

Proposal to close Brewers Hill Community Middle School, Dunstable

Notice is given in accordance with section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Central Bedfordshire Council intends to close Brewers Hill Community Middle School, Aldbanks, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, LU6 1AJ, phased from September 2015, with full closure from September 2016.

The proposed closure of Brewers Hill Community Middle School is due to the changing pattern of provision within the area which has impacted upon the future financial and educational viability of the school.

This notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: The Information Manager, Central Bedfordshire Council, Room DC2, Watling House, High Street North, Dunstable, Beds, LU6 1LF, telephone 0300 300 5700. It can also be viewed on the Council's website at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/publicstatutorynotices

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, by Monday 7 July 2014, any person may support, object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Edwina Grant, Deputy Chief Executive / Director of Children's Services, Central Bedfordshire Council via the on- line facility on the Council's website at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/publicstatutorynotices or by post to Edwina Grant, Deputy Chief Executive / Director of Children's Services, Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, Beds, SG17 5TQ.

Signed: Edwina Grant

Deputy Chief Executive / Director of Children's Services

9 June 2014

**Statutory proposal for school closure –
Brewers Hill Community Middle School**

Dated – Monday 9 June 2014



1 - Name of Proposer

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2 –Name of school

Brewers HillCommunity Middle School

3 - School Address

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4 - Implementation

The proposed closure of Brewers HillCommunity Middle School would be phased from September 2015, with full closure from August 2016.

The timeframe and process for the phased closure would be as follows. This would be subject to review based upon the actual numbers at the school.

September 2015	
Year 5	No new pupils are admitted.
Year 6	Parents of Year 6 children are invited to apply for transfer to a secondary school in Year 7 (to transfer in September 2016).
Year 7	Year 7 operates, but on a reduced size of year group.
Year 8	Year 8 operates, but on a reduced size of year group.

April 2016	
Year 5	No new pupils are admitted.
Year 6	Any Year 6 children whose parents haven't made an application to transfer to a secondary school will be sent an application to state a preference for a school. If no application is received by the end of May a place at the nearest Secondary school with places will be allocated.
Year 7	Parents of Year 7 children are invited to consider making an application to transfer to a secondary school in Year 8 (to transfer in September 2016). This is known as an in-year application as it happens outside of the normal transfer point. If no application is received by the end of May a place at the nearest Secondary school with places in Year 8 for September will be allocated.
Year 8	Parents of any Year 8 children remaining in the school are invited to apply for a place in Year 9 at a secondary school(to transfer in September 2016). If no application is received by the end of May a place at the nearest Secondary school with places in Year 9 for September will be allocated.

5 – Objectives and reason for closure

The proposed closure of Brewers Hill Community Middle School is due to the changing pattern of provision within the area which has had an impact on the pupil numbers to be admitted to the school and the future financial and educational viability of the school.

There is a significant level of surplus places for Years 5 to 8 in the Dunstable area, of between 63% and 65% and the reducing roll within Brewers Hill Community Middle School will impact upon the financial viability of the school, which will subsequently impact upon the education standards at the school.

The proposed closure of Brewers Hill Community Middle School supports the Council's need to manage the supply of school places in the Dunstable area.

Further information can be found within the reports to the Council's Executive dated 4 February 2014 and 27 May 2014. These are available on the Council's website - www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/executive

6 – School size, pupil numbers and admissions

Brewers Hill Community Middle School provides school, places for Years 5 to 8, boys and girls. It has a capacity of 480 and a published admission number (PAN) of 120

The table below shows the numbers on roll as at 9 April 2014 and the projected numbers on roll for September 2014 and 2015.

- The projected numbers are based on a number of assumptions –
- Beecroft Lower School is approved to become a primary school from September 2015 and that it and Lancot retain all of their Year 4 pupils into Year 5.
- All of the Year 5 pupils transfer into Year 6 in 2015.
- Approximately half of the parents with Year 6 children in 2014/2015 make a secondary application to a local secondary school for September 2015.
- All pupils in Year 7 in 2014/2015 stay on into Year 8 in September 2015, although parents could make an in year application into Year 8 in any of the local secondary schools.

Year Group	Current	Projected September 2014	Projected September 2015
5	62	41	0
6	57	62	42
7	29	29	31
8	28	29	29
Total	176	162	102
Capacity	480	480	480
% surplus places	63%	66%	79%

7 – Displaced pupils & the effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area

The tables at section 4 show the arrangements for managing student applications to a secondary school or academy in Dunstable or Houghton Regis. The displaced pupils would therefore be accommodated within

other schools and academies in the town.

8 – Impact on the community

It is acknowledged that the additional services that the school provides can have an important impact on public health and be of benefit to the local community. These services will become increasingly unviable as the pupil numbers at the school fall significantly. The Council will continue to ensure that, where appropriate, services are expanded at schools and academies in the area that are increasing their capacity as a result of a change in age range.

It is also acknowledged that schools have an important role under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to work alongside a range of other agencies to ensure safety in their local communities. The Council will work with the school's governing body to ensure that community safety issues are considered and appropriate measures are put in place to mitigate any risks.

9 - Balance of denominational provision

N/A

10 – Travel

The balance of local provision would be sustained in primary and secondary provision in the immediate area that serves the local community, which would not impact on increased traffic.

11 - Education standards and diversity of provision

Parents and carers have a right to express a preference for a particular school whereas choices are defined by viable and popular schools that are capable of being sustained in the local area, which Brewers Hill Community Middle School is not. The significant reduction in pupil numbers would inevitably impact upon the ability of the school to raise local standards and narrow attainment gaps.

12 - Demand

The Council's forecasts require a minimum total number of 840 places in each year group would currently allow for parental preferences to be accommodated while also balancing the negative impact of inefficient over supply of places across the area. This does not take account of new school provision which will be needed as a result of the proposed North Houghton Regis extension, which will provide the required additional local education infrastructure as part of that development but which is not currently forecast to be required before 2017 when new primary and secondary places may be

required.

The table below illustrates the number of school places that are available across the area, in Years 5-8, on the basis of changes to age ranges in the area that have now been implemented.

Year	5	6	7	8
School planning need	840	840	840	840
Number of places available	1366	1366	1382	1382
Number of surplus places	526	526	542	542

13- Proposed admission arrangements

If the proposal to close Brewers Hill Community Middle School is approved, an application to vary the existing admission arrangements for September 2015 will be made to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator and there will be no year 5 transfer to the school in September 2015 and beyond.

After September 2015 the new secondary schools in the area will focus on a single point of entry in the normal admissions round at Year 7 and therefore the year 9 transfer point will have been removed after that date.

14 - School premises and playing fields

If the proposal to close Brewers Hill Community Middle School is approved the Council would be required to obtain permission from the Secretary of State if it wished to dispose of the site. The site would also have to be offered as possible site for a 'free school'.

15 - Equal opportunity issues

N/A

16- Capital

N/A

17 - Schools to be replaced by provision in a more successful/popular school

N/A

18 - Schools causing concern

N/A

19 – Early year’s provision

N/A

20 – Rural Primary Schools

N/A

21 – Maintained nursery schools

N/A

22 – Provision for 16-19 year olds

N/A

23 - Special educational needs (SEN) provision

N/A

24 – Consultation concerning this proposal

Members of the Council’s Executive, at their meeting on 4 February 2014, approved the initiation of consultations regarding the proposed closure of Brewers Hill Community Middle School, to be phased from September 2015, with final implementation in August 2016.

The consultation was launched on Monday 24 February and ran for 6 weeks until Monday 7 April 2014. The consultation was widely publicised via the local press and as follows; -

Copies of the consultation document were provided to –

- The Governing Body of the school
- The staff of the school
- The parents and carers of the school

And copies of the consultation document were made available to –

- The Member of Parliament for Dunstable
- Dunstable Town Council
- Neighbouring local authorities to Central Bedfordshire Council
- Local Roman Catholic and Church of England Diocesan Board
- The Members of Central Bedfordshire Council
- All schools and academies within Central Bedfordshire

- Trade Union representatives
- Voluntary Sector organisations
- Central Bedfordshire's Children's Trust Board

Copies of the consultation document were also available from Dunstable Library.

Seven press releases were issued advising of the consultation and the meetings that were to be held

An on-line response facility to the consultation was available on the Central Bedfordshire Council website. Responses could also be submitted by post.

During the six week period, two meetings were held at the school; the first for school staff, governors and union representatives and the second for parents, carers and the general public.

The presentation that was given at the meeting is attached at Appendix A.

Notes of both meetings which include the concerns and questions that were raised are attached at Appendix B.

In total, 291 responses were received in response to the Brewers Hill Community Middle School consultation. The results of the consultation are available at Appendix C.

Members of the Council's Executive, at their meeting on 27 May 2014, determined to progress to the publication of statutory notices and final representation period to close Brewers Hill Community Middle School, to be phased from September 2015, with final implementation in August 2016.

The reports to the Council's Executive are available on the Council's website - www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/executive

25 – Procedure for responses; support, objections and comments

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal (i.e. by Monday 7 July 2014), any person may support, object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Edwina Grant, Deputy Chief Executive / Director Of Children's Services via the Council's on-line facility at

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Appendix A

**Consultation on the proposed
closure of
Brewers Hill Middle School
from August 2016**



Introductions

Helen Redding
Assistant Director School Improvement

Rob Parsons
Head of School Organisation, Admissions and Capital
Planning

Lydia Braisher
Admissions Manager

Council responsibilities

Statutory duty:

- To ensure that there are sufficient and suitable places for those who want them
- Promote high educational standards
- Ensure fair access to educational opportunity
- Promote the fulfilment of every child's potential

The ability to restructure provision and close maintained schools is one power of the Council

Council proposals to close a maintained school



- Decisions taken by the Council, not DfE
- Statutory five stage process must be followed
 - Consultation 6 weeks
 - Publication of legal notices
 - Representation 4 weeks
 - Determination within 2 months
 - Implementation
- Must ensure that those affected have opportunity to feed in comments

Council proposals to close a maintained school



- Factors for the decision maker
 - Process followed?
 - **Consideration of all views submitted**
 - Impact on education standards and diversity of provision
 - Demand
 - School size
 - Admission arrangements
 - Equal opportunity issues
 - Community cohesion and community services
 - Travel and accessibility
 - Capital, premises and playing fields

Rationale for this proposal

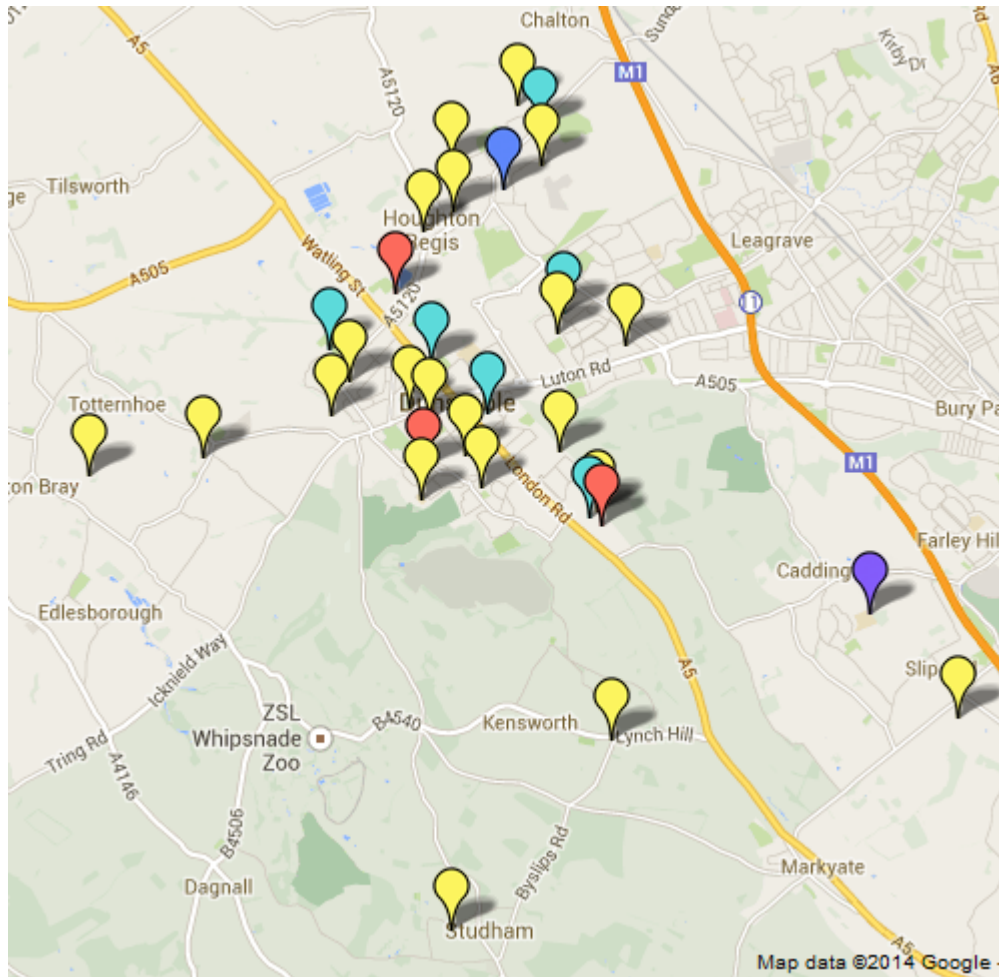
- Changing pattern of provision
- Reducing pupil numbers in the Middle Schools
- Year 5 retained in Primaries, Year 7 transfers to Secondaries
- School funding follows the child so resulting significant financial impact
- Forecast further reduction in pupil numbers will increase the financial impact

Impact of changes

- Falling pupil numbers from September 2014 with reduced admissions to Year 5 and transfers to Year 7 in Secondary

National Curriculum Key stages	EYFS	KS1		KS2				KS3			KS4		KS5	
School Years	(R)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
3 tier	Lower School ages 4 to 9					Middle School ages 9 to 13			Upper School ages 13 to 18					
2 tier	Primary School ages 4 to 11							Secondary School ages 11 to 18						

Three tier education in Dunstable and Houghton Regis



Lower Schools 5-9 year olds



Lower/Middle School 5-13 year olds



Primary School 5-11 year olds

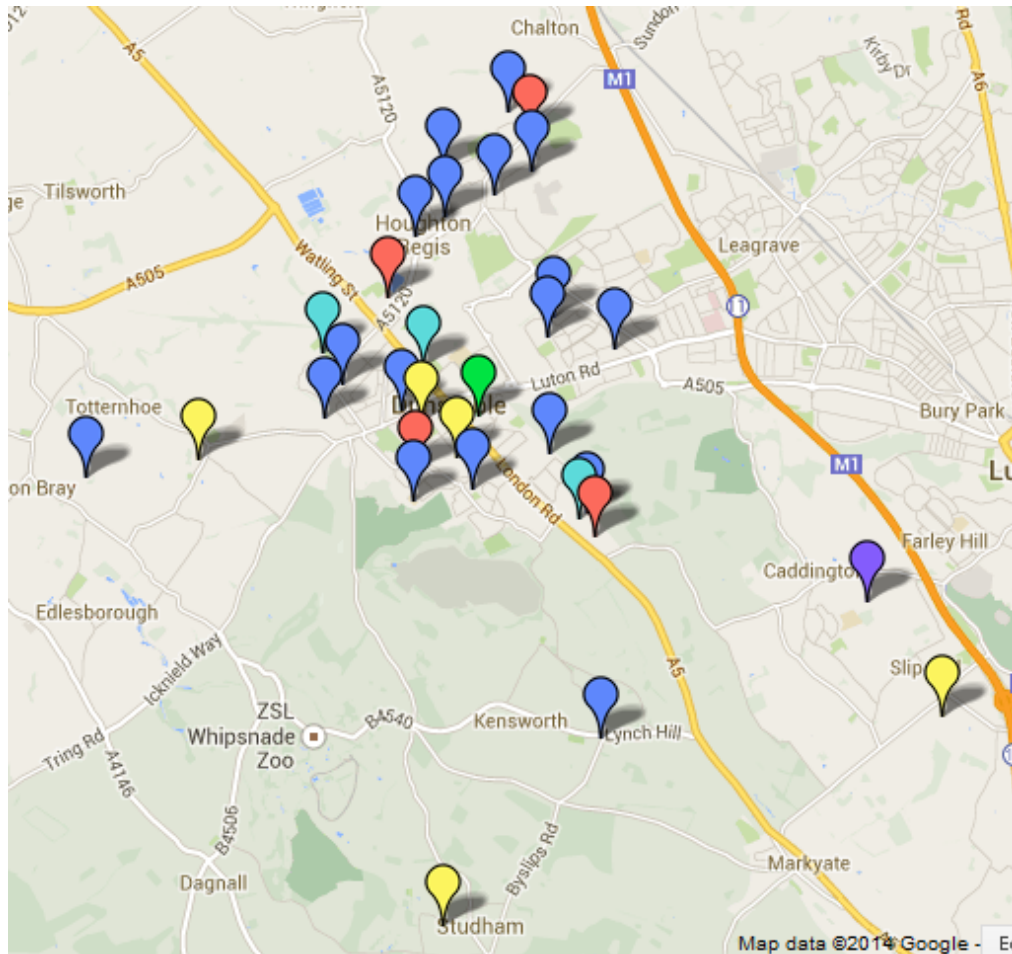


Middle School 9-13 year olds



Upper School 13-16/18 year olds

Future pattern of provision



Lower Schools 5-9 year olds



Lower/Middle School 5-13 year olds



Primary Schools 5-11 year olds



Middle Schools 9-13 year olds

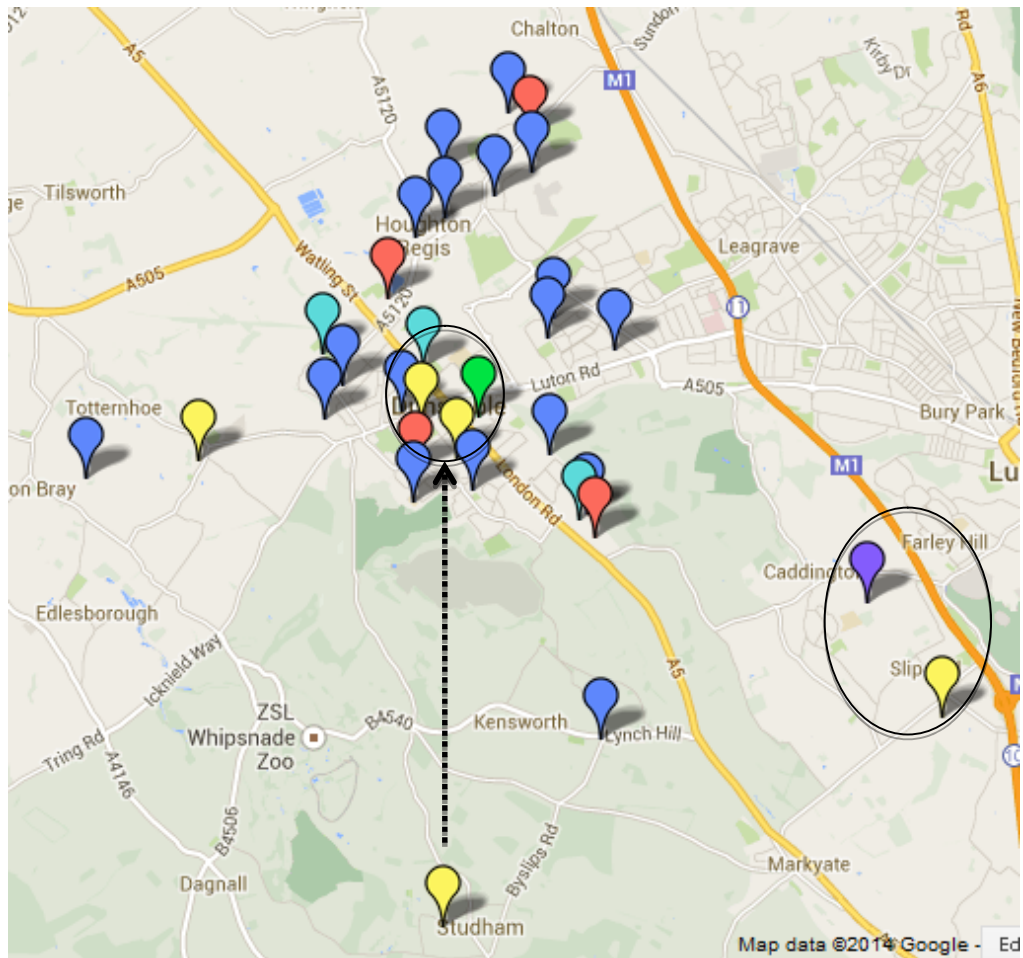








Secondary School 9-16 year olds



Secondary Schools 11-16/18 year olds

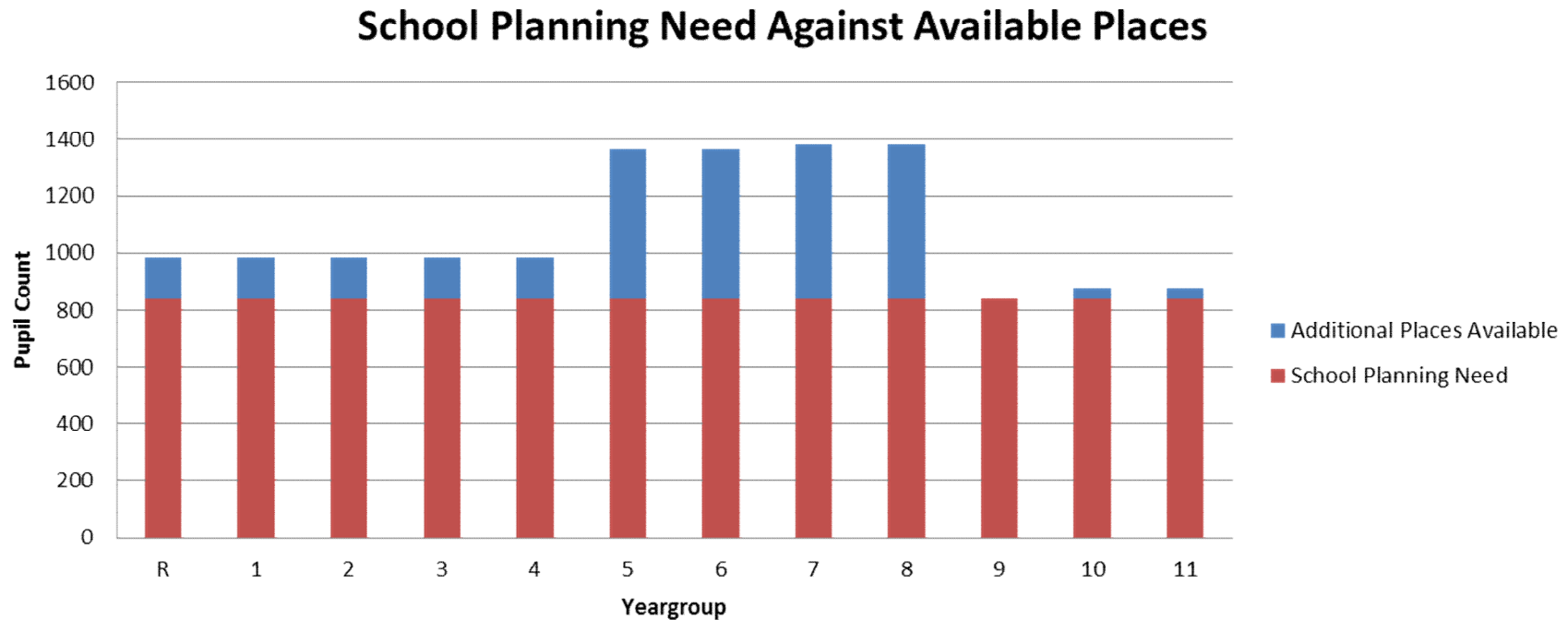
Future pattern of provision



-  Lower Schools 5-9 year olds
-  Lower/Middle School 5-13 year olds
-  Primary Schools 5-11 year olds
-  Middle Schools 9-13 year olds
-  Secondary School 9-16 year olds
-  Secondary Schools 11-16/18 year olds

Impact of changes

- Oversupply of places in Dunstable and Houghton Regis



Impact of changes on Brewers Hill Middle School

- Current number on roll 181 vs 480 places
- September 2014 - 161 pupil vs 480 places
- September 2015 – 96 pupils vs 480 places
- 2013/14 to 14/15 budget implication is a decrease of £148k (13.6%)

The role of the School Admissions Team

Has a statutory duty to:

- To process and co-ordinate admission applications in the area
- To provide information on the admissions process and the entry points available to children in the area

Children due to start Year 5

- All children who are due to start the Middle school in September this year can take up their place.
- If the decision is made to close the School, then an application will need to be made in September 2015 for a place at a Secondary school in Year 7 in September 2016 as the Middle school would be closed by the end of the academic year in the summer of 2016.

Children currently at the school

If the decision is made to close the school, the following admission options will apply to children currently at the school:

Children who will be in Year 6 in September 2014	Will need to make an application in September 2014 to transfer to Secondary school in September 2015. Or: Child could continue into Year 7 in September 2015 but would need to make an in-year application in the summer of 2016 to transfer into Year 8 at an alternative school.
Children who will be in Year 7 in September 2014	Would need to make either a late application for Secondary to start Year 7 in September 2014 or apply in-year for a place in Year 8 in the summer of 2015 to start Year 8 in September 2015.
Children who will be in Year 8 in September 2014	Can continue at the school and make application in September 2014 to transfer to Upper school as normal for September 2015 or make an in-year application for a place in a Secondary school to start in the academic year of 2014/15 as a Year 8 pupil.

Council proposal – timeline

- Executive approval to commence consultation: 4 February 2014
- Statutory consultation: 24 February 2014 to 7 April 2014
- Overview & Scrutiny Committee: Wednesday 7 May 2014
- Executive consideration of responses to consultations and decision to publish statutory notices **if required**: 27 May 2014
- Representation period: 9 June 2014 to 7 July 2014
- Determination by Executive: 19 August 2014

Consultation Document

- Available from School, Council, Local Library, Council website.
- Responses either on-line (preferably) or via post
- Closing date – Monday 7 April 2014
- Frequently asked questions
- **Your questions**

Notes from staff briefing held at Brewers Hill Middle school on Tuesday 25 February 2014

Title of meeting:	Notes from staff briefing held at Brewers Hill Middle School	
Date/Time:	25 February 2014 at 4.00 pm	
Attendees:	<u>Central Bedfordshire Council</u> – Helen Redding, Assistant Director School Improvement Rob Parsons, Head of School Organisation, Admissions & Capital Planning David Waller, Senior Human Resource Manager Lydia Braisher, Admissions Manager Sue Barrow, Information Manager	<u>Union Representatives</u> – Tim Rawsden – NASUWT Bridget Fordham – ATL Martin Foster - GMB
Venue:	Brewers Hill Middle School, Aldbanks, Dunstable	

A presentation was given by the officers of Central Bedfordshire Council regarding the proposal to close Brewers Hill Middle School and the consultation process that is being undertaken.

The officers advised that the proposed closure of the school was based upon the

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Questions were then invited.

Below is a summary of the questions and issues that were raised by the staff.

Question	Response
Due to the process that the school went through last year, to become an academy within the Barnfield Federation, is the school being given an opportunity to consider any other change?	The Governing Body are able to bring forward an alternative proposal in response to this consultation.
Can the lower schools, that have changed their age range, provide the facilities that are needed for the curriculum e.g. science labs?	At the meetings held during the lower school consultations many parents asked whether the lower schools would be able to deliver the full primary curriculum. The

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	schools were able to assure them that they would.
Why are you proposing to close Brewers Hill, which is an Ofsted 'good' school, when the secondary schools 'require improvement'?	<p>The proposal to close the school is based upon the viability of the school, which affects the ability of the school to deliver the curriculum. It is not based upon the current standard of the school.</p> <p>The secondary schools in the town are making good progress.</p>
Did the Council consider the over supply of places when it approved the change of age ranges for the Dunstable and Houghton Regis schools?	The Council allowed maintained schools to bring forward proposals to change their age range in order to give those schools the same opportunities as were available to academies within the area. The supply of places was one of the factors that was considered when decisions were made by the Secretary of State (for academies) and by the Council (for maintained schools).
Are the primary schools undersubscribed? Will any of them be closed?	Some lower schools that have converted to primary are predicted to have lower numbers for year 5 in September 2014. This is a trend seen elsewhere in the first few years of a school's transition to a new age range but we expect numbers to rise in subsequent years as parents grow in confidence.
Are academies allowed to do what they like? Academies appear unaccountable and Council maintained schools are therefore at a disadvantage	Academies are accountable to the Secretary of State who will intervene in any that are underperforming or are significantly undersubscribed and therefore unviable.
The letters that have been sent out to parents of current year 6 students regarding admissions have been misleading and parents have raised their concerns with staff. If the letter had been properly written we would not be losing so many pupils. The school should have been privy to any letters that were due to be sent out to our parents.	<p>The School Admissions service has a duty to advise parents of a change to a transfer point. We therefore needed to advise parents that there will be no coordinated year 9 transfer into Manshead or Queensbury from September 2016.</p> <p>The letters invited parents to contact the Admissions helpline. Many did contact us and we were able to assist them.</p>
By forcing children into bigger schools, with much older children, you are forcing them to grow up too quickly.	All of the schools that have proposed an extension to their age range have had to demonstrate how they will manage the increased age range and provide the pupils with a good education. If we have any



	concerns about a maintained schools ability to subsequently do this, we will intervene. If we have any such concerns about an academy we can take these to the DfE's Regional Commissioner.
Comment from union representative	<p>Please feedback to the consultation with the enthusiasm for the school that you have shown today.</p> <p>It is not a losing battle. Twice we have been close to inevitable closure decisions which were subsequently over turned.</p> <p>Tell the Council's elected members of your views by responding.</p>

Notes from public meeting held at Brewers Hill Middle School on Tuesday 4 March 2014

Title of meeting:	Notes from public meeting held at Brewers Hill Middle School
Date/Time:	4 March 2014 at 7.00 pm
Venue:	Brewers Hill Middle School, Aldbanks, Dunstable

A presentation was given by officers of Central Bedfordshire Council regarding the proposal to close Brewers Hill Middle School and the consultation process that is being undertaken.

Helen Redding, Assistant Director School Improvement

Rob Parsons, Head of School Organisation, Admissions & Capital Planning

Lydia Braisher, Admissions Manager

The officers advised that the proposed closure of the school was based upon the

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The officers encouraged everybody to respond to the consultation.

Questions and concerns were invited.

Below is a summary of the questions and concerns that were raised

Question	Response
If the decision is made to close the school, can the Governing Body appeal the decision?	The Governing Body can appeal to the Schools Adjudicator within four weeks of the decision being made. There is no right of appeal on the determination made by the Schools Adjudicator.
If the decision is made to close the school, and the teachers all leave, who would support the children and what would happen to their education?	The Council would work in partnership with the school to support the process and to provide support to the children. The Council would also commission any additional support that is required.
What would happen to the staff if the school closes?	With the reduced budget that the school have for 2014/15, the school's Governing Body will have to consider its staffing budget with effect from September 2014, irrespective of the outcome of the closure proposal.

	If the school faces closure, the Council will provide HR support to the school and to the staff.
This is not a 'failing' school, why is this school facing closure?	The proposal to close the school is based upon the viability of the school, which affects the ability of the school to deliver the curriculum. It is not based upon the current standard of the school.
Could just one middle school remain open?	There is a 65% surplus of places within the area in years 5-8. There is no demographic demand for these places to be retained in the area.
Why were the parents of year 4 children not advised of this proposal before they were asked to submit their choice for year 5?	Figures from the admission process, which closed on 15 January 2014, were used to confirm the numbers of pupils that were due to move to the school in September. This then gave us the information we needed regarding the future viability of the school.
How will the decision be made regarding the proposal? What will be the criteria?	The Council is required to follow the guidance produced by the Department for Education for decision makers. This includes consideration of all of the responses to the consultation.
You are taking away our choice. By forcing children into bigger schools, with much older children, you are forcing them to grow up too quickly.	All of the schools that have proposed an extension to their age range have had to demonstrate how they will manage the increased age range and provide the pupils with a good education. If we have any concerns about a maintained schools ability to subsequently do this, we will intervene. If we have any such concerns about an academy we can take these to the DfE's Regional Commissioner.
The letters that have been sent out to parents of current year 6 students regarding admissions have been misleading and parents have raised their concerns with staff. If the letter had been properly written the middle schools would not be losing so many pupils.	The School Admissions service has a duty to advise parents of a change to a transfer point. We therefore needed to advise parents that there will be no coordinated year 9 transfer into Manshead or Queensbury from September 2016. The letters invited parents to contact the Admissions helpline. Many did contact us and we were able to assist them.
Have the children from the new development north of Houghton Regis been included in the projected numbers?	This will be provided either within or adjacent to that development, providing school places local to the new communities in north Houghton Regis, when they are required
How can village schools stay open, with very low numbers?	School funding regulations changed last year and each school now receives a uniform lump sum, plus additional funding based upon the number of pupils they have. Small schools that struggle to stay open often go into partnership with other schools in order to remain viable.



<p>Can parents change their mind?</p>	<p>Yes, parents can change their preference and submit a late application</p>
<p>This is scaremongering and nobody has been asked to vote for either 2 tier or 3 tier across the town. Nobody has voted for this closure. The council will not listen.</p>	<p>Academies and schools within Dunstable and Houghton Regis have brought forward their own proposals to change their age ranges. They were able to justify these proposals and show evidence of parental support to the Council who is the decision maker for Council maintained schools and to the Department for Education for academies.</p> <p>This not a referendum, there is no voting process. This is a consultation and we encourage everybody to submit their responses.</p>
<p>Why has the Council not driven all of the changes?</p> <p>Academies are competing for our children. Feeder schools are in partnership with other schools. The mess within the town is due to the lack of partnership working between schools.</p>	<p>The Council is no longer able to drive system wide change and schools are now largely in control of their own destinies. The Council has not been the decision maker for the changes that have happened in academies, but the Council decided to give our maintained schools the same freedoms that were available to academies.</p> <p>Following recent changes to school regulations by the Department for Education, all maintained schools can now change their age range by up to 2 years without any recourse to the Council.</p> <p>The Council retains responsibility for ensuring the provision of school places.</p>

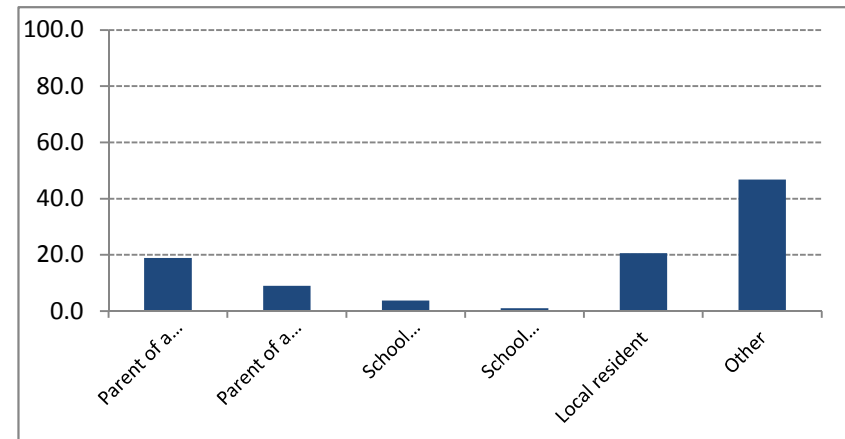
At the close of the meeting, everyone was encouraged to respond to the consultation.

Appendix C

Brewers Hill Final Results Based on 291 responses

Q1 - Are you a:

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid Parent of a child/children at Brewers Hill Middle School	55	18.9	18.9
Parent of a child/children at another school in the area	26	8.9	8.9
School employee of Brewers Hill Middle School	11	3.8	3.8
School employee of another school in the area	3	1.0	1.0
Local resident	60	20.6	20.6
Other	136	46.7	46.7
Total	291	100.0	100.0



Q1.a - Please specify:

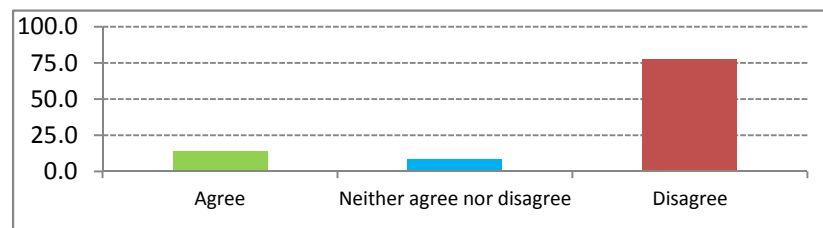
	Frequency	Percent
Valid Also parent of a child at Queensbury Ashton	1	0.8
becroft lower school my daughter is due to start at brewers in september 2014	1	0.8
Brewers Hill Middle School	1	0.8
child	14	11.4
child at BHMS	1	0.8
child going to be going to brewershill	1	0.8
ex pupil	3	2.4
ex-pupil - now at Queensbury Academy	1	0.8
Former teacher at the school	1	0.8
foster carer of a child at brewershill and another child at another school	1	0.8
grandparent	3	2.4
I am an ICT Trainer/assessor who spent several months training and assessing the learning support staff	1	0.8
i went to the school and loved it.	1	0.8
Potential pupil	1	0.8
Previous Teacher at Brewers Hill	1	0.8
pupil	85	69.1
pupil at Brewers Hill	3	2.4
Teacher	1	0.8
Worked at the school until 2007	1	0.8
Total	123	100.0

Q2 - If you are the parent of a child/children currently at another school, or the employee or governor of another school, please tell us which school

	Frequency	Percent
Valid Ashton Middle	1	3.7
Beecroft	6	22.2
Dunstable Icknield Lower School	1	3.7
Greenleas	1	3.7
Houghton Regis Primary School	1	3.7
Lancot	2	7.4
Lancot Lower	10	37.0
Lancot Lower & Streetfield Middle	1	3.7
priory queensbury	1	3.7
Queensbury	1	3.7
The Chiltern School	1	3.7
Totternhoe lower school	1	3.7
Total	27	100.0
Missing	264	
Total	291	

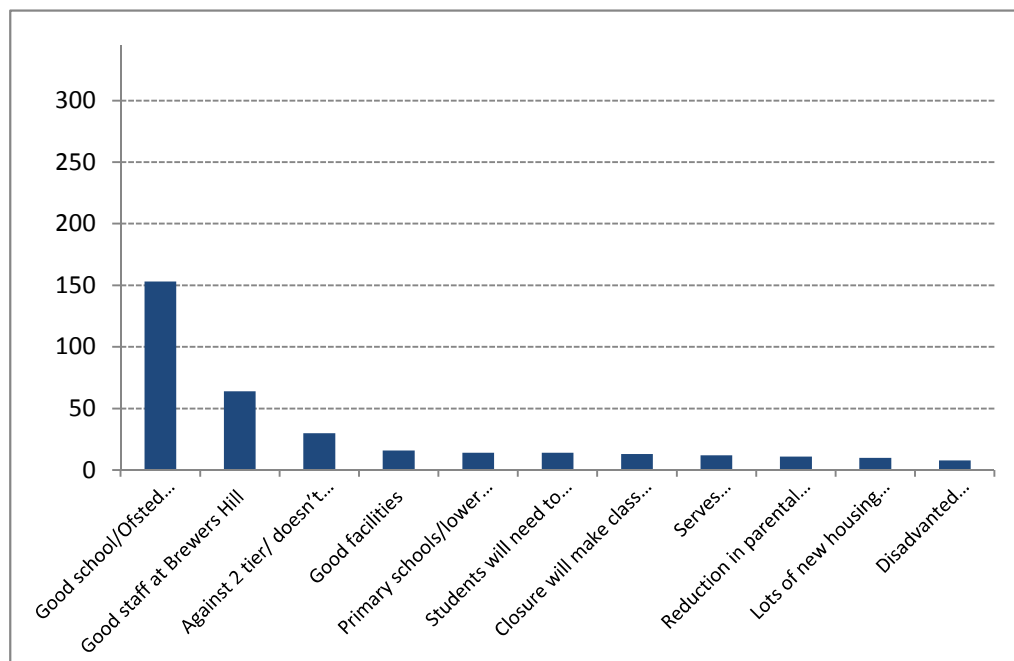
Q3 - Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to close Brewers Hill Middle School

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid Agree	40	13.7	13.9
Neither agree nor disagree	25	8.6	8.7
Disagree	223	76.6	77.4
Total	288	99.0	100.0
Missing	3	1.0	
Total	291	100.0	



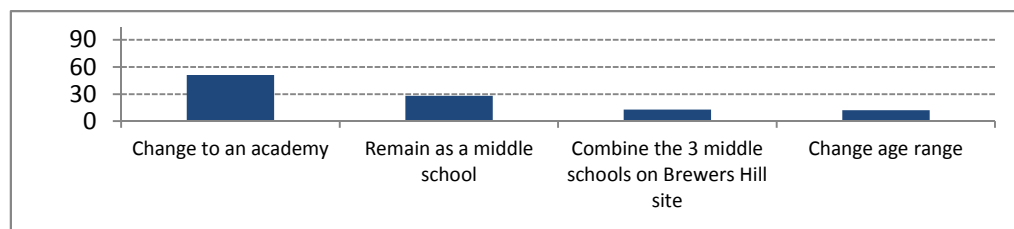
Q4 - Please give your reasons why you agree or disagree with the proposal to close Brewers Hill Middle School

Topic	Frequency
Valid	
Good school/Ofsted rated as good	153
Good staff at Brewers Hill	64
Against 2 tier/ doesn't want child mixing with 16yr olds	30
Good facilities	16
Primary schools/lower schools don't have the facilities needed	14
Students will need to travel further to get to school	14
Closure will make class sizes bigger	13
Serves community/Good reputation in the community	12
Reduction in parental choice	11
Lots of new housing coming to the area will mean a need for new school places	10
Disadvantaged children/SEN attend	8



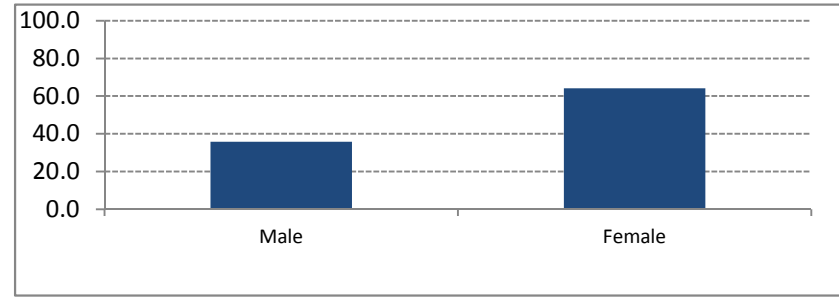
Q5 - Please use the space below to suggest any alternatives to closing the school or make any other comments you would like to make about this proposal.

Topic	Frequency
Valid	
Change to an academy	51
Remain as a middle school	28
Combine the 3 middle schools on Brewers Hill site	13
Change age range	12



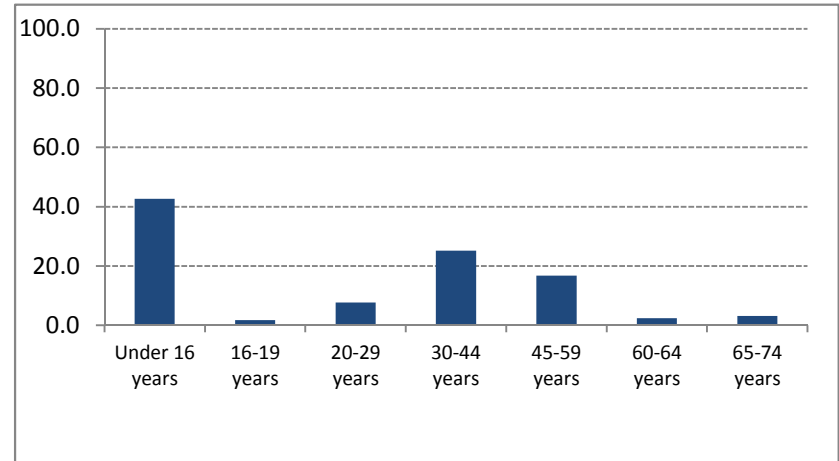
Q6 - Are you

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid Male	103	35.4	35.9
Female	184	63.2	64.1
Total	287	98.6	100.0
Missing	4	1.4	
Total	291	100.0	



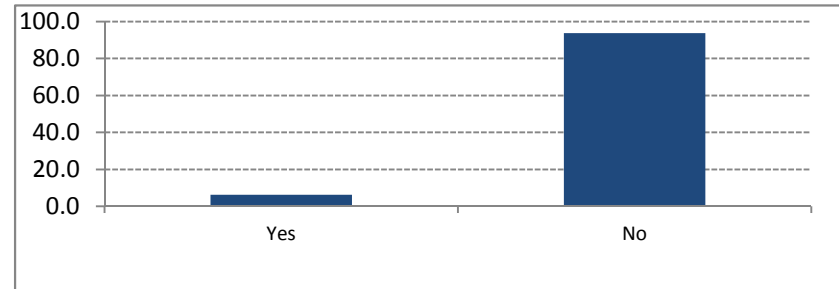
Q7 - What is your age?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid Under 16 years	122	41.9	42.7
16-19 years	5	1.7	1.7
20-29 years	22	7.6	7.7
30-44 years	72	24.7	25.2
45-59 years	48	16.5	16.8
60-64 years	7	2.4	2.4
65-74 years	9	3.1	3.1
75 years +	1	.3	.3
Total	286	98.3	100.0
Missing	5	1.7	
Total	291	100.0	



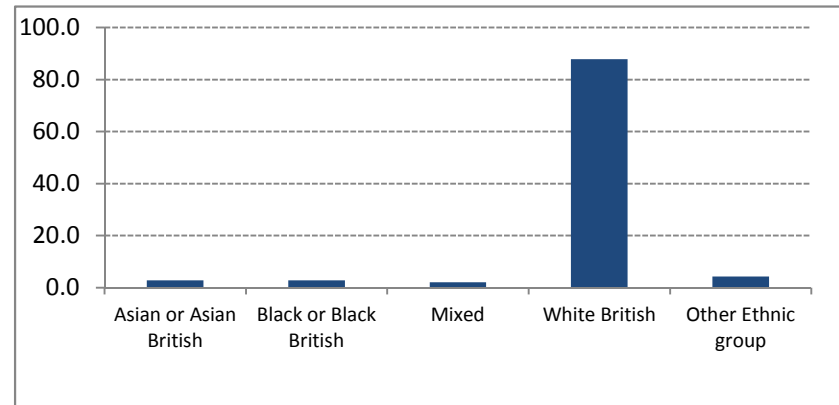
Q8 - Do you consider yourself to be disabled?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	17	5.8	6.3
	No	255	87.6	93.8
	Total	272	93.5	100.0
Missing		19	6.5	
Total		291	100.0	



Q9 - To which of these groups do you consider you belong?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Asian or Asian British	8	2.7	2.8
	Black or Black British	8	2.7	2.8
	Mixed	6	2.1	2.1
	White British	247	84.9	87.9
	Other Ethnic group	12	4.1	4.3
	Total	281	96.6	100.0
Missing		10	3.4	
Total		291	100.0	



Q9.a - If other, please specify:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	African	1	.3	9.1
	Greek	1	.3	9.1
	None supplied	1	.3	9.1
	Not disclosed	1	.3	9.1
	Not supplied	1	.3	9.1
	Polish	1	.3	9.1
	Romanian white	1	.3	9.1
	Traveller	1	.3	9.1
	Undisclosed	1	.3	9.1
	White Irish	1	.3	9.1
	white, black caribbean	1	.3	9.1
	Total	11	3.8	100.0
Missing		280	96.2	
Total		291	100.0	