Education in West Northumberland
Briefing Note Responses

School Name	Head Teacher	Yes - Consult	No - Don't Consult	Briefing Note Signed By/Comments
Haydon Bridge Partnership				
Allendale Primary School	Alison Hawkins	Yes		Cheryl Litster-Smith
Bellingham First School	Wendy Goddard			
Bellingham Middle School and Sports College	Rebecca Simpson			
Greenhaugh First School	Amanda Taylor	Yes		Jennifer Holland (Chair of Governors)
Greenhead C of E Aided Primary School	Sarah Hutchinson	Yes		Sarah Hutchinson (Headteacher)

Haltwhistle Community Campus Upper & Lower School Academy	Judith Greene (Executive Headteacher)
	
	Paul Sampson (Headteacer - Haltwhistle Upper School)
	
	Susie Drake (Headteacher - Haltwhistle Lower School)
		Yes		*We do, in Haltwhistle, think there should be a consultation, but we thought, from the conversation at the Mart, that the scope was a bit wider than this letter. We wondered if the third and fourth bullet in 9. could just say 'consult on the educational provision in West Northumberland' so that any possible solutions are not ruled in or out at this stage.*
				If we say 'yes' to this letter, are we agreeing that the consultation should only cover those points?
				Judith Green (Headteacher)
				
				If a consultation was agreed then the following points would be considered:
				● *Consult on the long term future of Haydon Bridge High School (HBHS).*
				● *Consult with the Hadrian Trust if as a result of their consultation they intend to extend the age range of Queen Elizabeth High School (QEHS) to an age 11-18 academy and examine the consequences of such a change.*
				● ~~*Consult whether a new school should be constructed for QEHS.*~~
				● ~~*Consult on the future model of provision and any schools closures that may be necessary in a reorganised model.*~~
				● *Consult on educational provision generally in West Northumberland*
				● *Consult on whether the Council should work towards establishing a Trust that would enable it to become a multi-academy trust sponsor.*
				Susie Drake (Headteacher - Haltwhistle Lower School
				
				Consult on educational provision generally in West Northumberland including
				● *Primarily putting children first*
				● *Looking at education provisions fit for purpose for the next 25 years. Including:*
				  ○ *Provision for all groups of children, including SEN, PP and vulnerable groups*
				  ○ *Provision for children not deemed purely as academic*
				  ○ *Provisions that support and stretch those at risk of NEET*
				  ○ *Provisions that offer parental choice*
				Paul Sampson (Head of School - Haltwhistle Upper School)

Haydon Bridge High School	Darren Glover	Yes		Ruth Dolan (Chair of the IEB)
Haydon Bridge Shaftoe Trust Primary School	Gillian Woodward	Yes		Gillian Woodward (Headteacher)
Henshaw C of E Aided Primary School	Sarah Hutchinson	Yes		David Ratcliffe (Chair of Governors)
Kielder Community First School	Fay Hartland	Yes		There very definitely should be a consultation, but please can the time scale be accelerated? There is no advantage to anyone in dragging it out.

Newbrough C of E Primary School	Jo Trotter			To establish the views of schools in the west of Northumberland on carrying out a consultation, in light of recent events that have taken place out of the local authority's control' Your briefing paper asked us, as governors, to decide if a consultation is necessary and that any proposal you might put forward to consultation would consider the points below. We met to discuss all 'Key Issues' outlined in the briefing paper and our response is thus: We do not support a confused and hurried consultation. Therefore, we can support a consultation if it were based only on the 4th bullet point below. ● Consult on the long term future of Haydon Bridge High School (HBHS). ***NO*** *This is a completely separate issue to all of the others and should be treated as such. It will have far-reaching consequences for the communities of Haydon Bridge and of Hexham and for all pupils, parents and staff. It cannot be treated as part of a wider consultation.* ● Consult with the Hadrian Trust if as a result of their consultation they intend to extend the age range of Queen Elizabeth High School (QEHS) to an age 11-18 academy and examine the consequences of such a change. ***NO*** *Hadrian Learning Trust carried out an informal consultation on changing their age range in the summer term of 2017 .There has been no feedback on this initial consultation which received detailed responses from many local schools. We cannot see any reason why you would wish to carry out a further consultation at this stage.* ● Consult whether a new school should be constructed for QEHS. ***NO*** *We are unclear as to why this needs a consultation. If money needs to be spent on new buildings then this is a matter for HLT and for NCC to discuss.* ● Consult on the future model of provision and any schools closures that may be necessary in a reorganised model. ***YES*** *However, we would need a great deal more information about the basis on which this consultation was undertaken. There would need to be complete clarity, for example, about what constitutes financial sustainability and about where the over- capacity lies.* ● Consult on whether the Council should work towards establishing a Trust that would enable it to become a multi-academy trust sponsor. ***NO*** *Our understanding is that there is currently no legal basis on which NCC could establish a MAT. A consultation would seem more appropriate if and when there is a legal basis for the proposal.* ***We would strongly suggest a consultation should be carried out through a process that is independent of the NCC***
Otterburn First School	Tina Henderson	Yes		*Our only comment would be the length of the process and we would request that the time scales are looked at again. The situation has gone on far too long and needs to be resolved as soon as possible.* Tina Henderson (Head of School)
Wark C of E First School (shared with Greenhaugh)	Amanda Taylor	Yes		*Have also requested clarification on para 9, bullet point 4 as to what conditions school closures would be considered?* K V Ritchie (Chair of Governors).
West Woodburn First School	Victoria Rutherford	Yes		Victoria Rutherford (Head of School)
Whitfield C of E Voluntary Aided Primary School	Kathryn Ayre			
Hexham Partnership				
Acomb First School	Fiona Hinchcliffe	Yes		Jane Wrighley (Co-Chair of Governors)
Beaufront First School	Eileen Daniel	See attached letter.		Eileen Daniel (Headteacher) & Elizabeth Giuliani (Chair of Governors. See attached letter.
Broomhaugh C of E First School	Jen Stephenson	Yes		Jen Stephenson (Headteacher)
Chollerton C of E First School	Hazel Davey	Yes		Hazel Davey (Headteacher)
Corbridge C of E Aided First School	Jennifer Ainsley	Yes		Jennifer Ainsley (Headteacher)
Corbridge Middle School	Jane Kennedy			See letter. Jo Holmes (Chair of Governors)

Hexham First School	Rebecca Jackson	Yes		Fiona Armstrong (Chair of Governors)
Humshaugh C of E First School	Jude Long	Yes		*With regards to point 9 bullet point 4, we would request that there is a clear and transparent rationale for any suggested closures.* Jude Long (Headteacher)
Queen Elizabeth High School/Hexham Middle School	Graeme Atkins	Yes		Simon Kitchman (Chair of Trust Board)
Slaley First School	Debra Brett			We need to see the content of the 'detailed report' before an informed decision can be made. Marjorie Rastall (Chair of Governors)
St Joseph's RC Middle School and St Mary's RC First School	Fiona Conley	Yes		Fiona Conley (Headteacher)
The Sele First School	Margaret Anderson	Yes		Maggie Anderson (Headteacher)
Whitley Chapel C of E First School	Jennifer Morgan	Yes		Rev A. Patterson
Whittonstall First School	Leanne Barker	Yes		L Barker (Headteacher) and V. Ryrie (Chair of Governors)
Diocese of Newcastle	Paul Rickeard	Yes		Paul Rickeard (Director of Education)
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle	Joe Hughes	Yes		Joe Hughes (Director of Education)