

Notes of North Yarmouth consultation event held on 29th June 2017 at Alderman Swindell Primary School

Present

60 members of public (staff, parents and residents)

Headteacher and Chair of Governors

NCC; Isabel Horner, Karen Hutchinson, Chris Hey and Caroline Money

Caroline Money welcomed everyone and explained the format of the session would be half the time as open forum and half the time as 1:1, to answer individual questions. She encouraged people not to speak over each other. Caroline Money invited the Headteacher to speak.

Headteacher outlined the need to ask questions and get the answers to help inform decisions. Roving microphone was available.

Questions raised

- Plans for the re-use of Alderman Swindell site. Concerns that it was for excluded children.
- Concerns that the classes at North Denes would be too big and impact on children's education
- Concerns about the amount of money spent on the Alderman Swindell site, money wasted on developing plans, why continuing to do capital work on North Denes
- Process for school organisation, what happens if overwhelming support against proposal, will proposal be withdrawn
- Suggestion for 3 options; North Denes, Alderman Swindell and Iron Duke for SEN provision, and asking community to decide
- Ofsted reports on RI, read the detail as lots of good points
- Why close Alderman Swindell, when condition of North Denes worse
- Risk to staff jobs at Alderman Swindell and why North Denes headteacher keeps her job
- Why take off the option to close both schools and open new school
- Plans for academy to take overs site/school
- Impact on children of these proposals in the long term, especially if many choose to home educate children instead of going to North Denes.