



Review Area 1
Usk & the Surrounding Areas

Consultation Report

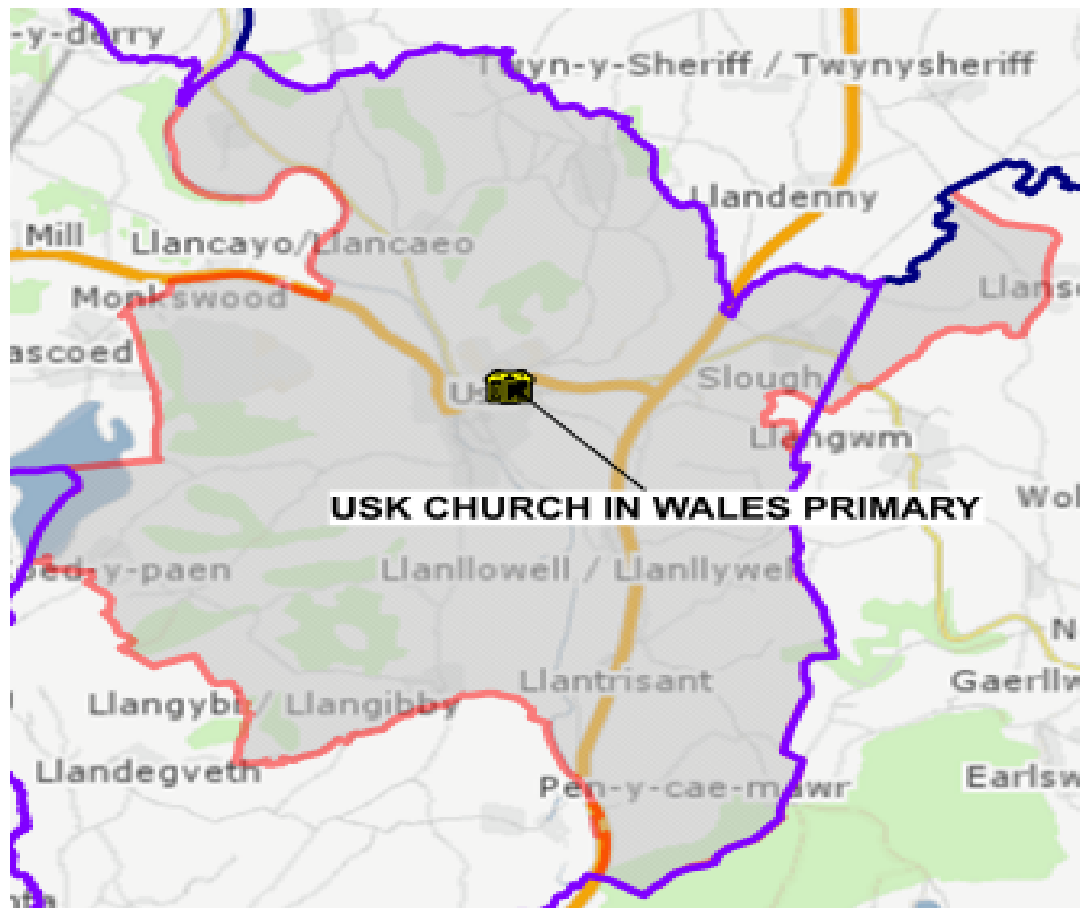
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1. The Proposal

The Council consulted on amending the secondary school catchment area for children and young people currently residing within the village of Usk and the immediate surrounding areas.

The areas identified currently form part of the catchment area for Usk CIW Primary School, and Caerleon Comprehensive School. The map below illustrates the affected areas, which were subject to this consultation.



Through this consultation, the Council sought the views of consultees and interested parties on whether the secondary school catchment boundary should be amended for the specified areas (area identified above), to form part of the catchment area for Monmouth Comprehensive School, thus aligning the entire catchment area for Usk CIW Primary to a single secondary school.

The below table identifies the number of children and young people residing within the affected area who would be affected by the proposals over the next 6 years, should they proceed.

Current year group	Admission to Secondary	Numbers affected
Year 5	September 2020	32
Year 4	September 2021	28
Year 3	September 2022	38
Year 2	September 2023	35
Year 1	September 2024	36
Reception	September 2025	33
Total		202

2. Why did we consult on this proposal?

No designated secondary catchment school within Monmouthshire.

One of the identified aims of our catchment review was to consider the areas of Monmouthshire that do not currently have a designated Secondary catchment School that falls within Monmouthshire. The secondary catchment school is presently one that falls within the city of Newport. The proposed changes to the affected areas would allow children resident in Monmouthshire to access a secondary school that is within the county in which they live.

Transitional arrangements between Primary and Secondary School.

Usk Church in Wales Primary School is the designated primary school for the affected area and is a feeder school for Monmouth Comprehensive School. The proposed changes would see complete alignment between the catchment area for Usk Church in Wales Primary School and Monmouth Comprehensive school, lending support to the existing transitional arrangements, and enabling the cohorts of children to remain together when entering into that daunting transition between Primary to Secondary School.

Access to School places

The parents of children and young people currently residing within the affected area have the opportunity to express a preference for a school at which they wish for their child to attend. This preference does not need to be for the designated catchment school, however, children residing within the catchment area for a preferred school receive a priority in the event of oversubscription.

Those residing within the affected area are not afforded with the above priority for a Monmouthshire school as they do not have a designated secondary catchment school within the county in which they live.

Monmouth Comprehensive School is the nearest Monmouthshire school for the majority of children and young people residing within the affected area. Parental preference together with the feedback from residents of the affected community suggest that there is a keen interest for their children to remain within the Monmouthshire education system as they transition to Secondary School.

Over recent years, the Council has experienced an increasing number of application requests for children and young people from within the affected area to attend Monmouth Comprehensive School. Many of these applications have been unsuccessful at times of oversubscription due to the area not forming part of the catchment area for the preferred school. It has also been suggested that many parents would apply for a place at Monmouth Comprehensive school if they felt their application would have a high chance of being successful.

The proposals outlined would help in addressing this matter.

Provision of Home to School Transport

A further consideration of the proposed change is the current provision for home to school transport that currently serves the affected area. The council's current policy provides free home to school transport to the nearest or catchment school if residing 2 miles or more from the home address.

The majority of affected area sees home to school transport provision offered to Caerleon Comprehensive School only, as this is both the nearest and catchment school. There is no free home to school transport entitlement for children and young people residing within the affected area that wish to attend a Monmouthshire Secondary School.

Should the proposals be supported and agreed, it would see free home to school transport becoming available to those in the affected area to Monmouth Comprehensive as the newly formed catchment school

3. Formal responses to this Consultation

The Council have received a number of formal responses to this proposal, submitted either via the online survey or via email / letter. The table below offers a broad profile of the consultees responding to the consultation, together with a view on whether they are in support of or against the proposals.

Respondent category	Total number of responses	Total number in support of proposals	Total number not in support of proposals
Parent / Carer	221	105	118
School Governor	4	2	2
Staff Member	20	0	20
Pupil	3	0	3
Other	23	7	18
Total	275	114	161

Having reviewed the detail of the consultation responses, it was identified that the above table included many duplicate entries from the same households.

Total number of duplicate household entries	35
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For the purposes of this consultation, the Council has counted the duplicate responses as a single household response. However, all comments raised have been recorded and included in identifying the themes of support / concern towards the proposals.

In addition to the duplicate entries, the results have also identified a number of responses that have been submitted by parties who are not considered to be directly affected by the proposals i.e. they do not reside within the affected area and in some cases who do not reside within Monmouthshire:

Respondent category	Total number of responses identified	Reason identified
Parent / Carer	26	Consultee resides in Newport / area of Monmouthshire not affected by proposal
School Governor	1	
Staff Member	20	
Pupil	0	
Other	3	
Total	50	

The responses received from those detailed in the above table have been removed from the results of this consultation. The Council has received an individual response from both Newport City Council and Caerleon Comprehensive School which is detailed later in this report, and is assumed to incorporate the views of staff and governors at Caerleon Comprehensive School.

The below table reflects the results of the formal responses received to this consultation based on the views of those considered to be directly affected by the proposals.

Total number of responses received	Number in favour of the proposals	Number not in favour of the proposals
Parent / Carer	99	67
Pupil	1	3
Governor	2	1
Other	6	11
Total	108	82
Percentage	57%	43%

4. Public Consultation session

The Council facilitated a public consultation session at Usk CIW Primary School on 20th February 2019. There were 62 consultees present who, following a very useful debate, offered mixed opinions on whether the proposals to amend the secondary school catchment area should proceed. The consensus drawn was supportive of proposals, although there has been a need to reflect on a number of concerns were raised during the session.

In addition to the above, the Council facilitated a “drop in” session on 14th February 2019 at County Hall Usk. There were 7 consultees in attendance.

During the two sessions, the key comments / concerns / questions relating to the proposals:

Consultee Question	Summary of LA Response
If the catchment changes to Monmouth, will children with sibling already in Caerleon get priority for places and still get free transport.	<p>Newport Local Authority is the admission authority for Caerleon Comprehensive School and are therefore responsible for awarding places at this school. However, the Council is aware that Newport City Council offer priority to in catchment children over those residing out of catchment but with relevant siblings.</p> <p>Current policy confirms that free home to school transport would continue to be awarded to Caerleon Comprehensive in the event that it is identified by the Council as being the nearest suitable school.</p>

<p>If we choose for our children to go to Monmouth, do we get free transport.</p>	<p>If the proposals are approved and Monmouth Comprehensive School becomes the catchment School, free home to school transport will be awarded if residing in excess of 2 miles from the school.</p>
<p>I live equidistant between Caerleon and Monmouth Schools, would my children get transport to either as you cannot determine my nearest school.</p>	<p>The Council undertakes detailed assessments utilising GIS software as and when required to identify the nearest suitable school. There would be a need to apply discretion behind any individual cases whereby two or more schools are agreed to be equidistant.</p>
<p>How do you measure distances? We live in Tredunnock and Caerleon is much closer.</p>	<p>Distances are measured by calculating the shortest, safe walking route. Where it is identified that there is not a safe walking route, distances are calculated using the shortest driving route.</p>
<p>We have children already in Caerleon. Will they continue to get free transport if the proposal goes ahead.</p>	<p>Free Home to school transport arrangements will continue for any children and young people that are already accessing the provision and are currently on roll at Caerleon Comprehensive School.</p>
<p>How many children have gone to Monmouth and Usk in the last five years.</p>	<p>The Council has seen an increase in the number of children and young people from the affected area wishing to attend Monmouth Comprehensive School. In September 2018, 9 children transitioned to Monmouth Comprehensive and 20 to Caerleon. However, of the 20 that went to Caerleon, 6 would have gone to Monmouth had their applications been successful. Page 7 of the consultation document relating to these proposals provides information on the numbers transitioning to Monmouth and Caerleon Schools from Usk Primary School. The numbers do not reflect those that have been unsuccessful in obtaining places at Monmouth Comprehensive School.</p>
<p>Are you looking at building a new secondary school in the Usk area due to all the ongoing new builds and the proposed new builds. Also removing the tolls on the bridges is having an impact on schools numbers so what are you going to do.</p>	<p>The Council does not have any proposals to build a secondary school in the Usk area. Monmouth Comprehensive School is the proposed new catchment school for the affected area. Our most recent projections include any developments that are known to have received permission to build, and provide us with confidence that Monmouth Comprehensive School is sufficiently sized to accommodate the proposed changes. The Education department will be consulted on any new developments falling outside of this process and school capacity considered.</p>
<p>What is the capacity at Monmouth and how many more children can it take</p>	<p>From September 2019, Monmouth Comprehensive School will have a capacity for 270 children per year group. Whilst the school sees oversubscription annually, the</p>

	oversubscription does not come from within the catchment area. If the proposals are approved, the number of children from within the catchment area will increase, however, it is likely that those residing outside of the new catchment area will be the ones at risk of not obtaining places
Positive point – Monmouth have been great with my children and the proposal is welcomed.	Thank you, the Council is pleased that your children are happy at Monmouth Comprehensive School
Do you think the timescale for implementing the changes is too short?	The timescales associated with changes to school admission arrangements (including catchment areas) are set within the requirements of the School Admissions Code Wales (July 2013). This requires admission authorities to determine its admission arrangements by 15 th April 2019 for September 2020.
Why can't we have a joint catchment.	The Council proposes to align the catchment area for Usk CIW Primary to Monmouth Comprehensive. However, it will not discount any feedback on alternative proposals received throughout this consultation process.
What would be the impact on Usk / Goytre children if the admissions policy is changed to stop OOC children attending.	The Council is not proposing to stop children from outside of Monmouthshire attending Monmouth Comprehensive School. The proposals are for Usk to form part of the catchment area for Monmouth Comprehensive school, which would afford priority for admission over those residing outside of the catchment area
Without changing the catchment, but changing the admission policy to include the feeder school, would Usk children be prioritised over OOC children when applying for Monmouth.	<p>If the catchment areas were to remain the same, but the proposed changes to the oversubscription criteria relating to feeder schools is agreed, children attending Usk Primary School would receive a priority for places prior to applying any distance assessment to those applicants residing outside of the catchment area.</p> <p>However, the families from the affected area would not be afforded the same level of priority as those residing within the catchment area, and would not receive free home to school transport to Monmouth Comprehensive School.</p>
What happens if we apply for Caerleon but don't get a place and don't apply for Monmouth. Where will my child end up.	Parents are encouraged to include more than one preference on their application form in case the application for the preferred school is unsuccessful. The Council operates an equal preference scheme that means parents are not disadvantaged for the order in which they list their preferences. For example, an application that lists Monmouth Comprehensive as a second

	preference will continue to be considered pending an outcome to the first preference application.
Is there anyway we could have a joint catchment for a transition period before changing it completely.	The School Admission Code Wales (July 2013) confirms that admission arrangements (which include catchment areas) must be determined by 15 th April 2019 for implementation in September 2020. The requirements do not allow for a phased implementation.
It is good to know that there will be alignment with schools within Monmouthshire and glad that there will be accountability when it comes to decision making within the schools.	Thank you for your comments. The proposals put forward for consultation aim to enable families within Monmouthshire to attend a school within County.
Fluidity on the changes would be appreciated. Is parental preference still going to be taken into account.	The School Admissions Code Wales (July 2013) confirms that parents must be able to put forward a preference for a school in which they would like their child to attend. The Council will continue to comply with this requirement, with no requirements being placed on parents to apply for the catchment school.
Capacity at Monmouth is 1600 as you have said. If Usk children go there, wouldn't this create space within Caerleon so that those with parental preference would have a better chance of going there.	Thank you for your comments. In theory if more Usk families opt to apply for places at Monmouth Comprehensive, there will be less application requests for Caerleon. However, the Council is unable to comment on any other pressures Caerleon receives from out of catchment application requests.
Are Newport going to change their catchment areas.	The Council is unable to predict whether Newport City Council will change their school catchment areas going forward.
With Monmouth appeals for September 19, are we going to prioritise children who will have a sibling due to start secondary in September 2020 or later.	The proposed changes to catchment areas is for implementation in September 2020. The appeals process is one that is undertaken by an independent panel and therefore the outcome of the appeals process is not at the discretion of the council.
Who has the final say on the consultation.	The findings of this consultation will be presented to the Council's Cabinet who will determine how the proposals move forward.
Do any cabinet members have a vested interest on the proposals going ahead.	The Council has sought legal advice on this matter and its has been confirmed that all Cabinet Members are appropriately placed to make a decision on this matter.
How long will the catchment areas last? I have a child in year 1. What is the likelihood that they will change again by the time he reaches year 6.	School catchment areas form part of the local authorities admission arrangements, and have not been subject to any significant change since prior to 1996. If a decision is made following this consultation to implement the changes to

	secondary school catchment areas, it would be on the basis that they are sustainable.
How far ahead have we got projected figures for children in catchment for Usk and Monmouth.	The projections for Monmouth Comprehensive School are currently undertaken up as far as 2024/25, but are reviewed annually.
How are the proposals going to keep peer groups together.	The proposals are to align the catchment area for Usk Primary School with Monmouth Comprehensive School. If implemented, the proposals will enable greater opportunity for peer groups who wish to attend a Monmouthshire School to remain together.
Having learnt this evening that Monmouthshire residents have a say in the way our children are schooled within Monmouthshire, but no say in Caerleon issues as it is a different LEA, are those negative comments sibling based and have they thought about what happens if Newport decide to change their policy and remove the Usk area from their catchment.	Thank you for your comments. The Council acknowledges that many concerns towards these proposals relate to existing sibling links and a concern that they may be separated.
With regards to transition, there are strong links to Caerleon and it is a very robust system. Monmouth doesn't seem to provide this. How is this going affect the transition for children and how do we know its right in and in their best interest.	The Council is confident that the transitional arrangements between Monmouth Comprehensive School and Usk Church in Wales Primary school are robust, with children settling very quickly following their move into secondary education.
My child has SEN and the Alenco came and discussed everything with us and our child. The transition was very smooth with no problems and he is now doing brilliantly. I can't thank them enough.	Thank you for your comments. We are pleased to hear of your positive experiences with Monmouth Comprehensive School, and that your child is doing well.
When my child moved, the Head Teacher came to speak to the children and parents of those who were moving. Teachers came to see the children and visits to the school were arranged. Transition again went very smoothly.	Thank you for your comments. We are pleased to hear of your positive experiences with the transitional arrangements to Monmouth Comprehensive School.

When the decision is made, is it going to be made as one decision or will each area of the catchment review and the admissions policy review be decided on as individual cases.	The Council is consulting on changes in 4 areas of the county. The proposals are individual and will be considered as such when determining how they progress.
Will the decision on this definitely be made in Cabinet in April or is there a possibility that it could be deferred.	The admission arrangements for September 2020 must be determined by 15 th April 2019. Any decision on the proposals that is not taken within this timeframe will not be implemented for September 2020
If a family already has children in Caerleon, at the moment they get free home to school transport. Will they still receive free transport if the proposal goes ahead and if so, for how long.	Children and Young People who already attend Caerleon Comprehensive and who qualify for free home to school transport will continue to do so and are not affected by these proposals.
Why were the proposals shelved in 2015?	The proposals brought to consultation in 2015 did not receive sufficient response to ascertain whether the proposals were supported or not supported. It was felt that a further consultation should be undertaken before such significant changes are made
Are these proposals about saving on transport costs	The proposals put forward are not financially driven. However, if implemented are likely to come at cost to the Council.
The oversubscription criteria for Newport and Monmouthshire is not aligned. How is that fair?	Monmouthshire County Council and Newport City Council are separate admission authorities and determine their own admission arrangements based on the requirements of their area needs.
Can you speak to Newport to ask if a transitional period for existing siblings can be put into their policy?	The Council is liaising with Newport City Council as part of this consultation.

All interested parties in attendance at the consultation session were advised of the need to put their individual views forward by responding to this consultation either via email or via the online survey.

5. Consultation with Newport Local Authority

The Council consulted with Newport City Council as a key party affected by these proposals. Newport City Council are the maintaining local authority and admission authority for Caerleon comprehensive School.

On 18th February 2019, the Council received a formal response from Newport City Council, which offered clear support for the proposals put forward by the Council.

The key aspects of the response can be summarised into the following points:

Air quality Management

A desire to reduce the levels of traffic in the area of Newport. Caerleon has been designated as an air quality management area due to the elevated levels of pollution caused by road traffic. Any reduction in the number of vehicles travelling through Caerleon will help elevate some of the pressures causing the high pollution levels.

Pressure on school places

Newport City Council have confirmed that there has been a challenge across the city in terms of primary school places in recent years, and from September 2019 this will manifest in the secondary sector. Given this position, and the fact that this is likely to be the case for some years, the LA requires as many secondary school places as possible to support the education of Newport children.

Current catchment arrangements

Newport City Council have confirmed that, as the admissions authority for Caerleon Comprehensive School, they would not be seeking to remove the affected areas from the catchment area for Caerleon Comprehensive School for September 2020. They may, however, seek to bring forward proposals in future to remove the affected areas from Caerleon Comprehensive School, subject to consultation. The earliest opportunity to implement such proposals would be September 2021.

6. Consultation with Caerleon Comprehensive School

The Council consulted with Caerleon Comprehensive School as a key party affected by these proposals. Caerleon comprehensive School is the current catchment school for the affected areas.

On 21st February 2019, the Council received a formal response from the Headteacher at Caerleon Comprehensive school, which offered a clear objection against the proposals put forward by the Council.

The concerns raised by the Headteacher of Caerleon Comprehensive School are included under the consultation themes found under section 8 of this report.

7. Consultation with Children and Young People

During the consultation, the Council engaged with the children and young people in years 5 and 6 at Usk CIW Primary School. When referring to the pupils affected by these proposals over the next 5 years, 77% attend Usk CIW Primary School.

The purpose of this consultation was to find out which secondary school they would like to go to and the reasons why. The results of this consultation are detailed below:

Preferred School	Number of year 6 pupils	Number of year 5 pupils	Total	%
Monmouth	12	18	30	45
Caerleon	17	9	26	39
Other	5	6	11	16
Total	34	33	67	

A summary of the reasons children and you people tell us they wish to attend Monmouth Comprehensive School are:

- Live in Monmouthshire so wish to attend a school in Monmouthshire.
- Friendship groups with children in Monmouth due to out of school activities.
- A preference for the school environment.
- Offers an excellent education and facilities.
- Very supportive school and teachers are great.
- The new school offers greater opportunities for learning.
- Logistical arrangements of the new school are less daunting and it's easier not to get lost.

A summary of the reasons children and you people tell us they wish to attend Monmouth Comprehensive School are:

- Caerleon is closer to my home.
- My brother / sister attends Caerleon.
- Great facilities at Caerleon.
- Friendship groups / Know lots of people that go to Caerleon.
- Lovely teachers.
- Offers excellent education.

8. What has the consultation told us?

The Council has studied the formal responses received in relation to this proposal and has extracted the key themes for consideration in determining how the proposal moves forward.

The themes coming through from those in favour of the proposals are:

Theme	Comment
1. Aligning Primary and Secondary catchments	A view that aligning primary and secondary catchments it's the right thing to do, as it keeps peer groups together and forms robust transitional arrangements.
2. Cluster arrangements	A view that the affected school forms part of the Monmouth cluster arrangements so should be able to transition to Monmouth Comprehensive School.
3. Democracy	A view that Monmouthshire children should be able to access a Monmouthshire School where as residents they have a say in the education offer within the county.
4. Journey times	A view that, for many of the affected areas, journey times are quicker to Monmouth Comprehensive School despite the distance being further
5. Transitional arrangements	A view that the transitional arrangements to Monmouth Comprehensive School are excellent
6. Parental Preference	A view that the proposals reflect the increasing wish of parents residing within the affected areas.
7. Standards of education and facilities	A view that the standards of education at Monmouth Comprehensive School are far better, who offer greater opportunities and facilities.

The themes coming through from those not in favour of the proposals are:

Theme	Concern summary	LA Response
1. Travel times and distance to school.	A concern that Caerleon is the closest school for the majority of the affected area and therefore proposals will	The Council is aware that for the some of the affected areas, Caerleon Comprehensive School is the nearest school. The opportunity for parents to

	result in increased journey times distances travelled	<p>express a preference for Caerleon Comprehensive School will remain.</p> <p>There is evidence of an increasing trend of children and young people residing within the affected area applying for places at Monmouth Comprehensive School. The Council is not aware of any existing concerns in relation to travel times from those currently attending Monmouth Comprehensive School from within the affected areas.</p>
2. Home to school transport concerns	A concern that removing free home to school transport to Caerleon Comprehensive school removes the long established principle of parental preference	In line with current policy, the Council provide free home to school transport to the catchment school or nearest suitable school as determined by the Council
3. Impact on Parental preference	A concern that proposals remove the rights of parents/carers to choose the most appropriate education establishment for their children.	<p>The Council receives regular concerns from families residing within the affected areas who feel that the status quo deprives parents of the right to choose the most appropriate education establishment for their children, as they are unable to access Monmouth Comprehensive School.</p> <p>This consultation seeks the views of those residing within the affected areas and will be key to determining how proposals progress.</p> <p>However, regardless of the outcome of this review, parents will continue to have the opportunity to put</p>

		forward a preference for their child's school place.
4. Joint catchment	A view that parents should be provided with a choice of which school they would like facilitated via a joint catchment.	The Council is not responsible for determining the catchment area for Caerleon Comprehensive School. Monmouthshire's admission arrangements will confirm that, if proposals are taken forward, the affected areas will fall within the catchment area for Monmouth Comprehensive School. Newport City Council's admission arrangements determine the affected areas to be part of the catchment area for Caerleon Comprehensive and this will remain to be the case for September 2020. Newport have, however, indicated an intent to consult on amending Caerleon's catchment area, possibly for September 2021.
5. Quality of education	A concern that the proposals place the affected areas in a worse performing school, as Caerleon is a better performing school and achieves better results.	The Council understands that each parent will have a preference for their child's school. The Council is very pleased with the current performance of both Monmouthshire schools affected by these proposals, both receiving a "Green" categorisation status in line with Welsh Government's assessment.
6. Transitional arrangements	A view that transitional arrangements are far better between Usk and Caerleon than they are with Monmouth	The Council accepts that each parent will have a view on which school is most appropriate for their child. However, are content that the transitional arrangements between Monmouth Comprehensive

		School and Usk Primary School are robust
7. Sibling links	A concern that families with older siblings educated at Caerleon will not be able to send younger siblings to the same school	The response received by Newport City Council confirms that they are not seeking to remove the affected areas from Caerleon's catchment area for September 2020. In line with Newport's admission arrangements, this will result in the affected area remaining within catchment for Caerleon Comprehensive. Any changes to these arrangements would be subject to consultation and implemented no earlier than September 2021.
8. Decision making	A concern that proposals are politically and financially motivated and run contrary to the best interest of families.	The Council has conducted and open and honest consultation, and has confirmed its intent to evidence community support for any proposals taken forward. Any decision taken to implement these changes are likely to be at cost to the Council. The Council has sought legal advice on this matter and its has been confirmed that all Cabinet Members are appropriately placed to make a decision on this matter.
9. No reason for change	A concern that the proposals provide no clear justification for change.	The Council accepted that each parent will have a view on the proposals put forward. The Council is content that the reasons for the proposals have been clearly explained within the consultation document.
10. Capacity concerns	A concern that the proposed new catchment school (Monmouth Comprehensive) does not	The Council's projections for Monmouth Comprehensive School (which include the known

	have sufficient capacity due to oversubscription.	developments to have obtained planning permission) provide us with reassurance that the capacity of Monmouth Comprehensive School can support these proposals. Whilst the school is regularly oversubscribed, it is not subject to oversubscription from in catchment applicants.
11. Implementation timescales	A concern that proposals are rushed and should be phased in or implemented in future years.	The timescales under which the Council are able to implement changes to its admission arrangements are determined under the School Admissions Code Wales (July 2013). September 2020 admission arrangements must be determined by 15 th April 2019.

9. Home to School Transport

The Council currently provide free home to school transport to the catchment or nearest suitable school.

The impact of these proposals proceeding to implementation would be that free home to school transport would either be provided to Monmouth Comprehensive School as the catchment school, or the nearest suitable school as determined by the Council.

10. General overview on consensus

The consultation process undertaken by the Council has without question been a useful exercise, providing a full and open opportunity to test and critic the proposals to changes the secondary school catchment area.

Through analysis of the feedback received from the formal consultation responses, public consultation sessions, as well as the voice of the children and young people affected, the Council can confidently draw an overall conclusion of general support for the following proposal:

To amend the secondary school catchment area for Monmouth Comprehensive School so that it aligns with the primary catchment area for Usk CIW Primary School

Whilst this consultation has been able to evidence much support from those residing within the affected areas, the Council acknowledges that there were many themes of concern towards the proposals as identified under section 8 of this report. However, the Council is confident that it has been able to sufficiently address most themes of concern raised by consultees.

The response to this consultation received from Newport City Council confirmed that they would not be seeking to amend their admission arrangements for Caerleon Comprehensive School for September 2020 and, therefore, they will continue to determine the affected areas to remain within catchment for Caerleon Comprehensive School. This decision is seen to mitigate the vast majority of concerns raised by those not in favour of the proposals, should they proceed to implementation.

However, in recognising the above, we must also recognise that Newport City Council have shared an intent to review the catchment area for Caerleon Comprehensive, which could result in proposals to remove the affected areas from its catchment area. If proposals for change are brought forward, they would be subject to consultation by Newport City Council and could not be implemented any earlier than September 2021.

Should proposals proceed in the form on which we consulted, Monmouthshire's admission arrangements would determine the catchment school for the affected area to be Monmouth Comprehensive School and not Caerleon Comprehensive School.

