

## **Notes of North Yarmouth consultation event held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at North Denes Primary School**

Present

25 members of public (staff, parents and residents)

Debbie Whiting, Headteacher, North Denes Primary School and the Chair of Governors NCC; Isabel Horner, Karen Hutchinson and Caroline Money

Caroline Money welcomed everyone and explained the format of the session;

- Outline of proposal and process
- Comments from the Headteacher
- Questions about the proposal.

Caroline Money outlined the background, the proposal and the Council's reason behind the proposal. Caroline Money acknowledged some misconceptions around the proposal and reiterated;

- The building of the new school would not happen on the North Denes building (affecting children's learning) but on a site, to be decided, within the North Dene site.
- The proposed 2 form of entry sized school is not a super-sized school, but the recommended minimum size by Department for Education, for a financially stable school.

### **Issues raised by the audience**

- Class sizes – will they be bigger class sizes when Alderman Swindell joins North Denes? In Sept 2018, if Yr2 move to North Denes will there be 1 or 2 classes.
- New school building – when will this be ready and what happens to the Alderman Swindell children when they join in September 2018, if there is not enough space
- Staff – if North Denes have 14 classes and 14 teachers, what will happen to Alderman Swindell staff - will Alderman Swindell staff lose their jobs. Explanation of staff and classroom assistant ratio currently in place in North Denes and will this be the same when Alderman Swindell children arrive.
- Access to North Denes site – will there be improved access to the new school, will the Iron Duke land be accessed to improve the entrance.
- Budget for new school – will £6m be enough and what happens if it overspends
- Re use of Alderman Swindell site – what are the plans, is the building listed, or will there be problems making alterations for specialist education use
- Keep both schools open and invest in both – or expand Alderman Swindell.