Appendix E: Summary of the comments received to the preliminary consultation

Comments in support of the proposal		CBC response (if required)
1	Everton Parish Council – agreed with proposal but had concerns on the impact on other schools, impact of transport and mixed age groups.	Everton is the only lower school in the village. The number of children forecast to attend this school will not have a significant adverse impact on neighbouring schools. No significant school transport implications are forecast. Many schools operate a mixed class system, especially in smaller rural areas. Everton is judged as an 'Outstanding' school by Ofsted with 'pupils making excellent progress'. The school shared a robust plan for key stage 2 with parents at the drop in and in the FAQ.
2	'I think it is a good thing for the children to remain in 1 school longer to avoid disruption to their comfortable and familiar environment.'	
3	'Yes, I think it will be very beneficial for the children to have continuity @ the school for an additional 2 years.'	
4	'Fully Agree, this will be a very positive move for the school and the children. KS2 from beginning to end in 1 educational setting will ensure smooth and uninterrupted learning'	
5	'I feel that this move to a Primary school would be extremely beneficial to my children's education and I would like for them have the continuity of education through to the end of year 6.'	
6	'Yes, very exciting that the possibility of an outstanding lower school can become a primary'	

7	'Yes, staffing costs at 75% to 80% of budget will impact on school employing an additional teacher for Yr 5 class especially with regard to per pupil funding formula. Lack of specialist teachers for certain subject areas of the KS2 Curriculum. Costs of extension to Year 5 & 6 e.g. furniture and resources. Several Middle schools in BBC and CBC have plans to close. Everton Lower School should investigate the purchase of second hand larger (Yr 5 & 6 size) desks and chairs, Maths and English books and second hand library books from such sources.'	Everton Lower school are committed to provide the required facilities to deliver key stage 2. There will be a lag in revenue funding and the school are fully aware of this and will seek a license deficit if required.
8	'Yes we do agree with the Governing Body's proposal to change the age range of Everton Lower school from 3-9 years to 3-11 years. Our main concern regarding the change would be the infrastructure of the school, will they have enough for the older children like the bigger middle schools i.e. science lab, PE hall and other facilities. We are defiantly for our children to stay their until 11 years old as it is a fantastic school but just worried there may not be enough for them when they are that little older.'	As above. It is not the norm for a primary school to have specialist class rooms ie science labs for it to deliver key stage 2.
Comments objecting to the proposal		CBC response (if required)
1	Highways – parking by parents makes it difficult to pass by on Potton road.	The majority of children at the school live in or near the village. All schools are encouraged to maintain a school travel plan and promote sustainable modes of transport to and from school. A proposed change of age range and increase of a maximum of 20 pupils is likely to have minimal impact on the highways.