

Appendix C

Home to School Transport Policy Consultation Responses and concerns received by letter or e-mail

1. There were 398 responses to the survey questionnaire for the further consultation which ran between 28th April and 16th June 2014.
2. The lower level of response suggests the key concerns on the first consultation were largely addressed but there are some areas of sensitivity:
 - The Martin High School and access from Glenfield – as part of the first consultation a 1,385 signature petition was presented by Lynton Yates CC on concerns mainly from Glenfield residents to the Scrutiny Commission on 30th April 2014. As part of the second consultation a further 101 signature petition (including 22 City residents) was received plus a further 20 generic letters and 10 emailed responses from Glenfield residents on having to pay for home to school transport.
 - Gartree High School in Oadby does not agree with the proposals as it limits their opportunity to change age ranges and admission catchments.
 - Concern by Brooksby Melton College over nearest FE college proposals for Post 16 transport and reference to Raising the Age of Participation
 - Bishop Ellis Catholic Primary School who suggest that as they have not changed their catchment that they should continue to have transport. Transport to denominational schools is being phased out from September 2015 and full cost recovery of around £640 for remaining pupils will be implemented from the same date. A number of denominational schools are starting to arrange their own transport.
 - There are still concerns from Bosworth Academy at Desford, South Charnwood High School and The Market Bosworth School on pupil numbers.
 - Some Scraftoft area parents (School Transport Policy Group) have suggested that the further policy proposal is unclear.
 - Concern raised by a Tilton resident on how we measure nearest school.
3. Three schools have written in support of the further proposals:
 - Beauchamp College in Oadby
 - Tugby C of E Primary School
 - Bottesford Belvoir School
4. Enderby Brockington College has written in support of the nearest Leicestershire School proposal but was not in agreement with the exception made for schools that have not changed their catchment area or age range and will have transport agreed under the frozen policy. It was felt that a differentiation in policy was unfair.
5. A number of consultation responses have mentioned the length of walking route of 3 miles as being unreasonable and also the charges for post 16 transport.