

Do you have any comments about the closure proposal?	Do you agree with the catchment area proposals?	Do you have any further comments about catchment areas?	Do you have any suggestions for improvement?	What is your interest/status?
What plans do the council have as regards new housing in the village as it will have a bearing on numbers of future pupils	No	Sherburn has plans for many new houses so may have excess numbers and weaverthorpe once took pupils from further afield. Once this education facility is closed it is unlikely to be ever reinstated so the question is can it ride a few lean years and be there for higher numbers as the village grows again. Once a school closes the community rapidly declines and new families will not want to move out into a dying village.		Community
I'm very disappointed about the possible closure of the school. If you close the school the least you can do is provide transportation for all the pupils to Lutton not just the ones that are under 8.	Yes			Parent
If the school now has a competent head and governors who can turn round firstly the educational achievements of the children and secondly the financial shortfall from predecessors the school should be kept open. The children are already showing a marked educational improvement with the executive head	No	Hertford Vale would be a much preferred choice to Luttons primary for premises and facilities but Weaverthorpe is the ideal school site for premises, facilities and distance from Butterwick.	Remove the academy order. Put a full time competent Head in charge. (+ governors who know what their job entails of course) Payment plan to recoup financial shortfall. Incentive to stop parents 'jumping ship' early.	Community

in charge and staff and children are much happier. The academy order should be removed and the financial shortfall made up by County for the lack of support the school has had since being deemed inadequate.				
I think it's such a sad sad shame that we are in this situation when I feel it could have been prevented with intervention from NYCC and a follow up of the warning letter should have happened I also think this will have a massive impact on the children of the school as they have such a long time off due to covid	No	NOT A SAFE WALKING ROUTE.	NYCC have through out all of this consultation not given clear answers or had correct information to hand	Parent
NYCC, the governors and the Head (in charge when inadequate ousted given) should be held to account.	No	Parents should be advised/helped with school placements available if the school is to close. Many going out of area - into East Yorkshire for schools.	NYCC needs to investigate why there wasn't a liny governor involved way before the decision to close the school - Ian adequate safeguarding and debts should have been addressed a long time ago!	Community
I believe there are a lot of measures which would help to improve the number of children attending the school but while we have this amount of uncertainty it will be hard to encourage a new generation of pupils. I knew Ofsted report should be carried out to lift the SM on the school. Also no pupil should be allowed to move school while Weaverthorpe school is open. The	Yes			Grandparent who has lived in the village since 1940

Governors should not have let the school get into this position.				
Many representations to the previous headteacher about parents concerns were expressed by parents regarding the finances at the school, the quality of teaching, the high sickness rates in staff, which left children with a lack of continuity, and high turn over of staff. The LA have a responsibility to ensure that standards of education are being maintained, and when they're not, to put in place interventions in order to assist. I am aware that the LA gave a written warning to the school prior to the Ofsted visit in January 2020, however it is unclear what, if any support was given. In March 2020, it was clear that a partnership with Wetwang and Sledmere had been explored. This partnership was agreed and due to go ahead and approved by both schools. NYCC have acknowledged in a public meeting, that they rejected this partnership, as they did not want to invest the funding required in order for the Weaverthorpe School to recover, and potentially go on to find an academy. The LA are also unwilling to appoint a permanent headteacher, or governing board, and therefore the school has no opportunity to recover from the 'inadequate' rating, by Ofsted, which	No	The catchment area and proposed nominated school is West Lutton. NYCC has assessed the walking route and deemed it safe. Despite this, they have offered what appears to be a good will gesture to fund the current displaced school children funding for transport. I am unsure of the criteria which would apply in order to prove the walking route safe. The route in places has no footpath, and the areas of the road which have a 'step off' are less than a metre in width. Beyond this is the gypsey race, which in winter fills with water. The 'step offs' are unsuitable for a pushchair and therefore it appears that when the supervising adult has additional children, who are not of walking age, they would be unable to safely walk this route. The route is in the majority is unlit, meaning in the winter months, primary school aged children are expected to walk on a national speed limit road, with no lighting or footpath in places. The vehicles that use this route are heavy agricultural vehicles, and Heavy Goods Vehicles	NYCC have not been transparent during this process. Despite assurances that minutes were taken in both meetings, these were only put in a Q and A format, which missed important discussions and responses by representatives for NYCC. Holding an online meeting, with the excuse of covid, at a time when restrictions were being lifted and other public meetings going ahead, prevented much of the community attending, and therefore not having a true representation at this meeting. Although the decision was appealed by the Parish Council, and NYCC were aware of many members of public being unable to attend, they went ahead regardless. NYCC have overtly flaunted the fact that they have not followed due process during this consultation, and it has been very clear from the very start that they were unable to answer relevant questions, being under prepared for meetings and unable to	Parent

<p>was solely based on the management and governance of the school. It is clear from discussions during governors meetings, that there were concerns raised regarding the high sickness rates of staff, the finances of the school, and spending, yet none of this was questioned by the LA, despite a representative being present. The LA have therefore sealed the schools fate. Refusing any option presented due to funding has orchestrated the schools closure. This process has been less than transparent, and indicated that NYCC have from the very beginning, been determined to close another rural school, despite government guidance. There were other options, NYCC have failed to take these and have been negligent throughout. This will have a detrimental affect on our community, but more importantly on our children's wellbeing.</p>		<p>which access local factories. Although NYCC have offered a sweetener, in the form of funding for transport for the current children, they have waived their responsibility for future children attending this school. This walk way is unsuitable for both adults and children, and I fear that NYCC are waiting for a fatality before reconsidering their decision. In addition to this, it appears that the NYCC have failed to address the environmental impact, with multiple vehicles travelling to the school, therefore increasing the carbon footprint. In a world where the cost of living is already beyond many peoples means, to ask parents to find additional funds for travel, is unacceptable and clearly has not been a consideration.</p>	<p>furnish parents and members of public with information and answers to questions. I would suggest in future, that before making the decision to close a school, they should allow the public consultation to take place.</p>	
<p><b>Weaverthorpe School closure consultation – submission by Weaverthorpe Parish Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standards at the school have been improving since the Ofsted inspection in 2020, this can only be shown if a fresh Ofsted inspection was to take place. It is incumbent on the local authority to try everything it can to have the school re-inspected prior to facing closure. The RSC should also be lobbying for a fresh inspection, by not having a fresh Ofsted report, the school has been condemned, as a result it appears the consultation has been pre- determined</li> <li>Has sufficient work I energy been put into finding a partner school? The Parish Council suggested that a pyramid arrangement could be put into place with Norton College, but this was not even considered because Norton is not a "faith" school. However the Wolds and Vale Federation is a partnership between Luttons School and Sherburn School, only one of which is a faith school, can this suggestion be fully investigated?</li> <li>We do not agree with the Council's view that the route to Luttons School is considered to be a safe route. Part of that walk, between Helperthorpe and East Lutton,is along a stretch of road that has no defined pavement. Walking on this</li> </ul>				<p>Parish Council</p>

<p>stretch of road is very dangerous. Weaverthorpe Parish Council has a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) on the Main Road through the village. The same traffic that passes through Weaverthorpe will use that stretch of road. Our VAS, In it's first two months of operation has recorded an 85th Percentile Speed of 36.3 mph, in a 30mph limit. The section of road between Helperthorpe and East Lutton is a national speed limit i.e 60 mph, with no footpath. In the first two months of operation 102,162 vehicles passed through Weaverthorpe. The main valley road is a busy road and not suitable for traffic sharing the road with young children. We do therefore welcome your plan to provide transport from Weaverthorpe to Luttons School. However, there will be siblings of the children that would have to transfer, in the event of a school closure, so would it not be sensible for any new admissions from Weaverthorpe, be given the same access to transport over a set period of time? The safety recommendation made by the local authority does clearly not allow for the parents and children to have to cross the road twice between Weaverthorpe and Helperthorpe, because the footpath is located on one side of the road only. We would welcome the opportunity to walk the route with your safety officer to demonstrate why this route is not suitable for parents with young children and possibly push chairs as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When the previous Head Teacher left the school in 2020, why was a new Head Teacher not sought on a permanent basis? The school cannot now recruit a new Head teacher with the threat of closure hanging over the School. From the time that the Regional Schools Weaverthorpe School closure consultation- submission by Weaverthorpe Parish Council Commissioner put the Academisation Order on the school, the school was heading for closure.</li> <li>• It is evident that once the Regional School Commissioner has issued an Academisation Order on a school that if a suitable "partner" cannot be found, then that school is on a path to closure as any improvement that is made in the school cannot officially be recognised, because the system does not allow Ofsted to revisit the school to record any improvements that have been achieved. This certainly the case for Weaverthorpe, where the IEB have recorded that significant improvements have been achieved.</li> <li>• It is generally thought that lower pupil numbers can result in better achievements.</li> <li>• LEA have failed the school by not ensuring the quality of education is maintained.</li> <li>• Numbers of pupils are cyclical. One third of the village housing is social housing where the residents change more than the private sector. Pupil numbers were high a few years ago, what happens when this cycle repeats in future years?</li> <li>• We would have commented on the Warning notice which was issued by the local authority in January 2020, but a freedom of information request for a copy of this letter, has been made, but the copy not received. We therefore will comment on this at a later date.</li> <li>• The rules established by the DfE for make up of a board of Governors states that an LEA appointed Governor is appointed to represent the views of the LEA at Governor's meetings. Looking back at the minutes of the Governors meetings, demonstrate that this post was not filled from September 2017 (the oldest set of minutes on the website)</li> <li>• The day the consultation began the Northern Echo ran an article on NYCC additional funding for rural schools in sparsely populated areas, such a grant for Weaverthorpe school would be the lifeline it requires.</li> </ul>	
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13.	Would like school to continue but with strong links to W Lutton. Greater nos. would help all the children in every aspect of their school life. Taking children out of their community would be detriment at emotionally and socially.	
14.	Due to working at another Primary School logistics meant they went there.	
15.	As part of the village community if no school less likelihood of families moving into the village.	
16.	It would seem NYCC have neglected their duty to ensure that the quality of education is maintained as prescribed by DFE. Ref: DFE Statutory Guidance Template for Directors of Child Services.	
17.	If the school had 10-20 more pupils and had breakfast/after school provision then I may have considered it.	
18.	The school is the hub of the village if it closes the village will die slowly. It must be kept open at all costs.	