Appendix 4 - Example of letter from residents of Winterton Village setting out their concerns and asking the County Council to keep Winterton School open; 186 signed letters received.

To Whom it May Concern,

As a resident of this village I am extremely concerned that Norfolk County Council is proposing to close Winterton Village Primary School. I would urge you to reconsider for the following reasons:

• There would be a lack of diversity in the village because families with children would not move here without a school. This would ultimately lead to the village becoming a retirement village.

• There would be a negative impact on the businesses in the village with the danger that they might eventually close.

• The closure of the school would also have a negative impact on the church because many of the festivals involve our school children, for example the Christingle celebration at Christmas, Harvest festival and Easter celebrations.

• I are concerned that closure of the school will result in the building and land being sold for housing development which will result in more holiday let businesses buying up houses and increasing the number of holiday homes in the village which is already disproportionate.

I do not want this to happen. Our school is the centre of our village and an important part of village life both now and in the future. The loss of the school will have a devastating effect on Winterton and I do not want that to happen. I urge you therefore to keep Winterton Primary School & Nursery school open.

Regards