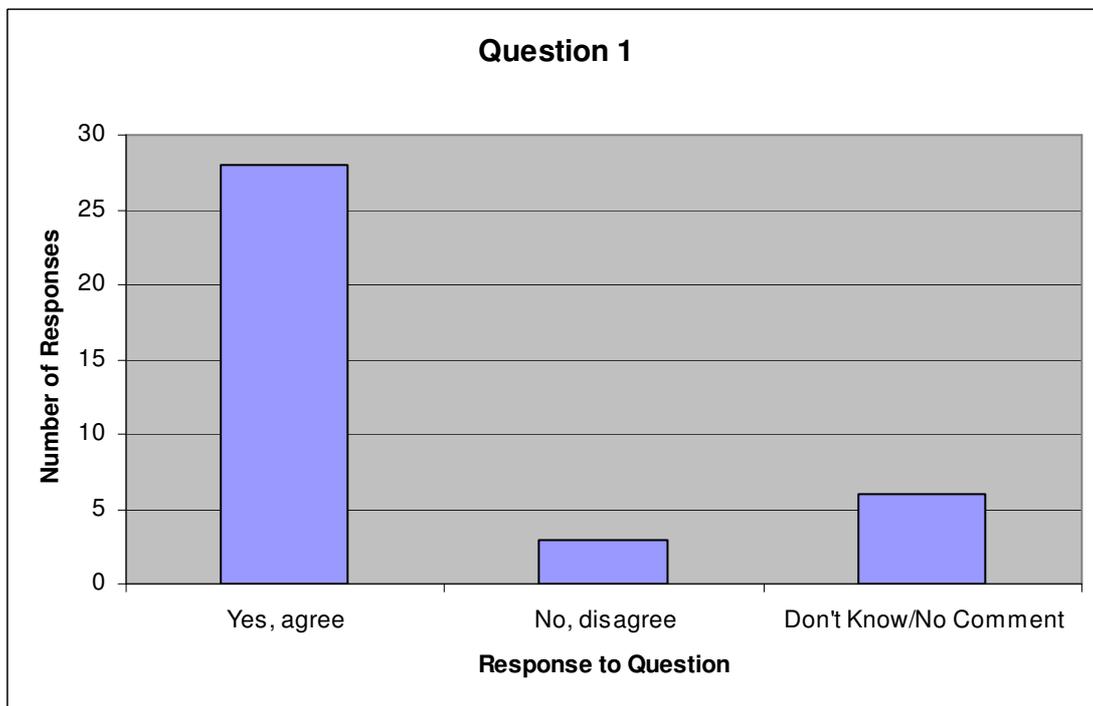


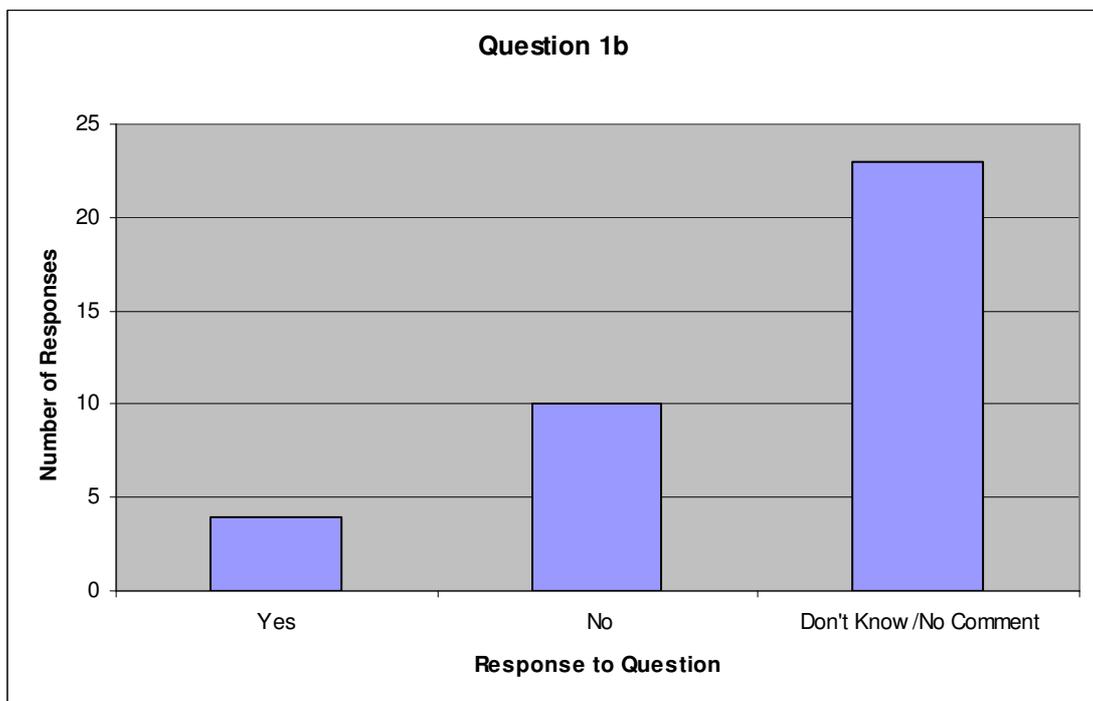
Annex C
Primary Strategy for Change –
Summary of Consultation Responses - 20 May 2008

Question 1 - The LA has established a ranked list of primary schools using a points scoring system in order to provide a base-line assessment that will inform the development of priority schemes. Do you agree with this approach?



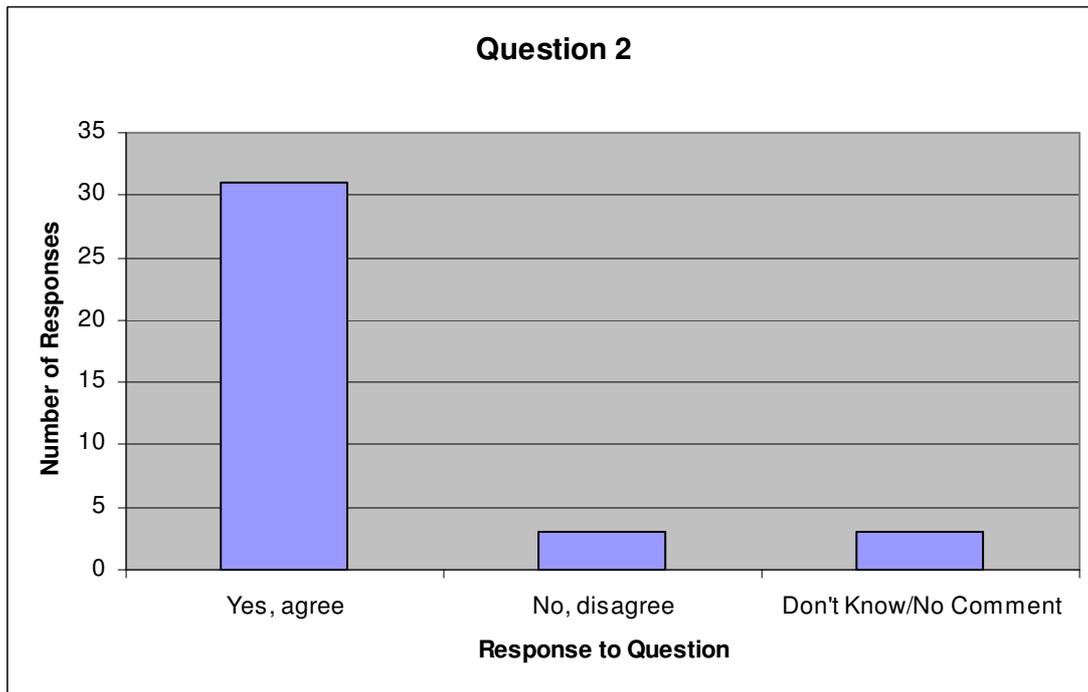
Indicative comments: Small, successful schools are being penalised; Condition Surveys need to be accurate; Deprivation should not be a criteria.

Question 1b - Do you wish to suggest any alternative approach?



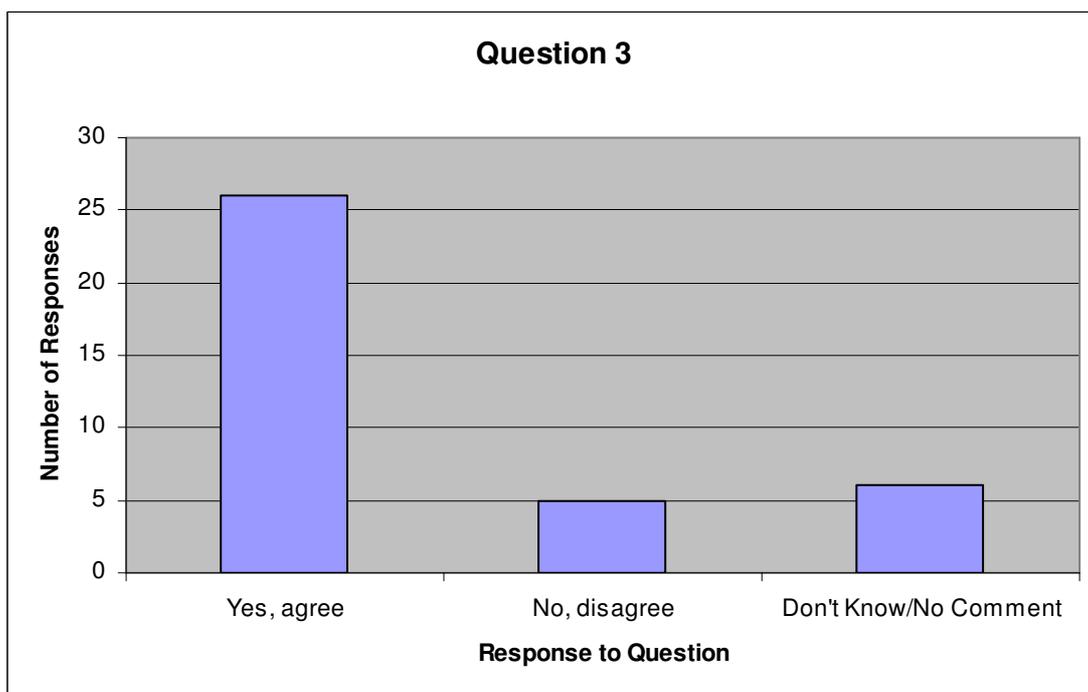
Indicative comments: Investment should be in high performing schools; schools should be ranked by pupil performance and then the objectives of the PSfC programme; the formula should include the suitability of the current building, ie an assessment of useable space per child, the availability of non-teaching space, and the ability to offer wrap around care.

Question 2 - The LA proposes to revise this ranking every two years. Do you agree with this proposal?



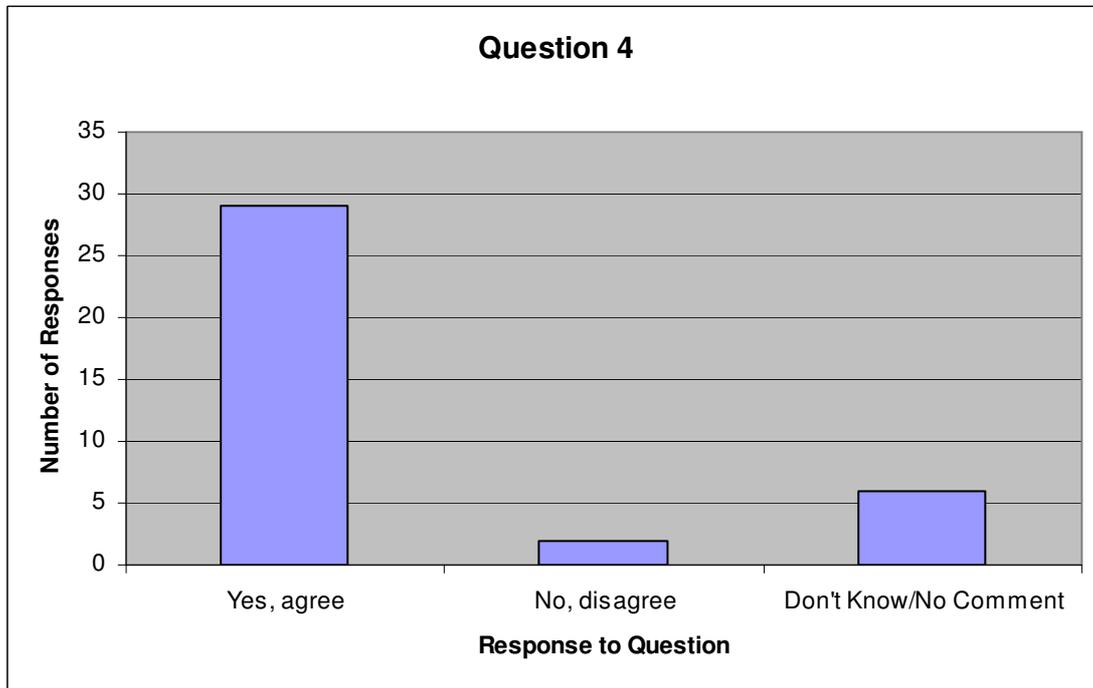
Indicative comments: Revision of the ranking should be annually to reflect schools' changing circumstances; the review should take place every three years which is more appropriate for a 14 year programme; the review should be site based rather than desk based.

Question 3 - The Local Authority proposes to give a high priority to schools engaging in reorganisation proposals that will remove significant surplus places or provide additional spaces to meet unmet local demand. This may involve the federation, merger or closure of some individual schools. Do you agree with this approach?



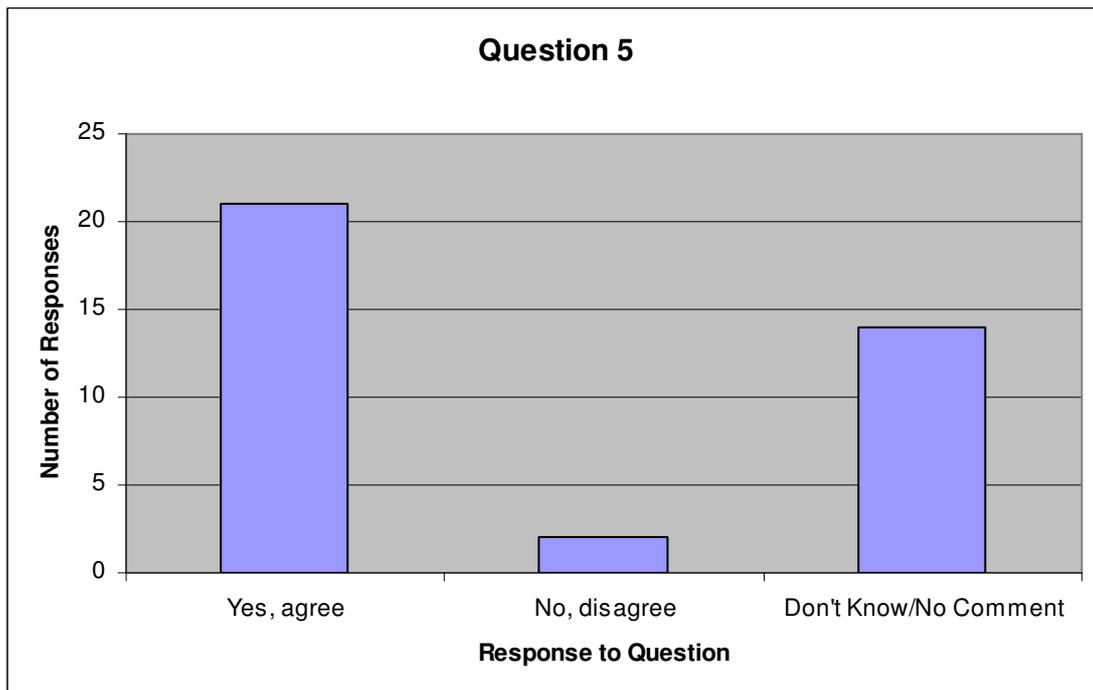
Indicative comments: It is not appropriate to close schools in rural areas as this will impact on pupil travel times; do not penalise small schools which may have surplus places; closeness to the community it serves and family feeling is all important to a junior age school; hasty action to remove surplus places could be counter-productive.

Question 4 - The LA will wish to support proposals for integrated services (for example the further development of Children’s Centres and Extended Schools) or where proposals for special educational needs or learning support are being developed in partnership with the local authority. Do you agree with this approach?



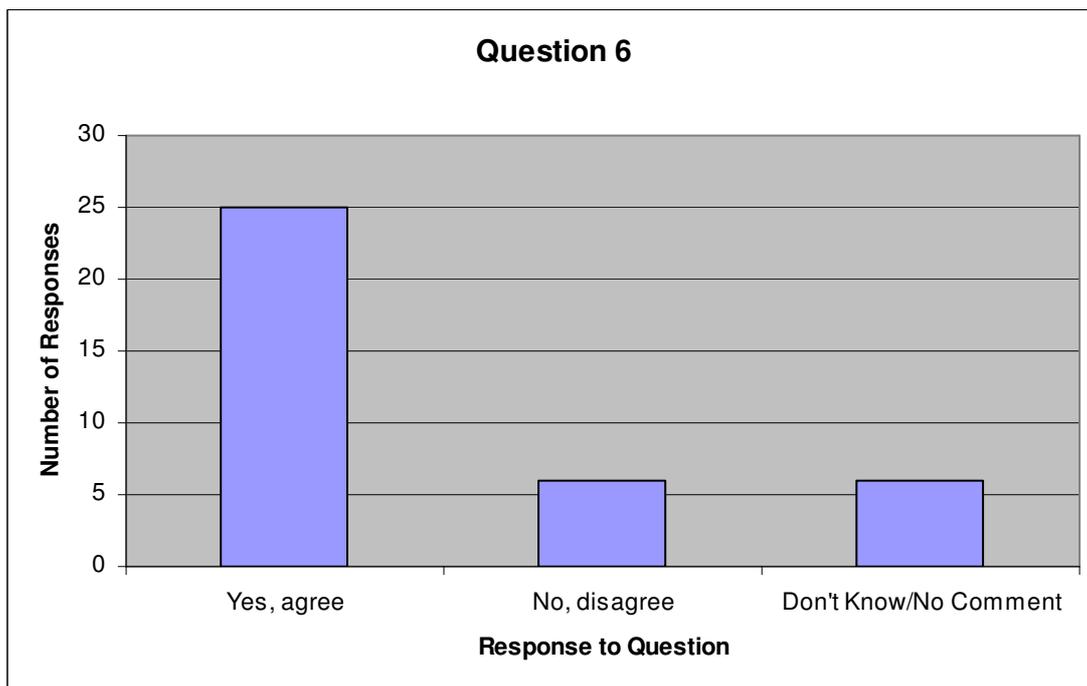
Indicative comments: The needs of smaller schools must be met; PSfC money should not be diverted to building children’s centres.

Question 5 - The LA will wish to support proposals that assist schools needing to replace temporary buildings with permanent accommodation. Do you agree with this proposal?



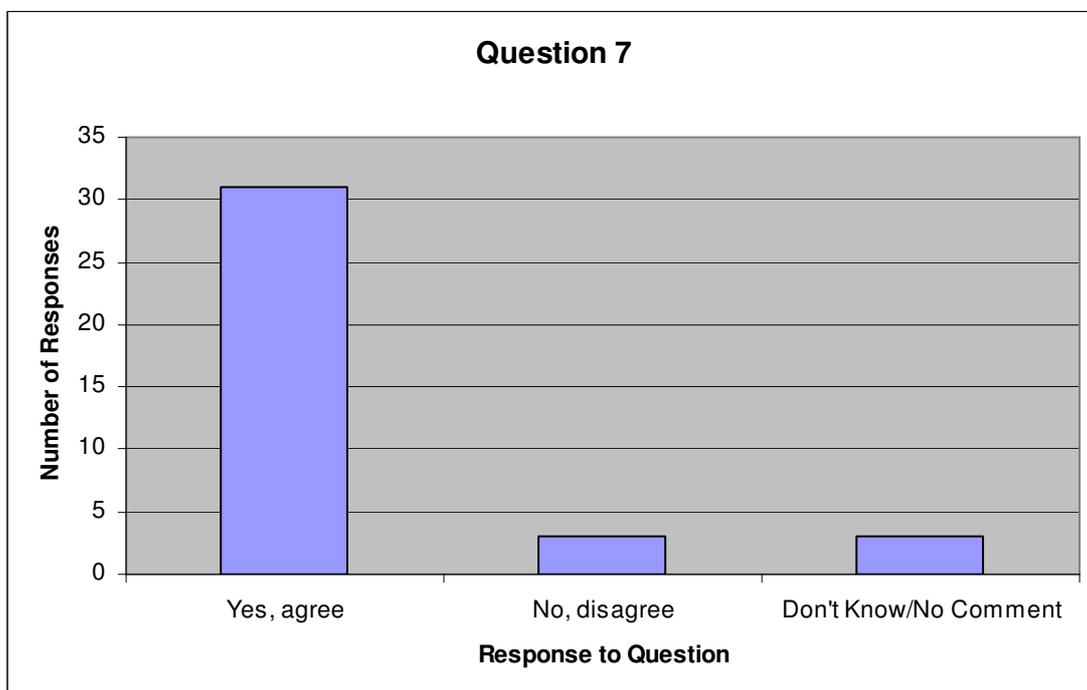
Indicative comments: Temporary buildings should be considered for refurbishment; if temporary buildings are adequate PSfC money should be used to assist schools with inadequate permanent buildings.

Question 6 - In accordance with the DCSF guidance, the LA is proposing that schools that have been replaced in the last ten years, or have been significantly remodelled, will not normally be considered for significant investment unless there are very exceptional circumstances. Do you agree with this proposal?



Indicative comments: What is the definition of “significantly remodelled”? Where a school has a new children’s centre this should not prevent the school accessing PSfC money.

Question 7 - During 2008/09 the LA will complete a strategic review of primary provision in key areas of the city in response to current and anticipated changes in demand for school places. The review will consider changing population patterns within the city and will consider the number of primary school places in the light of latest and projected birth rates, parental preferences and the major building developments that are underway or planned for the city. The initial focus will be on the east and south of the city. The review will consider the impact of the planned Derwenthorpe, Germany Beck, and University developments on local primary schools. During 2009/10 the LA will review primary provision in the rest of the city, taking into account the potential impact of the York northwest development. Do you agree with this approach?



Indicative comments: There are other planned areas for housing developing in the city not mentioned in this consultation document; how can the LA operate two methods of approach simultaneously. i.e. ranking priority and geographical priority; planned development has a huge impact on provision of skills. The programme reflects the general order of planned major development around the City.

Question 8a - Do you wish to highlight any specific issues regarding: your Governing Body's vision for the school and priorities for investment?

Question 8b - Do you wish to highlight any specific issues regarding the impact of demographic change, parental preference or planned housing development on the future demand for places at your school?

Question 9 - Please include any other general comments you wish to make on the proposals for the Primary Capital Strategy.

Governing bodies submitted a range of detailed and comprehensive responses to questions 8 and 9. These will be used to inform discussions between the LA and individual schools.