at least? Does the PFI building of the school affect the viability also? I have been asking these questions and await answers. • It is less than 4 years since the through school was created and it is not acceptable to be pushing these kids out to other schools or to declare the through school as failed when according to the Ofsted interim report 2 months prior to the last one, it was doing everything right to get back on track. No-one has explained this and I think the latest Ofsted report, and the Council's solution, was strongly influenced by the media circus surrounding the YouTube clip of the child being bullied last year. Also while undersubscribed, the number of children on roll at the school had remained pretty much the same over the 4 years since the merger, so why now? The Council should be defending and supporting the school rather than throwing a wrecking ball at it, which is effectively what announcing these proposals has done. • Almondbury high has served the community for along as i can remember and i think it is disgusting the only reason this school is being closed is obviously linked to the social media outburst recently. • King James's s school would be the school of my choice for my children but because it was full I had to send them to Almondbury Community School. How do you propose to fit all the children in there if it's already full. • This school is perfectly adequate. It just needs managing effectively. Thankfully the old head has gone and the school can move on. • I am a mental health nurse and already the teachers, childrens and parents mental well being is being effected. Evidence based research about the effects of changing schools on a

	<p>child's well being. Mental health problems in classrooms affecting staff and pupils alike are on the rise, causing low-level disruption, burnout, anxiety, depression, panic attacks and absence. The impact of moving children to other schools may be so traumatic and change can trigger mental health issues for people who are already vulnerable. Teenagers especially experience emotional turmoil as the minds and body develop. Some young people find it hard to make transition. Some children can feel anxious about entering a new environment. Forcing change could cause Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Teenagers are more likely to suffer depression than younger children. Self harm is a common problem among young people. Children moving schools may have separation anxiety Even psychotic like symptoms, such as hallucinations and delusions have been known.</p> <p>Mentalhealth.org.ukmh.org.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACS wasn't our chosen school. Our catchment school was KJS. However when we moved in August it was full. I'll admit I was a little worried about sending my daughter to ACS. However she has settled well, has a good group of friends, amazing teachers, is an A! student and is nearly mastery level in each lesson. I definitely want to keep this school open The children are settled. • Impact on other schools, class sizes. Waste of facilities at ACS Deal with issues don't just close and ignore. Increase difficulty to get children to school. • I have three children who all attend ACS, all are happy, feel safe and achieving high grades again. Another disruption (as two have already been through this process of consultation and school closure) will effect them. Splitting the children up into different schools is not good especially when one will be sitting GCSES and the other one in high school to start studying them only to be moved part way through when there's good teaching and facilities already in place at this school. In theory I could have three children in three different schools come next year. • King James's the school which they could be going to if catchment areas are changed, refuse to admit children for September in take this year, as they are full and due to health and safety issues. Lack of space, facilities, small corridors, dining areas, over crowding and the lack of class rooms. How then can Kirklees find room for 150 more children knowing the other 150 will have to go Newsome or another school. • The changes in catchment areas will also have a knock on affect causing problems and concerns not only for parents of Almondbury but those surrounding areas too. • Even looking at sending my children to Shelley or Honley have two different pyramid systems in place so if I go down the Shelley path I'd still need to find a school to accept my child in year 7 and 8. • Do I change schools mid term now for both secondary children disrupting them again all be it this proposal falls through for nothing or wait and see. It's distracting and damaging to them and their long term goals. Playing with their education is not good. There happy and doing well in a school we parents CHOOSE. • No. Because there is no space for additional pupils at King James School, even if new classrooms were built. • The school has been hear since before I was born and needs to be hear for future generations. With modernisation it would be great, the children who attend are brilliant and don't deserve the stress it would cause. We would loose our heart of our community if it was to close. • I've got one in Almondbury and a special needs son at a local school in Almondbury! I can't be in 2 places at once! Plus if ACS is as bad as you say then why is my son doing incredibly well! • Because other local schools are already struggling never mind adding Almondbury children to the equation
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The community needs a through school. It is better for the children’s education and emotions • The parents with children at Almondbury Community School were told around 4 years ago that making it an all through school would improve education provision and outcomes. 4 years on the council have failed to deliver on that, the school as been put into special measures and parents are now being told that closure of secondary provision is being considered in order to improve education provision and better meet local needs. The local council have failed ACS families and staff, not once but twice and rather than admit it apologise and try to address it you are now looking at pushing the problem into Newsome high, which itself is struggling and been rated inadequate and to king James who are already busting at the seams being consistently over subscribed. Stop expecting others to pay the price, take some responsibility. The children and their families deserve better, it is not their fault the school is under funded, undersubscribed and had been mis-managed. At least try to rectify the situation, rather than just write the school off. ** • Why build classrooms on greenbelt at kjs when plenty of room at acs with excellent facilities ie swimming pool, sports hall, gymnasium science labs. Make acs middle school and kjs yr 9-11. Instead of cramming over 1000 pupils in school which is too small and probably will become a safety hazard. Also bear in mind new houses being built in kjs catchment area. Give all our kids the education they deserve. • My daughter attends the school and was very happy and settled again after you told us the best thing for the community was to close Almondbury Juniors and move the younger children across to the high school building now you say the best thing for her and future generations is to close this building and again turn her world and education upside down, she has received nothing but encouragement and support in this school which in my opinion needs to be saved for not only future generations but for the community which it is an integral part of. Your proposal to move her to another location grates on me as a parent as if I had wanted her to attend another school I would have sent her to one, how will she get to another school who will pay for her travel who will console her when she is ripped from all her friends at present she is barely eating and has gone from an outgoing intelligent young lady to a girl sitting in her room and this is all on you the school was inspected in October and got r.i after a schoolyard incident blown all out of proportion it needs to shut my real feeling is that you as councillors and cabinet members have another agenda. • It is a community area and we need a high school we need our high school • My daughter started in yr 3. She was extremely shy and struggled to make friends. I believed she had dyslexia and the school treated her as such. They also put her in the nurture group. They have done an amazing job with her. Last year she had her assessment and was diagnosed with dyslexia. The juniors have done an amazing job and now she can read. We were pleased when she was offered a place at Almondbury secondary. She struggles with changes and has meltdowns when she can’t cope. She knows all the high teachers and the lay out of the town which makes the transition from juniors to high school a lot easier. If it turns out that she has to go to another school I fear for her mental wellbeing. • I think all of this has been rushed without exploring other options for our school my daughter is doing well and has friends that she’s known since primary school your offering kjs but it’s to capacity corridors are narrow dining room not big enough as most kids take a packed lunch and u want to put more kids in there Newsome had same offsted report as acs so why would I want to send my daughter there I don’t drive therefore she'd have to walk which would take an hour and 10 mins to get there and I’m not sending a 12 year old girl all that way to walk home by herself
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The aim of having a through school is to help transition periods as well as being at the heart of the community. This is a place where children feel safe and secure. Apart from changing the timing of the secondary school day to be later than primary to avoid older children being around younger children, I feel it is beneficial for pupils to go through a school they know and are familiar with. • The ACS SEN department are amazing and have been recognised for this. Moving vulnerable children to other schools, children who have to get themselves ready in a morning due to parents and carers not doing the best by their children, will be the ones to suffer the most. These children are fully supported at the moment and will not be catered for if this proposal takes place. • Think it's disgusting putting all school together... Almondbury and King James school hate each other always fighting so putting them together is one big mistake. • My son is settled and has many friend within the school he has attended since nursery. Upon discussions with him prior to deciding which high school he would like to commence in 2019 his stronger thoughts were around the friendships he has and enjoying going to school at ACS. • Almondbury is a big village which need this school, children will suffer with these move. Some parents will suffer financially if children get moved to Newsome with having to get their children there. Almondbury needs this school! • All 3 of my children currently attend ACS. They are massively happy there and do not want to be forced to attend a school they rejected when choosing a high school. Both of my eldest children attended KJS open evenings when we were deciding where they wanted to attend to complete their secondary education. They both described the school as dark, depressing, crowded, uninviting and like stepping back in time to the Victorian era. • Moving children again after only 4 years is not fair on their education or their mental health. Been split up from friends and made to go to schools that are either very over crowded or rated inadequate isn't fair the time and effort should be put in to making this school a great one for the local community which was what u promised 4 years ago. Who wants their children taught in classes that exceed 34 children per class the ones that struggle are just going to be forgotten about in classes that big never mind dinner queues that are so long children go without food cos they can't get served and corridors so narrow 150 extra children are going to become dangerous yes you can create more classroom but can't change the size of corridors • I have 2 children that currently attend acs come September that will be 3. My eldest is due to start high school in September the idea was it was an all through school now my son will do 1 year in high school then what?? • My child is currently in year 4 and would like to see him continue throughout the school and not have to travel out of area to an over populated school • I feel Kirklees council have wanted this to happen. Why if the school was forecast to have low numbers did Kirklees allow All Hallows to become an Infant and Juniors school in 2017 taking away the pupils who would have fed into the Almondbury system, Kirklees have taken advantage of the recent bad publicity that has befallen the school. The plans have not been thought out properly. Once again this school and its children and staff are having disruption forced upon them. • We have no local Head representing us. No one on our side. Interim heads have been appointed not to help keep the School open but to help in its closure. • We had the same OFSTED result as Newsome and they have low numbers; yet they are not threatened with closure. • It is a good secondary and will disrupt many children's education.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almondbury Community school is a very important part of the community. The surrounding areas are growing and King James school can not cope with the needs of Lepton and Kirkheaton • That's my view because the children are or ready settled, there need the school back to how it was, not to close it, give it a chance • Because children are already settled in the community of Almondbury. It is also not fair on the other schools • My children need to attend right through to year 11 • This proposal has very short timescales involved and cannot fully consider the full impact to current students and their families. The times given indicate that a decision will be made at some point in July giving no time for additional supports or indeed appeals to any such decision prior to September 2019 intakes. The proposal itself is not well thought out in the initial phase - the reliance is on an Academy agreeing to all changes and being able to manage additional intakes of students safely. The alternative is a school with an equal Ofsted report with as yet no answers to basic questions such as how will students be transported to a school in Newsome and how can I arrange for my child to be accepted into a September 2019 intake at King James as the places have been allocated. The level of support is appalling for these questions and this is causing unnecessary concern and worry for pupils and parents alike. I find it disgraceful that we have been allowed to attend school open evenings in late 2018, make our choices and have those choices confirmed to be told now that our - informed - choice is at risk. King James itself is as yet unable to respond to how it will accommodate additional pupils safely - concerns they highlighted in March 2018 regarding accepting extra children after the start of the school year have not as yet been mitigated. • What is the point the school had a fall with the racism and you haven't give it chance to get back on its feet! Your making the school worse all the pupils are too confused it's appalling • Almondbury Community School deserves a chance to turn itself around...my children have all attended here and there has never been a problem. Instead of going in and helping on improvements it seems the council just want to palm our children off to other schools, causing them stress and disrupting their day to day lives. My son was moved from the junior school across to the high school when they closed that down promising that it would only benefit both schools...this obviously wasn't the case....it took my child ages to settle down into the move so to now do it to him again in year 9 is going to knock him and most probably other children back loads. It seems to me the council want the school land. • I understand that pupil numbers are falling but that is simply because the school has been given a bad name over the years. Merging the juniors together put a lot of parents off from sending their children to Almondbury full stop....resent activity which happened at the school gave it publicity that only filled people's opinions about it....all schools have bullying and Almondbury was made out to be thug central which as a parent I don't agree with....the school have always provided the best of care for all my 3 children who have or still do attend there. The facilities at Almondbury are great...yes it needs a face lift but the school was promised this with the junior school merger this didn't happen and as a parent I felt cheated and lied to by Kirklees with a promise of a updated school, but we carried on. We have a swimming pool, sports centre and lots of fields and sports pitches which I see as an asset to the school. Perhaps King James school would be better merging at Almondbury. It seems to be the bigger site with parking, safe access and better facility's all round. To get to King James in a morning or afternoon is a accident waiting to happen and putting more traffic on the roads through the village is going to cause problems in itself. Totally agree that something needs addressing at the school but closing it down it down without offering any help to address the issues is a cop out by a failing Kirklees council....it's a disgrace
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I'm very worried about my child's mental health and how this will affect him it is already affecting him just by the letter we received from school • Because this is a fantastic school and the centre of our community. Instead of putting money into closing it and disrupting the children's education, why not put people into the school to turn it around. Like they did at Netherhall. I feel the friendships formed and security for the children will be affecting especially when a lot of them will be starting GCSE's. • Don't want my child's education disrupted • Disruption on pupils who have put their best efforts into the school and are proud of being a student at the school and are progressing well. Change could have an effect on GCSE results for our daughter who is in year 9 and she is concerned about a move to another school • We have at the moment a child in year 9 who we believe will be disrupted regarding her GCSE's as she will be in year 11 in 2020. • Almondbury Community School is in the perfect place for her to attend as it is not far from where we live. I don't agree with children having to travel to school either on public transport, parents or on foot which is a long distance away. I want my child and others which attend ACS to feel safe. The teachers who teach at ACS are amazing and continuity with them would be preferred but as the teachers who have taught my daughter say that she would learn with whoever taught her. She is at GCSE level now and I would like her to continue on this path. • The whole school building is a valuable community resource that is at risk if only the small site is used. The sports facilities are used by many schools and groups and are a wonderful resource for the school. More needs to be done to make the through school viable and attractive on its present site. • How about an Academy partnership with King James School? They are desperate for space and this would give them room to expand. The sites could share resources. KJS could offer a 6th form college. Netherhall works successfully across different sites I believe. • How about reducing the roll numbers to a realistic level and using part of the building for other uses so that the school is not crippled by massive overheads. Compatible commercial businesses for example - tutoring, adult learning, mental health charities, sports businesses. Seeing lots of progressive stuff happening would give the school more appeal for the type of middle class parent that wants their kid to go to Shelley or KJS mainly because other middle class kids go there. • Also have lots more evening stuff going on. Adult learning, languages, art, photography, DIY. See above re middle class appeal. The village has a very broad demographic in spite of the school being on a council estate. Almondbury High had a good reputation for arts and languages once and it is still a strength at ACS but not highlighted. • Change the name if you like, but keep the fit for purpose buildings and make the school work. • The extra travel time • The cost for uniforms & travel. The extra travel time. Kids won't be able to walk siblings to school • So parents will have to cut hours or give up work • Childcare will not be affordable before & after school • The wider community use the pool & gym • King James isn't safe I have proof from an appeal clearly stating that even with extra classrooms there is still a problem with movement around school. Small corridors. No social areas. No lockers. Inadequate dining facilities. Struggling to accommodate the children's meals they already have.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be bullying and unrest as two schools are brought together. The parents of the kjs children are already slagging off the ACS children etc. With the adults views like this how are their children going to accept them? • The ACS children are settled If you break up friendships you could re write a child’s future. Yes you might think you are putting them in a better school but without support networks these children will suffer. Their mental health will deteriorate they won’t cope will truant and may even self-harm • The children at ACS are already suffering anxiety about their school being shut. Parents mental health and teachers alike are already suffering • Wellbeing is so important & Kirklees need to look at the positives about ACS. Good space, enthusiastic teachers, children who are doing amazing and are role models. • We need to fight to keep the high school open. Given the support and time it will attract the bums on seats that are needed • The Ofsted report spoke a lot about attendance etc. Why should the school get punished for this? This should be the parents responsibility surely? They are ruining it for the children who want an education. • My children enjoy ACS very much. The sports facilities are excellent. ACS provide fantastic opportunities for engineering with Cummins. • My son has complex needs and has a full EHSCP. Which was only obtained once he moved to Almondbury Community School. He was moved to Almondbury Community School following a recommendation from Educational Psychologist. The culture at this school from the staff team is very inclusive and nurturing. The benefits to my son are that the transition from junior school to high school would be smooth, he would already be familiar with the environment and the staff and the low numbers on roll would reduce his anxiety as he gets overwhelmed in busy places. There are a significant number of children at Almondbury Community School with SEND. This proposal does not meet the requirements of the Equality Act - Reasonable Adjustments. If this proposal goes ahead then there will be a adverse affect on this children, who already need support to access their education. I know first hand how an oppressive culture in school can impact negatively on the child. I spent 12 months with my son’s previous infant school trying to get them to understand that he was a child and they were the adult and they needed to adapt their approach to engage him, he was not to adapt to how they wanted him to be. Square peg in a round hole does not fit. After 12 months and realizing that the culture of the school was not conducive to my sons needs I began to explore other options. This has taught me a very valuable lesson that not all schools are the same and that most parents only experience of school is their own experience and that when a child has SEND that can have a huge impact on their school experience. I remember saying to the SENCO at his previous infant school, you have him for three years, I have him for the rest of my life, you need to engage him in his education now otherwise by the time he gets to high school, the education system will have lost him and I will not have my son in a PRU/ Criminal Justice System/Welfare. This consultation does not include any questions on views about keeping Almondbury Community School High School open, and as such I feel it is bias. • Even the school is in special measures there has been other schools in the same situation and they have been granted Academy status with even less pupils. • The proposal is already having an impact on the children's, parents and teachers mental health. • The uncertainty is affecting everyone involved. • It's a disgusting decision How can this decision be made known by letter with no consultation with parents and students and teachers. • Kirklees are trying to save money and think they can save by shutting the high school They state it’s for the child's wellbeing. Well from talking to at least 100 parents so far this is not

	<p>the view of someone whose child goes to ACS. We all want to keep it open and give it a chance. The school hasn't been supported or given time to turn things around Surprise Surprise King James made a bid to make more classrooms on green belt land too Disgusting When there is enough room at ACS for the children already It is a good space and adequate facilities including a pool Whereas if King James get the go ahead for building will still not be able to accommodate movement around school or innig facilities I have proof that despite extra portal cabins at the minute have not helped I've been told health and safety is an issue So sticking 150 extra children is only going to make things worse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Children are going to be split up from friends. Some children have already been through so much loosing parents, siblings coming from a care background. Looking after siblings. Being a career for parents. You start splitting these friendships up and children will become isolated and not want to go to school. Suffer ptsd possible self harm, depression and anxiety. ● Never mind support if this goes through throughout the transition The students are already being affected. Kids are crying and not sleeping. It's affecting their well being and is not fair. Childrens mental health should be at the fore front. Teenagers especially are more likely to suffer mental health difficulties and what they go through now will shape their future. Research supports moving schools at this age affects mental health. ● Children walk siblings to school so parents can work If they are unable to do this children will be in more financial hardship. If kids run 5 minutes late for school they would still make the bell If they are 5 minutes late for a school bus they will not be able to afford to get to school Attendance will slip. ● There's the cost of travel and uniform I will not be able to afford a whole new uniform as a single parent. ● Why are King James asking for funding for an extra 150 bums on seats so there will be the cost of the build. ● There is enough seats for bums at Almondbury we just need to make it attractive to people to want to send their children there I for one would highly recommend ACS and have heard so may positive things about the school. ● Please please give this school a chance. Thanks you. ● I would like my sons to have the continuity of their current education with friends and teaching staff alike. ● I have 3 kids in that school who are all settled and love going there and have a great set of grades. ● Because that will mean the secondary school ACS closure. ● This is an outrageous decision. The children are already suffering as they don't know what will happen. Children need stability and to stay with their support networks. ● I know a child with adhd whose behaviour has got worse and at home He was settled before the letter dropped on us. ● A child with a stamma is struggling to speak again due to the stress and worry. ● Children are suffering anxiety and depression. ● A child I know self harms and I fear this has got worse. ● And struggling with sleep. ● They are worried about bullying if they are made to join another school. ● As a parent I worry for my child's mental health. ● I'm stressed and worried my daughter is settled. The extra cost worry's me. ● The council need to support Almondbury school It has the space. There are some amazing students and teachers. ● ACS needs to stay open. ● KJS isn't safe to house further students. It's an old building and has inadequate facilities.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please keep this school open. • My child is happy there. He is an A1 pupil. • Because most schools in the area cater for this age range, All Hallows' being the latest one to extend its age range. • I have 2 children in Almondbury 1 who has adhd and anxiety he's only just settled into high school despite being in year 9. All the staff at Almondbury know him and he feels comfortable here if he has to move I fear he will not do well in his gcses as Almondbury have already started putting help in place in preparation for said gcses. I also don't drive so I'd have to find other ways for my children to get to school at the moment they walk together. • Will cause too much disruption, instability and anxiety for students and parents. • My children are doing well at ACS. Feels like authorities have jumped at chance of going for this after the social media frenzy. • Opportunity knocked for council to do look to do this after bullying case. • The school has not be given an opportunity to flourish - the size, location and facilities should enable this. The school is failing due to poor leadership which has led to a vicious circle where fewer local parents are sending their children to the school. This is the fault of the council for not stepping in after previous Ofsted reports. Given the right leadership and improved performance more parents would send their children to the school instead of sending them to schools which are oversubscribed. Local parents and their children should not be disadvantaged due to the incompetence of the council. • As part of consultation every family of ACS was supposed to receive a high level of personal support on the options available for their children. However on meeting with council officers there have been NO OPTIONS given, WHAT OPTIONS DO PARENTS HAVE TO CHOOSE FROM? Parents are being asked to make a decision on their child's future without any facts. • TO COMPENSTATE PARENTS AND STUDENTS FOR THE CONTINUED DISRUPTION TO THE THEIR EDUCATION - THE MERGING OF THE JUNIOR SCHOOL AND THIS PROPOSED CLOSURE, PARENTS SHOULD BE ALLOWED THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE WHATEVER SCHOOL THEY WISH WITHIN THE KIRKLEES AREA. WHETHER IT BE LA FUNDED OR ACADEMY WITH THE COUNCIL FUNDING THAT PLACE UNTIL THE END OF YEAR 11. THIS WILL ENSURE THAT THE CHILD HAS THE HIGHEST QUALITY EDUCATION AS PROMISED. • The 250-300 pupils left in the secondary phase of the school will be given sub-standard education without proper leadership and investment. This will lead to having all future options limited at such an early age. • Year 8 pupils options for GCSE's are not high quality educational opportunities. subject are limited and for those who are scientifically adept having no option to take triple science is curtailing future career choices. Pupils need to be offed the full range of GCSE options. • Pupils need to know now what choices they have as joining a secondary school part way through a year could mean missing out on wider GCSE choices or part of the curriculum which would already have been taught. • The money that would be invested in King James, Newsome, Netherhall could be used to improve ACS. • If ACS was to close and King James was to accommodate additional pupils, the proposed increase in classrooms would not solve the issue of overcrowding in non-teaching facilitates. Thereby still proving to be a disadvantage to the pupils. • Another possible alternative to closing the secondary phase or keeping ACS secondary open independently would be to merge the secondary school with King James and have a split site. Whereby ACS site would host years 7-9 and King James site would host years 10/11 (or some variation of). This would enable use of all facilities and reduce overcrowding on one site.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My daughter currently is assessed as A1 across all grades and is very happy at the school making a number of friends. I have found the diverse population of the school ideal and representative of society today. The pastoral care is good. The previous Headteacher was passionate about the school and teaching. My daughter currently walks to school adding to her exercise. The facilities are good and spacious. I feel the school also provides for the community, and its closure will only put pressure on other school provisions and not take account of the longer term plan. Kirklees have already made errors of judgement over the school. The closure of ACS secondary would take away the provision of an all through school which the last Kirklees consultation business case expressed the BETTER EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES. King James school is over subscribed, cramped, on an unsuitable site from an access and development point of view. King James should take on the ACS site which would allow for expansion plans for that popular school. The preferred outcome of closure is just shifting children around from one school to another. What happens when another school becomes to the same OFSTED outcomes. The RSC has not been sufficiently involved. The council committee have not offered sufficient responses to any questions posed. • The school serves the community people rely on it. The school should be improved not closed. The proposals scream cuts and austerity. If there is no specific school transport laid on then expecting a child to walk 3 miles to get to school is appalling. I feel since the creation of ACS there has been no investment into the school or support for previously poor Ofsted's. • Pupils whose catchment areas should have been ACS have been allowed by Kirklees to attend KJS and other schools, therefore ACS has been allowed to reduce in numbers. • The removal of the ACS would mean the sports and pool facilities would be affected and this would impact on the wider community. • The school should stay open! • It's ludicrous that after the initial merger of the junior school and high school that no support was given to promote the school in a positive manner and bring numbers up to where they should be. That's the failing in all of this - so why wasn't enough done or tries to be done. • The excuse of the inadequate Ofsted report along with the recent social media bullying incident are all poor excuses as to why the school numbers are down and causing the school to close. • The school could have had a simple name change to relieve a lot of the stigma associated with Almondbury School (Like Rawthorpe School is now Netherhall Campus - got rid of 'Rawthorpe'). • The school facilities are fantastic - bright, fresh, airy corridors and classrooms. Fantastic playing fields for sports. Swimming pool which other schools in the area come to use plus local swimming lessons are held here in an evening. Not to mention the lottery funded Sports Centre facilities open to the public after school hours. It's a proper community hub! • King James School is old, dark and dingy and is already unsuitable for the large numbers of pupils going there let alone others wanting to go there. Even with the planning permission applied for extra classrooms the actual school is not suitable - 'not enough computers in ICT, Technology rooms to adhere to Health and Safety guidance, PE classes with insufficient changing room space'. • There is so much space and facilities already at Almondbury! • Almondbury is a big area and the loss of a High School central to all these homes is ridiculous. Our children should be able to walk to and from school safely and locally. I do not want my child to travel to Newsome!! • Above all of this is the upheaval and trauma yet again for our children and their education if this goes ahead. After going through the first merger and putting our faith in Kirklees that
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	<p>they would have to bring the school back up to where it should be and failing terribly I don't believe for one minute that this is all for the pupils benefit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school should definitely stay open. It is in a prime location completely surrounded by housing estates. It is wrong to close the school just because the admission figures are down. The real reason why the figures are low is because the school is under performing and parents are taking their children to schools which are performing better. This then results in King James's being overcrowded and unsuitable for the higher numbers which is the case at present. The principle of the school has already gone on public record saying they are already at their limit and also stated it would be a major health and safety concern to increase their numbers anymore. Almondbury Community School on the other hand could quite easily absorb King James's children as well as its own as they have a much bigger site with the potential for growth. It has much better facilities which include the swimming baths and the sports facilities. All it needs is a bit of investment and a higher level of teaching standards and parents would stop looking elsewhere. • FIX THE SCHOOL.....DON'T CLOSE IT." • Both my children attended this school. They are both settled well in the school and formed good relationship with their peers and staff. I feel if the school would close this will bring great upset to their education as well as their emotional wellbeing. They are at critical stages in their development, getting ready for SATS and choosing options for their future development. Both are greatly unsettled by these proposed changes. As a working single parent, family members near the high school are reassurance for me they can both get their easily due to school unexpected closures. • I do not think that the Proposal document clearly explains the reason for the shortfall in funding to enable the school to continue with the secondary phase and how many pupils it would need for this to be a viable position. • The current planning documents only show the school provisioning for the next three years, however there are substantial housing developments planned in the local area that would affect King James and other schools significantly over the next 10 years. The planning documents should look at the school provisioning requirements for the longer period. Any decision made now needs to be sustainable for the longer term and not a quick fix for a short term issue - ultimately false economy and unnecessarily disruptive to both students and staff. • The school provisioning plans are reviewed and refreshed each year. The plans for the last 2 years have shown a similar scenario i.e. a shortfall in students - it is not clear what has prompted action to be taken this year and not in prior years. Regardless of the latest OfStead review, the position would have been the same. I am not convinced by the current documents provided that if a more positive view had been given, the decision/excuse to close/restrict the school provisioning would have been made. • It is disappointing that no options for the potential options to retain ACS are included in the proposal. It appears that the decision has already been made. • The proposal document also seems to conclude that no-one would want to take on ACS as part of an Academy despite any formal due diligence having been undertaken. This should not be taken as a forgone conclusion. Whilst right to point out that there are a number of risks and issues that would need to be managed, this is effectively writing off the possibility before any serious consideration is given. • Removal of the secondary phase and needing to attend any school outside of Almondbury village also would mean significant disruption to out of school support during term time, in particular after school child care provision. It is also not clear how children would get to the schools outside of Almondbury village and how the additional cost of transport would be met. This has not been covered in the proposal.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An option that should be seriously considered is for the secondary phase of ACS to be taken over in full by King James and the ACS site used as a second King James campus within the village. This would negate the need for the additional building of classrooms at the current King James site. They would also benefit from the additional sports facilities at the ACS site. Many education institutions successfully manage to work across multiple locations. This may also help retain the ACS staff who would then operate under the leadership of King James. • Removing the secondary phase of the school will put too much pressure on the remaining high schools in the area. King James's and Netherhall are both oversubscribed, Newsome is a failing school. These children should stay where they are. • The school is near by our house and my children get used to it and to their friends at that school. I am also afraid of any racist or hate crime incidence in the new schools • We are trying to avoid any racist incidents and we are afraid of having such incidences in the new school. Almondbury school is close to our home and its easy for me to pick them up from there. Also my children have friends there new and I'm afraid they will lose them in case they move to a new school. • We are against closing the school. My children love the school and they have friends now there and we live near it. Moreover, at the current school, the governance is trying to solve any racist problems and we have no idea what would happen if our children moved to a new school and exposed to similar incidents there. We live in peace and refused violence. • I have one child in year 9 and feel it will damage her education as she is already established in our local school which previously has been able to provide excellent teaching. I have an older son who went on to Greenhead college from there to do A level maths and engineering. I want my children's education to be as stable and reliable as possible as I was told was important to children throughout their school life and now the council brush this off as though it won't damage the children • I want the children to stay in one school. My children have moved a number of schools they are happy in this school. I am a single mother this would mean new uniform and cost of transport? Where will I get the money form? This school in within walking distance of my house. My children don't want to move.
	<p>Responses from parents/carers at All Hallows' CE(VA) Primary School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I feel will be additional pressure and negatively impact other 2 schools and also waste of physical site at ACS and feel should invest to improve existing leadership /teaching/policies rather than abandoned and transfer to other provision also impact on access to school for those that live near especially if have to go to Newsome. Manage the situation not abandon it. Strongly against further increasing class sizes at other provision to reduce further care and support children receive to just get lost in bigger numbers.
	<p>Responses from parents/carers at King James's School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am appalled that Kirklees Council have allowed Almondbury Community School to go into 'special measures' without stepping in sooner to prevent these ridiculous proposed plans taking place. The school should have implemented procedures, policies and improvements (just like other schools have) to ensure that the school is desirable within the local community and surrounding areas. Maybe the catchment area for Almondbury Community School should have been expanded to fill the available places, which in turn will provide the school with more funding. I think removing the high school facility at Almondbury Community School is just passing the problem onto other schools and resolving the problem of the unruly children. • Surrounding schools do not have the capacity to take the children and maintain their current standard of teaching. In addition, planning permission has been granted for a large development within the area and this will compound the issue.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why close a much needed secondary school? It just needs correct management and leadership. • The effect on the future education of children from Kirkheaton who are already at King James or are at Kirkheaton. • A failing school should be supported not abandoned to the detriment of other local schools. • I think it's the wrong thing to do, I think you should concentrate on the children and do everything you can to get the school back up to standards and then other parents would consider sending their children there. I don't think it's fair for King James and Newsome to have to split the children between there schools esp as King James is already bursting at the seams. ** • "Just because a school is doing badly doesn't mean you just give up, you fix it! • The message your sending out to the kids is, If something isn't going too well just give up?? • I've heard another excuse that it's because it's under subscribed. Well that's because it's got a poor rating and not as many people are choosing it, that is up to you to fix. If you improve the school people will want there children to attend. Also more and more housing is being built, where are the familys moving into these extra dwellings going to school there children. ** • Yes as it will restrict choice in possible secondary schools. • Because the impact of the children at KJS AND ACS could be significant. • I think it is a shame that instead of taking the time and effort to better a local school that so many children enjoy and their parents consider the education their children receive more than adequate, that they would just close it down with no consideration of the impact of doing so on the local area or other school settings. ** • My child currently attends KJS in Yr 9. I feel they currently can't meet the catering needs for the pupils they have and adding more Classrooms is unlikely to change this. I also fear adding more pupils in what will be my child's gcse year will have an effect on my child's education with the hall sizes for exams and increased workload of staff etc. But also fear for those possibly arriving in their final important year and coping with the changes. • There's no room to put them at kjs. ** • You are just moving the problem from one school to 2 other schools. Both schools chosen to take these young people from ACS are currently full and to add more children could have a detrimental effect on these schools, the pupils already attending and their futures, class sizes will be impacted putting more pressure on the individual staff. There will also be issues with young people attending from ACS as there have been issues between these local schools. • King James clearly isn't big enough to accommodate extra children already running over capacity • I think the area requires 3 school due to area size and up and coming housing growth. Huddersfield is still a growing area due to motorway links to larger Cities. • We need more schools not less and trying to close them rather than change them seems to be the easy way out. The problem will just be passed onto other schools. • My son attends King James school which is full!! And I don't want his class size getting any larger! • The other high schools in the area will not cope with the extra students. There are going to be hundreds of new houses built in the local area. (But that is another ridiculous proposal that has been passed to the detriment of the local area) These new houses will add more pupils than is suggested on the proposal as was found by other local schools when new housing developments were created. We live on Fenay Bridge park for example, and I can see all the children who attend Rowley Lane, Lepton CE and King James's on a daily basis. My wife works at a Lindley School and their numbers increase by 30 children a few years ago when 400 houses were built in the local area. **

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My concerns are an overpopulation at King James will lower standards for the children there. ** • This will increase contention for places and resources at King James's School, where my son is a pupil and my younger son is expected to be a pupil in 2 years. ** • Do not think the impact of these changes have been thought through at all. The council have recently approved a large number of houses to be built in the Lepton area. The estimated number of pupils per hundred houses built is ludicrous. I would suggest researching how many high school children alone live on the current Fenay Bridge park estate then multiply that number given the number of houses proposed to be built. The Headteacher has recently said that King James school have submitted planning permission for additional classrooms. This was not done following the Almondbury proposals it was done to meet the already high demand for places and to give them spare classrooms, which they currently do not have. Closing Almondbury Community School for high school children will just put an additional strain on King James. I would suggest the people who are in agreement with the closures, go to visit King James school and stand in a corridor or on a stairwell when the bell rings to change lessons. Then tell the panel where they expect more students to go? Creating more classrooms is not the answer as the corridors and current dining space are already dangerously full. I would question whether the health and safety of the children is being put at risk by increasing the number of places. ** • It will strongly affect my children who attend King James school by sending many more pupils to this school • The school is needed with the recent new housing proposals that have been passed by Kirklees. Where will all the existing children go and where will all the new children go? There are not enough Secondary schools to accommodate so it's Almondbury Community School that needs a decent senior management team so it can remain open. Cramping children into other local schools that are already bursting at the seams means more children's education will be affected. • It's very worrying where all the children are going to be placed I have a child in King James's which is already full he will be starting his GCSE years in September and I am concerned at the impact this will have. I also work at ACS and I am worried about mine & my colleagues jobs! ** • The favoured option seems to be relocating secondary students to KJS. This school is performing well with good results. I am concerned the addition of more students will affect this due to the increased numbers. • There are already issues with numbers at KJS, namely student's not being able to access school meals due to queues in the dining hall and a general lack of space. More students will further negatively impact this. • There are enough children for two schools in Almondbury, ACS has got good facilities and space, while King James's is too small even with the planned additional classrooms. Corridors are narrow and lunchtime facilities inadequate with more pupils. I feel it would be detrimental to all pupils from both schools rather than beneficial. In the event of a fire surely this would be a potential health and safety hazard. • We should focus on supporting and improving the school to enable all children to continue with their education at that school. Moving children is detrimental and the village of Almondbury is vast and is need of two high schools. • I do not agree that closing the school is the answer. The problem will only move elsewhere with over crowded schools. • There isn't enough space in surrounding schools to take up the extra pupils. • We do not understand why you are proposing to close a school designed to accommodate 1000+ students in order to squeeze those students into other over-subscribed schools. **
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The children already there should not have to be moved to other schools. It is not fair on them and will affect them very badly. If it has to close it should be phased out after the children already there leave. The other schools close by then can prepare gradually over time. Gradually taking more in year 7 so all children have a fresh start in new schools together. Each year with increased intake. • The other secondary schools are already oversubscribed. Adding new classrooms does not make it suddenly all ok. A whole new SEN building together with additional fully qualified and experienced staff needs to be provided at King James. Whilst the King James current team are excellent in the support they provide, they will not be able to carry on the support of SEN and vulnerable children if another potential 300 pupils (many who would be challenging) are included. Existing pupils have a right to continue getting the same level of help and support they receive now. • Kirklees have consistently failed the children in Almondbury. This dates back to the previous Junior school being placed into special measures. Kirklees had opportunity to turn the school around but failed to do this both before and after the judgement. They then made a quick decision to merge the junior and high school paying no heed to the words of warning that came from parents, the wider community and from the MP. When they did merge Kirklees failed to put adequate support and finance to make the school a success. Too many mistakes have already been made to the damage of children's education and mental well being. This needs to stop now. Those in charge in school services need to hold their hands up to the mistakes they made in the past and instead of taking the easy option take the option that does not cause more damage than has already been done. • I would say consider what was said in the consultation of the merger by many parents. The community school could still be a success if they right money and more importantly support and structure is in place. Look at what can be done to make the community school the 'beacon' school it was promised to be. • Whatever the outcome of this consultation it is of paramount importance that both the councillors and the service managers change their attitude towards those who are involved in this. The behaviour of many members during the last consultation was not what should be expected, they were rude, dismissive of parents feelings and frustratingly failed to listen to real concerns that turned out to be the truth of what happened. They need to actually listen to what is being said and take actions to make sure changes do not negatively impact on children again. This would start with an acceptance that belittling the views of others is not the way to affect change, accept that decisions in the past have seriously affected the education and mental well being of children in Almondbury already and then making a serious commitment to this time getting it right."
	<p>Responses from parents/carers at Kirkheaton Primary School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think help and support should be put to the school not walking away and disruption to all the pupils • The school went through a major restructuring process in 2014. I think it's grossly unfair for pupils and staff to be faced with these proposals after such a short time period. The community school hasn't had time/hasn't been given chance to prove itself. I feel that the current ks3 & 4 students have been used as guinea pigs and their education is likely to have/will suffer greatly as a result. It gives the people of Almondbury the impression that the Local Authority simply doesn't care - either for them or their children. • KJS doesn't have the size or capacity to take additional children. Current grades and levels of education will also fall due to larger class sizes. Too disruptive to existing children who are already studying.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removing the secondary phase of the school is not the answer. The school needs strong leadership and sorting out instead of moving the problem to other, already full schools. • Almondbury Community School is a large school with good facilities built to accommodate 1000 students. • Closing the high school phase of this school to place these children in already over-subscribed alternative high schools does not make any sense for the standard of their education or for the health, safety and well being of all students involved. • The closure will also necessitate children being shipped to alternative school(s), increasing the number of vehicles on the roads and causing unnecessary congestion • King James's school in particular is already full beyond its capacity with temporary classrooms in the car park. It is also a Grade 2 listed building with already limited outdoor facilities that would be further compromised by increasing building to accommodate any increase in the student body. • King James's High School- built in 1608- is far TOO SMALL- for an increase in numbers. Classroom capacity cannot exceed 30 as there is simply not enough room for more tables/students for effective learning. The corridors (built in 1608 for a private boys school of less than 100 children which isn't even a year groups capacity) are congested with 906 students in and simply wouldn't be able to have an extra 30 students in never mind increased numbers from Almondbury. • The examples of these rooms would be- the portacabins (RE and History), ICT (only 30 computers- filling the classroom), Science- no room for more lab benches, Maths- oldest part of the school so tiny classrooms that won't fit in another table. • The school building isn't big enough for more children - hence why its capacity is 900 students and why it is funded for 900 students. • The catchment was made for Kirkheaton, Lepton and Grange Moor- so does that now mean the children in Kirkheaton will be sent to closer schools? - in which case is Netherhall. It's all very well giving the Almondbury Students priority but there are already in past years students within the 3 catchment village schools that haven't got a place in King James's. • As stupid as it might be, there is also the Almondbury vs King James rivalry which would need to be addressed to maintain the safety of the children. • The children of Almondbury need their high school. The council should put in appropriate staff to ensure the school is turned around, in order to become a good school, not simply shut it. The council does not shut every failing school. They need to try and save it first.
	<p>Responses from parents/carers at Lepton CE(VC) J I and N School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are not enough school places in the area for all the proposed housing developments. King James high school is already short of space for the children who already attend. The old building was not designed for that capacity. I worry about fire risks. • I also worry about disruptive behaviour and bullying as has already been cited as a problem at Almondbury high. My son is autistic and vulnerable. This is a huge worry. • I don't want the 12 to 16 yr olds to go to king james school • The surrounding schools are already so full that to accommodate Almondbury school pupils would likely have a detrimental effect on the education provided at King James and Newsome.
	<p>Responses from parents / carers at Newsome High School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because King James High School is already over subscribed and I am unhappy with probably most of the children from Almondbury High School moving to Newsome and most doubtedly Newsome will get the lowest achievers at Almondbury and cause bigger class sizes and more disruption from some more disruptive children from Almondbury. There is due to be lots of houses built at Fenay Bridge, which will also impact on the numbers of children wanting high school places at King James and King James will not be able to accommodate them, they are struggling now to accommodate children and this will create

	<p>extra pressure on staff at Newsome to accommodate them and extra pressure on parents to get their children to a high school that they are not able to walk to and take away their independence. **</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As Almondbury needs a secondary school as other schools are over subscribed • At the moment my child goes to Newsome high which I agree is getting better but is still weak and to allow more children in how can this improve if they can't cope at the moment • These proposals do a disservice to the families of Almondbury who chose Almondbury Community school in good faith, assuming their children would be there until the end of year 11.
	<p>Responses from parents / carers at Rawthorpe Junior School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This would lead to oversubscribed schools with stretched resources. Classroom sizes would increase affecting the learning potential of pupils
	<p>Responses from parents / carers at Rowley Lane J I and N School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the parent of children who would go to King James' School, my biggest concern is that the behaviour issues that are currently at Almondbury would just be moved to a different school that my child would be a part of. This is not solving a problem, but just infecting more children with the bad behaviour, which inevitably other children will learn therefore creating a much bigger problem. I have seen this happen first hand at two schools as a teacher. I would not want my children mixing with that kind of behaviour. • King James's school is already full I have been informed the by other pupils and parents that the corridors are always crammed as it is and I think it would make health and safety a big issue for them having to accommodate even more students. Also it will make it more difficult to get my child a place at king James as there will be even more competition to get in and this may end up with a lot of students having to make long journeys to and from school. I am also concerned about the students that will be moved as i have heard that they are not the best behaved and will this bring trouble to king james • Absolutely disgusting. What happened to listening to the childs voice. This is already causing upset with children • As a parent at Rowley Lane school, who lives in the centre of Lepton Village, I am very concerned that with the new proposals, my children will not get a place at King James's school in the coming years. • With the entirety of Almondbury village due to gain a place at KJS under the new proposals, I am worried that children from the surrounding area will now get a place above children from Lepton. • Could you consider honouring the children who attend Rowley Lane and Lepton C of E a place from the feeder schools before the Almondbury children, as they have other neighbouring options (Newsome and Netherhall) I moved into lepton village 4 years ago knowing that my children had 2 very good schools in the primary phase and a good school in the secondary phase in KJS. • If my children still gain a place at KJS, I feel I must write that I am also increasingly concerned about the change in the school the children from ACS will bring. With the schools failing reputation and issues surrounding the school regarding bullying recently, I am worried the school will not be the place it is today. • As a former pupil of KJS myself I am worried that taking in children from a failing school will undoubtedly bring trouble, negative issues and a decline in results. • King James has always been held in the highest regard and I am worried this merge will damage its long standing reputation. • This will be extremely disrupting for the children at Almondbury high, and will no doubt negatively affect their on-going education and results. There is a great deal of evidence of the academic lag that occurs when changing schools such as when moving from primary to secondary and this would be occurring at a critical time for these students. What is needed

	<p>is more support for the educational structure within the school to support these children to achieve not shutting it down and sending them somewhere else where classes sizes with inevitably be larger, will not be already known to teachers, and will need time settle during pivotal time for these teenagers. I truly believe this will negatively impact many of the students at Almondbury</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With over 1000 new homes being built in the local area we need more school places, not fewer!
	<p>Responses from parents/carers at Dalton School Junior Infant and Nursery</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almondbury community school is a well placed school. My son has excelled there. It is in a prime place and a good building and grounds.
	<p>Responses from parents/carers at school not named</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a parent of a child who already had to leave there junior school to join this school. I feel absolutely disgusted that you are now trying to move these children again. All to save money. These children deserve an education a settled education. • It's always been there and a lot need the school for locals.
	<p>Responses from member of staff at Almondbury Community School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant improvements are being made to all areas of provision within Almondbury Community School. Staff, students, parents/carers and the community are all working together to make these improvements. Staff KNOW the students and the families very well and provide strong support, working together. There is such potential with the all through structure and staff WANT to make the structure work and are working very hard to address the issues from the Ofsted report, including teaching and learning. All of the work that has been put into our school, our students, raising standards, developing relationships, challenging stereotypes, shaping lives cannot be lost. • There are too many staff and pupils to accommodate elsewhere with success. • Morale in the school is affecting the well being of all pupils and staff. • 'Shaking the tree' to see who can be moved is a divisive and cruel tactic. • The school has already had enough disruption when it became a through school, it is unfair to put the same pupils through more change. • Children with significant learning and social needs will be disrupted, which may severely impact their schooling. • There are many children at ACS who are excellent students, hard working with a wonderful attitude to work. They do not want to move schools and are happy at ACS. You had a plan 4 years ago to merge the schools, I opposed, many opposed but you did not listen to the concerns or arguments because you had an agenda. This failed miserably and backfired and you are about to make the same mistake again. You have an agenda once again, not quite sure what it is - do you have a plan for this building? - you know what it is. The people in this community and Huddersfield do not have a trust of Kirklees Council anymore because you cannot be trusted. The needs of the people/community do not come first. These children live in this area, in this community therefore they need to be educated within this area. The population will continue to rise and then in 4 years we will hear within the news Kirklees are building a new school in Almondbury because there is a need. You need to listen, be wise and stop thinking about money and profit. This is why the country is in such a mess due to selfishness and greed. Almondbury needs a school. Do something about ACS, strong leadership and direction is what is needed. • I spoke to a neighbour of mine who has a daughter in year 8, she stated categorically that she does not want her child moving to another school, she is happy with the school, her daughter is really happy and the thought of going to another school is of great concern to this family. She told me she is definitely not sending her daughter to Newsome and King James's is full to bursting. These children have established good friendships and are now to

<p>be uprooted. We talk about children's mental health and how important it is. A boy I work with in year 9 said he was so sad and kept crying, he told me that his mother will have to home school him because he does not want to leave this school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I was reluctant to complete this questionnaire as I have been through this process 4 years ago but someone encouraged me to do so. ** • the community school supports children through all phases, removing the high school would cause problems for families in the community who have children in all phases • I have worked at ACS for many years and in that time I have dedicated my life to the school and pupils attending ACS. The staff have endured several years of upheaval including the recent restructure to a through school. The school staff deserved better support from their employer (the LA). Even now all the emphasis is on the parents with little regard being paid to the impact this proposal is having on the staff at the school. • This by its name is a "community School" You are planning to rip the heart out of this community, and why? • Surely the better idea would be to help and support the school, Remove staff who are not performing as expected. • The school can and does have a good cohort of well achieving student and staff. They have successful teaching, pupils gaining above and beyond expectations. Pupils who's behaviour is not acceptable, need to be removed. STOP sending the "problem" pupils from other schools to this school. How can you expect this school to be anything better, when you continually keep sending more issues and problems their way? • The school cares about its pupils, cares about their safety and well being. Many of the pupils will struggle emotionally, physically, mentally and financially, with the closure. • The majority of the pupils that come to ACS do so as its local to them. King James don't appear to want ACS pupils. For pupils to travel to Newsome it would require 2 buses to get there which is an expense some of our parents can't afford • Almondbury is a community School supporting families in the community. Many of these are vulnerable families that benefit from the strong relationships that are built over time through their life at the school. • I work with the students in KS3 - many of whom require plenty of social and emotional support. How are we to continue this important work if the school closes? • Also, what happens to the dedicated and hard working members of the faculty. • Clearly this hasn't been considered. • The school has great facilities. Every child is treated like an individual in a nurturing and encouraging way. • The leadership needs to be stronger. • A fresh look and new ways of working are having a good effect. • This will mean children having to travel to further to their high school which means longer days for them and more congestion on the roads. • The negative impact this will have on students, their families and the community. The school should be allowed the opportunity to recover from recent events involving the media and Ofsted inspection. The neighbouring secondary schools will also suffer in terms of the influx of new students and the impact this will cause. The changes put in place to the school have not been given enough time to demonstrate the impact this could have on numbers of students or educational achievements at the end of year 11 • The school is at the heart of the community, there are strong links between staff and families which have been built over many years and these will be destroyed in the secondary phase if it closes. The vast majority of pupils are happy and co-operate well with adults in school. For some pupils, the closure will take away some of their security and therefore lower their confidence. These pupils will struggle with the change in schools and may not achieve as much as they could if they attended Almondbury.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A well-established all-through school is a community school that serves its community and the complexities of its children in its locality. • Things can be improved just by changing the building is not a solution. Strategies, policies can be changed and rather than making arrangements in other schools use same strategies in here because this could be a great help for children and families in this area rather than moving them here and there. It will effect the primary phase as well by lowering age range as it would be hard for parents to manage things and if secondary phase is not there they will take their children where they will find facility for both primary and secondary children. • The school as a whole provides a valuable education to those in the community, in particular children with significant difficulties to deal with in all aspects of their lives. The school and the staff provide a stable place for them to be. • These children have already gone through considerable change already when the schools merged only a few years ago. The Year 6 and Year 11 pupils are at an important stage of their schooling with SATS and GCSE's - they should be allowed to focus on those rather than worry about whether their school will be still open and running as it should. • Through out the consultation process, in letters and meetings the children have been put at the forefront of the decisions and that should mean that investment is made in the Community School and their future within it. • The Executive Head/Board have been making changes of a positive nature even in the last few weeks and time should be given to embed them further the children and staff have responded positively to these changes and worked extremely hard to improve where necessary. The financial investment made, in them, so far should continue for the benefit of the whole school. • The staff from Carr Manor in Leeds have come to the school and been welcomed and appreciated for the work done to date. This work should be given time and the relationship should continue to benefit all stakeholders to the school and the community. • The 'incident' that set all of this uncertainty off has been judged not to have a racial motive by the police investigation, this triggered the Ofsted inspection that has then lead to the proposal and the consultation period. Let's not allow another hasty decision to be made which will affect so many. • Why not consider relocating the King James's children and staff to the community which has space and the facilities to accommodate all the children at both schools. The swimming pool and sports hall are also at the Community school and are used by many local junior schools and the community school - what would they use if they were taken away if the site is closed altogether? • So much change is proposed but for whose benefit - children, parents, staff, or the community? In my opinion it would be a lot of unnecessary change with no certainty of success - surely it would be better to work, as a group, to improve the existing provision and keep the school running.
	<p>Responses from Local residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As other schools are already full. Also you should think about the children as it isn't fair on them as lot of the schools you are suggesting are out of walking distance. As the area of the school is where a lot of people live in poverty so might not be able to afford bus fare. Also the children are all settled so why move them from their friends and staff who they already know. • ACS is a huge site that will be largely mothballed(?) with the removal of KS3. What will happen to the school buildings and land?? • Kirklees education department need to get behind ACS and follow through with the changes to the through school that they were largely instrumental in making. Change the management and governing body if need be but see this through!

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • King James' cannot accommodate all 5 year groups without extending - they are in green belt. At the moment KJS plan on extending to allow 150 pupils across all 5 years however ACS, when full, has 300 pupils. Where would the 150 pupils that can't get into KJS go? Would they walk to Newsome?? If this is to be seriously considered, KJS' catchment needs to be redrawn to allow children that live locally, in Almondbury, attend school in the same area they live. • Traffic around Westgate, Fenay Lane, Northgate and St Helen's Gate is horrific - this would increase with more pupils and more parents dropping them off! • Local plan. Council estimates of 2 children per 100 new houses built is simply a lie. 1300 new houses are being thrown up in the catchment area. Where are their school places? In your 2015-18 provision report you stated that provision for these students would be ACS. • I think it's a disgrace that they is no support from the local authorities to bring the school to good standards as promised 4 years ago. Instead of fixing the problem just trying to get rid of it! They has been no support to this school what so ever. King James School is too over crowded as it is they squeeze down the corridors they is not even enough food at dinner time for all. How's moving 300 extra kids going to impacted on all the children's education and health and safety been too crowed few extra class rooms is not going to help this. Why Newsome high school not closing this school was given a bad report. How is it also fair if children can't get a place at King James they will have to go far out to Newsome will travel be accommodated.. this is a done deal just like the Almondbury junior school was 4 years ago and have plans for the building disgraceful. • Many children will have to undertake a long journey to school mostly along unlit roads • The school has outstanding, caring teachers and staff and hasn't been supported by the LA since it combined the 3 schools together. A new, experienced head teacher and executive head are now in the school and improvements have been drastic and positive. • Did the LA simply merge the schools and expect the intake numbers to magically increase? What action plan was constructed and implemented to increase numbers at ALL key stages? The only changes agreed by the LA has been to allow All Hallows to expand to be a KS2 school - a negative impact on ACS. Kirklees have failed the school and the children repeatedly with poor planning and support. This school will thrive with adequate support from the LA. • The children have had enough upset from the merger when the Junior School joined the High School. If truth be known we were lied to then and you are lying to us now because you knew all along that this was going to be the outcome even though you keep telling us that nothing has been decided yet, more lies!! There are plans for quite a few house to be built, even if ACS stayed there would not be enough school placements. Also what will happen to the teachers and staff? How on earth are you going to find them jobs, they have done a wonderful job over many years and this is how you treat them. DISGRACEFUL. It is about time we had a new council who have consideration for the local community and listened to their views instead of just your own. • It is a travesty that closure is even being considered. The school under its various names has been at the heart of the Almondbury community since 1964. Some decisions that have been made, that have contributed to the situation the school now finds itself in have been made outside of the schools control. The LA officers appoint the various Headteachers who may not have led the school as well as they could, the LA appoint people to monitor the schools progress, the LA decided to support the increased PAN at All Hallows AND King James', knowing that this would draw people away and decrease the numbers - which has nicely led to the closure, the LA merged the 3 schools together to form ACS and then practically left it to wither with no intervention at crucial points, even if this decision is a forgone conclusion there has to be some accountability on their part.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I do believe that the media incident which has affected some in unbelievable ways has been used as an excuse to push this through. • My friend goes to that school and all I've heard is good things. Everybody seems really happy and I think the children get a good education. • It's a great school, just needs a good head and staff. • The school has been at the heart of the community it serves for over 50 years. In recent years it has faced a decline in numbers, partly due to demographics, but largely because of parental choice and the nearest neighbouring school changing its intake and poaching children from the Almondbury catchment area to make up for its own decline in numbers. This decline in numbers, together with changes to school funding arrangements, has led to the school being under-resourced and ill-equipped to provide adequately for the children on roll - local children and children unwanted by other schools in the area who end up at Almondbury as it has the spare capacity. • It is grossly unfair to make the children and families of this community pay for the consequences of decisions taken elsewhere. Not only will the current cohort of children face disruption to their education, they and future cohorts will have further to travel to school, most involving buses or cars. A neighbourhood school within walking distance contributes to the health and well-being of the children; other forms of transport contribute to environmental pollution, as well as traffic congestion and parking problems around schools. • I understand the effects of government austerity, and the difficult decisions that local authorities have to make, but closing this high school will have a detrimental effect not only on the children and families relying on it, but on the whole community. This problem needs a more creative solution.
	<p>Response from Other</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up rooting of children already settled in school and the burden of transportation to another school. • Let us not forget that the middle school were in special measures before Kirklees decided to amalgamate all 3 schools. It is ludicrous to disrupt a child's education. It is also a problem for parents on low income who would have to fork out for 2 different school uniforms not to mention the travel costs. The Ofsted report commented on poor quality of teaching but it did not specifically say that this was common practice in the High School. • My little cousins attend the high school and are over 11, one suffers from ADHD & has set things into place for him, doesn't take well to new things happening • Because it would be better to improve the school rather than just close it. • We don't give up on failing schools and lump them with successful schools. We strive to fix what's wrong and offer similar levels of quality education across the board. The quality of education and opportunities offered within a school directly impacts the community, and directly impacts the longer term opportunities for these students. The bigger picture is being completely ignored here. Take off the tunnel vision goggles. • Almondbury is a big area to not have its own school. King James is too small to add more children and Newsome is too far to travel and takes children away from their own area. Friendships will be difficult to maintain if a child's friend lives in Lepton or Newsome. Children may then become isolated, which can lead to mental health issues. • Improve the school, invest in staff and provide more support for the children, educate parents instead of moving the problem. • Leaving a vulnerable community without a local community school is outrageous. • The school has managed to work through some exceptional circumstances yet rather than support them in getting back to normality you just want to pull the plug. The staff don't

	<p>deserve a repeat of the turmoil they suffered 5 years ago and, more importantly, neither do the children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My grand daughter is happy and doing exceedingly well here she was refused a place at King James last September because there was room they sent a lengthy document supporting this we tried to home school her but she was distressed at not going to school so my daughter accepted Almondbury it was because daughter had just moved to lepton it was heartbreaking to see my granddaughters distress and now she is doing so well at Almondbury is attaining mastery in subjects and has a great peer group I would hate to think of the long term mental health problems these children are going to face by upheaval in these crucial years. They have great teachers and loads of space here whoever has dreamt this up has become our nightmare hey need to go back to school themselves. King James has no room at the inn so support the pupils and staff at Almondbury and let's make this school great. • Because many children specifically chose ACS secondary due to the engineering offer and it's excellent sports facilities plus SEN provision** • The 11-16 places of the school is a vital and integral part of the Almondbury Community. It serves the needs of its pupils well. Despite the reported financial difficulties most students flourish and have a good relationship with staff. Students needs are met. The disruption and uncertainty of moving school in the secondary phase is not in the children's best interests. • Lack of facilities, overcrowding and provision in other available secondary schools is a grave concern. Financial investment into Almondbury Community School would be much more appropriate than spending on building in other schools and cost needed to improve the infrastructure in order for children from the community to be properly provided for. The highway accesses to King James's are woefully inadequate. Many parents of children in Almondbury Community School would find it difficult to transport their children to the other proposed schools as they may not have access to cars, and public transport is inadequate. • Newsome is also in a category of concern so unsuitable for new intake. • Lowering the age range will cause disruption to pupils and staff, instead of continuing with the curriculum, pupils will have to follow the curriculum at new school. Money will have to be spent to extend other schools to accommodate extra pupils which could be spent on improving the community school thus not affecting pupils as much especially with options coming up soon for year 8 pupils. • Local children should be able to attend Almondbury Community School as an All through School from Nursery to Year 11. Not move out of the area to attend another school when they move to Year 7, the continuity would be lost. • This will have an impact on the community around the school. The school not only teaches young people but is also involved in adult education for adults around the school. ** <p>Response from Pupils at Almondbury Community School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I got bullied at my last school since moving to Almondbury I've made many friends and hearing we might have to split up and go to different schools is upsetting many of the bullies go to King James and Newsome please keep our school open • I came to Almondbury for a new start and to get on and not worry, but now all that is on my mind is school might be closing and then gets me stressed out. • I do NOT want it to close because it is my school. I have really enjoyed the primary school there and I was really looking forward to continuing my journey there for high school. I enjoy all the extra activities that go on there. I worry that if I did go to another school that I will not be able to do things there after school as I would not be able to walk home on my own. I worry that me and my friendship group will be split as we may end up in different schools.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed plan jeopardizes the future of current students at the school, they may end up at schools with different GCSE exam boards etc etc. Sending children to schools that are further away increases carbon emissions greatly. It also harms the community as the school and its students are a fabulous addition raising money for a considerable number of charities. • Because the facilities for the school are worn and not up to date to the current standards the kids want but the gcse grades most children come out with is phenomenal when given the resources they get. • I think that this a stupid proposal. From what I understand, you are closing it because of numbers, announcing that you are probably going to close the school next year, isn't going to help with that at all, people won't move there because of that, and parents will be pulling their kids out of school to secure their place in a new school. • All of my friends are extremely happy with where they are and some other people in the school left which a great deal of sadness in the school. • Because there are lots of children in high school and people are coming up to GCSEs. People are getting stressed out because of this. • Because the school is not as bad as they make out
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1.6 Don't know Question 1

	Responses from parents / carers at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned for what will happen to the school and the school grounds. • This is messing us children around are taking our chance of the best education

1.7 RESPONSES Not stated to question 1

Massive concern of the closure of Almondbury High School!

As a parent of 2 children that attend Almondbury Community School I am very concerned that the closure of the school will have a massive impact on both of my children. My child who is in year 6 at the moment in time is doing extremely well at school with his work. I'm more worried about him as he finds it difficult to meet new people and talk to people. It took him a long time to interact with teachers and pupils but now he's more confident with speaking and asking for help of adults and has made some good friends and more confident in his self. If he is moved to another school I don't think he will thrive like he is now.

I have a child in year 7 at Almondbury High School. He has been diagnosed with ADHD 3 years ago also OCD and has autistic traits. Kids with ADHD do not like change like routines and consistency. Even though he is on medication in a morning and at dinner he can still have major outbursts at home, especially with his younger brother. As a parent of a child with mental health I certainly know the closure of the school will affect him massively in every way but will also affect home life for him and everybody in this house. I asked for help for my child when he was 2 but he was so young so couldn't do anything. When he started Almondbury Infants I could see his behaviour and his anger getting worse so I asked for help with the school nurse had a meeting with a lady who look out for children who have mental issues but was told no, he's ok. When he started the junior school the first day I spoke to a lady called X who my child still has a connection with now in the high school. She gives him his medication at 12:00 dinnertime. I expressed my concerns to her about his behaviour. Before he was actually diagnosed myself, my husband and my child who is in year 6 now we lived in fear for a good few years. Set fire to house. Smashed television. Smashed doors.

Physically assaulted his younger brother, black eyes, punched in face, kicking him and mentally hurt him. His brother is scared of him now and school noticed his behaviour at school was deteriorating

dramatically. Me and school worked together to help as much as we could but got to a point where no this boy needs help with his emotions, anxiety, concentration and mental health. Eventually we were through to CAMS who came to school and just wasn't listening to 15 people who was in that appointment. I really could not mentally and physically cope any more. I fought and fought and eventually got to see a specialist who said straight away why has this boy not been diagnosed earlier. Finally somebody believed us that he needs help in every way. He started his medication 3 years ago. It hasn't been easy over these last 3 years but now we have found the right dose for him me and school have seen a massive improvement at school. His attitude to learning is so different from year 6 to now going into high school. I believe he settled straight in to year 7 because he knows the school and the teachers and the kids. This is why Almondbury High should definitely stay open. Kids with mental health issues will not be able to deal with any change at all. And as a mum I do not want my child to go back to where he was years ago. Think before you act!

King James's School has 900 children at the school, some children under SENCO teacher. ACS has 50% of SENCO children there so 150 children will be sent there they will not get what they need if they go there.

Do what's right for the children! Almondbury schools are doing a great job but just think about the effect this will have on everybody!

1.8 RESPONSES from Chair Of Governors at Netherhall Learning Campus

Netherhall

Netherhall for many years has had unfilled spaces, however the current year 7 is full and there was already a waiting list for Sept 19's Year 7, now significantly increased since the public became aware of the consideration to close the secondary phase of Almondbury Community School.

Netherhall now has additional physical space following the relocation of Ethos PRU last year. Bids by Netherhall to increase its PAN have so far been rejected by the LA. We have understood the rationale for this given the number of unfilled places that have historically existed at Almondbury and Newsome, however, should the proposals go ahead the Governing Body would be willing to discuss with the LA the opportunity to increase the PAN at Netherhall from 131 to around 160, as this could enable both transitional and future arrangements.

What Netherhall can offer should Almondbury close.

In discussions thus far with the Local Authority, we have already indicated that with appropriate planning, Netherhall could potentially provide up to 60 additional places for additional pupils this September, over the Sept 19 year groups 7 to 9 (with no more than 30 per year group).

There is physical space to make other additional places available for example an additional 30 in year 10, BUT, that would require significant financial and transitional support to enable the physical space, the curriculum and additional management capacity should this be required. However, we would wish to make clear that this is offered in the spirit of supporting pupils and their families as part of transitional arrangements, in order to support the best outcomes for pupils. To this end, we would very much appreciate a way to work together with families, school leaders at Almondbury Community School, other local schools and the Local Authority to avoid pupil movement until the beginning of next academic year, so that this could be well planned and the transition managed well.

Staff.

As a Governing Body, we can fully appreciate that this will be an unsettling time for staff at Almondbury Community School. We could offer support by working with Almondbury Community School and the Local Authority in exploring opportunities for transitioning staff, in most curriculum areas to become long term

members of the Netherhall team. We would be prepared to be creative, for example by agreeing in advance for Almondbury staff to be recruited to a role at Netherhall at a future date, enabling them to continue to teach in the interim at Almondbury Community School or by recruiting staff at Netherhall in the near future with an agreement that they can be deployed at Almondbury Community School for the transitional period. We believe there could be opportunities for some staff to work in both locations during the transitional period, should the proposals go ahead.

PAA's (Catchment areas)

For Netherhall, in responding to the specific proposals about future Priority Admission Areas, we feel that there is a huge opportunity in including the areas marked as '4 and 5' on the Map in the consultation document (which are parts of the Primary Priority Admission Areas of Moldgreen Primary School and Dalton School respectively) into the existing Priority Admission Area of Netherhall High School alongside the other parts of the PAA's. This would be sensible to support families of pupils to have a priority for Netherhall High School, along with their peers. We feel that this would support future transitions, co-ordination and makes sense for those families.

Future Challenges.

Should the proposals be approved, we would like to ask the Decision Makers to consider the impact for integrating pupils into any new school. To enable such transitions to happen well, with minimum disruptions to those pupils, as well as existing pupils needs to be planned well and requires an investment of time between schools and families so that there is a positive experience and shared understanding about expectations in relation to curriculum, behaviour, ethos etc. This is why we have advocated that rather than pupil's 'drifting in' that we collectively work together to plan transitions well.

1.9 Response from pupil

I don't think ACS should be shut down, it was a great school until you decided to group the young children with the high school children. Doing this caused many parents to remove their children from the school. Almondbury High School had a great Ofsted report until this. Where do you expect me and the other children to go? King James's is to capacity, adding more children could be a health and safety issue. And Newsome is not an ideal school as it is also failing, why should we have to go to another failing school? Why not close Newsome? I, for one, will not attend Newsome as there has been a series of knife crime around the area and children who attend the school have been reported bringing sharp blades or knives into school. I would be worried for my safety. How would children be able to get to the school? From my house it would take an hour and ten minutes to walk. My parents won't be able to afford a bus there and back every day. And on dark winter nights I don't want to wander around the Newsome area, because as I said before it has a series of knife crimes. When it's dark it could be easy for someone with a weapon to sneak up on the children. I also have a close friend group at school, that hasn't changed since year 2, I don't want to have to go to a different school to them as I think I'll struggle to make new ones as I find it hard to talk to new people and am extremely shy towards anyone but close friends and family. Other close by schools, such as NLC, are also to capacity. I believe that ACS is a great school, I am doing exceptionally well there, I'm in top set for both maths and English, and my teachers have nothing bad to say about me. I have never received a detention nor a behaviour point. I have 300 house points and I'm in the STEM club. Many students work really hard in school and moving them could affect their grades due to the stress that comes with moving schools and leaving close friends behind. Children could get anxious, leading to anxiety or even depression, from leaving what they know behind. I agree that ACS isn't the best school, but destroying it is not the answer. Instead why not improve the school?

Not only will the closing affect the current high school children but the children in lower phases, especially year 6. If parents who were already planning to take their children to the high school, then they find out the school is closing, they will have to search for a new school, causing more stress for the children and parents. I am in year 7 and I'm 12 and I'm extremely worried I'll be all alone at a new school and I could even get bullied which won't help my self esteem and I won't be able to sleep at night. I have had many sleepless nights nervous and scared that I will have to leave ACS and say goodbye to my dearest friends. I have seen my parents stressed and worried for my safety and well being, I just want to stay at ACS, I've been there all my life and I'm not ready to leave. I'm not too great at directions and I'm fearful I will get lost walking to a new school in a new area.

My school has amazing teachers who are always trying their hardest to give me and other children the best education possible. All the staff have a passion for the school and children, who always ask children if they are okay and are always there to comfort us. I feel like I can trust all the staff at the school as they are some of the most honest and passionate people I know. Now that the staff have heard about the potential to close they might try to find new jobs. If they leave then the school will be left with unmotivated supply teachers who haven't got a passion for our education.

I have felt so much stress and anxiety, I won't be able to cope without friends. My cousin isn't very academic and has dyslexia, he won't be able to be accepted into King James's and he won't be able to walk all the way to Newsome as his mother can't afford the bus, especially with two new born babies to manage.

What about year 10s? They will be in year 11 when the school is going to close. Moving them at such a valuable point in their education will make their grades drop and they have a high chance of failing GCSEs. Year 11 is already a stressful year, but having to move to a different environment will affect their mental health and will be adding more stress to an already massive

mountain of anxiety, stress and worry.

I'm already extremely stressed and moving schools is just going to increase it. I want to continue my education at ACS, not any other school. Us children have been left in the dark, everyone is confused and constantly asking teachers if the school is closing or not. Teachers have also been left in the dark, they're all probably really scared of losing their jobs, they have families to feed too. I see so many students asking each other which school they're going to, and hoping they get in the same one as their friends.

I want ACS to stay to stay open, for the sake of my, and other childrens, education, mental health and well being. I have seen so many emotions expressed by my class mates, worry, fear, stress, nerve and sadness.

I feel school is judged due to the bad press. I want the school to be given improvements. I don't want the potential of an amazing school put to waste because of a few bad press reports. The school could become an excellent place if you just put in time and effort, and importantly have the passion to help the school, its staff and it's children. If you just put in the time, ACS could become the best school in the area.

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Q2) Do you support or oppose the proposals to change the planned admission number of the Almondbury Community School primary phase from 60 (Key Stage 1) and 110 (Key Stage 2) to 30 in both Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2 from September 2020?

2.1 RESPONSES Strongly support Question 2	
Strongly support	Responses from parents/carers at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This school is very bad, racist and it is very sexist and is needed to be helped put back on its feet
	Responses from member of staff at King James's School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If capacity is not needed
	Responses from parents/carers at Lowerhouses CE(VC) J I and EY School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required for the Almondbury area
	Responses from parents / carers at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Numbers and curriculum
Responses from Local resident	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Numbers fluctuate, at the moment they are low - what happens when the birthrate increases and there are insufficient places locally 	

2.2 RESPONSES Support Question 2	
Support	Responses from parents/carers at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are enough primary schools in the area to accommodate everyone. If this is what is needed to keep the school open, then I support this idea, as long as there are enough school places close by for the extra children that would normally attend ACS.
	Responses from parents/carers at King James's School
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smaller intake and consequently classes is always a good thing The primary aspect of the school appears to be doing well - this needs to be mirrored and used up through the secondary part of the school 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If it has to close then gradually reducing gives the surrounding schools chance to adapt over time. But ideally the school should stay open if at all possible and turn it around.
	Responses from parents/carers at Huddersfield Grammar School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The reputation of the school would suggest the reduced numbers would meet demand. **
	Responses from parents/carers at All Hallows' CE(VA) Primary School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It makes sense to continue using current facilities
	Responses from parents/carers at Lowerhouses CE(VC) J I and EY School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If this is what the pupil numbers support, then yes.
	Responses from parents/carers at Rowley Lane J I and N School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If reducing the number of primary places means the school meets the demand within the community then this is a good thing, allows the school to better plan and budget and consequently focus on the educational requirements of its pupils. To continue use of the current site/classrooms/facilities etc. Surrounding primary schools already at capacity. It certainly would be positive to keep the infant & junior schools running.
	Responses from member of Staff not stated which school
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The primary school do not have the pupil numbers to make a 2 form entry viable.
	Response from Local Resident
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More one to one for the children so better learning opportunities as the classes will be smaller. I doubt any other primary schools nearby have spaces. Current KS1 ACS is well worth staying open.

2.3 RESPONSES Neither support nor oppose Question 2	
Neither support nor oppose	Responses from parents/carers at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It depends on intake numbers - you could promote the school more My child is not in primary school so not sure how this will affect the situation I have concerns that this will not be adequate but this must be fully communicated to all prospective families as early as possible to enable them to plan.
	Responses from parents/carers at King James's School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don't know enough about these years Not my concern I'm not aware of how this differs from the current admission numbers. **
	Responses from parents/carers at Dalton School Junior Infant and Nursery
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> if you do this in order to put both key stage one and two in the smaller key stage one building to then close the big building, then the children starting reception September this year will go through 7 years at the community school. so I don't see why the children who starts in year 7 in September can't stay in Almondbury for the five years with in the seven years it will be open to the key stage 2 kids. no point in ruining the Education by picking them up out of one school and dumping them in another.
	Responses from parents/carers at Rowley Lane J I and N School
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not so sure about this as where will the surplus demand for primary places go? Most other primary schools are full and over subscribed. If there are plans to build so many new houses as part of the local plan (which we disagree with) they should at least be accompanied by provision for more primary school places, not less, before a single house has been built. 	
	Responses from staff at Almondbury Community School

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The nail in the coffin for this school has most definitely been the change in age range at All Hallows. They have instantly 'taken' 30 children away from this school and it was wrong this was allowed to happen when their were sufficient school places already in the area.
	Responses from other Ward Councillor
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the high school is closed then I can see this as a solution to keep the Greenside centre viable.

2.4 RESPONSES Oppose Question 2	
Oppose	Responses from parents / carers at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I think that there are more children in the area that would use their local catchment school if it were not for the poor handling of the merger. Parents in the area have taken their kids to other schools because of the controversy and the poor Ofsted reports. This does not mean that there are not enough children in the area to support the local school if it were brought up to standard and more effort were made to restore the damaged reputation of the school. I feel strongly that there should be a sizeable Junior School within the community that is appropriate to the size of the local population. Many children from Almondbury and the surrounding areas attend this school, the local area needs this school to support the children. Pushing children into already over-subscribed schools will only have a detrimental effect on their overall education. None of this is fair to any of the children. Whilst having a child currently in the primary provision, they will not, as yet, be affected by these changes because of the year group they are in. I do fully understand that the numbers of primary aged children is declining however again, I would suggest that this reduction is being done in rapid timescales and doesn't appear to consider the huge amount of development in the local area, as defined in the 'Local Plan'. I have to point out that actually some development has already begun in the Almondbury area and they are not small houses - an increase in children in the area is to be expected. Your moaning that the high school has low number pupils so why is this necessary? Lots of families will have to travel further to go to school due to this Just keep the school as it is put some money back in to school and get a head teacher in who can turn the school around don't say you can't because you can. Most key stage 1 and 2 pupils will live very close to the school, therefore travelling to and from school on foot either with parents, with friends or by themselves. Lowering the numbers here would cause children to travel further afield for their ks1 and 2 education causing logistical problems and worries for parents. Why can't it stay as it is other school managed to get grades up why can't we be given a chance
	Responses from parents / carers at King James's School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No space at neighbouring schools to accommodate. I question the number of places that would be available in the others primary schools, particularly with the new houses that are being built unnecessarily on green belt land. It will put more strain and stress on other schools and affect catchment areas ** My child attends king james and I don't feel it would be beneficial to take Almondbury school pupils in. It will affect behaviour and learning for my child at KJS. I am not aware of primary numbers apart from in my child's previous school but that was becoming overcrowded. Primary school class numbers are large and there is a shortage of teachers generally. Concerns would be based around these.
	Responses from parents / carers at Lowerhouses CE (VC) J I and EY School

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Because it's not fair on parents that don't have an equal chance for the school.
	Responses from parents / carers at Newsome High School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This does not take into account any future demographic changes to populations across the area.
	Responses from pupils at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be no jobs for valuable staff. It would be a good idea to keep the younger students.
	Responses from staff at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excellent facilities. Restrictions are opposed for growth within the Community. Looking at the number of pupils on role in KS1 and 2, there are significantly more pupils than the proposed 30. What will happen to those pupils who do not gain a place in Reception or move into the area whilst at primary age? For a small child travelling can be detrimental to their learning as they will be tired; they may struggle with building relationships with peers in school and at home due to their differing locations. If all 'local' primary schools are full, where will the child attend school? Perhaps if All Hallow's had not been allowed a KS2 phase in their school, ACS may not be in the situation it finds itself with falling numbers. There was a perfectly good junior school on Southfield Road, the Greenside Infant School could have transferred to there and I believe this school would have thrived. KS2 parents did not want their children mixing with KS3 and 4 students but the council did not listen.
	Responses from Local Resident
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Again where would the extra pupils go to? Leave the school as it is. Put more children. King James do not need prefabs when ACS has a perfectly good building. Put some good management in give it a chance to flourish. The school needs all years filled. Stop letting people send their kids out of the area. The primary school needs to be financially viable and a 30 place school is not as financially viable as a 2 form intake school. Additionally there are usually more than 30 children at Greenside so limiting it to 30 places with only 30 available at All Hallow's means there might not be sufficient places in Almondbury for primary age pupils. Concerns about employment for school staff and places for children in the future without having to travel - wider impact re emissions and vehicles.
	Responses from other
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing the capacity to exactly the number of pupils in one year does not meet the future needs of the area and allows for no increase. Through new housing etc

2.5 RESPONSES Strongly Oppose Question 2	
Strongly Oppose	Responses from parents/carers at Almondbury Community School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is a deliberate attempt to eventually close the School. I understand the option to reduce the pupil intake but this cut is drastic and not looking to the future of the additional housing proposed for the area. The majority of parent and children in Almondbury community need to stay together so they don't dirty the water at other schools. This school is needed by local people and this proposed closure will cause a lot of hardship and unnecessary travel.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think the school would be severely diminished without access to the high school facilities. Work on improving the image of the school and local people will send their children there again. • We need as many children as possible. • We live in the area, my daughter has just started nursery there. She is happy and I want her to continue through the school. Limiting number is not fair and may affect her education. • Why build classrooms on greenbelt at kjs when plenty of room at acs with excellent facilities ie swimming pool, sports hall, gymnasium science labs. Make acs middle school and kjs yr 9-11. Instead of cramming over 1000 pupils in school which is too small and probably will become a safety hazard. Also bear in mind new houses being built in kjs catchment area. Give all our kids the education they deserve. Acs is an excellent building with good playing areas. • Make something of it instead of spoiling the green belt. • There would be no need for any change if All Hallows' had not been granted junior school status by yourselves again I feel there is another agenda behind these consultations as the low numbers at A.C.S has been created by the actions of our so called elected cabinet. • I don't agree with any of it, it all needs to be left as it is. • The school works very well as it is now. The whole school is in the heart of the community. I feel that if it is closed down it will have an unhealthy impact on the community. • Mums with kids in Almondbury will have to look for other schools as there won't be enough places for all the kids • I moved my son from All Hallows to Almondbury in September 2018. He is thriving at Almondbury and has gone from mid - low ability to mid-high. He is surrounded by friends and amazing staff. Not only will reducing admissions affect the number of children per year group, but also the staff and the quality of teaching. Each year will have 1 teacher and 1 ETA and I worry we will lose the fabulous staff we have through the worry that all this will cause. • Children are already applying for alternative schools due to uncertainty. Parents do not need this again after facing it 4 years ago. We still have well over 30 admissions each year so why reduce it if the need is there?? • I feel that this is just a way of slowly dwindling numbers down and then the same problem will be around numbers causing disruption for the children despite the disruption 4 years ago for the all through school. • It's just doesn't make sense! • If the numbers are reduced to these levels then it is sounding the death knell for key stage 1 and 2 at ACS. • Why create a through school if the high school part is removed this was created in the promise that the children will make a smooth transition from infants through to high school if more time was given to turn the negatives into positives more children would place their children in this school. And why give permission to create a junior school just up the road when the through school was created • The amount of children that live so close to this school would then have to travel all these children including my own that walk would have to be driven why should children travel when there's a school on their door step • I also have a 2year old child whom I would like to attend this school when starting reception in 2020 however the admissions will only be 30 so worry my child will not get a place. • This is a community School in the heart of the community. Why send our children further away? • Simply not enough • There are fare two many children in Almondbury to do this.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are far too many children in Almondbury for this to happen. • Because the school needs to grow in numbers not decrease. • I believe that the children at ACS should be able to continue their education until they finish year 11 - for example, let the children who will be in years 8-11 in the year 2020 continue until they leave, it would be beneficial to everyone to have continuity in a school that teaches well. • This is based on demand for an unsupported, weakened school. Restore the good reputation and more parents will understand the benefits of the amazing facilities a through school can offer juniors. • If ACS reduces primary intake from 60 to 30 will that be adequate? • This school needs to remain with the current admission numbers to be able to meet the needs of the children. I travel from Birkby to ensure that my son has a education and the correct support to engage him for him to be able to reach his academic potential. His twin sister also attends the school and she is working at greater depth levels of the curriculum. I am also proud to have been able to recommend to parents that I know how amazing the school is with children with SEND and as a result of this a child has recently transferred to Almondbury Community School that lives in Scissett. An other consideration is that some children are not academic and are more suited to a vocational, sports, music and art environment. I believe that there should be different types of schools for the different strengths of the children, the current provision in Almondbury is an example of that. • I also feel that the Local Authority has not been open and transparent. There are other factors at play here, in this case that All Hallows has been granted planning permission to extend the school from infants only to include junior provision. The Local Authority knew that this would have a direct impact on the numbers of children on roll at the junior school ages at Almondbury Community School. As prior to this children leaving infants at All Hallows fed into Almondbury Community School. I feel that the Local Authority has much to gain by reducing the numbers on roll at Almondbury Community School as it could move the school to one campus (Greenside) and then sell off the remaining site for building land. The Local Authority is regularly reporting budget shortfalls and is selling off assets at record speed. • I do not want my sons education disrupted and there are travel difficulties if they have to move schools. • Just leave us as we are you are affecting a lot of kids with all this. • Why would you want to reduce these also, I can't see any benefit unless you plan to close the whole school, this is an excellent school if given half a chance that it used to have, like a decent budget for the teaching staff to use where they know it is needed and not being told how to use it by outsiders who have no attachment to the area and have no personal investment in the children and school • Because that will mean the secondary school ACS closure. • If this was to happen a lot of the building would be left empty but would still require upkeep and maintenance. • I believe the reduction in numbers is simply to use only the Greenside building as it now stands. I have serious concerns that without capital expenditure, the size of the building/site will not be adequate. I do not believe that all students up to year 6 should be crammed into the same building, using the same facilities. Instead, there should be a separate KS2 building/area. ** • Won't work. • Council will live to regret this if they do • This feeds into the failing mantra which is being published and continues the cycle of doing less. And does given the secondary school a foundation on which to improve it's intake.**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This would be a precursor to future closure. It does not support longer term development needs • Why? This feels a short term response which may add weight to future closure. Stick to limits on other schools rather than allow to expand. Just pushing the problem around the system, • Having 2 children at different ages means. If our youngest doesn't get a place then we have to move them both, AS ONE WILL BE LATE EVERYDAY We already have 1 at greenside. If our youngest doesn't get a place there it Will be chaos and unsettling for the children. As we couldn't be in 2 places at once. • This should not be an option ACS should be made to work and becoming a positive school with good capacity of pupils. • The school should stay open - not reduce numbers! • Get interest in the school again as mentioned above and bring it back up to where it should be. • Again, improve the level of teaching standards and parents will want their children to go there. Don't reduce the numbers, just make the school more appealing. • I feel the school is an imported part of the community, these figures feel ridiculously low, families and friends will be separated and have to fight for a local school in the area, surely the area and catchment area demands more. Families depend on others for school drop offs and pick ups, this will cause great tensions if children are spread between different schools.
	<p>Responses from parents/carers at All Hallows' Primary School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing number will impact on other local primaries who may not have infrastructure /resources to increase will also increase their class sizes which strongly against to meet needs of individual children, again if applicant are low consider why and work on that not just transfer to others. • This would seem inefficient use of resources, facilities, estate etc. What will happen to the rest of the school which will be underutilised?
	<p>Responses from parents/carers at King James's School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think it would be less disruptive and costly to the children of Kirklees to do three things: 1/. Change the name 2/. Replace some staff where necessary 3/. spend some money on the building fabric rather than move students into already overcrowded local schools • There is not sufficient space at king James to absorb the additional students. • The children need good teachers with good leadership to achieve their best outcomes. Class sizes & forcing children to leave the school is not in their best interests. Put the school into special measures, get good leadership in place quickly & support the school to turn itself around. • Moving pupils to other schools will simply put those other schools & their pupils to a disadvantage. Class sizes would be forced to increase & the pastoral team won't be able to deliver to all children needing them. • Finally, with the significant house building in the area, we need schools open not closed! To close this school would cause many more issues than keeping it open & supporting them. House building in the area needs schools not less. ** • Very limited amount of time to make necessary adjustments. Had I if realised the 2 schools merging as such I would of reconsidered my child's application to King James. ** • Almondbury Community School has the facilities and space to take the higher number of children. • Why reduce the size? Need to help this school to grow and become successful. The children deserve a better start in life and a good school at the heart of the community. **

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surrounding schools do not have the capacity to take the children and maintain their current standard of teaching. In addition, planning permission has been granted for a large development within the area and this will compound the issue. • These school places are needed. • The change to these numbers is just going to impact on other schools. ** • I think the school has the ability and size to allow growth in numbers and not reduction • The school has the facilities and size to accommodate more children not less. • Where will these children go? I am aware that KS 2 classes can accommodate a few more children than KS 1, but not that many more! ** • Encourage more numbers, create a positive learning experience and nurture the children from an early age and maybe the impact overtime will be evident in the high school age children. This has been a short lived journey for the school, it hasn't been given a chance. You cannot just give up on a school based on an ofsted. You re-build and make a school to be proud of where a positive reputation grows so do the numbers of children attending. • As above-the class numbers cannot be reduced as the demand is there for the admission to the school. At our local Primary school we have 34 children in one class! Where will all the KS1 and KS2 children go when there is no space at the other local Primary schools? • Too many staff not enough children it's not fair to disrupt all the children again having to move buildings or changing the school routine! • Children want to go to their local / catchment school. Lowering the admission will cause other already over subscribed schools to suffer. • Again fix the school, don't close it! • The school has only in recent years been updated and it is a waste of money to not use it. • As answered above there would be no need to reduce the numbers if proper support was in place to make it a school that all those in catchment want to go to. • With all the changes of placements I would urge Kirklees to listen to those who are living the results of years of poor decision making. Moving students into established year groups can cause many difficulties which would need to be planned and supported well. It would need involvement of education psychologists and other professionals to properly support school and students in this move.
	<p>Responses from parents/carers at Lepton CE(VC) J I and N School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Again we need school places in this area to support the planned housing development.
	<p>Responses from parents/carers at Kirkburton CE(VA) First School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It seems to be a very short timescale to make such a dramatic change to the PAN. ** • Children want to go to their own local / catchment school. There are a lack of schools already in the area, other schools will suffer if this goes ahead.
	<p>Responses from parents/carers at Newsome High School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is taking High School education away from Almondbury School, which the building is too good just to be knocked down for more housing. I went to Almondbury High School when I was younger and it wasn't a bad school then. The right teachers and tighter behaviour policies in place - if the education authority gave them the right funding, would help to turn things around. • It should stay as it is one whole school.
	<p>Responses from parents/carers at Rawthorpe Junior School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where would all the additional children go??
	<p>Responses from parents/carers at Rowley Lane J I & N School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently my children attend one of the other local primary schools. Recently there has been an increase in the amount of children coming from the Almondbury area to that school and it has been noted by staff and parents that this has caused a decline in the good

	<p>behaviour choices at that school. This would only get worse with the decrease in class sizes at Almondbury.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where are all these children that normally be accepted be moving to. This will cause even larger class sizes in surrounding primary school when they are already to big in the first place.
	<p>Responses from Staff at Almondbury Community School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will cause problems for families who would want to have their child at KS1 but find the school admissions are full but have a child already in KS2 • With home building on the rise in the area I am concerned there will be future pressure on remaining school places driving down standards. To say 100 new homes will average only 2 pupils seems remarkably under stated. I would like to see the evidence that assertion is based on. • Our school has been significantly hindered by the changes to All Hallows School, which happened after we became all through. How was this ever going to support pupil numbers? Our community school are being significantly affected by the decisions and actions of others. There is some very good practice happening here which should be developed, not restricted. • There are too many staff and pupils to accommodate elsewhere with success. • Morale in the school is affecting the wellbeing of all pupils and staff. • 'Shaking the tree' to see who can be moved is a divisive and cruel tactic. • There are lots of housing construction in the nearby area, and plots of land (Kirklees owned) are currently being auctioned off, which may end up being built upon. Schools in the area may become stretched • How can you think it is acceptable to reduce the number of places within Almondbury Community School, when there are proposals to build so many new properties within the area. Where are these children going to go to school? • Would building work take place at Greenside to make it suitable for the juniors?? • Almondbury Community school supports the families in the community. Young children should not have to travel out of area to go to school. • Again, this doesn't factor in the people who work for the school and have done so for many years. • King James is already over subscribed and it is difficult to effectively teach the high numbers of children at the school. • This is a significant reduction which does not appear to meet the needs of the local community • I am concerned whether restricting the numbers in each category makes this school financially unstainable and the long term position would be to close this phase of the school. • By lowering the number is not a solution because if this primary section is open for community then it should be able to provide places anyone in the area, if places are restricted then parents have no choice to move to other areas. • There will not be sufficient places. There is usually over 30 per year group. • To maintain the future of the whole school admissions should be allowed for at least 2 classes in KS 1 and 2 to then feed into Key stage 3 and 4. • See more general comments in the above section. <p>Responses from Pupils at Almondbury Community School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We want the school to stay as it is and need our own school in the community. • The only school I want to go to is Almondbury it can change and it will change just give us the chance. • If it goes ahead it needs to be done quicker.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School places are already difficult to come by, where will children go if not there. • It doesn't use enough space for the size of the school. • Because I go there, I love the school and don't want to move. You would also be putting lots of teachers out of a job. • If only 30 people are in a phase, this would lead to classes being barren of students leading to people being made to answer questions which may push them out of their comfort zone. • If they say no to people who need to join they can't say it because if more houses are made where are the children gonna go. • If more houses are built more school places will be needed.
	<p>Response from Local Residents</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are allowing no future provision for the Local Plan housing scheme. • It will cause more danger to younger children if they have to make their own way to a school further away. • Parent's comments have shown that numbers dropped at ks2 due to combined ks2/3/4 site. If this is changed there is no need to reduce the intake and limit the school to have lower numbers then it can currently attract. Why throttle the school PAN?! • This will drastically reduce the choice for parents in the local area and make the school significantly smaller than any other in the area. • It's very inconvenient for hundreds of children to find new schools, you say you're providing places for everybody to go but I'm sure pretty much all of them would prefer to stay at their own school. Maybe if you put some more time and effort into the school instead of closing it down, it would be a bit better and more convenient for you and them. • Once again, children and families in this community are paying the price for decisions taken elsewhere - I'm guessing that a contributing factor is the recent addition of Key Stage 2 too he school at Longcroft. I also suspect that the proposal to reduce the size of this part of the community school stems from the need to consolidate it on one site (Greenside), facilitating the closure of the high school section and making it more likely to be attractive to potential academy sponsors.
	<p>Response from Other</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many students will have to move or leave to schools that just don't have space for them. • There are more than 30 admitted each year currently so what will happen to the other 20 or so. • Almondbury Community School is a school that welcomes everyone. • The local area is too big and there will not be enough school places in Almondbury which will put pressure on other local schools. ** • If proposals were put in place to reduce the number of admissions a lot of the building will be vacant but will still need maintaining and security to ensure not damaged or vandalised. Less admissions will also mean less staff which means a lot of current staff will face redundancy and the prospect of finding new positions. ** • Why was this not considered when All Hallows increased its age range? • As above no changes • Because if the Secondary provision remained open, then these children could feed into the Secondary provision • Reducing the published admission numbers (PAN) in the primary phase would lead to an unviable secondary phase and is an unnecessary reduction given the numbers in the area and the need for a good local school. • There should be sufficient places for all children in the community and surrounding areas to attend their local primary school if they so wish. Reducing admission numbers will compromise the children's education - reduced teachers and resources, reduced on site facilities.

2.6 RESPONSES Don't Know Question 2	
Don't Know	Responses from parents/carers at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How would this affect my child who will move from key stage 1 to key stage 2 after this date? Does this mean we would have to apply for her to remain at ACS and potentially move her should her application be unsuccessful? • Why lower the numbers, where will they go? ** • It depends on intake numbers - you could promote the school more. • On the one hand if people couldn't get in as the number would be reduced they would have to travel to further schools which isn't great at all. • The longer term view (greater than 3 years) is not shown. Whilst current local primary/junior schools plus the proposed change to ACS should mean there are enough places in the short term, it is not clear if this is sustainable. • This won't have any impact for my children. • I haven't been in KS1 or KS2 so I think from my view that it is all good there and there is no need.
	Responses from other not stated
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Without access to relevant statistics and anticipated student numbers, this is difficult to comment on. Surely the facility has a maximum capacity, and should be reviewed annually, and staffed appropriately (by adding or removing staff each year), in response to community need. Perhaps attendance priorities need to be adjusted to assist with predicting anticipated numbers. Priority going to those currently living in the school zone. Note the word 'currently' (as opposed to the 'once you're in, you're in' method used at present).

Q3) Do you support or oppose the proposals for King James’s School to change their catchment area (PAA) to include the primary admission areas of Area 1, Almondbury Community School and Area 2, All Hallows CE (VA) Primary School?

3.1 RESPONSES Strongly Support Question 3	
Strongly Support	Responses from parents/carers at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because King James's school is close to Area 1 and 2. • I believe students should be able to attend their local school. Should ACS secondary phase close, Almondbury residents should not have to travel to other areas when there is a high school in their village.
	Response from Pupil at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most pupil will want to go kjs.
	Response from staff at Almondbury Community School
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almondbury is so close. 	

3.2 RESPONSES Support Question 3	
Support	Responses from parents/carers at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I want my children to go to King James I think it is an excellent school. • I would be happy with this as it would put my child into the King James catchment area. • The school needs to make their canteen bigger as there are too many children and not enough room. Perhaps split lunch times and have two sittings. **
	Responses from parents/carers at All Hallows’ CE(VA) Primary School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, expand slightly, but not if this leads to closure of Almondbury Community School.
	Responses from parents/carers at King James's School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes as these schools are actually closer to King James’s than current catchment area schools. However, KJS catchment should also change so that Almondbury includes other areas. **
	Responses from member of staff not stated
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where else would be pupils go if the KJS catchment area was not changed to include ACS 	

3.3 RESPONSES Neither support nor oppose Question 3	
Neither support nor oppose	Responses from parents/carers at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be honest this school needs work to • Where there is a change in catchment area the pupils from these schools already go to kjs. • I don’t see that this will be possible as there will be more than the extension can hold that would need places within the new catchment area. There are already 80 children on the waiting list at KJS therefore even 70 of the children would get places however what about the remainder of children approx. 230?? • King James doesn’t have the dining space or corridor space I see there’s plans for extra classrooms but what about these important things why cram a school up! • However if this is implemented then it would reduce the ACS intake even further. which again doesn't allow ACS to escape the vicious circle.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Their catchment area is absurd as it stands. When my daughter can walk there but currently most children are bussed or driven by car. Not a sustainable solution for the location. I disagree with the market led approach to schooling. • Again. This is just exacerbating the problem by shifting pupils around the system by changing catchment areas. • The school should stay open! • If my daughter was not at Almondbury then it would be King James not Newsome! • I don't agree with closing ACS but if my child had to go somewhere else then I would want it to be King James's.
	Responses from staff at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In my opinion students should be able to attend their local and nearest school within the community in which they live. Priority should be given to those that live nearest (along with other appropriate criteria such as SEN / siblings)
	Responses from staff at King James's School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It depends on the knock on King James - what additional accommodation will be provided.
	Responses from pupil at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not my catchment area.
	Responses from other Ward Councillor
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am a locally elected Councillor and while I do not support the closure of Almondbury CS Secondary provision, I also represent all pupils and children in the Ward so must also consider the situation for King James School too. **

3.4 RESPONSES Oppose Question 3

Oppose	Responses from parents/carers at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • King James school made it very clear that they were already at capacity and considered themselves an oversubscribed school without taking this additional catchment area into their consideration. The school is struggling with current numbers now and the proposal to create only 30 additional spaces is not addressing the numbers involved at ACS. • If the proposals go forward it does make sense that Almondbury children should be in the priority area for the remaining school in Almondbury village. If it is changed though then it should include all of the Almondbury children or at least the current children so that they can all attend their nearest school together if they wish. My daughter's remaining best friend at ACS would be in the King James PAA and we are in Newsome's. • Many parents in the current PAA for KJS do not send their children there as there are closer, better performing schools available to choose from, so as KJS is unable to fill its places from the PAA, very many Almondbury kids are already able to take up places there and this of course has exacerbated the problems affecting ACS. • Basing the admission area on the primary admission area does not take account of the distance that children actually live from the High Schools. We are much closer to both King James and Nether Hall. • Building on the green belt. • Catchment areas may have to change and will be beneficial for the local children.
	Responses from parents/carers at King James's School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No space at neighbouring schools to accommodate • Due to the future number of places needed for the current catchment area due to significant house building in the area.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please refer to my earlier response. ACS should be successful with the right leadership and management.
	Responses from parents/carers at All Hallows' CE(VA) Primary School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Just a way to allow class sizes to increase and reduce support potential for children and families. Not completely opposed if still have good capacity at ACS.
	Responses from parents/carers at Newsome High School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Again too many children will not be able to be accommodated at King James school, due to the nature of the school and its location. It couldn't even accommodate my son, who has Cerebral Palsy and who attended a local Junior School with his physical needs. They are struggling with the numbers of children now! **
	Responses from member of staff at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school is already full. Where will the extra pupils be taught?
	Responses from Local Residents
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School is already full. Proceeding on the basis of you closing ACS, then the catchment would have to change - it would therefore HAVE to include ACS however, it should be REDUCED appropriately to ensure ACS catchment has PRIORITY. No room physically for children to attend

3.5 RESPONSES Strongly Oppose Question 3	
Strongly Oppose	<p>Responses from parents/carers at Almondbury Community School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> They are already at capacity their building and grounds are not sufficient. Why are we spending tax payer's money on this School? Almondbury is a through School why not invest money into this School it is in the heart of the community it has a community sports hall and a pool, why not transfer pupils from Newsome which is deemed an inadequate School to Almondbury ? Once again I believe it is a deliberate attempt to get rid of Almondbury Community School due to the bad publicity over two boys fighting. King James School is full. The school already has a waiting list and when a full Ofsted report is carried out on this school, it will require improvement as well. King James is already oversubscribed, and has its own behavioural issues. More pupils squashed into the school will have a detrimental effect on teachers and pupils alike. Not if it means increasing the numbers at KJS People are happy with the school and how the catchment areas work. Changing this will mean longer travel for children. Children born in the catchment area of A.C.S so attend said school and not be allowed attend king James then the school numbers would rise there is enough kids in the catchment to save our school. Not at all just leave us alone and leave things as they are A lot of parents from Lepton and Kirkheaton use kjs if Almondbury becomes priority these areas will be forced to other areas like Shelley which is full and with new houses been built in Shelley and Kirkheaton children will struggle to get a high school place.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now King James is responsible for 6 schools? How can they cope? How can quality teaching be delivered in classrooms fill to the brim? Already children have nowhere to eat on a lunch. Many eat stood up outside. Many have to take packed lunches as the catering staff cannot feed all the children on role currently. Our children will be like chickens in a coop. It is a ridiculous idea and one that doesn't seem to be supported by anyone other than the local authority. If you are taking Almondbury out of the equation where else can they go? King James will already be a feeder for 6 other schools!! It leaves no option! Newsome is too far for these children to walk to. Think about them in winter months • KJS already takes admissions from all other schools in Lepton, Grange Moor, Kirkheaton and other wider areas. • All Hallows CE was always the feeder school for Southfield Junior, so when the merger to ACS was done it should have remained the same. However when All Hallows changed to a combined primary, they suddenly became the feeder school for KJS, thus cutting off around 90% of the admissions to KS2 at ACS. If All Hallows was to remain the feeder school for ACS, even at KS3, as opposed to KJS then admission shortages at ACS would not be an issue. • The children that are in the catchment areas now Lepton and Flockton and so on moved to them areas so there children would be guaranteed a place at kjs why should they suffer just because you are not willing to give the help acs needs to turn its self around and become a great school with the right leadership in place and help and support. • If the school is to close King James will be the closest school to travel to so we should get priority for admissions. • King James is oversubscribed. Almondbury children will be considered as second class citizens. There is animosity already on behalf of some parents saying Almondbury High School Children are not welcome. • It is short of space as it is. • King James school is struggling with just Lepton and Kirkheaton • This school needs help to reach its full potential, not the easy way out • It is not fair for Almondbury children to have to travel so far. This school needs fighting for not closing. • King James is already over subscribed. • It would HAVE to happen if ACS high school provision closes but not by increasing pupil numbers. The KJS site cannot support any more. Building new classrooms is not enough. The communal spaces, corridors, etc cannot cope. You would need to move some children to Honley or Shelley schools to make space. • If King James wants to expand consider the ACS partnership suggestion and sharing facilities. The schools are close enough. • As mentioned above, I feel that this should be a parental choice based on the individual child's strengths. Other factors to be taken into account are the accessibility of the school for parents and children (i.e walking distance). Again I feel the Local Authority has lacked transparency. Granting permission to extend King James's and increase the children on roll, will have a direct impact on the children of secondary school age entering Almondbury Community School. King James is also an academy, so not under direct control of the Local Authority. Which allows the Local Authority to escape its accountability. Kirklees Council needs to be accountable for failing to support Almondbury Community School and not to consider other options available, such as widening the catchment area for Almondbury Community School to increase the numbers on roll. • This will have on a knock on effect for years to come. • All I say is leave us alone.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The already well established school should be supported in growth and funding and backed by our local council and encouraged and appreciated, why throw away the perfectly good school which is central to our communities and those of us who actually live here. • Because that will mean the secondary school ACS closure. • King James school is already at capacity so money would have to be spent on this school to extend the building. The money used could be put towards ensuring the future of Almondbury Community School including current teachers and staff that are already well established at the school. My child is settled at A C S and is doing well so any moves could be unsettling especially as options are coming up soon. • Too many students at an already overcrowded school. • Will make an already overcrowded school even more over crowded. • This should not be an option ACS should be made to work and becoming a positive school with good capacity of pupils.
	<p>Responses from parents/carers at King James's School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think it would be less disruptive and costly to the children of Kirklees to do three things: 1/. Change the name 2/. Replace some staff where necessary 3/. spend some money on the building fabric rather than move students into already overcrowded local schools. • King James just do not and cannot create sufficient capacity for additional students. The school is already oversubscribed and severely lacking in space for the current number of students. There is currently insufficient space for children to eat in the dining room with many children having to eat outside regardless of the weather. These issues will only increase with additional students. • There is absolutely no detail provided in this consultation document as to how it is proposed King James will be able to take any additional students. Therefore how can this be a meaningful consultation?? I have a son who is currently at King James's and a daughter at Rowley Lane. I myself attended King James's and know that it will not cope with any more pupils safely. Narrow corridors and lots of stairs would make movement from class to class even harder than it is now. I would question safety in an emergency if pupils had to vacate quickly. The school cannot cope at lunchtimes with many pupils having to take packed lunches and having to eat in corridors or classrooms. How can the dining hall cope with more students? There are already pre-fabricated buildings which are not a long term solution to not having enough classrooms. Would this proposal mean more of these? As stated previously this is not a long term solution. Where would these go? King James's is a very academic school. Is this the right place for some of these pupils? Do King James's offer sufficient vocational qualifications? I question if the strict uniform and behaviour policy (a good thing in my opinion) of king James's would cause issues for some of the pupils and parents are Almondbury. And why should King James's lower their standard? ** • The catchment area is large enough. There are other schools in the local area more accessible. ** • King James is a great school with a long waiting list for places it is very disciplined and well supported by parents why would you want to jeopardise this? • Ridiculous decision for the reasons stated previously. Correct the problems at the community school instead of passing them on to KJS. • King James's School is highly oversubscribed. Changing the catchment area is only going to make the school even more crowded and any future building plans to accommodate the higher intake of pupils will not increase the size of the narrow corridors - which are probably only just meeting current Health & Safety requirements.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surrounding schools do not have the capacity to take the children and maintain their current standard of teaching. In addition, planning permission has been granted for a large development within the area and this will compound the issue. • King James is bursting at the seams already!! It's an old building that has already reached capacity. Kids can't get in the lunch hall and they would rather walk that squeeze on the overcrowded buses. • King James catchment area is area a big enough catchment area and it should not be changed as it's not fair for children who specifically go to the primary schools that are in King James pyramid and then they may not get a place at King James. ** • The extra numbers is just going to cause more problems the school is full as it is, adding a few porta cabins isn't going to solve the problem. Corridors in the school are already too narrow for kids that go, never mind an increase in numbers. My child says it's practically impossible to get a school lunch as it is, unless you're in the que straight away as there are that many people waiting. There will be disruption with rivalry between new and old kids as there has always been between the two schools but now your planning on putting the kids together in the same school. This is going to be a nightmare for teachers and will distract kids from learning. on a personal note we had a place for our daughter at Kirkburton due to where we were living at the time, however we moved house so she could carry on to high school with her friends from Rowley lane. we also thought that King James was a good school. Had we known something like this was on the cards i would not have chosen King James. I am even more furious that this is being announced now as i have another daughter who will be starting King James in sept 2020. If i had known of these changes earlier i would have applied for her to attend Kirkburton middle but the application process is now closed for next year. (But i guess this was known when they chose to announce the proposal when they did!!!) ** • Kjs would suffer. The corridors are currently too small for pupil numbers. Would be health and safety issue as well as behaviour etc. • King James School is a listed building and is already at full capacity and any building work will not fit to the period property, so monies would be better spent on Almondbury community school instead. • King James's school is a listed building and would not accommodate any building changes. • King James's is bursting at the seams! They simply don't have the room. The Headteacher had already applied to extend the school with the catchment area as it is. Surely that, and the long waiting list, indicates how full the school is before you add the extra students from Almondbury. King James's is an old school which simply wasn't built to accommodate all these pupils. The corridors and staircases are narrow and difficult to get through. With the extra students, how will this be safe during an emergency evacuation? The dining hall cannot cope currently, with students having to eat packed lunches in corridors or classrooms. Again, how would it cope with the extra students? I feel the impact on the education of our children is at stake. We moved to the area because of the schools. King James in particular has a reputation for it's strict behaviour and uniform policies which we totally agree with. I question whether some of the parents whose children currently go to Almondbury would support these policies and I don't think King James's should be made to lower their exemplary high standards. ** • King James' catchment area is big enough the class sizes are big enough the school is a very good one leave well alone! • King James is currently packed to capacity - not enough room for the current number of children, why would you add more..... a H&S risk! There is nowhere near sufficient room in the dining areas currently, with children sitting outside to each packed lunches in below zero temperatures. They only have the option of having packed lunches as there
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	<p>is insufficient room to be served in such a short lunchtime with a warm meal, let alone eat it inside!.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The local area is already very gridlocked before and after school - more children means more traffic. • I do not think the impact of these changes have been thought through at all. The council have recently approved a large number of houses to be built in the Lepton area. The estimated number of pupils per hundred houses built is ludicrous. I would suggest researching how many high school children alone live on the current Fenay Bridge park estate then multiply that number given the number of houses proposed to be built The Headteacher has recently said that King James school have submitted planning permission for additional classrooms. This was not done following the Almondbury proposals it was done to meet the already high demand for places and to give them spare classrooms, which they currently do not have. Closing Almondbury Community School for high school children will just put an additional strain on King James. I would suggest the people who are in agreement with the closures, go to visit King James school and stand in a corridor or on a stairwell when the bell rings to change lessons. Then tell the panel where they expect more students to go? Creating more classrooms is not the answer as the corridors and current dining space are already dangerously full. I would question whether the health and safety of the children is being put at risk by increasing the number of places. • Increasing King James priority admission area will also affect the current schools in the paa because when the school has too many children applying it will be judged on distance to the school so then where do those children go? • For the Sept 2019 intake there is a huge waiting list for King James and that is before the paa grows. Parental choice will not play a part if this proposal goes ahead because in area children will not even be allocated places. • My son is currently at King James and there is no capacity for the children already there-let alone more. The hallways throughout the entire school are too narrow not allowing children to pass safely. He has yet to have a hot school lunch this year as there are too many pupils queuing for lunch. I don't understand how more children could attend without it being a Health and Safety issue for all pupils. He has fallen down the stairs twice and his foot still hasn't healed-this was due to lesson changes and the rush of children passing on the stairs. If the catchment area changes what happens to children that will no longer be in the catchment area? Which school would they attend? • I have a daughter In year 5 at Kirkheaton primary and I worry about the catchments being changed so she won't get her place at KJS. • It is not possible to support this amendment to King James's PAA without supporting the removal of the secondary phase of ACS. I do not support the proposed changes at ACS, therefore cannot support the proposed amendment to King James's school PAA. • King James is a good school but already over subscribed. These changes will affect the school massively - corridors, dining areas etc will be over crowded. The high standards could also drop with more pupils per lesson. • King James is a massively oversubscribed school. It is already nigh on impossible to attain a place at this school. The other worry is for parents with younger siblings who will now be disadvantaged and possible face the nightmare prospect of managing siblings attending different schools along with the impact this will have on the siblings themselves. • This process MUST NOT impact siblings looking to join their family members at King James. • King James does not have room, it already has a waiting list.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our children are in the current catchment area for King James's School (we live in Kirkheaton) and changing or increasing the catchment area will mean that our children will no longer be guaranteed a place at King James' School. We are not sure what this will mean for our children as this is not outlined at all in your proposal document. • Although this point has not been made clearly in your proposal documents, we believe that your proposal to change the catchment area for King James's School will severely affect our children's options for a high school place. • We have real concerns about the health, safety and well being of our children already at King James's once children from Almondbury Community School are included within the catchment area - given the recent reports in the media and the most recent Ofsted report regarding the behaviour of children at Almondbury Community School.** • King James's School has a catchment area for children in villages where there is no high school provision (Kirkheaton, Lepton and Grange Moor). Changing the catchment area will mean that children in those villages will no longer be guaranteed a place at a dedicated high school and could be forced to attend, and have to travel to, other schools in Kirklees. King James's will effectively become the high school for Almondbury children. • Because your proposals do affect the high school provision for children in these villages, we do not believe that parents of children living in Kirkheaton, Lepton and Grange Moor have been properly consulted on you proposed changes to the catchment area for King James's School. We do not think that the position facing the parents of children in these villages has been properly explained in your proposal document. These parents have therefore been denied a chance to comment on these proposals which directly affect the high school provision for their children. • Almondbury High School is a failing school. King James's is a Good/Outstanding school. This is due to the calibre of children currently attending these schools respectively (See Ofsted reports). The standard of King James's School will inevitably be brought down by your proposals meaning that the standard of education for all children at this school will be seriously compromised. • We also have serious concerns about the safety and well being of our children at King James's school if it were to be opened up to the children from Almondbury Community School - please see Ofsted Report and recent reports in the media about bullying and behaviour of children at Almondbury Community School.**
	<p>Responses from parents/carers at Lepton CE(VC) J I and N School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Again, there is not enough space at king james. The building was not designed for this capacity.
	<p>Responses from parents/carers at Rawthorpe Junior School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As far as I'm aware this is the only secondary school in the current catchment area. How would extending the catchment area help? Surely this would mean less places for children already living within the catchment area.
	<p>Responses from parents/carers at Rowley Lane J I and N School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Again for reasons previously stated. The behaviour in the school would severely decline. This doesn't solve a problem, it only creates a bigger one!
	<p>Responses from parents/carers at Huddersfield Grammar School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The inclusion of Longley Road in the PAA would mean residents would not have a 40 minute walk to Newsome High, some of it on dangerous roads.**
	<p>Responses from parents/carers at Kirkheaton Primary School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current catchment areas may struggle to get places, where siblings already attend. The school is already over subscribed, the high standards may drop due to higher numbers. The school is not big enough to cope, corridors and dining rooms etc.

	<p>Responses from parents/carers at Rowley Lane J I and N School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Again for reasons previously stated. The behaviour in the school would severely decline. This doesn't solve a problem, it only creates a bigger one! • 1. As above in question 1 I believe this will first off have a negative impact on the children attending Almondbury and it will be very disruptive when so many will be beginning of in midst of GCSE • Kind James is already over subscribed, crowded, large classes sizes. Children already struggle to get through the halls. Classes are very full, and dining room not fit for some many children as it is. Porta-cabin or other extensions are not going to change the basic structure of the building that is already over crowded. • 3. This will negatively affect the education of the students that already or will be attending King James from the initial catchment. Classes will be larger, there will be undoubtedly be tension between children from the 2 schools as this has not been a choice for either group of kids. • I fell this will put King James at very high risk from being a good to outstanding school with OFstead to dropping down significantly in inspections of education provided. Furthermore this will likely negatively effect academic results for the children • King James is already highly over subscribed. With over 1000 new homes planned in for the area I cannot see how KJS can cope if Almondbury closes down. <p>Responses from member of staff at Almondbury Community School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I feel that King James school is already over subscribed with pupils and to add even more could affect the health and safety of pupils. • The building and access routes to King Jame's are not suitable for a growth in pupils. • Our pupils attend competitions and events alongside other schools and our conduct, behaviour and etiquette is ALWAYS better than those other schools. We are supporting the developing of outstanding individuals who are responsible citizens and will contribute effectively to society. • King James parents have already made it very clear they do not want any pupils coming from ACS. This shows that they wish to retain their self imposed importance as a better school. Snobbery at its best i'd say... • The building is currently not suitable for this to happen. There isn't sufficient room for it to expand either • King James is already bursting at the seams. Younger children have reported that they struggle to get a lunch as the canteen is too small. Corridors are overcrowded creating a health and safety risk. • King James currently doesn't have the capacity to take on more students. Temporary buildings that aren't suitable or sustainable for long term use will have to be used. This means the standard of teaching accommodations will be poor. • ACS is a good school in the heart of the community, it is council run. King James's school is an academy - will it comply with the council's wishes of changing its catchment area? Parental views are strong in that ACS parents do not want to sent their children to King James's, parents at King James's have said they will move their children if the schools merge. If ACS pupils (and school) are so bad (as made out by our local paper and Ofsted), surely then the standards at King James's will go down and it will find itself in the situation ACS does at the moment. • This would follow what was decided in previous questions. • Its not fair with kings james and other schools in catchment areas as they have their own resources and places and they might be able to cope with few numbers but not more then hundred. There is no guarantee that these children will be able to cope and improve in these schools just by changing building.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • King James's school is for the most part full - why increase their numbers further when space is available at the Community school?
	<p>Responses from pupils at Almondbury Community School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The only school I want to be at is Almondbury. • We just want Almondbury. • King James has 900 kids, it's full, the corridors are too narrow, and the dining room seats 150 people. I don't know if you haven't figured Thisbe out by now, but that really won't work. • King James's is just as bad.
	<p>Responses from Local Resident</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If King James' have to have prefabs OR build - they should not be allowed to take any more. Keep Almondbury open. • There simply won't be sufficient provision across the catchment area for school places. This whole proposal is sadly short sighted. Local Plan will bring hundreds of new students into the existing catchment area with no plans for a new school. Cutting the existing provision does not make sense. • ACS is a good school which parents support, however the media are against them.** • The LA has no governance over an academy. Any change can be withdrawn at any time. There remains no long term guarantee for local children.** • Not necessary as above • King James is full so there are no places for them to stay? It's going to be really crowded unless you put money into that school instead of helping out Almondbury? • Any changes to the catchment area presuppose the closure of the high school section at Almondbury, which I oppose. However, in addition, the school at King James's is reported by parents there to be crowded, already using temporary classrooms and with a site ill-suited to further building. Any building work to accommodate a larger intake (i.e. children from Almondbury) is likely to take place during their time at the school, so they would not benefit from it but would suffer the disruption it brings. These poor children! • Also, the roads around the school are narrow and winding, with narrow pavements and poor parking. Traffic around school times is already a problem down there, with the high number of children being driven or bussed to school. While some children from Almondbury would be within comfortable walking distance, this would not be the case for all. And the narrow pavements (on only one side for most of St Helen's Gate from the village) must be a real road safety concern."
	<p>Responses from Other</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A school of such an age does not suddenly have space to educate 150 or more additional students. Even if slight adjustments were made to comply with health and safety, I struggle to believe that 'quality education' could be successfully delivered, and the overall secondary experience for the students squeezed in would inevitably be impacted. Whatever catchment area/zones are applied, this is all about a population numbers game. What has that magic maximum number been to date? I don't see why the community should suddenly be expected to accept that number can simply jump up and everything be ok. • King James is already full and the parents are concerned. • They are oversubscribed and already teaching in porta cabins. Bigger class sizes is not the answer as this impacts on children's learning and puts extra pressure on teachers. It's a disaster to even think about it as coasting kids could become under the radar. • The school is already oversubscribed and children from Lepton will have difficulties gaining a place at their catchment school. Historically the school children have not got

	<p>on and this will affect behaviour and create a gulf between children from Lepton and children from Almondbury. Behaviour will be an issue and teaching and learning will suffer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will Almondbury children be guaranteed places? • I don't like you or your thoughts and opinions. • As above there's no room how can there be room when they refused ONE pupil last year • The present catchment area includes areas of relatively new housing where families with children in junior and infant school currently will have anticipated their children having access to King James's or Almondbury Community School instead of travelling to other, further away schools. Pupils from All Hallows and Almondbury Community School are already in the catchment area so need for change. Extending the catchment area will necessitate much further travel for pupils who may not have access to private transport and public transport is inadequate. • Would rather stay at Almondbury Community School instead of moving to a new school. Also All Hallows' have extended their age range recently so just having Community school go to age 11 seems a bit surplus to requirement and should be kept as it is. • Kirkheaton and Lepton Primary schools should remain the catchment area for King James High School. Almondbury Community School primary school pupils should be able to continue their education at their own school from year 7 onwards, this is the purpose of an all through school.
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3.6 RESPONSES Don't Know Question 3	
Don't Know	Responses from member of staff at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the plans go ahead, then I feel this would also need to go ahead.
	Responses from pupil at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not sure on this

Q4) Do you support or oppose the proposals for Newsome High School to change their catchment area (PAA) to include the primary admission area of Area 3, Lowerhouses CE (VC) J, I and EY School?

4.1 RESPONSES Strongly Support Question 4	
Strongly Support	Responses from parents/carers at King James's School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nearer school and easier to adapt to accommodate larger numbers. • Newsome High School is a much newer school and can accommodate any changes much better. • Because King James's school can't take Area 3 as well.

4.2 RESPONSES Support Question 4	
Support	Responses from parents/carers at Almondbury community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It's good to have a choice. Also Rawthorpe high
	Responses from parents/carers at King James's School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From my experience a lot of Lowerhouses children tend to go to Newsome so I do not envisage this being too much of an issue.
	Responses from Staff (not stated school)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where else would be pupils go if the Newsome catchment area was not changed to include these primary schools? 	

4.3 RESPONSES Neither support nor oppose Question 4	
Neither support nor oppose	Responses from parents/carers at Almondbury community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I don't know that area well enough to understand if this is good or bad for these pupils. Doesn't affect me. If it the se distance to acs as Newsome and route is safe - this seems reasonable. I don't see this will make a difference to me as my children will not be attending Newsome High School as this would mean them travelling 3.5 miles to school each way. This despite only living 1.8 miles from KJS but as above if there are not enough places to accommodate my children at KJS they will be left with very little options which risk their safety whilst traveling on 2 busses in and out of town which will lengthen the journey massively. I think parents need to decide which would be best for their child. Don't fall into this catchment area so the question is irrelevant to me and my children. I don't think I can speak for residents of this area. Should ACS secondary phase close it would seem either Newsome or King James would be the local school. Newsome is already failing, which should more pupils be placed in its dragnet? My daughter cannot walk there. No opinion either way. Live everything alone
	Response from parents/carers at All Hallows' CE(VA) Primary School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No personal attachment
	Responses from parents/carers at King James's School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unsure of position Newsome high school in with regard to over crowding. I know little about Newsome High school. ** Does not directly affect me. ** I don't know if Newsome is currently full or not. ** Lowerhouses children should have a freedom of choice to go to the School which is closest to where they live. If Newsome is not full, unlike King James, would it not make more sense to move all of the Almondbury paa there if it really is the only solution to close the school? Why put further strain on an already full and oversubscribed school when a school with space could accommodate. **
	Responses from parents/carers at Newsome High School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The only problem with this is that some children from those catchment areas are not strong in their education and I am worried that this will impact on my own son who attends Newsome High School.
	Responses from parents/carers at Kirkheaton Primary School

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This proposal will not directly affect my children, however, I do query why you have proposed closing one failing school (Almondbury Community School) to ship children to another failing School (Newsome High School) - see most recent Ofsted Reports for these schools.
	Responses from Staff at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the plans go ahead, then I feel this would also need to go ahead. They already take admissions from the Lowerhouses area. Those from that area are choosing to come to ACS instead. In my opinion students should be able to attend their local and nearest school within the community in which they live. Priority should be given to those that live nearest (along with other appropriate criteria such as SEN / siblings). Unable to comment
	Response from Staff at King James's School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don't know if Newsome has capacity to accept additional students
	Response from pupil
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not my catchment area.
	Responses from Local Resident
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This appears to be slightly further than walking to ACS but possible. Do not feel I have a right to comment. this is not my postcode.

4.4 RESPONSES Oppose Question 4

Oppose	Responses from parents / carers at Almondbury community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We would be in the Newsome PAA. The school is 2 miles away shortest distance by road and there is no bus from where we live. The route is not safe to walk (KJS is 1.2 miles, walkable, and there are buses up to the village. Netherhall is 1.4 miles away). I am sure many parents would be in a similar position a there is a natural barrier in Castle Hill and the Longley Woods that makes Newsome a separate area. We live in Almondbury and have always used the village centre facilities. We never go to Newsome. This school already has its own set of issues and needs improvement - as mentioned above, adding numbers to the school will not alleviate these problems.
	Responses from parents / carers at King James's School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House building & no of places needed Too far for children to travel. Again fix the school, shutting/decreasing numbers at the school is a sledge hammer approach.
	Responses from Local Resident
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School has its own issues and has been deemed inadequate by ofsted

4.5 RESPONSES Strongly Oppose Question 4

Strongly Oppose	Responses from parents/carers at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is an inadequate school. I oppose this because the people of Almondbury will be greatly inconvenienced by the additional travel. The PAA covers a part of Almondbury that is much closer to other schools. The PAA should be based on distance and travel routes from homes, not location of junior schools. I would not like my children going there from what I have heard. Leave us alone and leave things as it is.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children from Lowerhouses have often gone to Almondbury. Having change the catchment area will yet again have an effect on acs. It's as if this is been done on purpose to lower the pupil intake yet again. • Newsome a failing school why send children from one failing school to another! Focus on making these school the schools they can be! This will cause a lot of anger between kids coming from one school to another which will not help with the children's behaviour! It will only make them worse. • They need to stay as they are. • Newsome is a long way away from Almondbury for parents to get children to school so shouldn't really be anything to do with acs why send children to a failing school from another failing one. Who's paying for the transport to get them there? • Not enough consultation. I do not know how this will impact on their surrounding areas. • This should not be an option ACS should be made to work and becoming a positive school with good capacity of pupils. • This is unsuitable for children that will end up going to a school further away than either ACS or KJS. We are in that catchment area but it is at least a mile further and not a walkable route. Newsome School is going through a lot of changes being deemed Inadequate at the last Ofsted and there is no way of knowing whether this will improve the school. Conversion to an Academy is no guarantee of success and many academies are failing now. Several academy providers have walked away from their schools also. I cannot risk my child having to go through all this disruption a third time. • Some children from Lowerhouses already attend Newsome high school, this will be parental choice. I have no issue with parents choosing the school they feel is best for their child. I have seen these children walking along New Laithe Rd towards Newsome in their uniform. This road is narrow and in some parts has no foot path, and is not particularly well lit, (concerning during the winter, especially as most high school uniforms in Kirklees are black) Cars often have to travel in single file as the road is too narrow in places. Lowerhouses its self is quite a large area and it may not suit parents or children to attend Newsome High School if they live closer to Summerset Road. There are also cultural issues to consider many young people in Newsome experience conflict with other young people in geographically close areas. We have seen a recent rise in gang cultures and the use of weapons and I feel that this could escalate. The police force are also experiencing budget cuts and this strain could be transferred to them to deal with. More work around community cohesion would be needed. Again I feel that The Local Authority are proposing this change to effectively reduce the number of children who would attend Almondbury Community School at age 11. • This is an inadequate school. This will have on a knock on effect for years to come. • Leave things as they are and leave Almondbury alone. • Again you should be concentrating on what we have and supporting the school that is part of our community by funding and encouraging staff that they have not wasted time teaching, these teachers have gone to the same university as the other teachers in Yorkshire, our teachers and our children cannot be to blame it is obviously funding. Our teachers, school and children are worthwhile and important to our community just like you have been telling us and our kids for years. • Because that will mean the secondary school ACS closure.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is not fair for Almondbury children to have to travel so far. This school needs fighting for not closing.
<p>Responses from parents/carers at King James's School</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think it would be less disruptive and costly to the children of Kirklees to do three things: 1/. Change the name 2/. Replace some staff where necessary 3/. spend some money on the building fabric rather than move students into already overcrowded local schools. • I don't know any details about Newsome's capacity to take additional al students and no information has been provided as part of this consultation process. • King James is a great school with a long waiting list for places it is very disciplined and well supported by parents why would you want to jeopardise this? • Surrounding schools do not have the capacity to take the children and maintain their current standard of teaching. In addition, planning permission has been granted for a large development within the area and this will compound the issue. • King James catchment area is area a big enough catchment area and it should not be changed as it's not fair for children who specifically go to the primary schools that are in King James pyramid and then they may not get a place at king James. ** • Not sure the numbers that go to Newsome. but it will be a disruption for the kids who already go to Newsome. ** • It is not possible to support this amendment to Newsome High School PAA without supporting the removal of the secondary phase of ACS. I do not support the proposed changes at ACS, therefore cannot support the proposed amendment to NHS PAA. • Again over crowding will only have a negative impact on a school.
<p>Response from parents/carers at Rawthorpe Junior School</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Again this would have an adverse effective on children already living within the current catchment area.
<p>Response from parents/carers at Huddersfield Grammar School</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The far edges of the PAA are an unacceptable distance to travel to Newsome High School and the quality of education there is considered inadequate. Places at King James are more accessible and it is a safer journey to the school, matching local residents with the nearest village. This would also reduce traffic and pollution. **
<p>Response from parents/carers at Kirkheaton Primary School</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils education may suffer due to high class numbers.
<p>Responses from Pupils at Almondbury Community School</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The only school that we want is our own and that's Almondbury. • No we want Almondbury. • Don't even know why Newsome is in the mix to be honest. • If you didn't close the school and just put a bit more effort into the school, you wouldn't have to, and it would stay open. • Leave things as they are.
<p>Responses from staff at Almondbury Community School</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsome high school caters for 11-16 years whereas Almondbury caters for 3-16 years. Almondbury is the heart of all catchment areas. • Many pupils will have much further to travel to school impacting badly on families and the environment.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are a school that due to its location, is mainly reached via car/public transport _therefore increasing their catchment area will only increase the amount of traffic travelling to and from the school. Increased traffic + increased students = increased risk of accidents/injury. • Lowerhouses is closer to ACS and is a walkable distance meaning pupils can get home in adverse weather. Also there are 3 junior schools feeding into Newsome High School at present. If Lowerhouses feeds to Newsome, ACS has lost another feeder school as well as All Hallows.
	Responses from Local Resident
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This school has recently had similar inspections as ACS. They are only just starting to move forwards. If you now flood this school with the number challenging children (combined with the stress/anxiety of moving school) from ACS, you run the risk of destroying the progress they have worked hard to make. • Not necessary • If you don't close the school then you won't have to do that. lol. • Any changes to the catchment area presuppose the closure of the high school section at Almondbury, which I oppose. Beyond that, my main concern would be travel. There is no direct route between Lowerhouses and Newsome High School.
	Responses from Other
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unless populations have dramatically decreased, and zone adjustments are being proposed to balance that out, I could never support these ideas. • Newsome has its own problems to deal with. • Newsome school is already struggling with behavioural issues and adding children from Lowerhouse will magnify the issues. • Don't close the school then you won't have to you dumbass. • As above no changes • Because presumably that will remove those children from Almondbury CS Primary and cause many problems transporting children in that area to school! • This is assuming Almondbury Community Secondary closure and I do not agree with this. If Lowerhouses were included in the Almondbury Community School catchment is would raise numbers. • Lowerhouses primary school pupils should be able to attend Almondbury Community School from Year 7 as they have always done. Strong links and relationships have been made over the years between the two schools when the Pyramid of schools was formed.

4.6 RESPONSES Don't Know Question 4	
Don't Know	Responses from parents/carers at Almondbury community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I do not live in this catchment area so do not have a strong opinion on it. • I've not got any information on the catchment areas. • I don't know enough to comment.
	Responses from parents/carers at King James's School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I cannot comment as I don't know anything about Newsome High School.** • I do know have enough information on Newsome High School and class sizes.** • I feel I cannot comment as I Do not have enough understanding of the school structure at Newsome**
	Responses from parents/carers at Lepton CE(VC) J I and N School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have no knowledge of Newsome high school capacity.

Appendix E : Almondbury Community School non-statutory consultation : stakeholder responses

	Response from pupil at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not from Newsome area.
	Responses from other
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pupils should go to the closest school to where they are living.• Not relevant, not my catchment area.

Q5) Which secondary school catchment area would you prefer Area 4, part of Moldgreen Community Primary School primary school catchment area, to join?

Response to Question 5	
King James's School	Responses from parents/carers at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KJS is 1.8 miles and Newsome is 3.5 miles from me as the crow would fly. However with the cost of bus fair and the risk to their safety traveling into central Huddersfield and back home this would impact me children massively. Therefore I would only consider KJS which would still be against the wishes of my children to remain at ACS. • It's my chosen school and I'd be happiest there.
Newsome High School	Responses from parents/carers at King James's School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As far as I am aware, for September 2019 Netherhall is oversubscribed as is King James so it would make no sense to increase the paa for those schools.
Netherhall Learning Campus High School	Responses from parents/carers at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This would be sensible to have a school in walking distance. It is rated good. • This has a 6th form does Spanish and good things like drama and photography. • Nearest school. Children in Moldgreen catchment area can walk to nhlc. • Moldgreen is closer to Rawthorpe so should be there catchment area. • It's close enough. • Because Area 4 is reasonably close to Netherhall. • Not really bothered but Netherhall seems nearest.
	Responses from parents/carers at All Hallows' CE(VA) Primary School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most local option.
	Responses from parents/carers at King James's School
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closest school within walking distance. • I believe this school has been turned around and can possibly be extended as I know it used to be much bigger than it is now. ** • It's probably nearest for most kids who go to that school also they have plenty of room. • It is closer to NLC and the children will not have to cross Wakefield Road. ** • It is nearest to Netherhall. • It makes sense for Moldgreen to join Netherhall Learning campus as it is in walking distance to get to and wouldn't have to worry about buses and crossing the big main roads. ** • Nearer location. • Location. • Netherhall has been turned around and is a good school. I know children who go there and their parents are very happy. It also used to be a much bigger school so surely it has room for more students. ** • Too far for children to travel. • Logistically Netherhall makes sense - school transportation etc. • Netherhall would seem the most sensible option. • King James's School is already full beyond its capacity and cannot accommodate more students without seriously compromising the facilities available at that school for all children. • Shipping children from Moldgreen to Almondbury does not make sense when there is a school closer to the children in Netherhall. Shipping more and more 	

	<p>children to Almondbury would cause more unnecessary congestion in Almondbury village.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children living in Moldgreen should go to the high school requiring the least commute - i.e. NLC. We are unsure why this is not already the case.
	<p>Response from parents/carers at Lepton CE(VC) J I and N School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This would be closest for these children. No major road to cross.
	<p>Response from parents/carers at Newsome High School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is on a bus route from Moldgreen and children will be able to easily walk to Netherhall Learning Campus and still have their independence to walk to school with their friends.
	<p>Response from parents/carers at Kirkheaton Primary School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Netherhall would seem more appropriate.
	<p>Response from parents/carers at Huddersfield Grammar School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is the nearest school.
	<p>Responses from Staff at Almondbury Community School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KJS is already oversubscribed. Newsome or Netherhall would seem a sensible choice. Moldgreen is local to Netherhall this would make sense.
	<p>Responses from Staff (not stated which school)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moldgreen is local to Netherhall this would make sense. It is geographically closer and therefore traffic increase would not be as significant an issue. Children could walk to school and back and do so in adverse weather rather than being stuck at school without transport. Less 'snow days'. King James's is already oversubscribed.
	<p>Response from pupil at Almondbury Community School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school is closer
	<p>Responses from Local Residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logically it needs to be the nearest. (I'd suggest that would not then be Newsome.) KJS oversubscribed and cannot accommodate more intake. Even with 6 extra classrooms, the school is already full. Narrow corridors cannot accommodate more students. Standards in the school would go down as resources were stretched. Nearest School
	<p>Response from other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NLC is the closest school to Moldgreen.
Other	<p>Responses from parents/carers at Almondbury Community School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Almondbury community school Whichever is nearest / easiest to reach. I only want Almondbury. Almondbury should have the opportunity to go to ACS. Yet again you are trying to send pupils to other schools other than ACS. Let the parents of Moldgreen, the people whose children's lives it effects decide. Almondbury because parents have in the past sent their children there. Almondbury Community School. Properly supported. What I would like the council to say is "We have realised how important the Community School is to the local population in terms of its facilities and the dedicated teachers and staff that remain committed to the school. We will ensure that the unfairly damaged reputation of the school is repaired and make

	<p>it the best school in the area for children of all backgrounds". Please have some ambition and seek some other solution than moving kids to other under-subscribed schools that have their own problems. Through Schools can work really well. Netherhall is doing a good job. Commit to making it work here."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almondbury Community School. The Local Authority needs to consider the option of increasing the children on roll at age 11-16 at Almondbury Community School. This consultation is flawed as all questions are geared towards the reduction in pupils and closure of the high school provision at Almondbury Community School. • Almondbury/Netherhall • Almondbury is a fantastic school and it is in the heart of the community leave us alone. • Almondbury - Because Almondbury should be a thriving community hub like it used to be before so called professionals made mistakes with contracts and builders, and now our children are led to believe and feel that they are to blame! and their teachers are rubbish? and the school is!, when actually it's not, it's none of this is to blame, it is however the fault of bad decision makers Who can't or won't take responsibility, and seem to have double standards without a thought for the impact all this is having and will have in years to come on our children and community. • ACS - ACS as this is the only means by which numbers will start to improve - along with proper leadership. • Changing catchment areas alone doesn't affect the number of pupils going to ACS as few are going their already from Moldgreen. Improving ACS would enable more parents to have a choice of a good local school within traveling distance that isn't oversubscribed.
	<p>Responses from parents/carers at King James's School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almondbury community school. Pull your finger out and fix it instead of just passing the problem on. • Shelley High I have visited the school and it has the capacity to hold more pupils and the capacity to add more classrooms. It is a newer structure and means children at Almondbury can leave in Year 5 and follow a middle school programme before moving on to Shelley. • Almondbury I do not agree that the secondary provision at ACS should be removed, therefore this area of Moldgreen should remain with ACS PAA.
	<p>Response from parents/carers at Rawthorpe Junior School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catchment areas shouldn't change.
	<p>Response from parents/carers at Rowley Lane J I and N School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep Almondbury open and allow them to continue to attend.
	<p>Response from member of staff at Almondbury Community School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almondbury
	<p>Responses from Pupil at Almondbury Community School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WE ONLY WANT ALMONDBURY WITH OUR HARD WORKING TEACHERS!
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almondbury
	<p>Response from Local resident</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almondbury
	<p>Response from Other</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almondbury Community School should not close to High School students.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No changes - Untenable

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Almondbury CS - If ACS lose children from part of its catchment , then this would make it unviable and it needs more children not fewer! ALMONDBURY COMMUNITY SCHOOL If Moldgreen Primary School were included in the Almondbury Community School catchment area the numbers in this area would increase and remove the necessity for closure. Almondbury Community School - Moldgreen Community primary school pupils should be able to attend Almondbury Community School from Year 7 if they wish. Strong links and bonds have been established over the years between the two schools and most local pupils are in walking distance to attend Almondbury Community School.
<p>Do not have a preference</p>	<p>Responses from parents/carers at Almondbury Community School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Am undecided. ** I don't have info but if something isn't broke don't fix it. None of these. Keep Almondbury high school open!! Again don't fall into this catchment area so question is irrelevant to me and my children I don't think I can speak for residents of this area, and which of the schools they would regard as most local. This should not be an option ACS should be made to work and becoming a positive school with good capacity of pupils.
	<p>Response from parents/carers at King James's School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not directly affect me. **
	<p>Responses from Staff at Almondbury Community School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I do not have enough knowledge of the geographic areas and distances to travel to know which secondary school would be most appropriate. Unfamiliar with the areas. I don't know enough to comment.
	<p>Responses from pupils at Almondbury Community School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not sure on this. I don't like King James at all, but it's the closest so I would have to go, and Newsome got just as bad reviews as us. Not my catchment area.
	<p>Response from Local Resident</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You should just keep it as it is.
<p>Responses from other</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unless populations have dramatically decreased, and zone adjustments are being proposed to balance that out, I could never support these ideas. The closest to where they are living. Not relevant, not my catchment area. 	

Q6) Which secondary school catchment area would you prefer Area 5, part of Dalton School primary school catchment area, to join?

Response to Question 6	
King James's School	Responses from pupils at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The best • School is closer
Newsome High School	Responses from parents/carers at King James's School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As far as I am aware, for September 2019 Netherhall is over subscribed as is King James so it would make no sense to increase the paa for those schools.
Netherhall Learning Campus High School	Responses from parents / carers at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This would be sensible to have a school in walking distance. It is rated good • Newsome or Netherhall would be my choice • This has a 6th form does Spanish and good things like drama and photography • Sld go to nearest school • It's nearer to Netherhall. • Same area • It's close enough. • Because Area 5 is reasonably close to Netherhall. • Not really bothered but Netherhall seems nearest.
	Responses from parents/carers at King James's School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within walking distance reduce traffic. • I believe this school has been turned around and can possibly be extended as I know it used to be much bigger than it is now. ** • It's probably nearest for most kids who go to that school also they have plenty of room. • It is closer to NLC and the children will not have to cross Wakefield Road.** • Again it makes sense to join Netherhall learning campus as it's in walking distance. ** • Nearer location. • Location • Netherhall has been turned around and is a good school. I know children who go there and their parents are very happy. It also used to be a much bigger school so surely it has room for more students. ** • Too far for children to travel. • Logistically Netherhall makes sense - school transportation etc. • Netherhall would seem the best option due to other schools being over subscribed. • King James's School is already full beyond its current capacity and it cannot accommodate more students without seriously compromising the facilities available to children at this school. • Shipping children from Dalton to Almondbury does not make sense when there is a high school in Dalton at Netherhall and would cause a great deal of unnecessary congestion in the village of Almondbury. • Children living in Dalton should go to their nearest high school i.e. NLC - we are not sure why this does not currently happen.
	Response from parents/carers at All Hallows' CE(VA) Primary School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most local option

	Response from parents/carers at Lepton CE(VC) J I and N School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This would be closer for these children.
	Response from parents/carers at Kirkheaton Primary School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Again, Netherhall would seem more appropriate.
	Response from parents/carers at Newsome High School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is on a bus route from Moldgreen and children will be able to easily walk to Netherhall Learning Campus and still have their independence to walk to school with their friends.
	Response from parents/carers at Huddersfield Grammar School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is the nearest school.
	Responses from Staff at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have a daughter who attends DALTON and Netherhall has been her chosen high school and we are within catchment. • It is geographically closer. King James's is already over subscribed.
	Response from staff at King James's School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the catchment area; in terms of proximity. The pupils / catchment areas need 'sharing' between the remaining high schools.
	Response from pupil at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because the schools have worked closely in the past.
	Responses from Local Residents
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logically it needs to be the nearest. • KJS oversubscribed and cannot accommodate more intake. Even with 6 extra classrooms, the school is already full. Narrow corridors cannot accommodate more students. Standards in the school would go down as resources were stretched. • Nearest School
Other	Responses from parents/carers at Almondbury Community School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almondbury community school Many families live closer to ACS and so the journey to school will be much easier for them. • If everyone in the PAA is also nearest to Netherhall that would makes sense. If some are closer to KJS they should be able to go there. Newsome makes no sense it is too far away. • I only want Almondbury. • Let the parents of Dalton the people who's children's lives it effects decide. • Almondbury When i was a child i could have gone to either Almondbury or Netherhall. • Almondbury Community School • See above. I think this is an appallingly designed consultation in that you have said that nothing is decided yet, but ACS is not given as an option anywhere. This does not feel like a fair and proper consultation. It feels like you want to twist the answers to your own ends by saying people supported the proposed changes when they don't. Many will be confused by the options. Particularly any children responding. Parents and children feel utterly let down once again. No-one believes that quality of education is the driver for this. " • Almondbury Community School. The Local Authority needs to consider the option of increasing the children on roll at age 11-16 at Almondbury Community School. This consultation is flawed as all questions are geared towards the reduction in pupils and closure of the high school provision at Almondbury Community School.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Almondbury - moved my kids to Almondbury from another school as they was getting upset every time I took them even tried cutting their school clothes so that they didn't have to go now cause they are settled and love the school u want to take this away from them. My son has a stammer we're he only had problems when he tried to say things that began with the letters s and c now with all this talk of the school closing which is affecting him cause he is stressing out that he struggling on a day to day basis with his speech as he his finding it hard to get his words out and this can all be brought on my stress so I'm asking u leave our school alone and let us try change things around with help closure is too extreme give us this chance. Almondbury - Give Almondbury the necessary funding that can be found and has been starved off for the last 10 or so years. Our children feel constantly in a state of low mood because of all this, it is affecting their education AND every day life, which is upsetting for us parents. The results are extra unnecessary stress on all our lives. None of us should be going through this at our childrens crucial and most important time of life, there is no talk of investing or helping the school from anyone, so it stands to reason, we as a community are going to assume the worst, which is that you want to rip down our school and further destroy our area, which, has had a fantastic reputation over the years, and for the sake of adequate help and endorsement can be that again therefor I have no trust in this council or so called democracy, do we really have a say. ACS as this is the only means by which numbers will start to improve - along with proper leadership. Changing catchment areas alone doesn't affect the number of pupils going to ACS. Improving ACS would enable more parents to have a choice of a good local school within traveling distance that isn't oversubscribed.
	<p>Responses from parents/carers at King James's School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Almondbury community school. Pull your finger out and fix it instead of just passing the problem on. Almondbury I do not agree that the secondary provision at ACS should be removed, therefore this area of Moldgreen should remain with ACS PAA. To keep Almondbury school open and cont to attend with supports in place to improve school structure. The best option is to put support into Almondbury and solve the problems and support the teachers that are trying very hard to provide a strong education for the children there. This would have the best outcome for the children.
	<p>Response from parents/carers at Rawthorpe Junior School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catchment areas shouldn't change.
	<p>Response from member of Staff at Almondbury Community School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Almondbury
	<p>Responses from pupils at Almondbury Community School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WE ONLY WANT ALMONDBURY WITH OUR HARD WORKING TEACHERS!
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Almondbury
	<p>Response from Local Resident</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Almondbury
	<p>Responses from other</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Almondbury Community School should not close to High School students. Untenable - Go back to the drawing board don't write Almondbury off it's doing a great job.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Almondbury CS - In the 1960's and 1970's some pupils who attended Dalton J and I school who lived in the Greenhead Lane area were in the catchment for ACS and this should continue, as Dalton J and I is closer to Almondbury High than either King James or Newsome and is probably closer to Almondbury CS than Netherhall or if not then equidistant. ALMONDBURY COMMUNITY SCHOOL If Dalton School were included in the Almondbury Community School catchment area the numbers in this area would increase and remove the necessity for closure. Almondbury Community School - Dalton Primary school pupils should be able to attend Almondbury Community School in Year 7 if they wish. Strong links and relationships with the two schools have been formed in The pyramid of schools and local children are in walking distance of Almondbury Community School.
Do not have a preference	<p>Responses from parents/carers at Almondbury Community School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I do not live in this catchment area so do not have a strong opinion on it. King James School needs to build to accommodate. ** None of these keep everything as it is and fight for the school. As above, not in this catchment area so question irrelevant to me and my children. I don't think I can speak for residents of this area, and which of the schools they would regard as most local. This should not be an option ACS should be made to work and becoming a positive school with good capacity of pupils.
	<p>Responses from parents/carers at King James's School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not directly affect me. ** Children should go to the school which is closest to. **
	<p>Responses from staff at Almondbury Community School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I do not have enough knowledge of the geographic areas and distances to travel to know which secondary school would be most appropriate. Unfamiliar with the areas. I don't know enough to comment.
	<p>Responses from pupils at Almondbury Community School</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don't close the school then you won't have to. Not my catchment area.
	<p>Response from Local Resident</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I'm sorry but I don't think you understand that King James isn't going to fit more pupils in. If you just tried to put a bit more effort in then it would be so much better. I'm good friends with a lot of people from this school and they are all so happy and don't want it to close down. Not everybody can afford new uniforms etc so why bother? I really don't understand what you're going to receive from this?
<p>Responses from other</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unless populations have dramatically decreased, and zone adjustments are being proposed to balance that out, I could never support these ideas. I would like you to consider not closing the school. lol Not relevant, not my catchment area. The closest to where they are living. 	