

1. Purpose of report

1.1 To inform Waltham Forest residents and the wider community of the outcome of consultation on Building Schools for the Future proposals for schools in Waltham Forest.

1.2 Date of consultation

12 November 2008 – 12 January 2009

1.3 Background

1.3.1 Building Schools for the Future is the government-funded programme to rebuild and refurbish all secondary schools in the country. Waltham Forest is one of the first local authorities to receive this funding. The first phase of building work is well underway with three projects already completed at Kelmscott and Walthamstow Academy, while Aveling Park and Warwick School for Boys have combined to become the Frederick Bremer School on a new site on Siddeley Road.

1.3.2 In July 2007 we consulted the community on a vision for secondary education in Leyton, Leytonstone and Chingford. We met with pupils, parents, school staff and governors, the colleges and local businesses and faith groups. We analysed the responses and gave particular consideration to the views of pupils and came up with proposals that will continue the radical transformation that has begun in the Walthamstow area.

1.3.3 On 12 November we launched the consultation on specific proposals for individual schools and invited comments from the community on a range of issues including specially resourced SEN provision, post 16 provision, ICT, community use, and sustainability and 'green' issues. We also sought views on school improvement, the expansion of some schools to meet growing demand for school places and on the need for a new school.

1.3.4 We have analysed the responses received to this second consultation exercise and the responses are summarised below.

2. The consultation process

2.1 Parents, pupils and the wider community have been able to contribute to this consultation through a variety of means. In addition to a freepost reply facility consultees were able to telephone, respond on line or email their responses.

Consultation activities

- 52,000 copies of a 24-page consultation document setting out the proposals and inviting responses was widely circulated (see list of consultees below) and published on the Waltham Forest website.
- Article in *wfm* on 17 November 2008
- 12 school-based meeting for parents and the community
- 3 area-based public meetings
- Headteacher BSF conference 28 November 2008
- Presentation to Governors Briefing

- Presentation to Area Partnership headteachers' meetings
- Presentation to JCC (Union meeting)
- Presentation to Fair Access panel

1. Parents of pupils at all secondary schools
2. All staff in all schools
3. All Governors of all schools
4. Parents of pupils in all WF primary schools
5. All councillors and M.Ps
6. All trades unions
7. Council offices and service managers
8. All Waltham Forest libraries
9. All Waltham Forest school headteachers and chairs of governors
10. Neighbouring LEAs
11. Dioceses
12. Community Councils
13. LSC and local colleges
14. Admissions Forum members
15. Early Years providers
16. Private education providers
17. Local voluntary, faith and community groups

3. Summary of responses received

3.1 Breakdown of responses

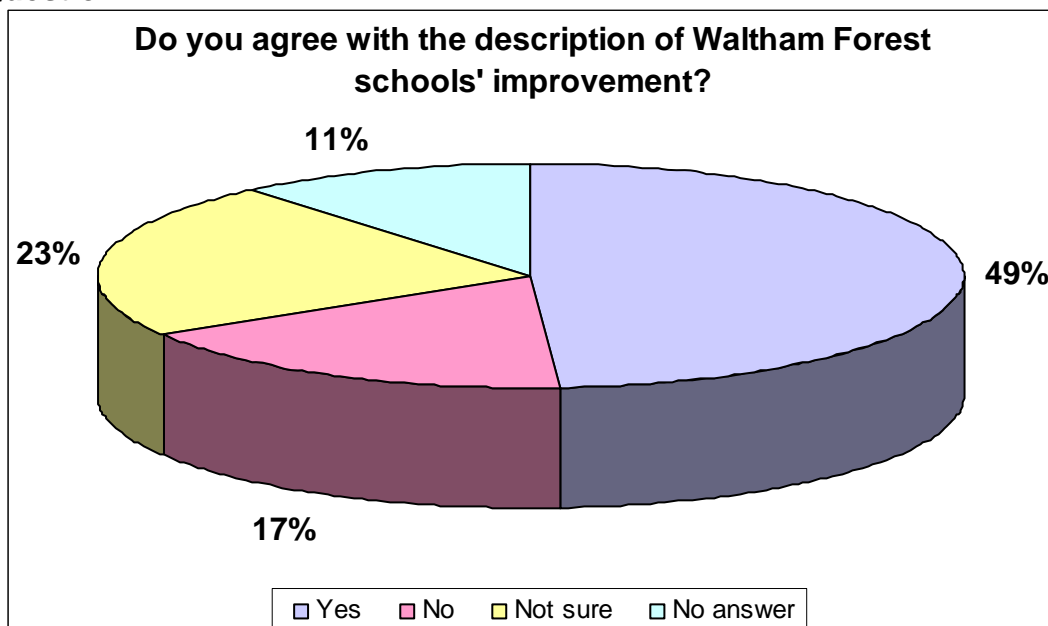
A total of 195 responses were received - 53 on-line responses, email/response form/letter responses, telephone calls.

Parents	Pupils	Governors	Staff	Heads	Other	Not specified	Total
73	15	14 (4)	58 (8)	10	20	5	195

(nos in brackets denote where consultees self-identified in 2 categories)

3.2 Responses to questions

Question 1

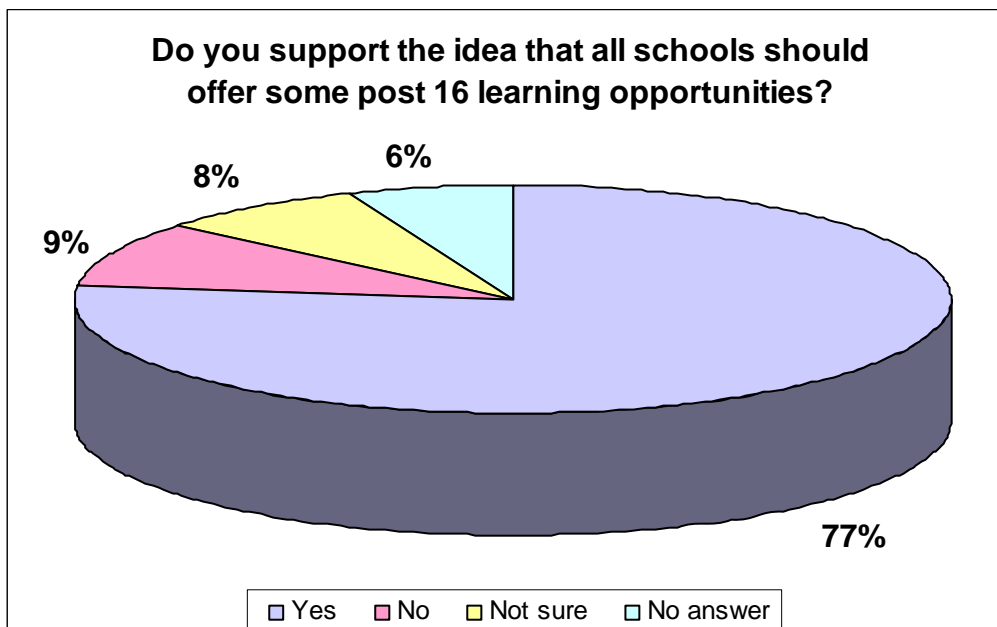


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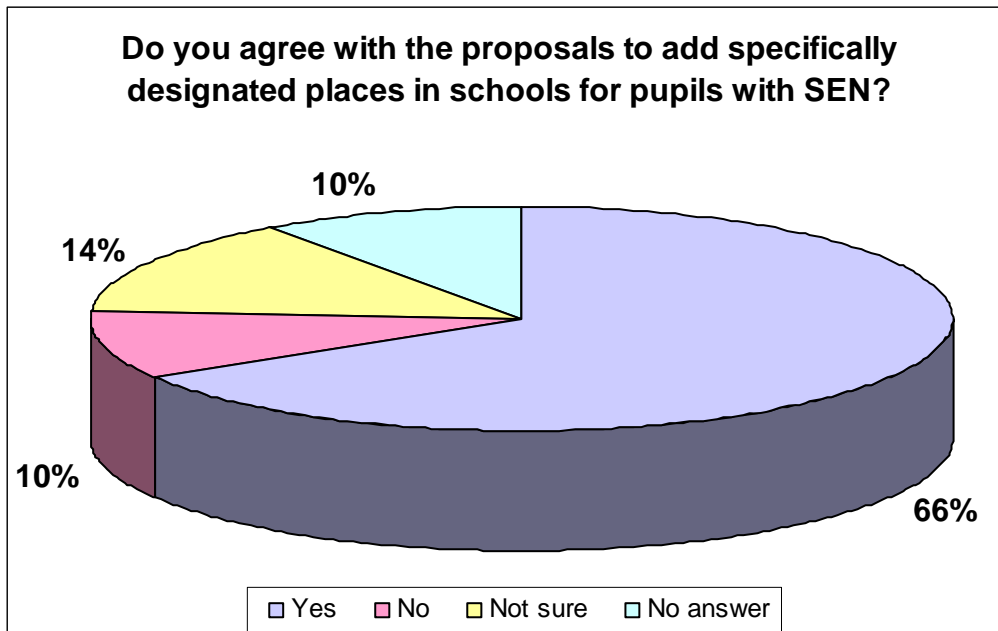
Can you suggest ways in which schools can be more open to the wider community? What facilities/services might be provided?

- Adult learning
- Childcare
- Dental, nurse, health visitor
- School playing fields and swimming pool
- 'Silver surfer' for 60+
- GCSE/A level for adults
- Social worker provision
- ESOL classes
- Activity holidays in school holidays for 11-15 year olds
- Drop-in women's/men's well-being clinics
- Chill-out and homework area
- Evening sessions at school for parents to come and help with homework
- Use of hall for cinema, music

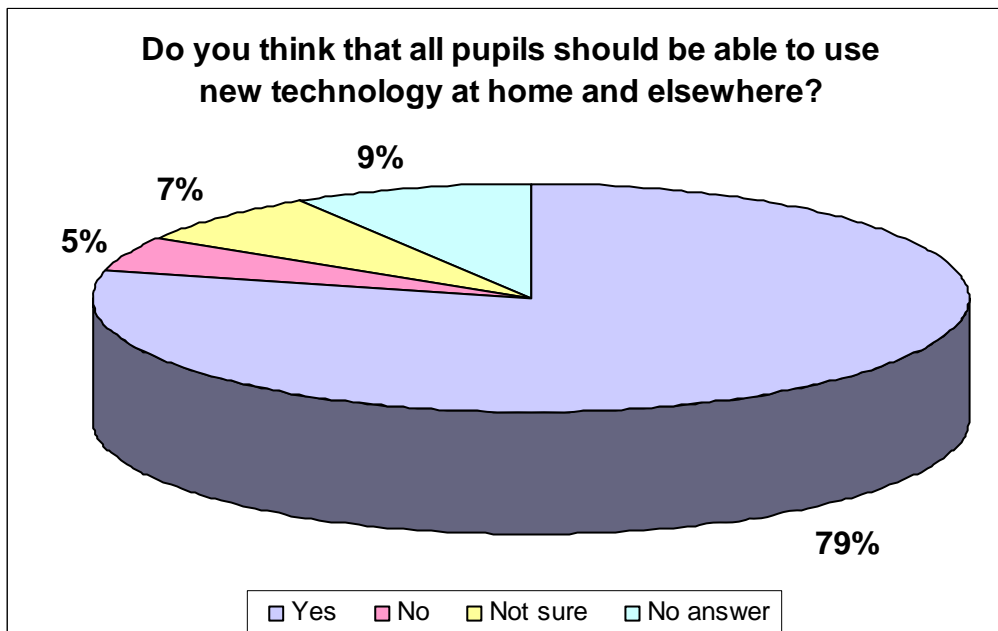
Question 3



Question 4



Question 5



Question 6

What community services would you like to see provided on school sites e.g. health, adult learning, childcare?

- Adult learning
- Childcare
- Farmers market
- Health and beauty
- Would object to health centre in school
- Play equipment suitable for children with special needs
- Return to work
- Mental health support and counselling
- First aid classes
- Gym/fitness centre
- Nursery for teachers and support staff

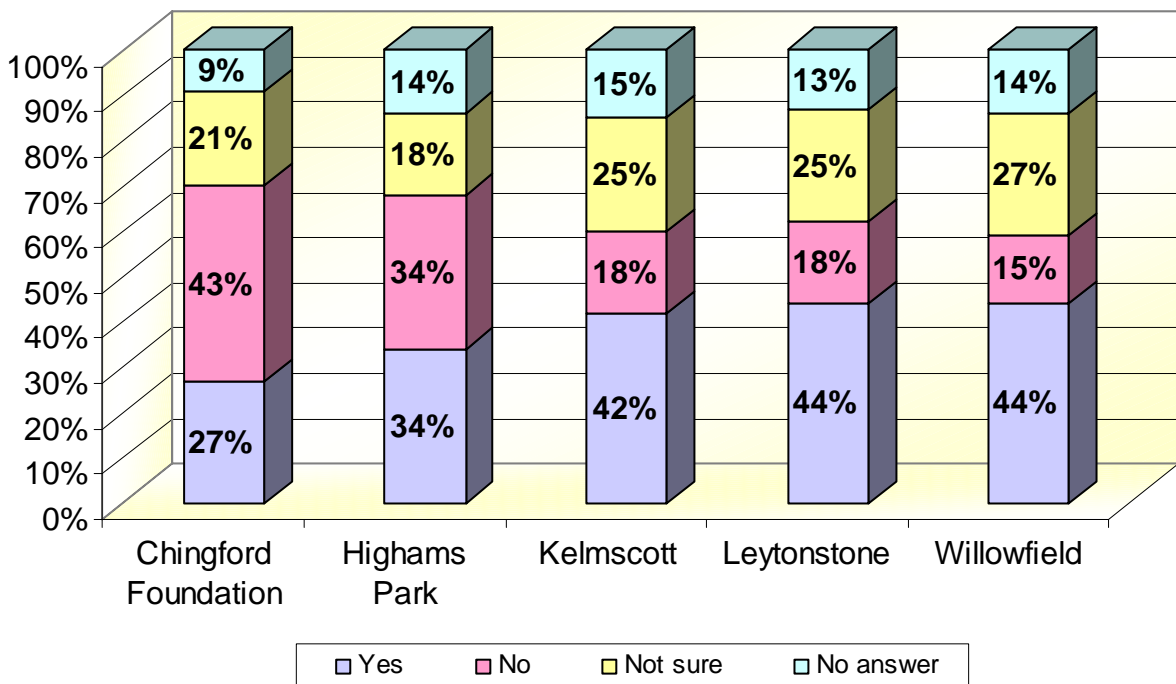
Question 7

In what ways do you think that you/your children could contribute to making our school and community 'greener'?

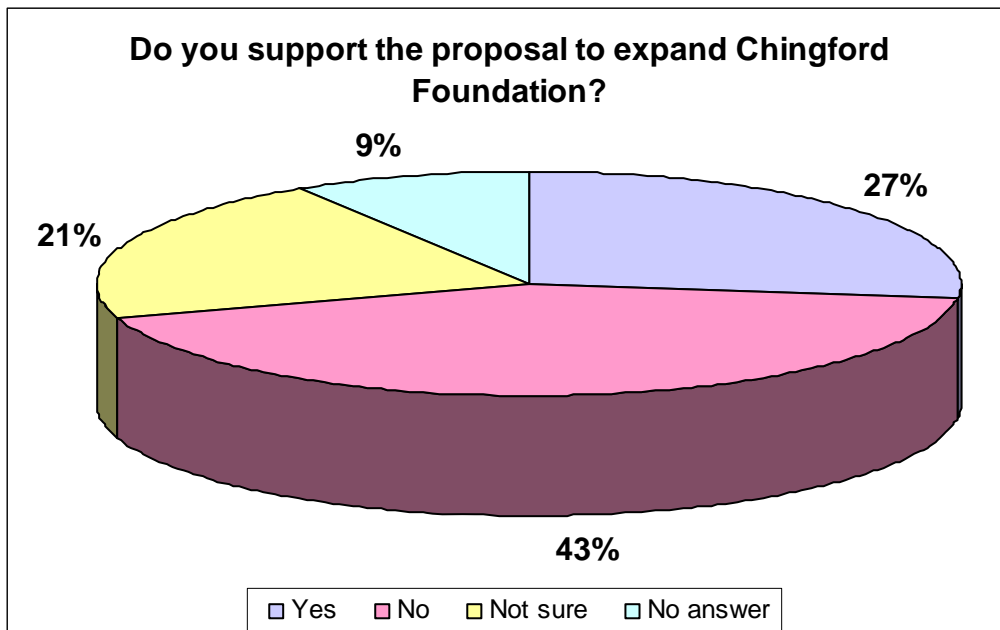
- food growing project
- community energy scheme
- walk/cycle promotion
- school workshops on greener living
- solar panels
- eco-friendly cleaning materials
- bike racks
- road calming schemes
- energy saving bulbs

Question 8

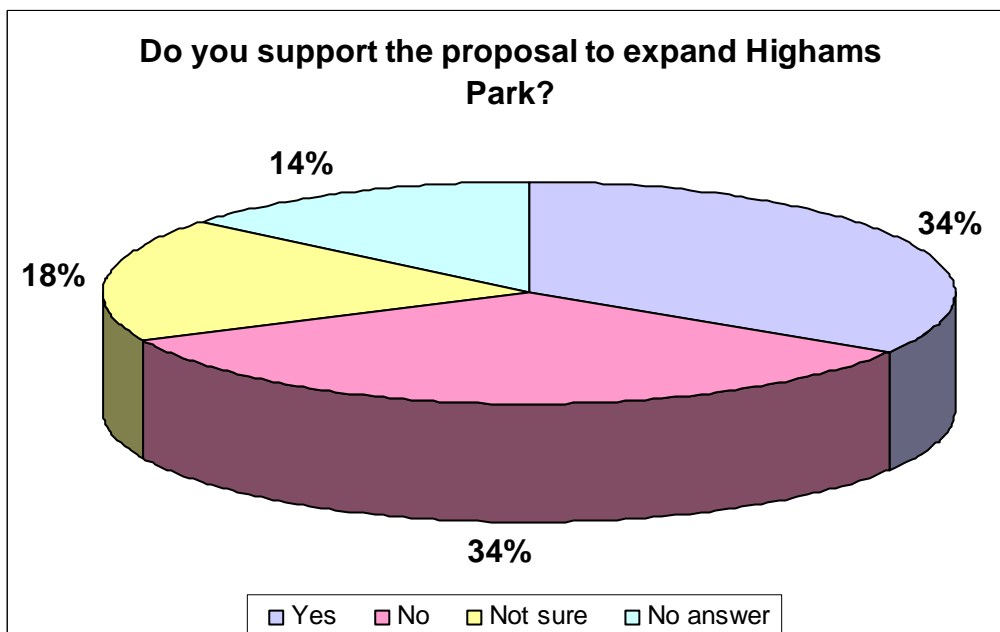
Do you support the proposals to expand:



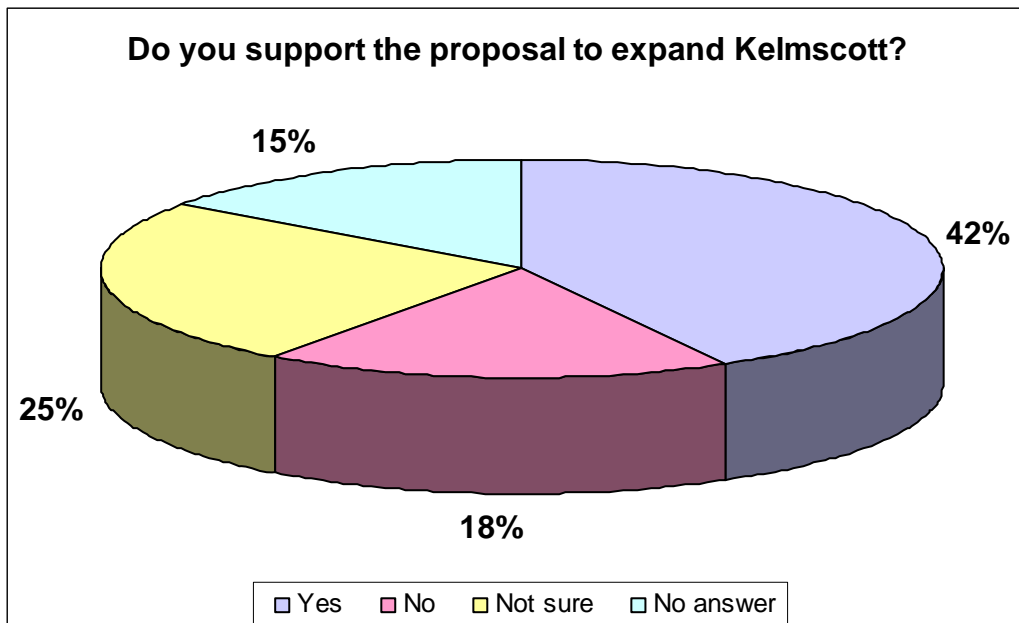
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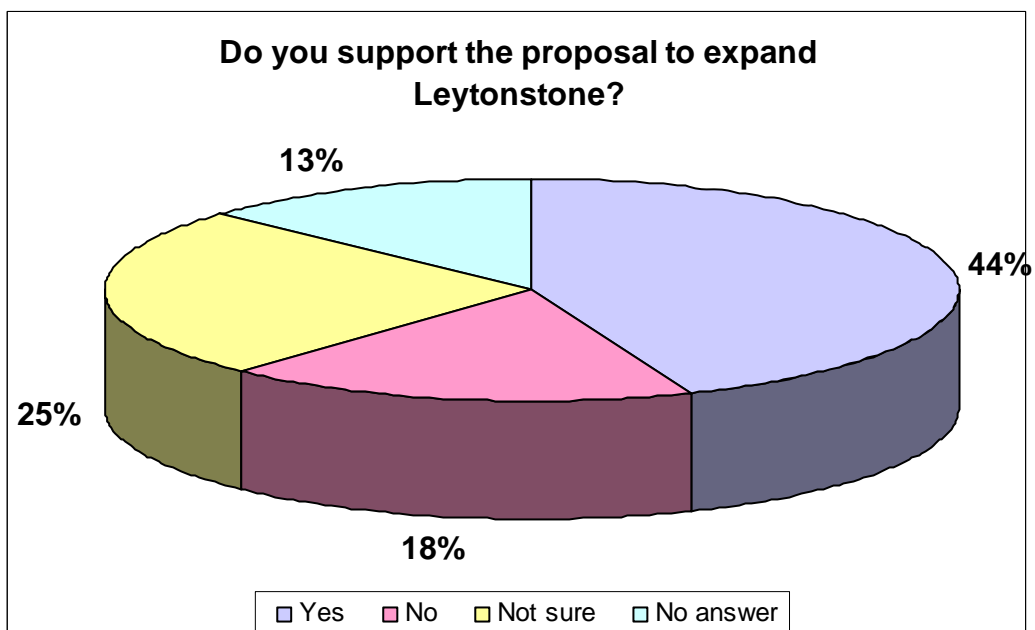
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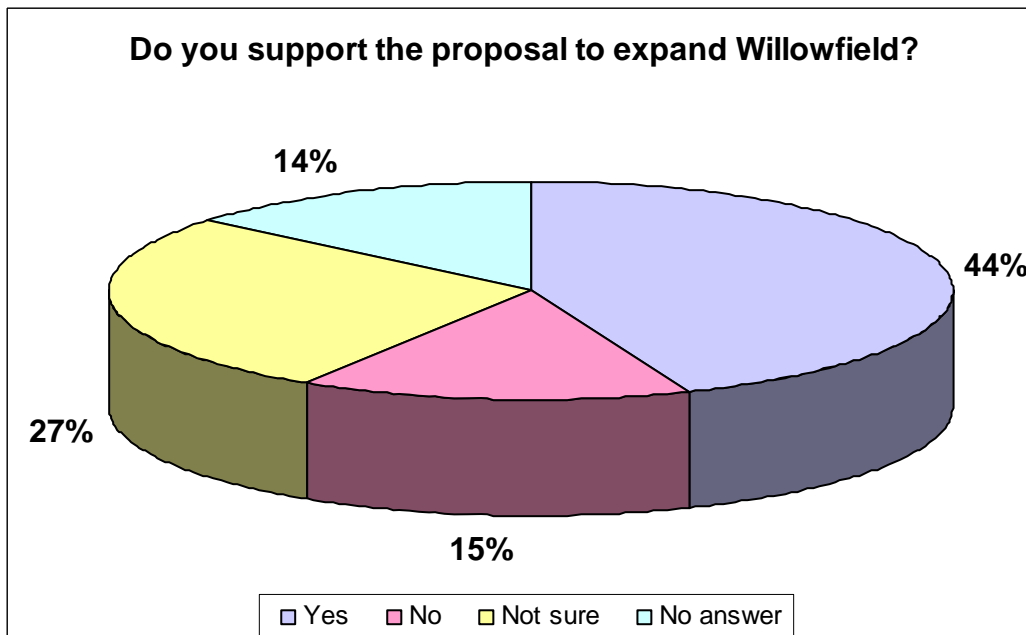
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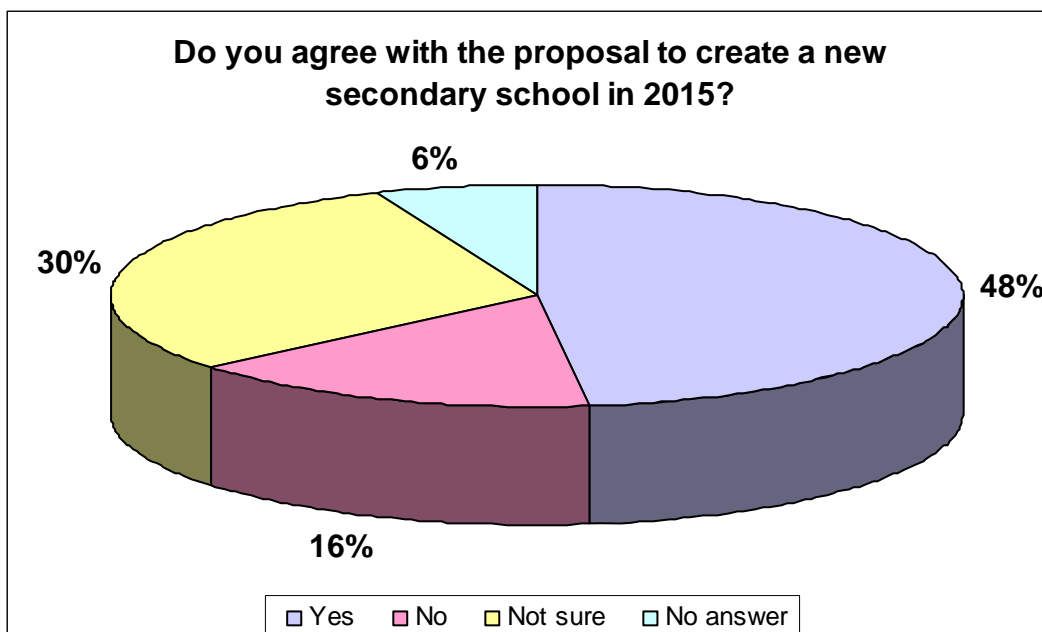
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Question 9



Question 10

Where do you think a new school should/could be located?

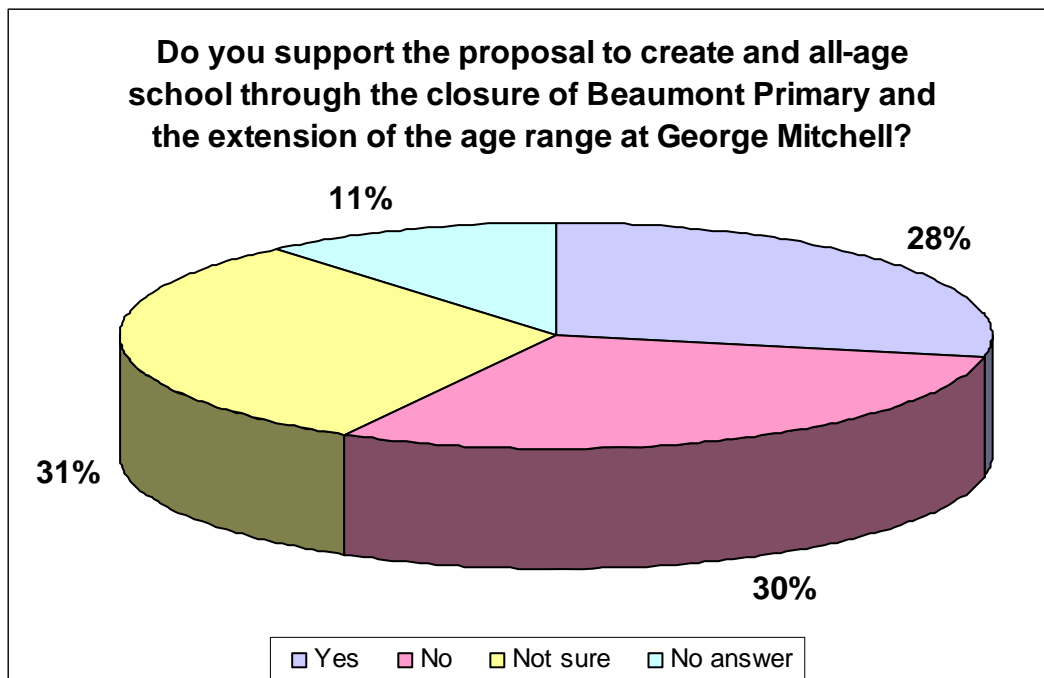
- Blackhorse Road
- Not on green land
- South Waltham Forest

Question 11

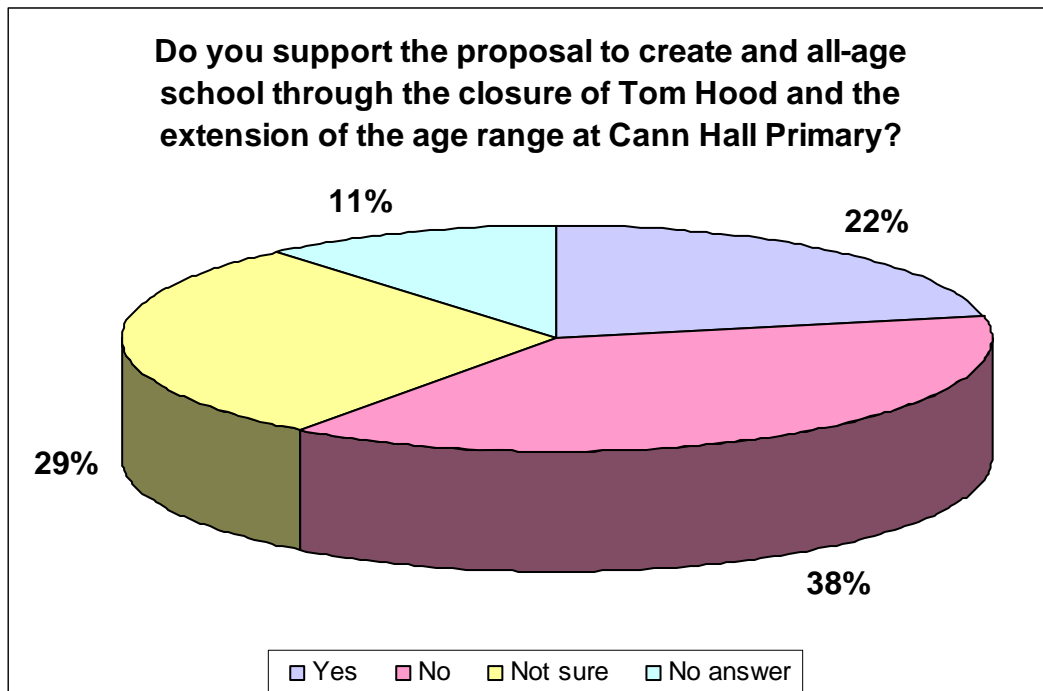
Do you have any views about the options for a new school i.e. community school (local authority), trust school, faith school, Academy?

- Must be a CE School
- Community school
- Could be an Academy
- All-age CE school
- Non PFI
- Faith School
- RC School
- Trust School

Question 12



Question 13



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We are very grateful to everyone who responded to this consultation. The Executive Director of Children and Young People Service will take your comments and suggestions into account when deciding whether to proceed to publish statutory notices setting out the details of the proposals.

If you have any comments or require anymore information regarding this report, then please contact Sandra Mohamed, School Organisation and Consultation Manager, on 020 8496 3536 or via email: sandra.mohamed@walthamforest.gov.uk.

You are welcome to attend the public meeting on Thursday 12 February in the Council Chamber at Waltham Forest Town Hall, Forest Road, E17 4JF when Cllr Chris Robbins, Cabinet member for Children and Young People, and Chris Kiernan, Executive Director of Children and Young People Service will answer any further questions you may have.

Thank you for your response – we look forward to seeing you on 12 February 2009.