

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Report

Decision Maker	Director of Children's Services
Title	Proposed Changes to Post 16 Transport Policy Statement 2020
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Purpose of this Report.

1. The purpose of this report is to establish the County Council's 2020 Post 16 Transport Policy Statement in line with statutory requirement to publish the Statement by 31 May each year.

Recommendations

2. That the Director of Children's Services approves the attached 2020 Post 16 Transport Policy Statement (Appendix D) which incorporates the following changes:
 - More detail and improved clarity for how the Council will consider applications and the type of travel support available for young persons under 18 years of age, those aged 18, and those 19 year of age and older (and considered under adult duty)
 - The Council will only provide transport assistance where the child is aged under 18 and parents and carers evidence that there is no other means by which their child could get to their place of education.
3. That the Director of Children's Services notes that within the policy cases will be considered individually but the Council will not consider that the following circumstances are likely to be exceptional on their own:

- Parents and carers work hours or childcare arrangements not fitting in with public service transport times or college times; or
- Parent and carers needing to get other children to and from school; or
- Having to use the family vehicle (including mobility vehicle provided for the student) for other purposes

Executive Summary

4. The proposed 2020 Policy Statement sought to clarify the circumstances which would normally not be considered as exceptional, and therefore would not warrant transport being provided.
5. A consultation on the proposed statement ran from January 2020 until April 2020. Based on the responses to the consultation it has been understood that the circumstances presented may, in some cases, be justified in warranting assistance with transport and that these should be considered on a case by case basis. This is reflected in the proposed Post 16 Transport Policy Statement.
6. The proposed Post 16 Transport Policy Statement for September 2020 also reflects the feedback from respondents for the policy to be clear and easy to understand. Phrasing and wording have been improved from previous policy statements to provide that clarity.
7. The Post 16 Transport Policy Statement recommended for approval ensures that Hampshire County Council would continue to meet its statutory requirements.

Contextual Information

8. The report presents the outcome of the annual consultation that is required by statutory guidance. The consultation seeks comments from schools, post-16 providers and young people, responses have been taken into account when proposing the content of the statement.
9. The changes proposed for the Post 16 Transport Policy Statement clarify the offer for sixth form age students and adult students with an Education Health and Care Plan up to the age of 25. The proposed statement clarifies that the authority will provide local authority funded transport only when it is required to facilitate attendance.
10. If agreed, the changes would be incorporated into the Post 16 Transport Policy Statement from September 2020. The Statement is determined annually. Parents and young adults make a new application each year and eligibility for support is decided each academic year. The newly determined

policy will be used for all new applications for assistance for the 2020/21 academic year.

11. Included within the proposed policy statement is updated wording in relation to the rates of parental contribution, including how and when they apply. The wording within the proposed policy provides clear statement of current practice, including confirmation that families with low income (but not in receipt of named benefits) or with exceptional circumstances may apply for a discretionary waiver or a reduction in charge, where each application will be assessed based on their own merit and evidence.
12. In 2018 the policy was modified to reduce local authority funded provision so that transport was provided only when necessary to facilitate attendance. In the summer of 2018 that change had only a small impact on provision. In the summer of 2019 (carried forward from 2018) the approach provoked a legal challenge as implementing the new policy statement relied on published information in the application process that was not included in the policy statement. Following advice, the authority reverted to its previous approach. The proposed 2020 policy provides a clearer policy position and seeks to create the changes intended in the last two policy statements.
13. There are proposed revenue budget savings applied to these changes. Other projects endeavouring to reduce costs include; the use of school minibuses for home to school transport, major procurement exercises looking at sole provider tendering and route bundling and longer term contracts, and restructuring the services and its use of technology.
14. The policy statement recommended for approval ensures that Hampshire County Council would continue to meet its statutory requirements.

Finance

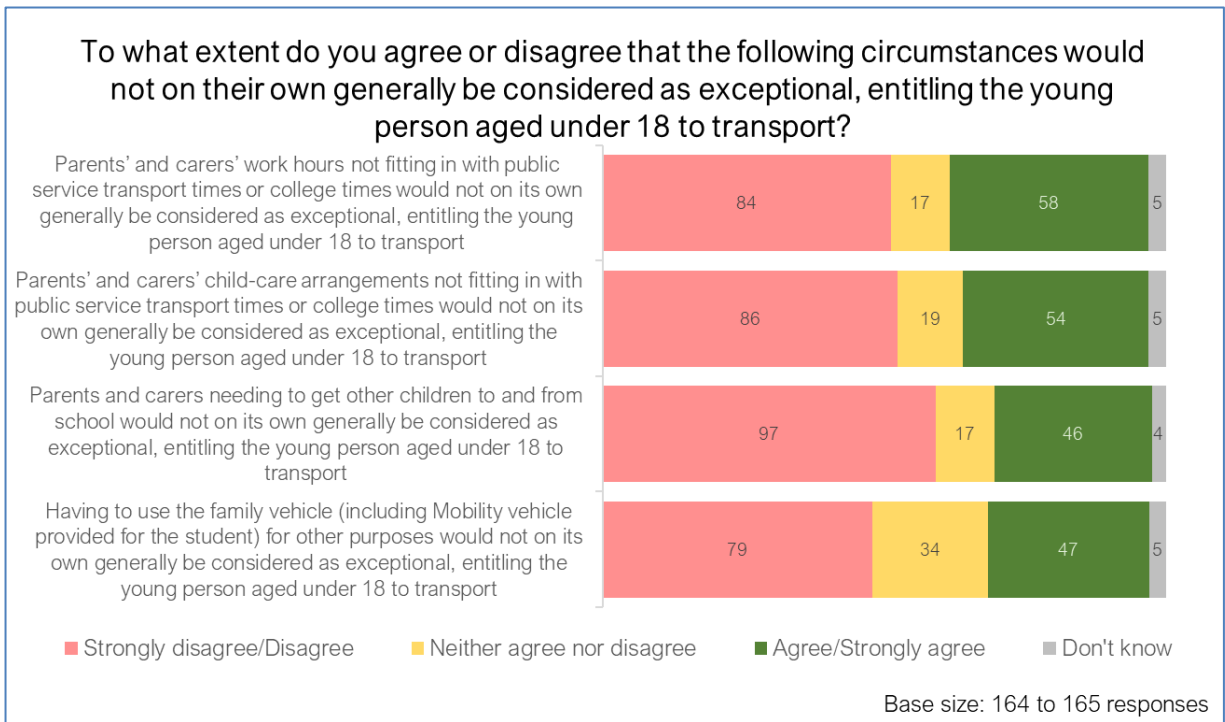
15. Current expenditure on the Home to School Transport service is approximately £32million, of which £1.3million was spent on Post 16 transport assistance. The department's transformation 2021 programme has an approved target of £3million of savings from the budget.
16. Savings of £680k are targeted by these changes.

Consultation and Equalities

17. The public consultation on the 2020/21 Post-16 Transport Policy Statement ran from 13 January 2020 to 23 February 2020. Responses were invited by completing a dedicated online survey.
18. There were 168 responses to the consultation, all of which have been taken into consideration when compiling the statement for publication. A summary of the key consultation questions and responses is provided

here. For the Post-16 Transport Policy Statement the following questions were asked and responses received.

19. The proposals for changes to the Post 16 Transport Policy Statement were to include clauses that clarified the responsibility of parents/carers to arrange transport for their child to their Post-16 education setting until they become an adult. The summary responses to that request are as follows:



20. None of the circumstances were agreed with by a majority of respondents.
21. The highest level of disagreement (97 of the 164 responses) was with the proposal that parents and carers who need to get other children to school would not automatically entitle a young person under 18 to Post-16 Transport.
22. The lowest level of disagreement (79 of 165 responses) was with the proposal that needing to use the family vehicle for other reasons would not automatically entitle a young person under 18 to Post-16 Transport.
23. Three unstructured responses were submitted (not using the Response Form), comments included reference that the Easy Read consultation document was hard to understand; that policies should be written in plain English; that families on low income or in rural areas could be disproportionately impacted; that changes may make it harder for families with children in multiple schools; that proposals could impact other services or on children and young people and their families; that absenteeism could rise; that all cases should be reviewed on their individual merits; and that

the County Council should undertake impact assessments to understand impacts at a local level.

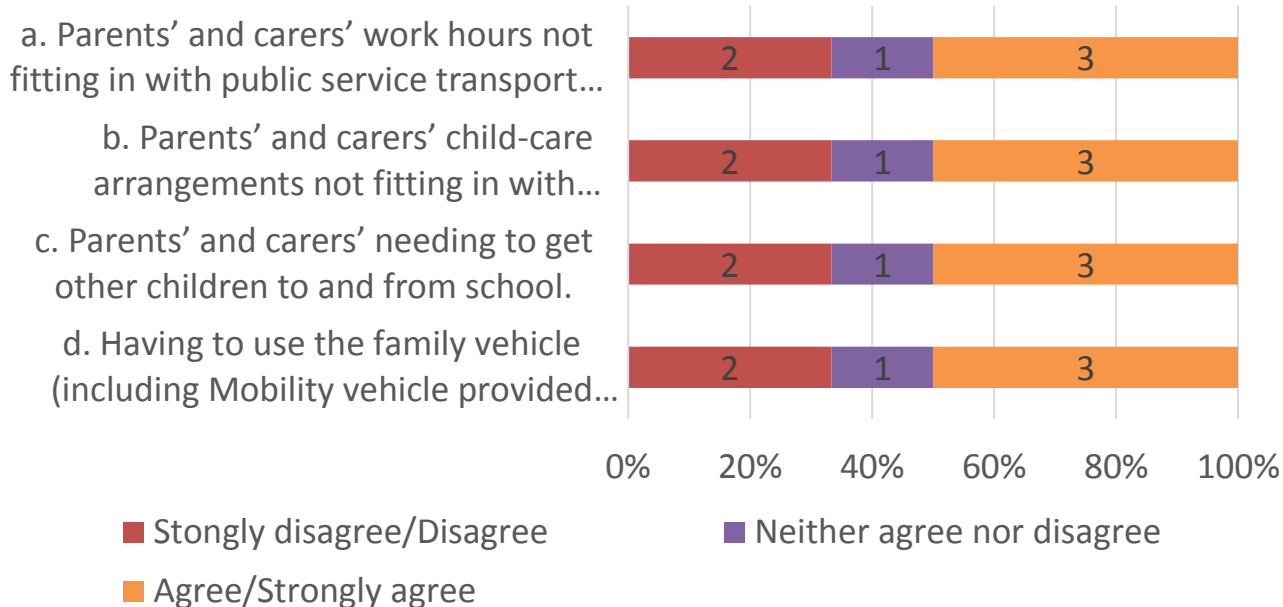
24. Respondents were also asked to describe impacts of the proposed changes, with 37 responses submitted. The three most common themes are shown in the table below:

Impacts on parents and carers (26 mentions)	These comments mentioned that parents and carers may need to give up work; may need to change or reduce their working hours; may find themselves unemployable; could suffer negative impacts their mental health; would need to travel more to transport children to education, and could struggle to get other children to school on time
Impacts on Children and Young People (20 mentions)	These comments mentioned that the proposed changes may prevent children and young people from attending post-16 education; may offer children and young people with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) fewer opportunities than available to those without SEND; may restrict the choice of colleges for children and young people with SEND; and may create a barrier to education for children and young people who are unable to take public transport independently
Impact on Family Finances (11 mentions)	These comments mentioned the financial impact on parents and carers who may need to give up work and the financial impact of additional childcare that may be needed to support families if the proposed changes to Post-16 Transport policy were implemented

25. To augment the public consultation the authority directly approached 21 Post-16 education providers to request their views on the consultation.

26. 6 Post 16 education providers provided a response to the consultation. A summary of the key consultation questions and responses is provided here. For the Post-16 Transport Policy Statement the following questions were asked, and responses received. There was a small majority in agreement with all of the proposals.

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the following would not normally be considered as exceptional if they were the only circumstance being presented?



27. Although some Post 16 Education Providers were of the opinion that if just one of the circumstances were presented then transport should be awarded, the majority believed this should not be the case. Of those Education Providers in agreement with the proposal, the overall response was that these circumstances should be taken into consideration, but as along with any other circumstances being presented on a case by case basis.

28. Post 16 Education Providers who responded were also asked to describe the transport needs of students attending their education provision and how efficiencies and savings could be generated by working together with the Council. A summary of the feedback from the 6 education providers is as follows:

<p>Q2 – The Post-16 Transport Policy Statement has focused the Council’s support on LDD students, usually they have an EHCP. Please provide any comments on their transport needs when attending your setting.</p>	<p>These responses mentioned that HCC transport provision would benefit learners if it was arranged to reflect individual study timetables. For some learners, if HCC support wasn’t available for transport then they would not be able to attend their study programme.</p>
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	<p>For other learners travelling independently on public transport may not be appropriate given the distance they travel and/or their personal safety due to their additional needs and social vulnerabilities.</p> <p>With more young learners using public transport this has resulted in extra support being provided by the Post 16 Education Provider. Council provided Transport is a vital service for many young people.</p>
<p>Q3 – The cohort of students aged over 19 for whom the Children’s Services Department provides transport, is increasing in numbers. Please provide any comments on their transport needs, if different from above, when attending your setting.</p>	<p>The needs of learners over the age of 19 is the same as those 18 years and younger and any support continues to reflect their individuals needs. Education Providers do offer travel training, but this is not appropriate for everyone.</p>
<p>Q4 - The forecast growth in the Post 16 sector, particularly over 19 students, is bringing unprecedented pressure on the service and its budget. Do you have any comments on how providers and the Council can work together to generate efficiencies and savings for both providers and the service?</p>	<p>Improve co-ordination of transport, increasing vehicle size and number of passengers transported on each route where necessary/possible. HCC could provide comprehensive travel training whilst young people are at School, so when they reach Post 16 education some may be able to travel independently, improvements are needed to ensure this is both robust and delivered positive outcomes.</p>

29. As is evident in the Equality Impact Assessment there is potential impact for the characteristics of age, disability and rurality in the event that some or all of the changes to policy are approved. With respect to age and disability when a child/young person is refused transport under policy there is an opportunity for this decision to be appealed and to consider the circumstances of any case to decide if it merits support as an exception to policy, including those circumstances (such as those detailed in the proposal)

30. The impact of proposals identified by respondents is evident in the Equality Impact Assessment. To mitigate the impact of the proposal and taking into consideration feedback it is evident that these circumstances should be considered by the Council on a case by case based and transport only provided where evidence clearly indicates that support is necessary in order to facilitate attendance at their education placement.

Conclusion

31. The proposed policy statement will aid parents/carers and users of the service to understand the service available and who may be entitled to support.

Supporting information

Public Consultation Findings & Analysis – [Appendix A](#)

Education Provider Consultation Findings & Analysis – [Appendix B](#)

Equality Assessment – [Appendix C](#)

Proposed Post 16 Transport Policy Statement – [Appendix D](#)

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	no
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	yes

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u> Proposed Changes to the Home to School Transport Policy (2021)	<u>Date</u> 18 March 2020
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives	
<u>Title</u> https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/772913/Post16_transport_guidance.pdf	<u>Date</u> January 2019

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

Equalities Impact Assessment: [Appendix C](#)

Consultation on proposed changes to the Home to School Transport Policy and Post-16 Transport Policy

Findings Report

March 2020

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Introduction

Context

Between 13 January 2020 and 23 February 2020, Hampshire County Council ran a public consultation seeking residents' and stakeholders' views on proposals to update its Home to School Transport (HtST) and Post-16 (P16T) Transport policies. Key findings from the consultation are set out on this report.

The County Council is seeking to update its HtST Policy to provide greater alignment between the policy and existing practice, as well as to improve clarity for parents and carers on the criteria used to reach decisions about HtST.

Local authorities are also required to consult on their P16T Policy Statement every year. The County Council is proposing to update its P16T Policy Statement to set out the responsibilities of parents and carers of children and young people who receive P16T. It is anticipated that this update could result in potential savings to the County Council of approximately £680,000 per year.

Any changes to these policies would only affect new applications for transport made after the date of implementation.

Consultation aims

The consultation sought to understand respondents' views about, and the potential impacts, of amending the HtST Policy to:

- clarify that the distance from a child's home to their school is calculated using the nearest available entrance to the school grounds;
- clarify that the route to a school is measured using the nearest available road route, passable for a suitable motorised vehicle, when determining whether a non-catchment school qualifies as a nearer school (if all of the routes to the schools in question are beyond statutory walking distances);
- clarify that school transport would not be removed from children attending a non-catchment school if a place at their catchment school, or a school closer to their home, becomes available; and
- reflect a change in the administration of how appeals are processed.

The consultation also sought to understand respondents' views about, and the potential impacts of, updating the P16T Policy for 2020/21 to set out the responsibilities of parents and carers of children and young people who receive P16T.

Feedback received through this consultation will be considered alongside wider evidence to inform the County Council's decision on proposed changes to the HtST and P16T Policies. This decision will be taken by the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People.

The approach taken in the running and analysis of this consultation is described in Appendices one and two.

Responses to the consultation

Who responded?

There were 165 responses to the consultation questionnaire, all of which were submitted online, which breaks down as follows:

- 160 were from individuals,
- four were from organisations or groups, and
- one did not indicate either way.

A copy of the consultation questionnaire is provided in Appendix three.

There were also three separate unstructured responses. Two were from organisations and one from an individual. These responses are also included in this report.

A list of the organisations or groups that took part in the consultation is provided in Appendix four.

A detailed participant profile is provided in Appendix five.

Specific analysis was undertaken of the views of respondents from households:

- with children;
- that currently receive HtST or P16T provided by the County Council;
- with children with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND); and
- households with an annual income of up to £20,000.

The analyses would also have looked at the responses of organisations and groups that provided a response. However, as the sample size for this segment was small (four responses) this segment's views have not been analysed as their own grouping.

Findings from the consultation

Summary of Key Findings

There was overall agreement with proposed changes to the HtST Policy, including for:

- the distance from a child's home to their school to be calculated using the nearest available entrance from the child's home to the school grounds;
- the route to a school to be measured using the nearest available road route, passable for a suitable motorised vehicle, when determining whether a non-catchment school qualifies as a nearer school; and
- school transport to not be removed from children attending a non-catchment school if a place at their catchment school, or a school closer to their home, becomes available.

There was no overall agreement or disagreement on the proposed amendment to the HtST Policy that would change the administration of appeal decisions. The most common suggestion was that appeal decisions should be independent of the County Council.

Suggestions of changes to the HtST Policy most frequently mentioned applying an automatic entitlement to transport for children with SEND, and all cases being judged on their unique merits.

There was overall disagreement with proposed changes to the P16T Policy, intended to clarify that young people aged under 18 would not be automatically entitled to transport if the following did not fit with public service transport times or college times:

- parents' and carers' working hours;
- parents' and carers' child-care arrangements; or
- parents' and carers' need to get other children to and from school.

Almost half of respondents disagreed with the proposed change to the P16T intended to clarify that a young person would not automatically be entitled to transport if the family vehicle (including Mobility vehicle provided for the student) needed to be used for purposes other than transporting the young person to post-16 education.

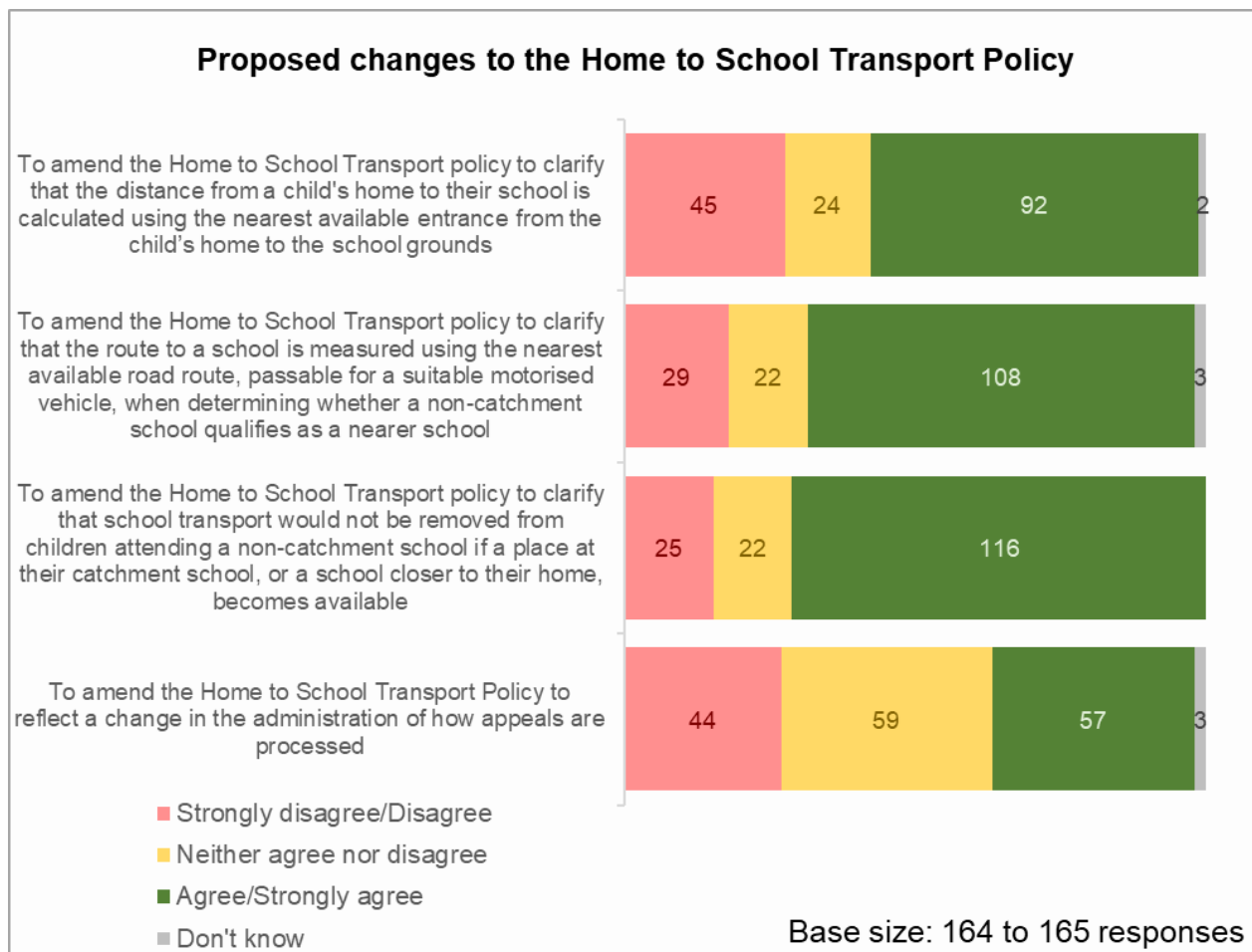
When asked to suggest other changes to the P16T Policy, respondents most frequently mentioned that the Policy should consider the other responsibilities of parents and carers when deciding if someone is eligible for transport, and that children and young people with SEND should be automatically entitled to P16T.

The most frequently cited impacts of the proposals related to negative impacts on parents and carers, particularly on their working patterns - and on children and young people, most commonly that it changes could reduce access to education.

Analysis of consultation responses

Proposed changes to the Home to School Transport Policy

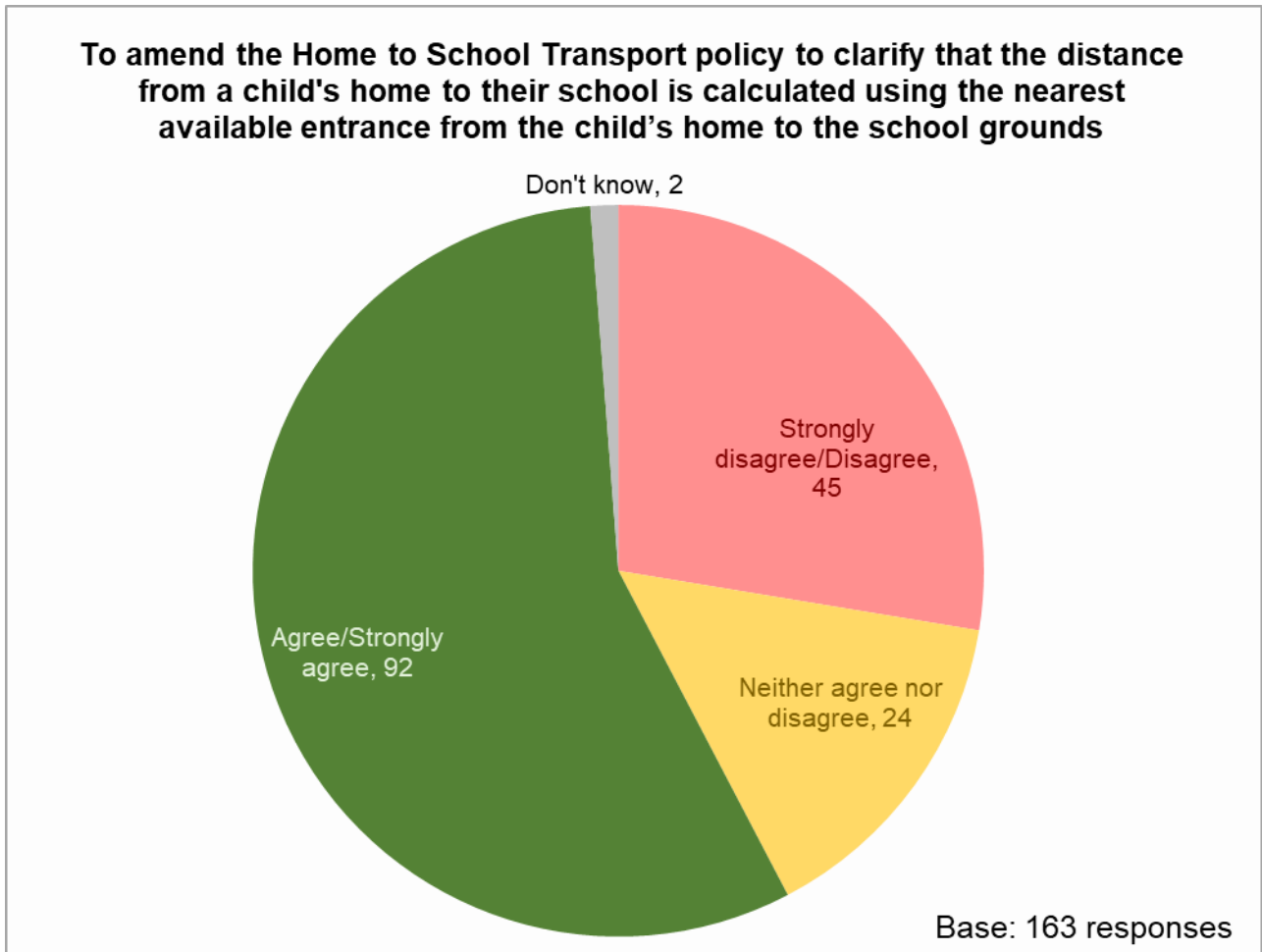
There was majority agreement with three of the four proposals, with one proposal (to amend the HtST Policy to reflect a change in the administration of how appeals are processed) receiving a mixed response overall.



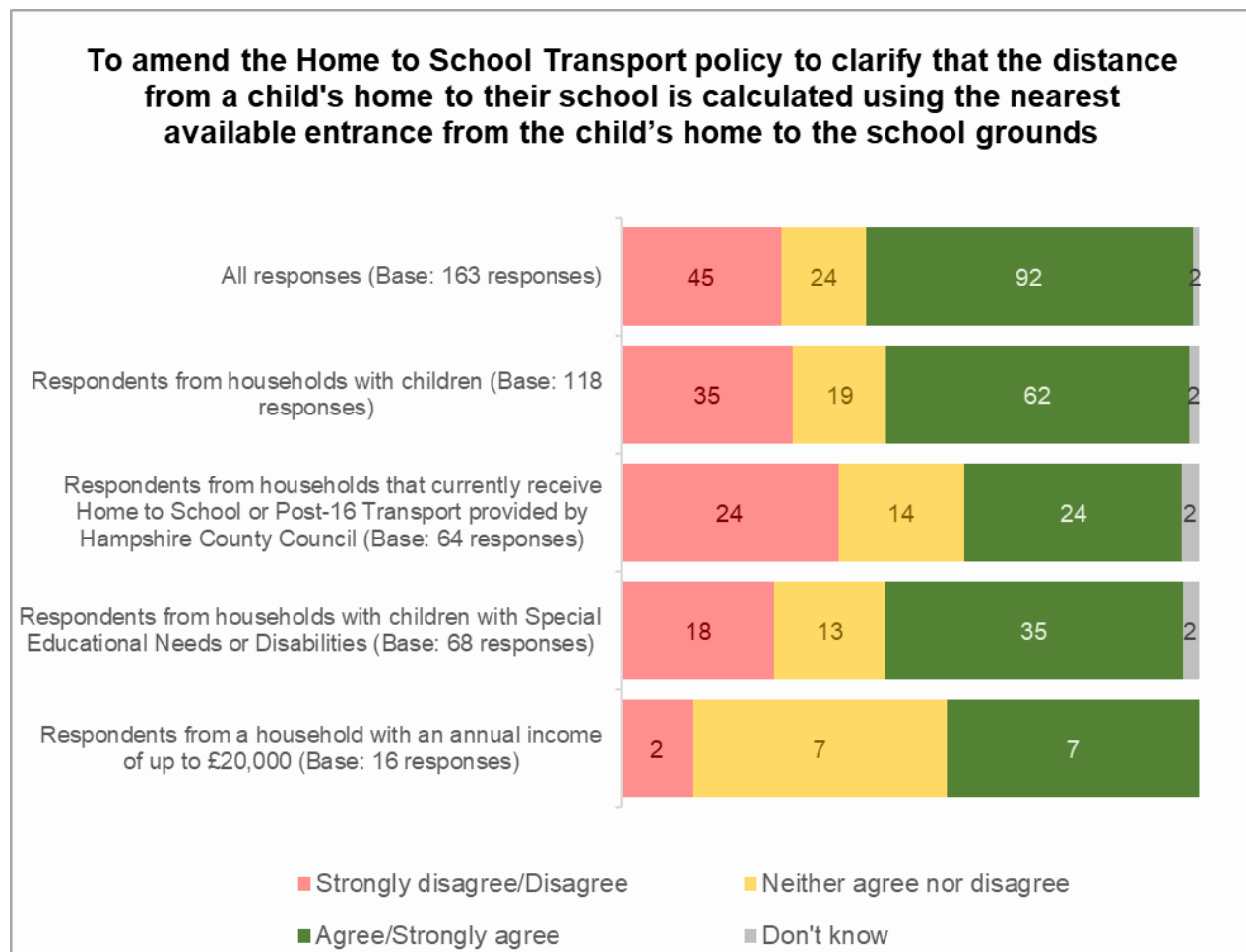
Using the nearest available entrance from the child's home to the school grounds for distance calculations

The County Council proposed to amend the Home to School Transport policy to clarify that the distance from a child's home to their school is calculated using the nearest available entrance from the child's home to the school grounds

The majority of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this proposal, with double the number of respondents agreeing or strongly agreeing compared with those who disagreed or strongly disagreed.



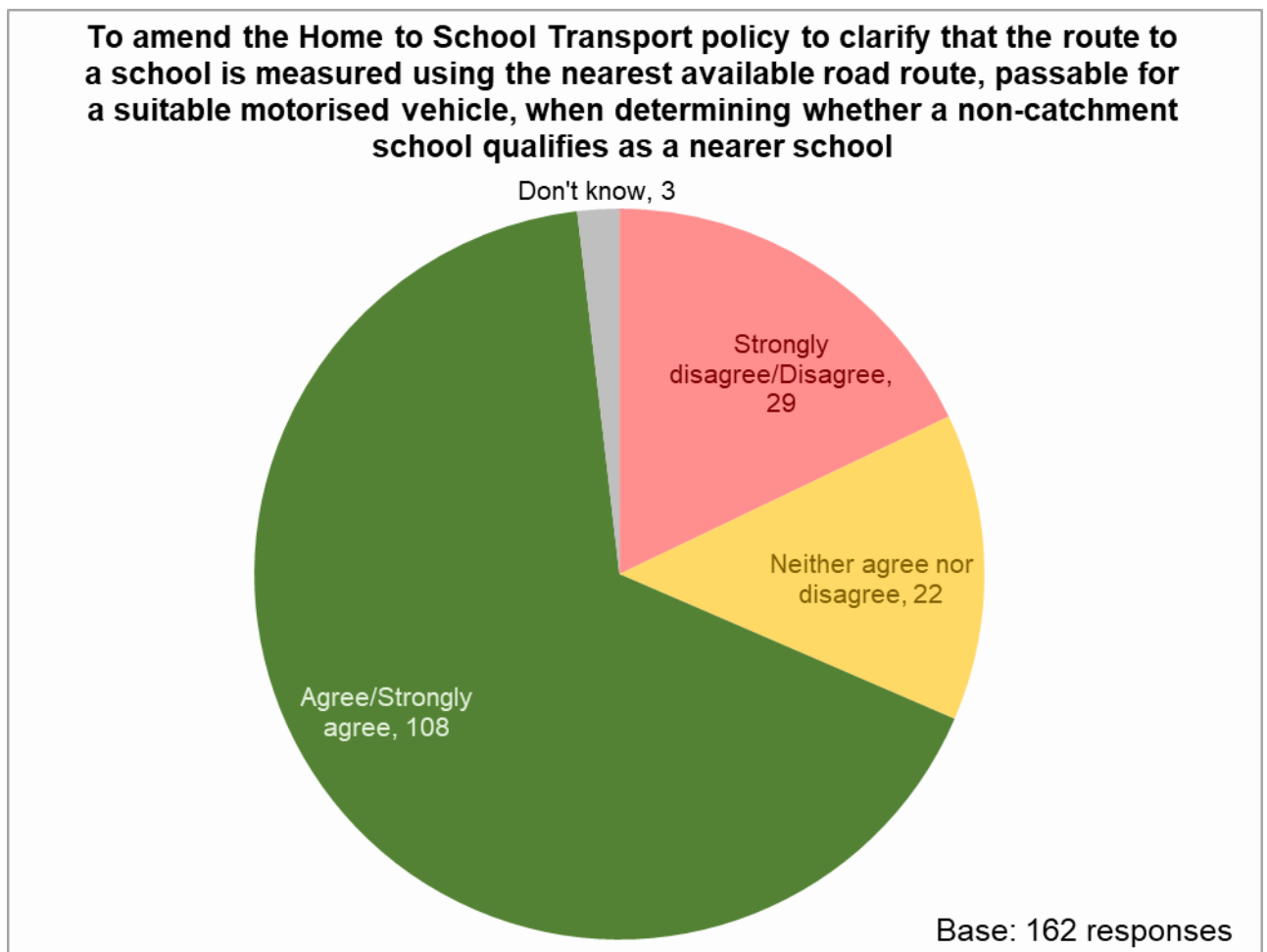
Similarly, no one group opposed the proposal as a majority. However, respondents from households that currently receive HtST or P16T were more mixed in their views - with the same number agreeing as disagreeing. In addition, respondents from households with incomes of up to £20,000 were as likely to have no overall view as they were to agree with the proposal.



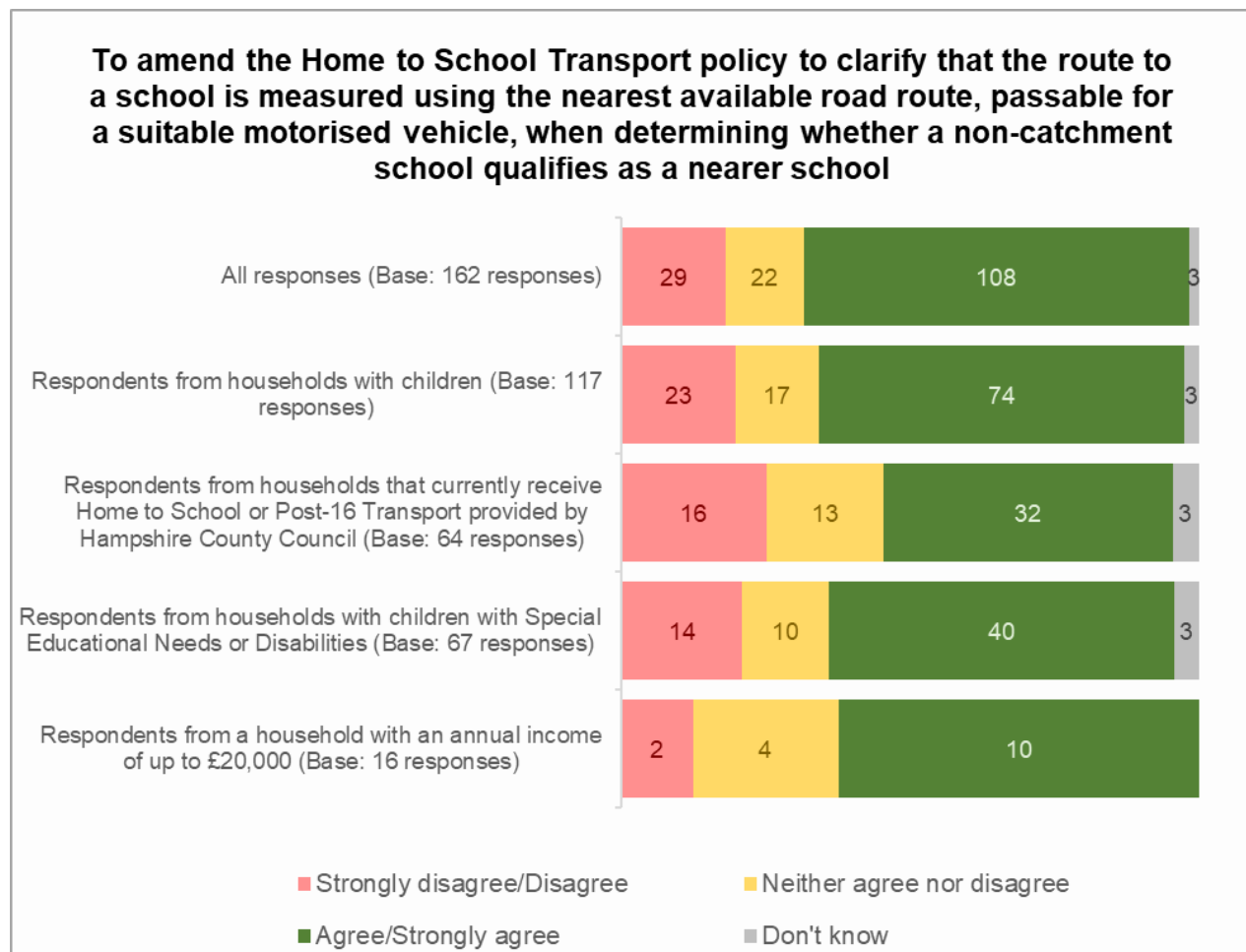
Using the nearest available road route, passable for a suitable motorised vehicle, for distance calculations

The County Council proposed to amend the Home to School Transport policy to clarify that the route to a school is measured using the nearest available road route, passable for a suitable motorised vehicle, when determining whether a non-catchment school qualifies as a nearer school

Two thirds of respondents either agreed or strongly agreed with this proposal, compared with just over one sixth of respondents who disagreed or strongly disagreed.



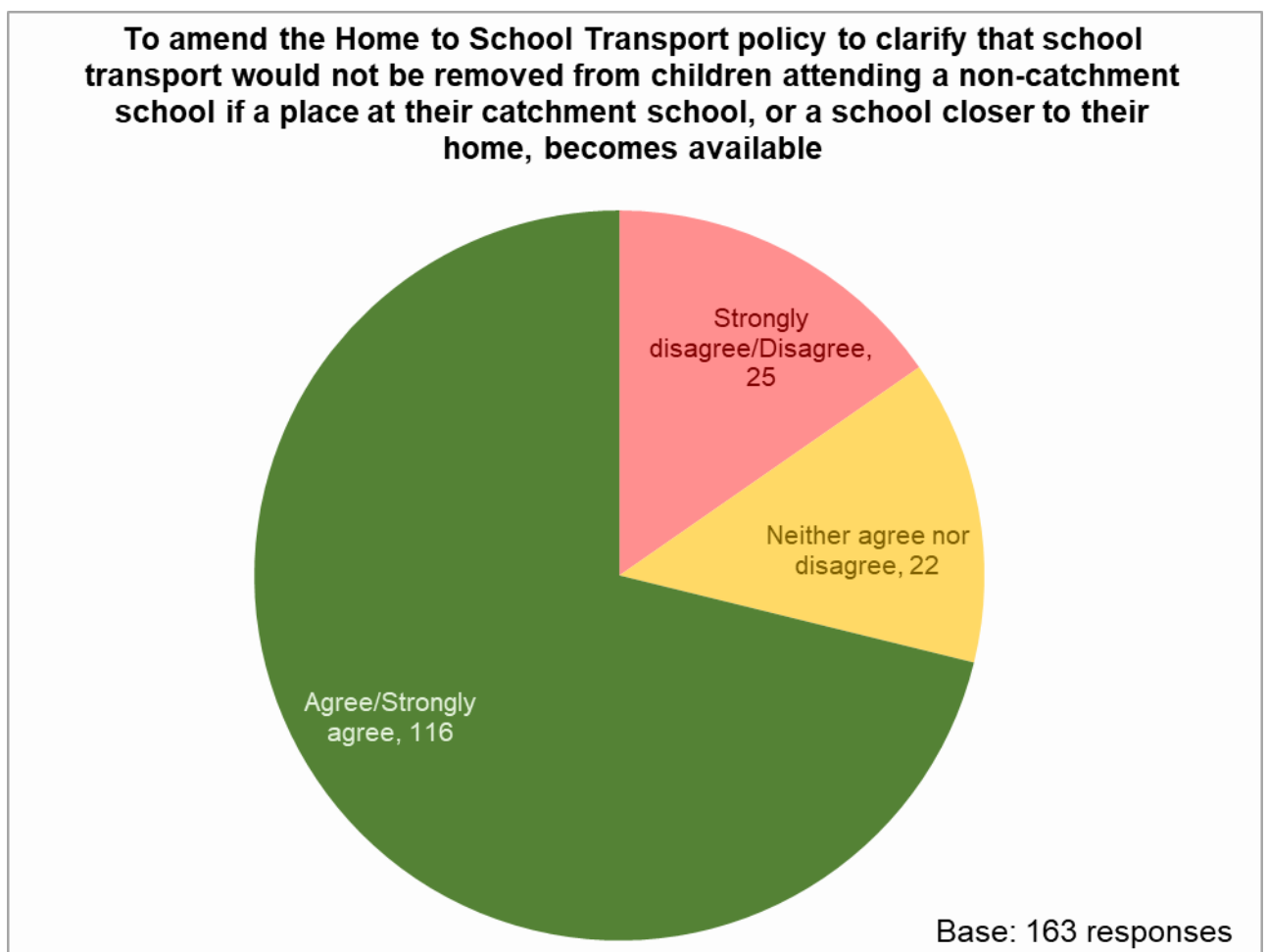
Three of the four groups potentially impacted by the proposal agreed with the proposal. The lowest level of agreement was amongst respondents from households that currently receive HtST or P16T provided by the County Council - half of whom agreed or strongly agreed with the proposal and a quarter of whom strongly disagreed or disagreed with the proposal.



To not remove school transport from children attending a non- catchment school if a place at their catchment school, or a school closer to their home, becomes available

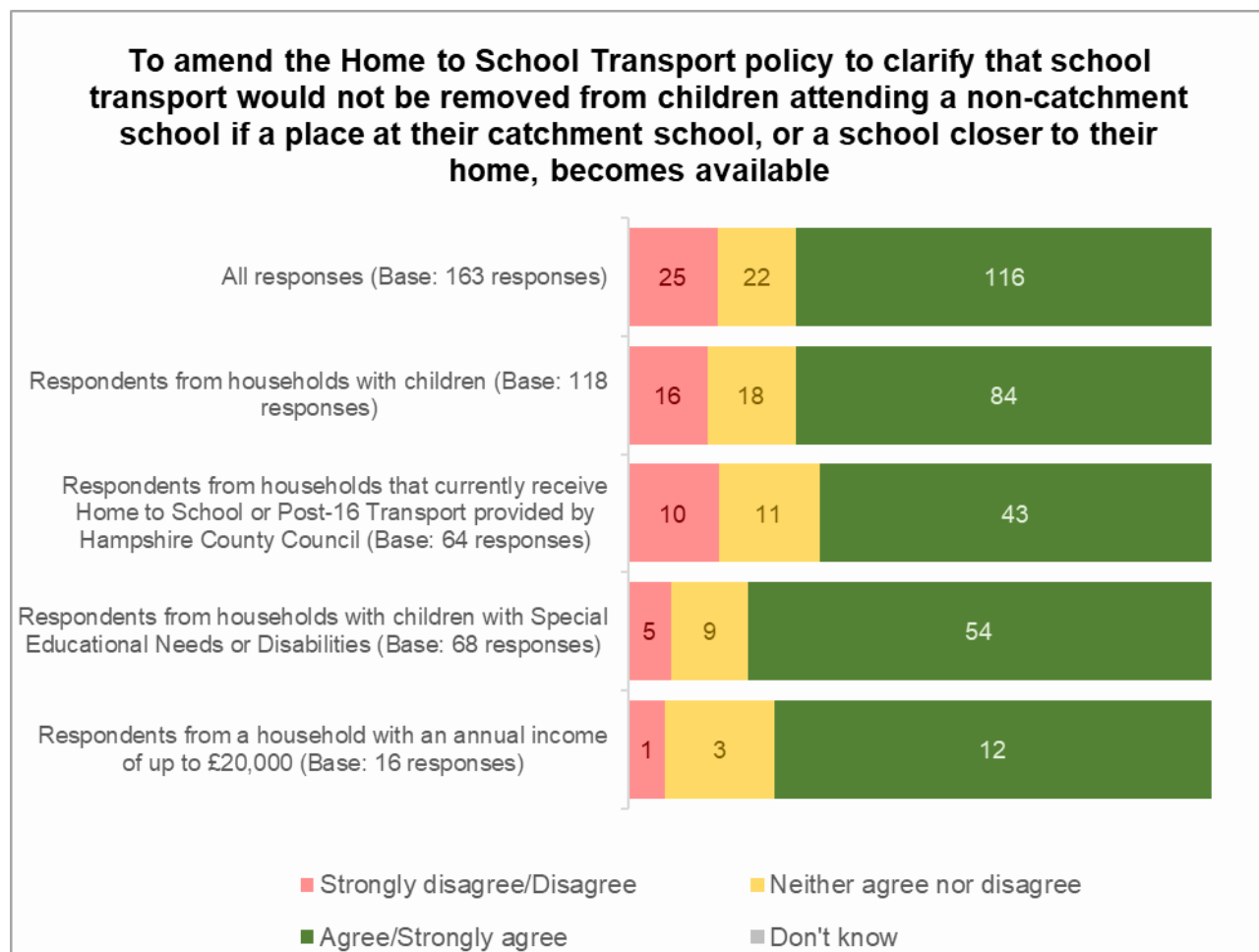
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When analysed by group, all agreed with the proposal overall.

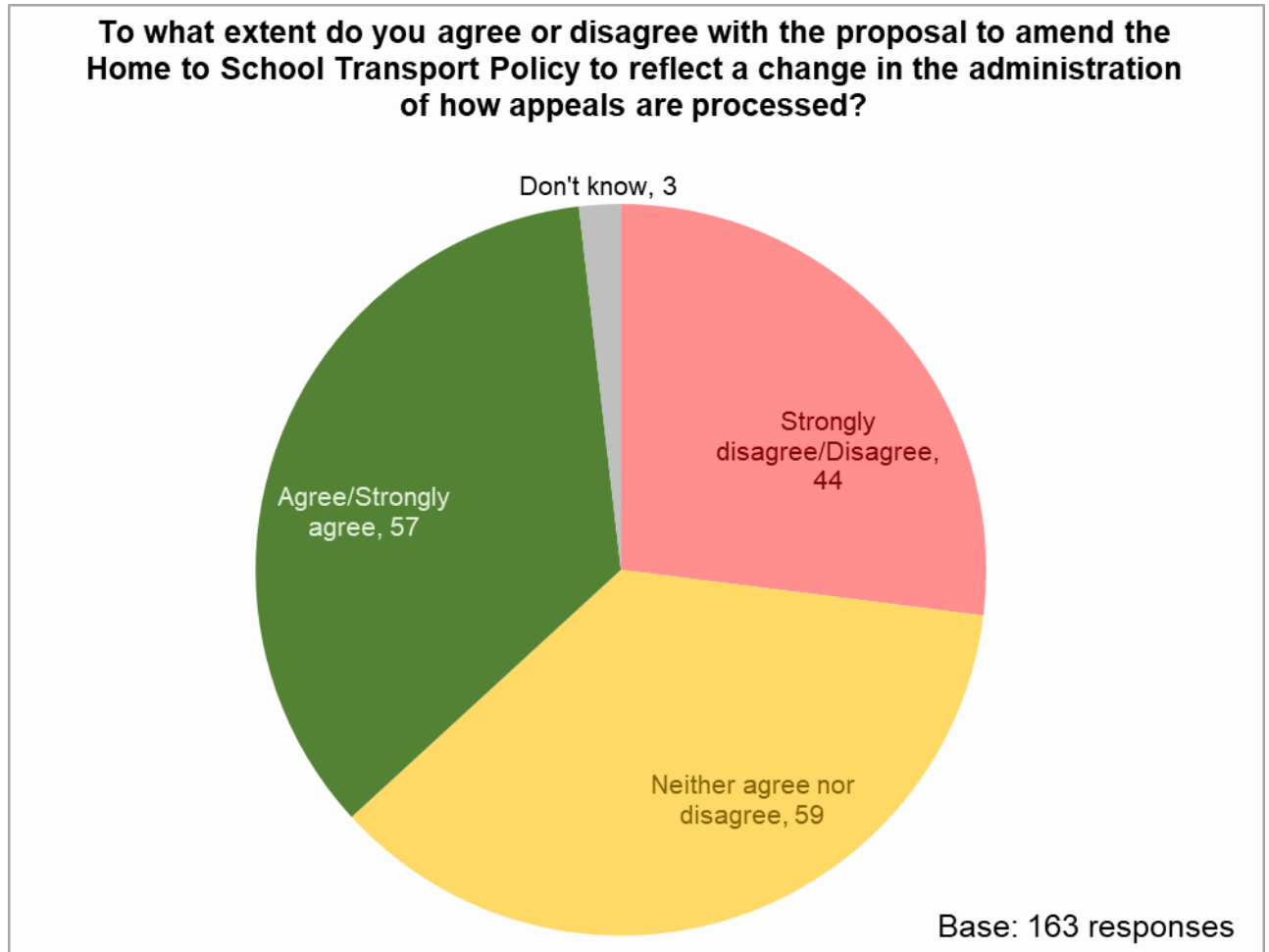
Respondents from households with children with SEND showed the highest level of agreement (around eight in 10 responses agreeing or strongly agreeing), whilst the lowest level of agreement was amongst respondents from households that currently receive HtST or P16T - of whom two thirds agreed or strongly agreed with the proposal.



Changing the administration of how appeals are processed

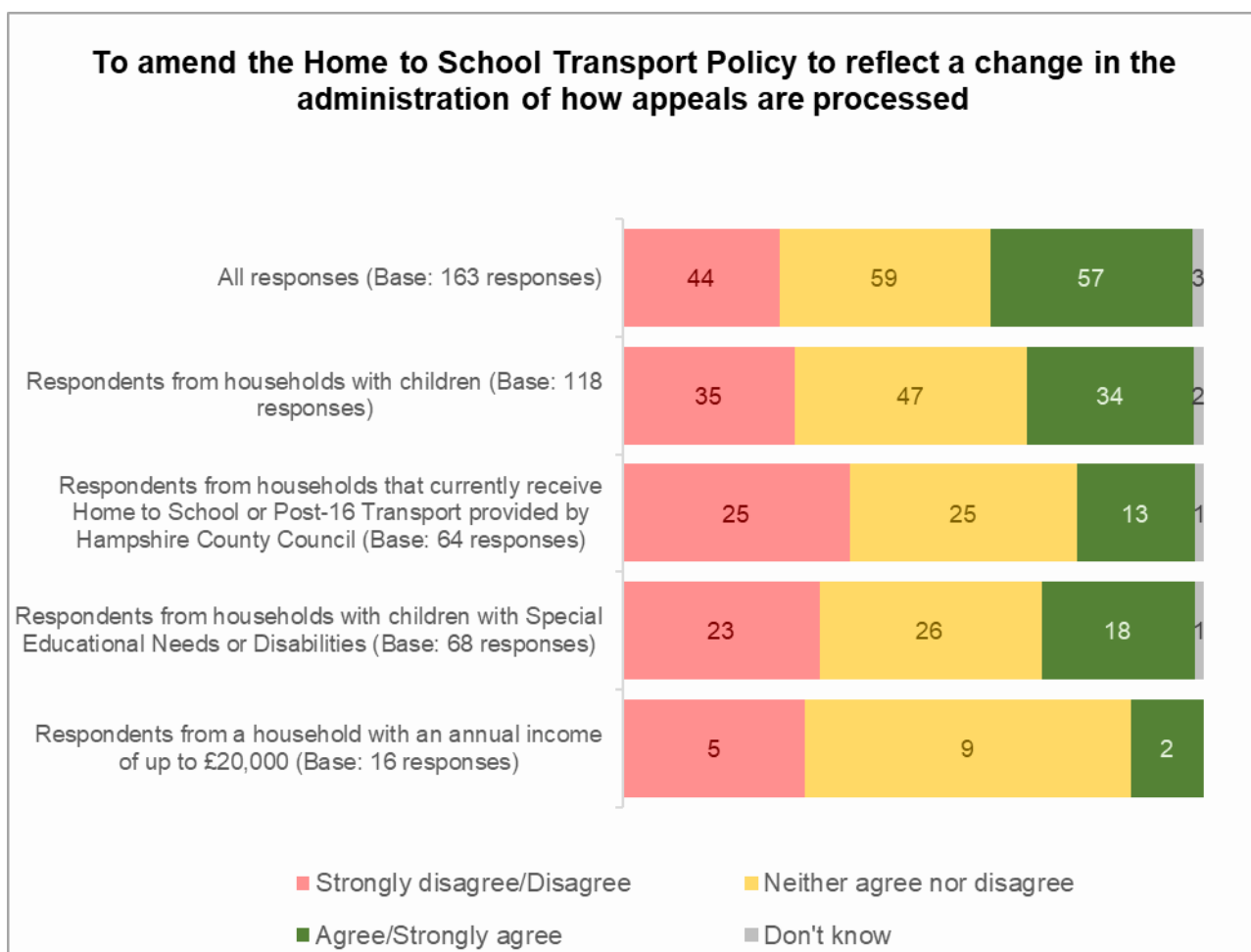
The County Council proposed to amend the Home to School Transport Policy to reflect a change in the administration of how appeals are processed

Respondents most frequently indicated that they neither agreed nor disagreed with the proposal. Of those who specified a preference, more respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this proposal than those who strongly disagreed or disagreed.



A breakdown of the different groups that could be impacted showed that they were all more likely to disagree with the proposal than agree. However, none of these groups showed a majority strongly disagreeing or disagreeing with the proposal, with respondents generally more likely to neither agree nor disagree than oppose the proposal.

The lowest level of agreement was amongst respondents from households that currently receive HtST or P16T. Of these, one in five agreed or strongly agreed with the proposal, compared with two in five who strongly disagreed or disagreed and two in five who neither agreed nor disagreed.



In order to help the County Council to understand who respondents felt would be the most appropriate person to make decisions on appeals regarding offers of transport, respondents were asked *'If you have any suggestions on who should make decisions on appeals against offers of transport, please describe them below'*.

37 respondents answered this question.

13 comments related specifically to individuals deciding on appeals regarding offers of transport for children with SEND. Of these:

- 6 mentioned that the individual deciding on appeals relating to SEND should be independent of the team where the decision was made,
- 3 mentioned that the individual deciding on appeals relating to SEND should be independent of the County Council,
- 3 mentioned that the individual deciding on appeals relating to SEND should have a strong understanding of transport systems, networks, and safety,
- 1 mentioned that the individual should be a representative of the Special Educational Needs Transport Advocacy Service (SENTAS)
- 1 mentioned that the individual should have a strong understanding of SEND and mobility issues, and
- 1 mentioned that schools and parents should be involved in the appeals process relating to SEND.

15 comments were provided about individuals deciding on appeals, without reference to SEND. Of these:

- 11 mentioned that the Officer deciding on appeals should be independent of the County Council,
- 3 mentioned that the School Transport Team should be involved in appeals on offers for transport,
- 2 mentioned that a parent panel should make decisions on appeals,
- 2 mentioned that the job title of the individual involved should reflect their role in the appeals process,
- 1 mentioned that the individual should be a senior County Council employee, and
- 1 mentioned that the individual is not important, as long as appeals are heard fairly.

In addition to comments on who would decide on appeals, 9 comments related to other issues. These included:

- 3 mentioned concerns that the aim of changes was to save money or to reject more appeals,
- 1 mentioned that all children with SEND should receive transport,
- 1 mentioned that all appeals should be heard on the individual merits of the case,
- 1 mentioned difficulties finding the relevant information on this proposal in the consultation Information Pack,
- 1 mentioned that responses to appeals should be presented in written form and not presented verbally,
- 1 mentioned that it was unclear whether appeals would be heard by a single person or by a team, and
- 1 mentioned that walking routes should be safe to use in all weather.

Suggested changes to the Home to School Transport Policy

Respondents were asked *'If you have any other suggestions for changes to the Home to School Transport Policy then please describe these below'*.

41 respondents provided an answer to this question.

Suggestions for policy changes, or changes to services, that were provided included that:

- all children with SEND should receive free transport (mentioned 8 times);
- cases should be looked at on individual merits (mentioned 5 times);
- the catchment areas of schools could be changed to make savings in transport costs (mentioned once);
- school escorts should be trained to deal with medical problems rather than needing to call an ambulance (mentioned once);
- there should be charges for parents who drive children to school (mentioned once);
- transport should be provided using the public transport network, to reduce costs (mentioned once);
- there should be greater consideration of a child's mobility as well as their travelling distance (mentioned once);
- charges for parents should not be calculated using a tiered mechanism (mentioned once);
- travel routes should be organised to serve more than one school per route, where possible (mentioned once); and
- pick-up points should be organised to minimise the need for stops (mentioned once).

12 respondents commented on the proposal to clarify that the route to a school is measured using the nearest available road route, passable for a suitable motorised vehicle, when determining whether a non-catchment school qualifies as a nearer school. Of these:

- 9 mentioned concerns that 'safe' routes should be carefully identified, for example with safe walking areas, appropriate road crossings, and well-lit paths;
- 2 mentioned that a walking route distance may not recognise the complexity of a route, particularly for children with SEND; and
- 1 mentioned that children with disabilities should not be expected to use a walking route.

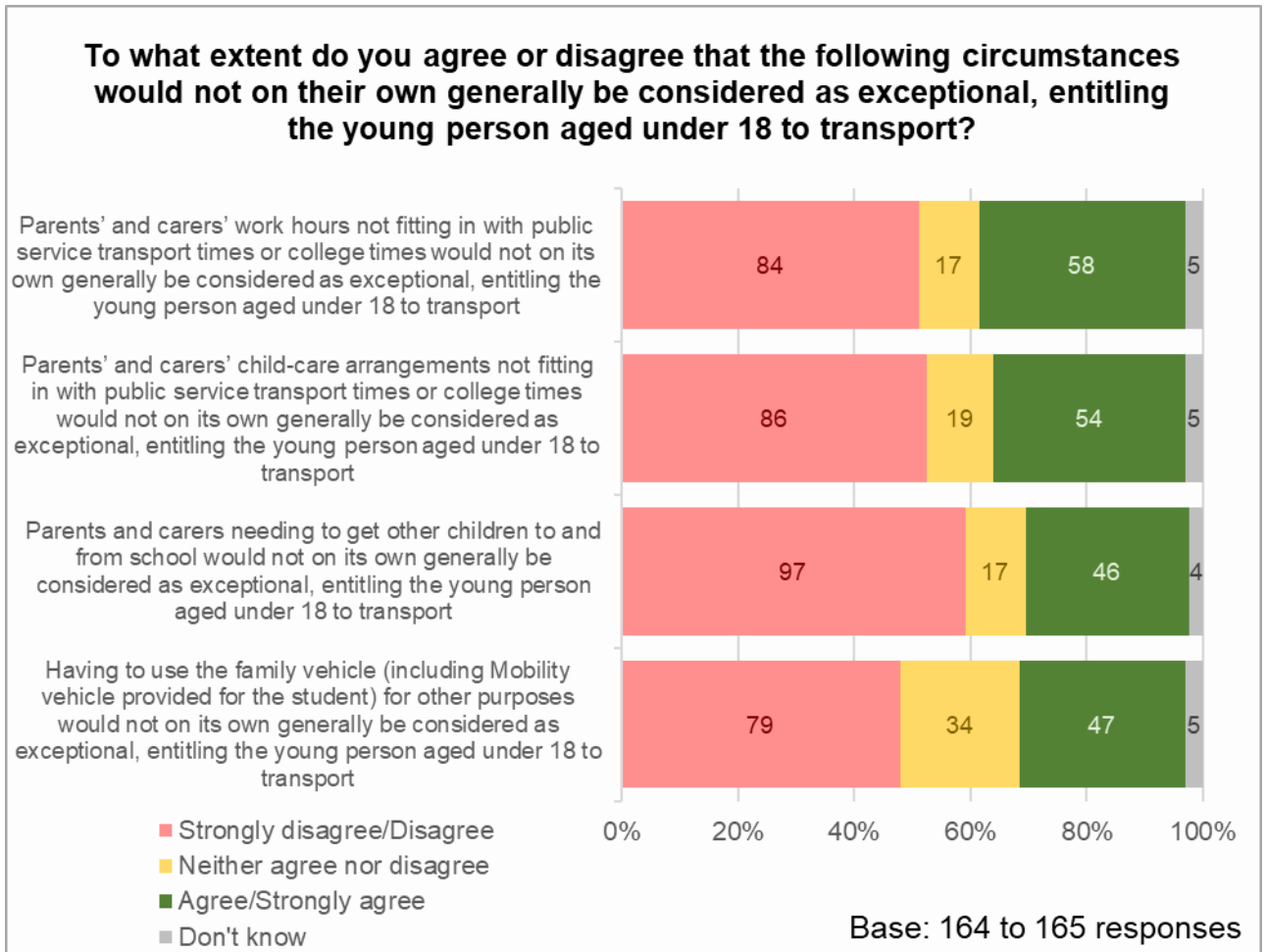
9 respondents commented on the proposal to clarify that the distance from a child's home to their school is calculated using the nearest available entrance from the child's home to the school grounds. Of these:

- 4 mentioned that the school's main entrance should be used as the point of measurement;
- 2 mentioned that there may be security risks if schools add entrances to their premises;
- 1 mentioned that the 'nearest entrance' should only be used if it is accessible by a disabled person;
- 1 mentioned a concern that this proposal would lead to new school entrances being installed as a cost saving measure; and
- 1 mentioned that the start and end points in measurements should be 'safe' locations.

2 respondents commented on the proposal to clarify that school transport would not be removed from children attending a non-catchment school if a place at their catchment school, or a school closer to their home, becomes available. Of these, 1 mentioned that this change should also apply to P16T offers to prevent any disruption of their education. The other 1 mentioned that the policy should be applied differently for children with and without SEND, as children with SEND require specialist provision that may not be met in mainstream education.

Proposed changes to the Post-16 Transport Policy

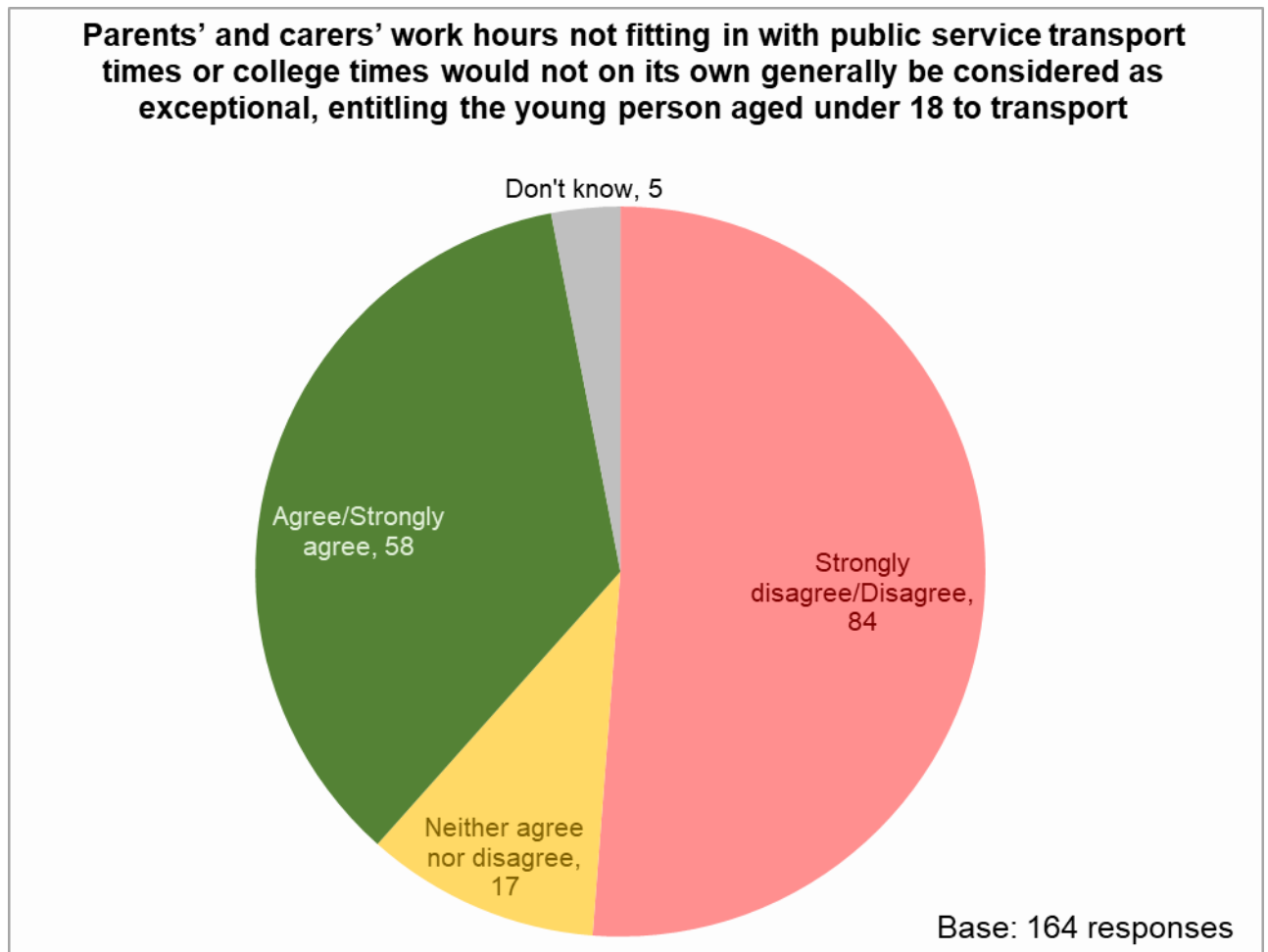
There was majority disagreement with three of the four proposed amendments to the P16T policy. Just under half of respondents (79 of 165) disagreed or strongly disagreed with the proposal that having to use the family vehicle (including Mobility vehicle provided for the student) for other purposes would not on its own entitle the young person aged under 18 to transport.



Parents' and carers' work hours not fitting in with public service transport times or college times

The County Council proposed to amend the Post-16 Transport Policy to state that parents' and carers' work hours not fitting in with public service transport times or college times would not on its own generally be considered as exceptional, entitling the young person aged under 18 to transport

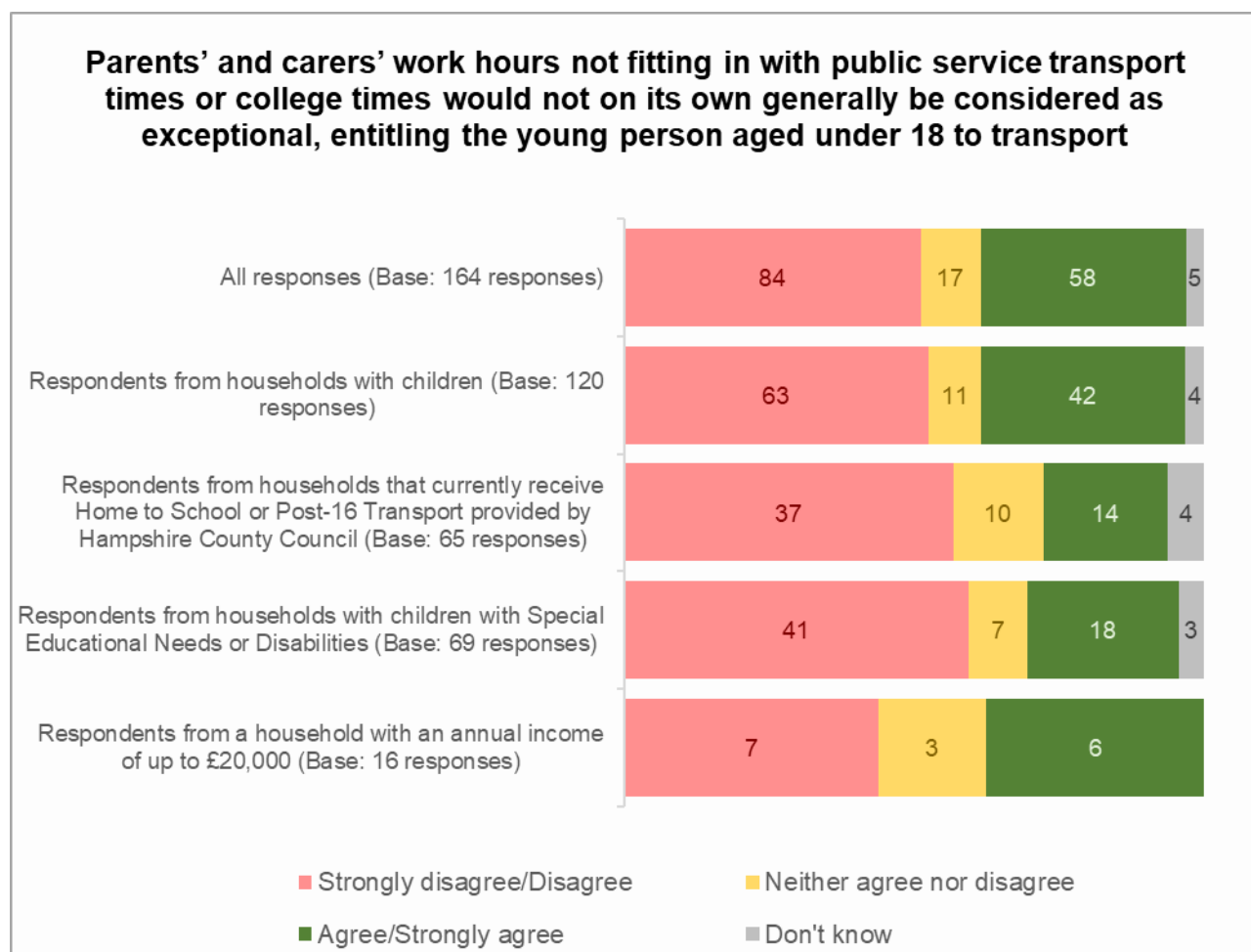
Overall, just over half of respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed with this proposal, whilst just over one third of respondents agreed or strongly agreed.



Groups that could be impacted by changes to the HtST and P16T policies, were also more likely to disagree with the proposal than agree.

The groups most likely to disagree with the proposal were respondents from households that currently receive HtST or P16T p, and those from households with children with SEND.

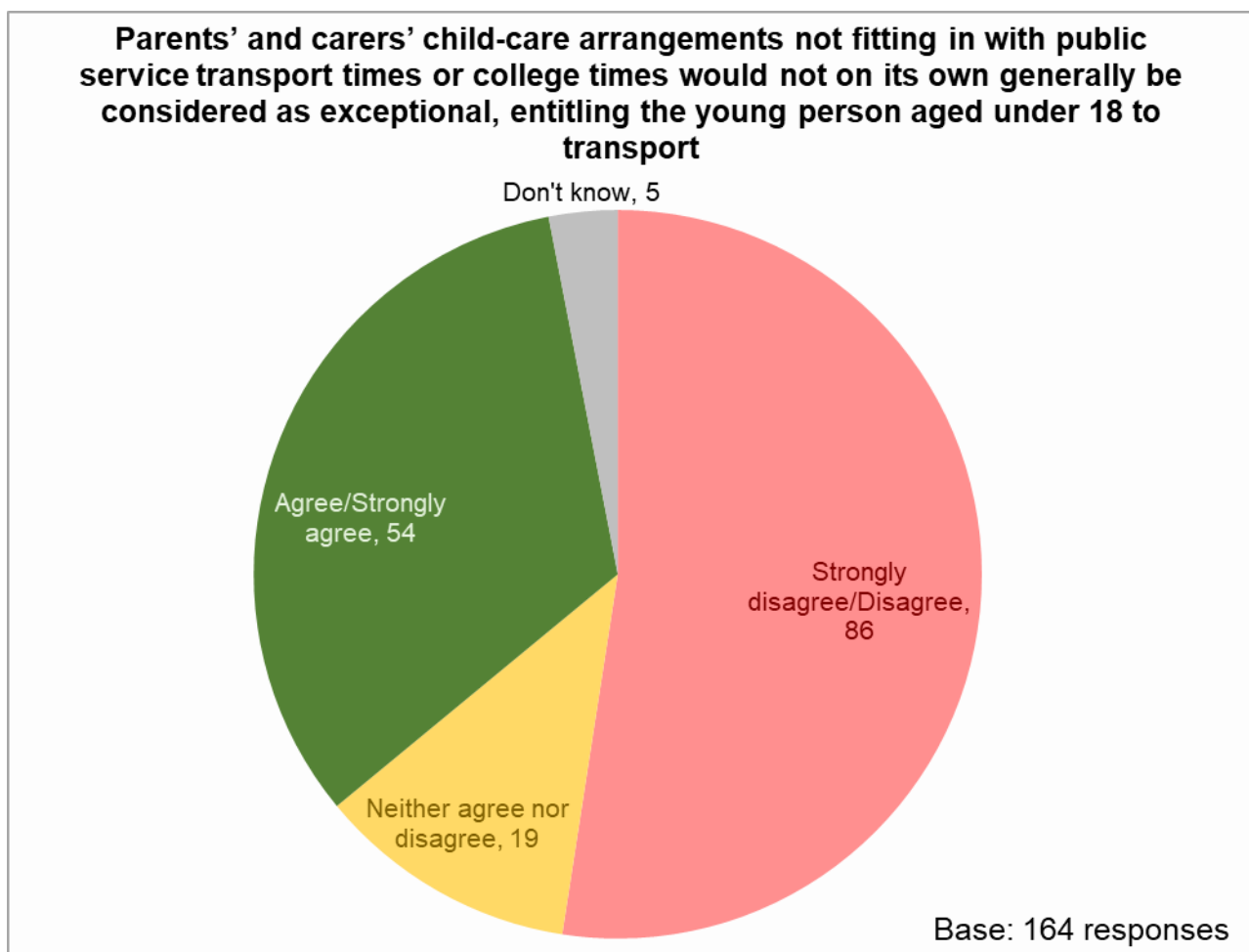
Households with an income of up to £20,000 had a more mixed view of the proposal. Just under half (7 of 16) disagreed or strongly disagreed, whilst a similar number (6 of 16) agreed or strongly agreed.



Parents' and carers' child-care arrangements not fitting in with public service transport times or college times

The County Council proposed to amend the Post-16 Transport Policy to state that parents' and carers' child-care arrangements not fitting in with public service transport times or college times would not on its own generally be considered as exceptional, entitling the young person aged under 18 to transport

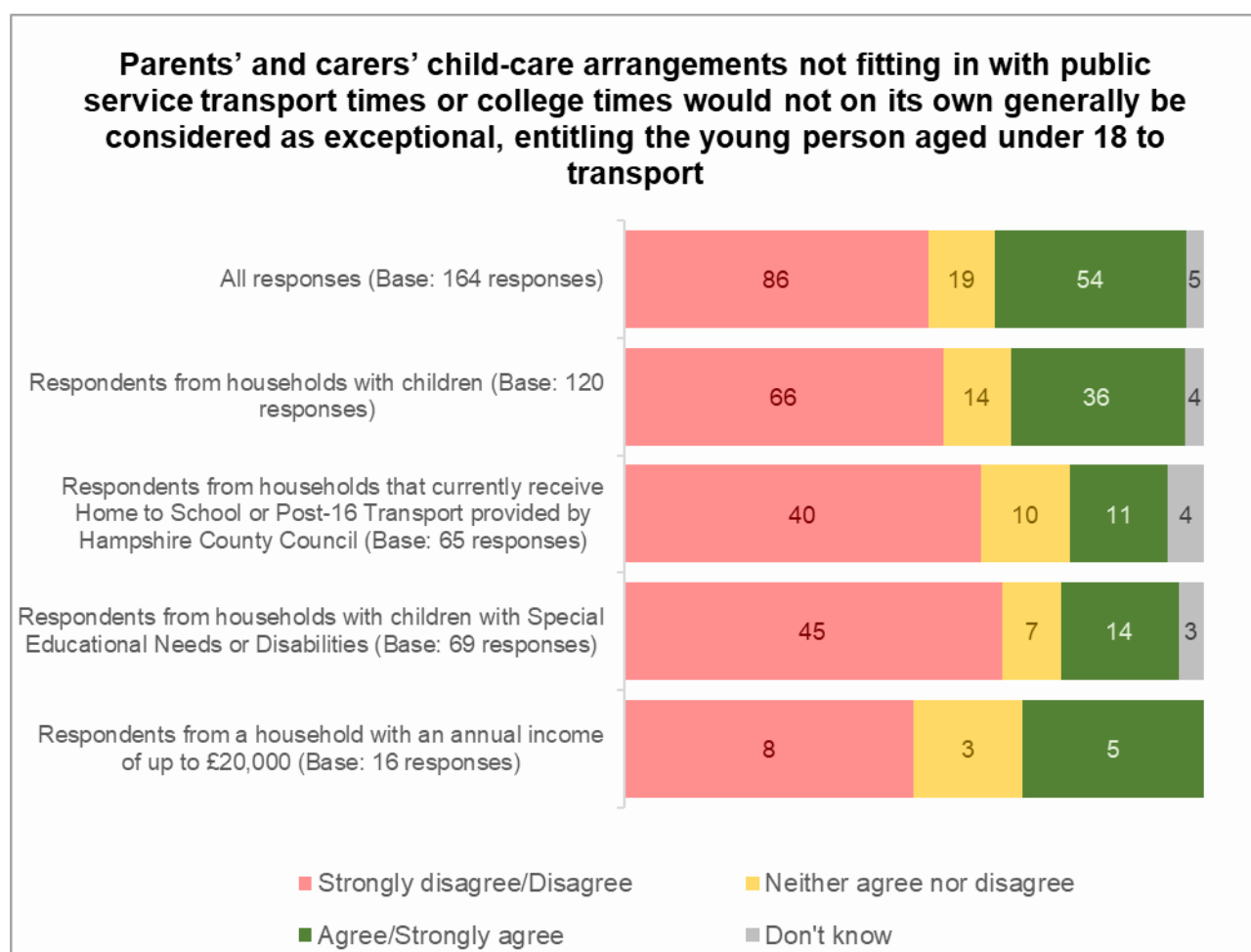
Overall, over half of respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed with this proposal, whilst one third of respondents agreed or strongly agreed.



When broken down by group, there was generally greater disagreement than agreement.

The groups most likely to disagree with the proposal were respondents from households that currently receive HtST or P16T, and those from households with children with SEND, where around two thirds of respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed with the proposal.

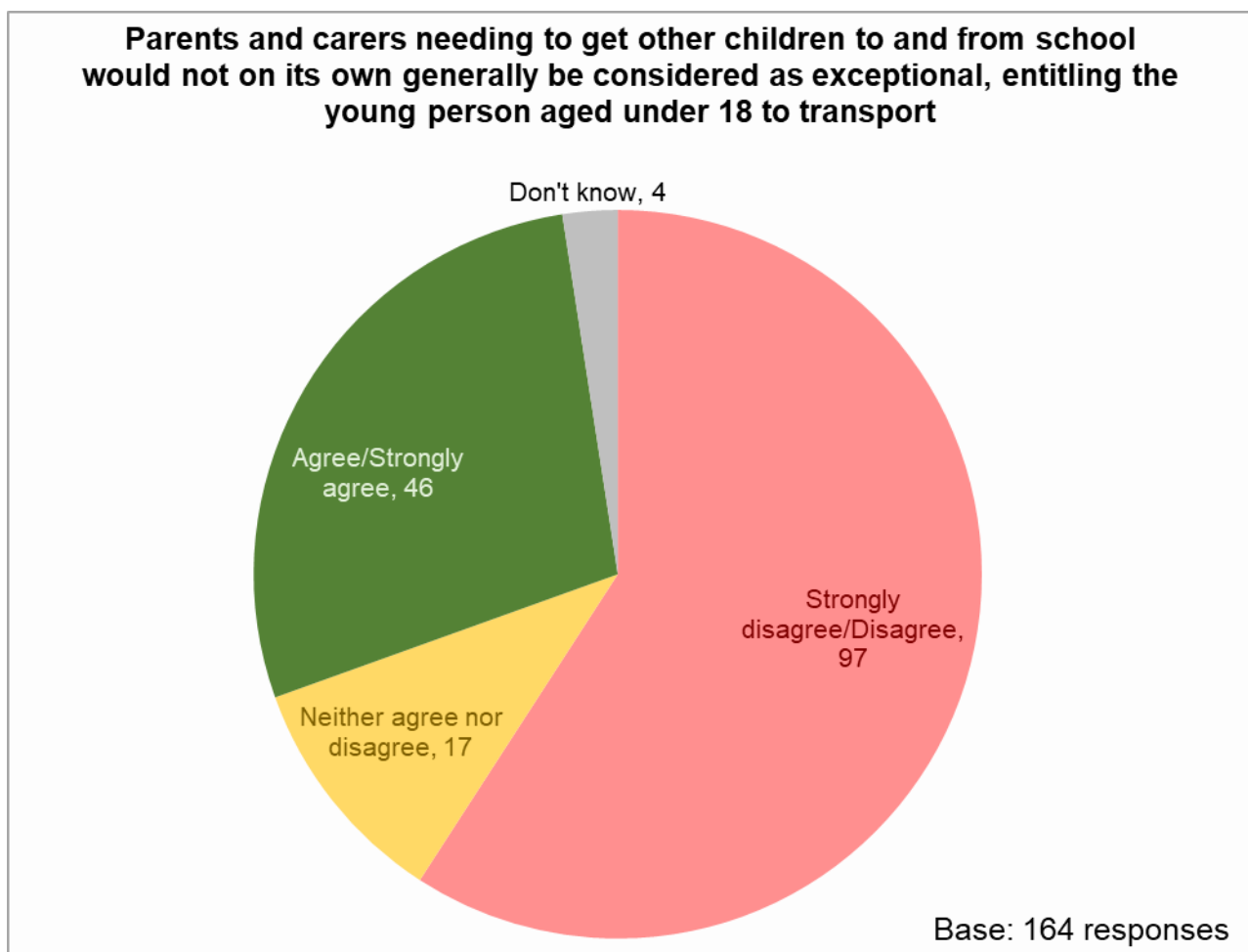
Half of respondents from households with an income of up to £20,000 disagreed or strongly disagreed with the proposal, compared to around 5 of the 16 who agreed or strongly agreed.



Parents and carers of Post-16 students with SEND needing to get other children to and from school

The County Council proposed to amend the Post-16 Transport Policy to state that parents and carers needing to get other children to and from school would not on its own generally be considered as exceptional, entitling the young person aged under 18 to transport.

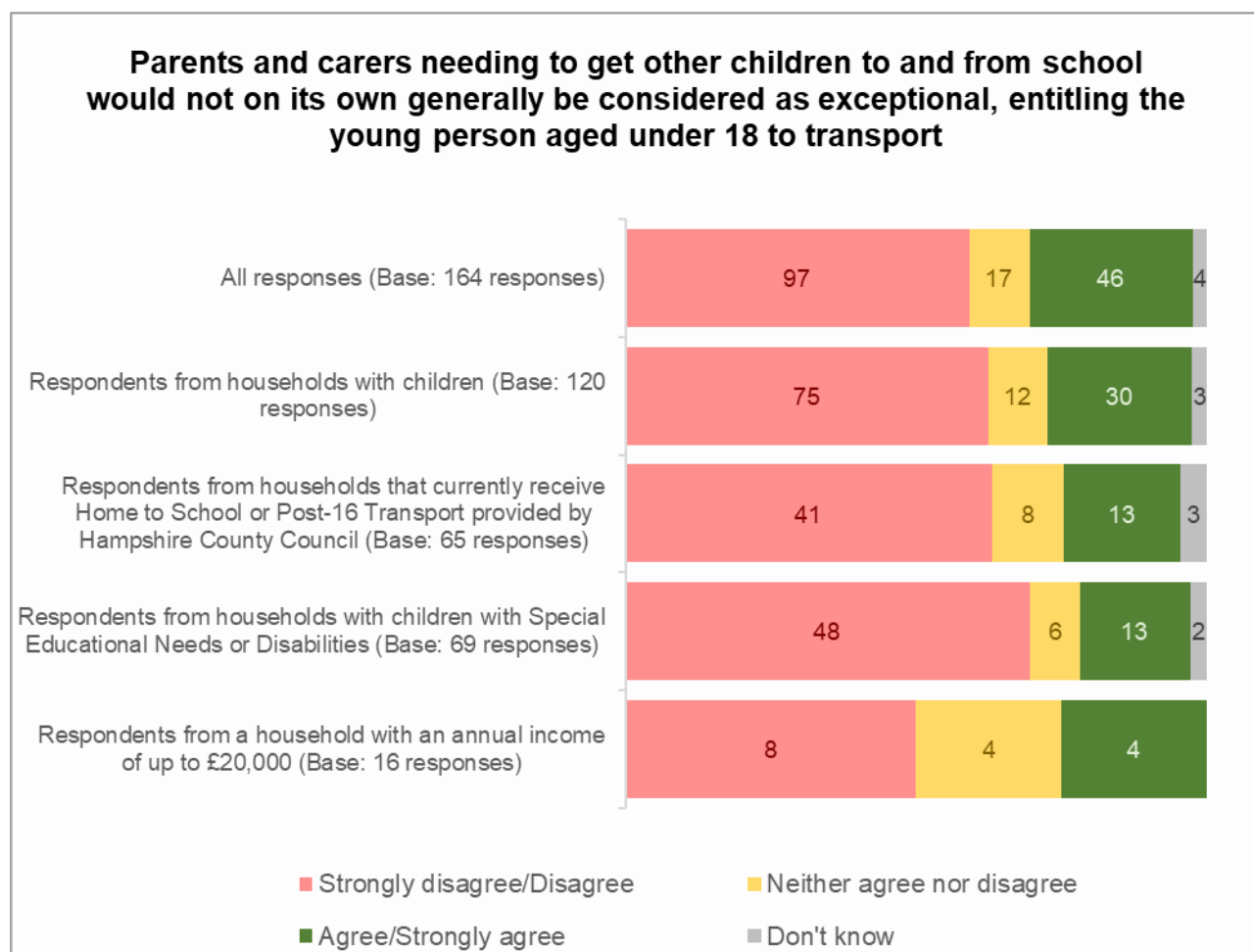
Overall, around six in ten respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed with this proposal, whilst around three in ten respondents agreed or strongly agreed.



When broken down by group, there was generally greater disagreement than agreement.

The groups most likely to disagree with the proposal were respondents from households with children with SEND, where seven in ten respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed with the proposal.

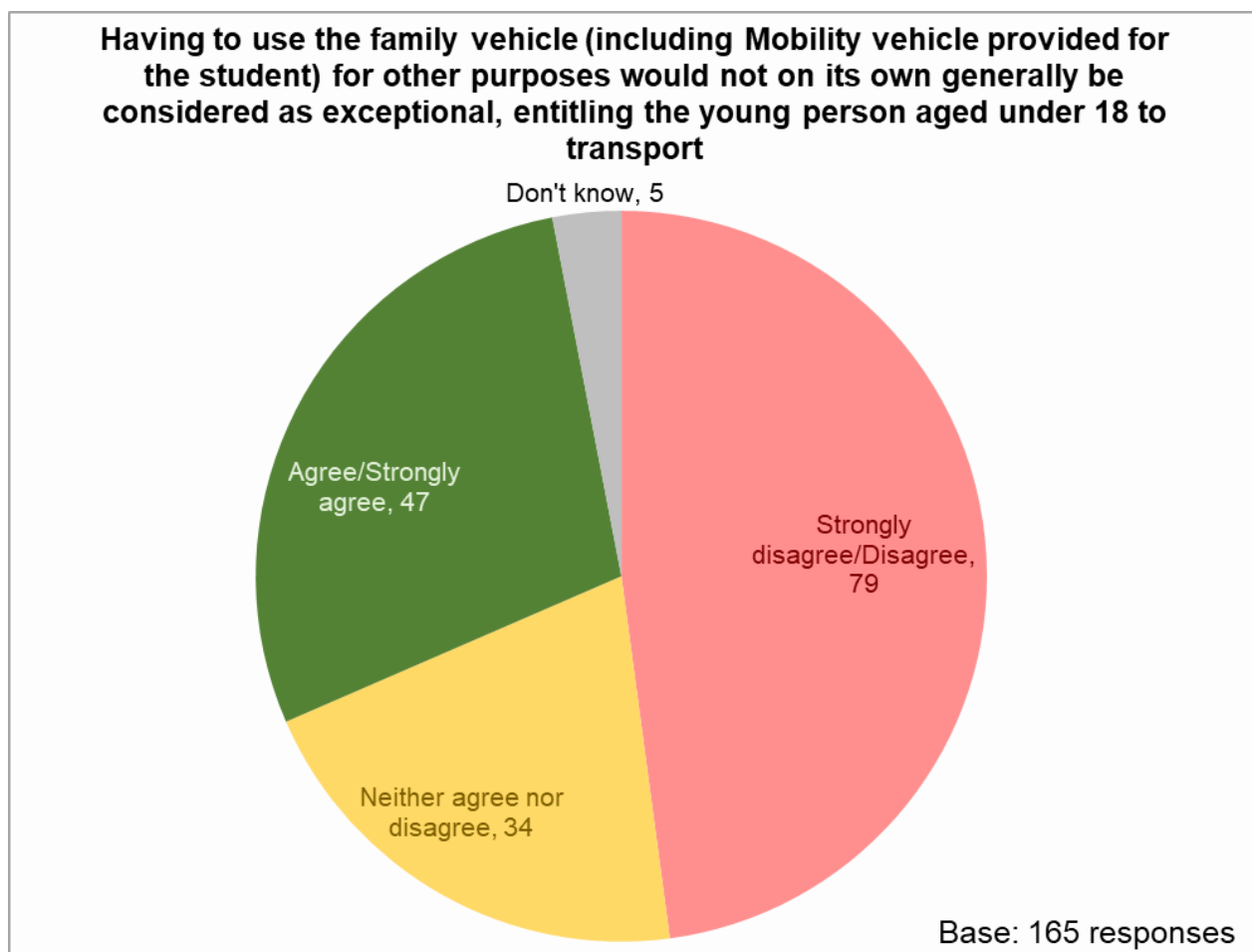
Half of respondents from households with an income of up to £20,000 disagreed or strongly disagreed with the proposal, a quarter agreed or strongly agreed, and a quarter neither agreed nor disagreed.



Parents and carers of Post-16 students with SEND having to use the family vehicle (including Mobility vehicle provided for the student) for other purposes

The County Council proposed to amend the Post-16 Transport Policy to state that having to use the family vehicle (including Mobility vehicle provided for the student) for other purposes would not on its own generally be considered as exceptional, entitling the young person aged under 18 to transport.

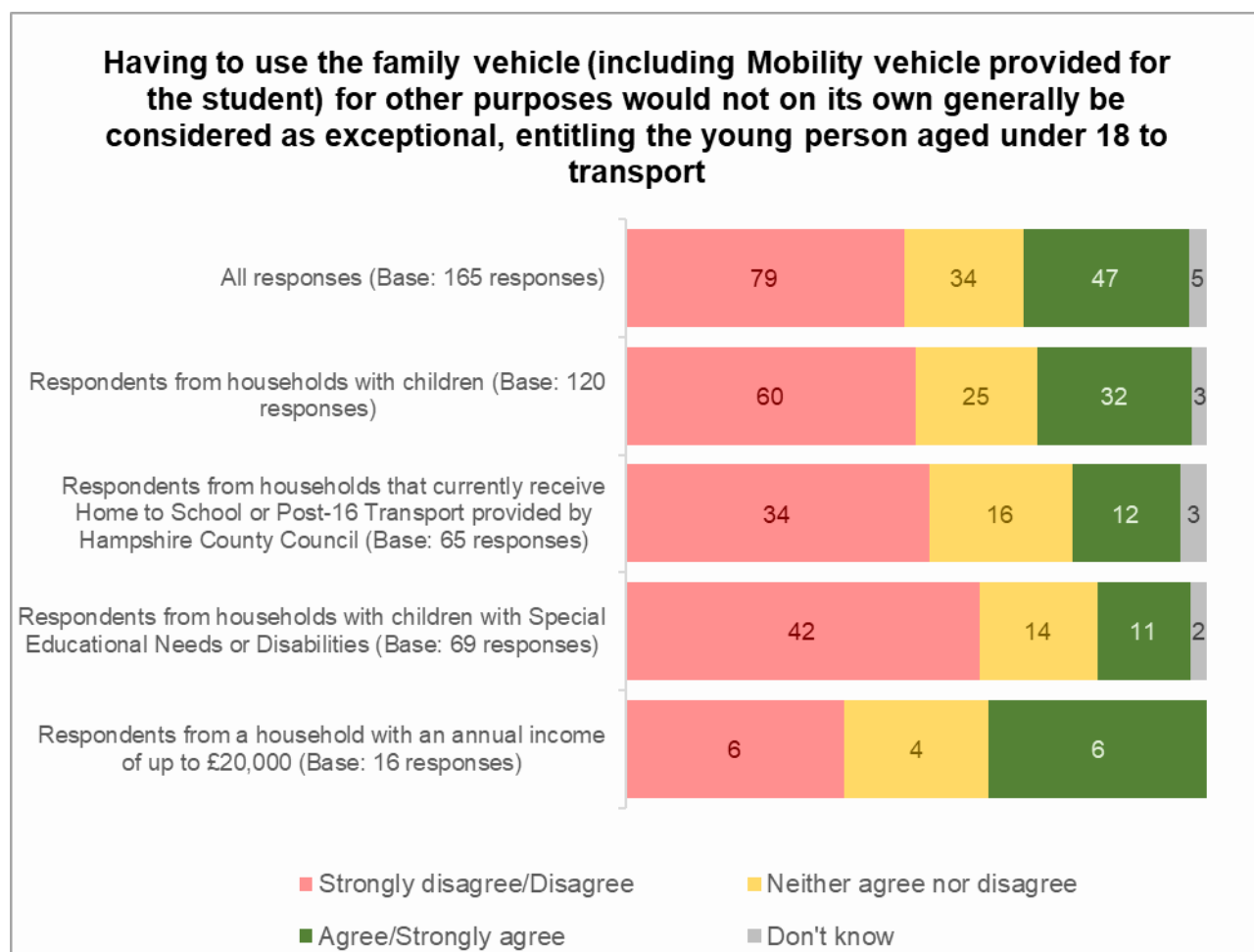
Overall, just under half of respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed with this proposal, whilst just under three in ten respondents agreed or strongly agreed.



Different groups that could be impacted were generally more likely to disagree with the proposal than agree.

The groups most likely to disagree with the proposal were respondents from households with children with SEND, where six in ten respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed with the proposal.

Households with an income of up to £20,000 were mixed in their views. Of the 16 responses from this group, 6 disagreed or strongly disagreed with the proposal, 4 neither agreed nor disagreed, and 6 agreed or strongly agreed.



Suggested changes to the Post-16 Transport Policy

Respondents were asked *'If you have any other suggestions for changes to the Post-16 Transport Policy then please describe these below'*.

61 respondents provided an answer to this question.

19 comments described additional criteria that should be classed as 'exceptional' circumstances when deciding on eligibility for P16T. These included:

- 9 mentioned the working hours and commitments of parents and carers,
- 8 mentioned parents and carers having additional carer responsibilities,
- 3 mentioned situations where there is no suitable public transport available in the area,
- 2 mentioned the distance travelled to Post-16 education, and
- 1 mentioned the journey time to Post-16 education.

12 respondents mentioned that all children and young people with SEND should receive transport for Post-16 education.

11 respondents mentioned that, when applying for P16T, no circumstances should exempt from being classed as 'exceptional' reasons necessitating the need for transport.

5 respondents mentioned that P16T should only be offered to children and young people who need to travel a distance that is too far for them to walk.

2 respondents mentioned that transport should not be removed from children or young people already in Post-16 education.

2 respondents mentioned that family vehicles and mobility vehicles should be used to transport children and young people to Post-16 education wherever possible.

2 respondents mentioned that the criteria used to decide on P16T applications should focus on the mobility of the children and young people in question.

2 respondents mentioned that they did not feel that the County Council should tell services users' parents and carers that mobility vehicles should be used to transport children and young people to Post-16 education.

2 respondents mentioned that criteria for eligibility should be based on individual need.

1 respondent expressed surprise that income level was not used as a criteria for assessing the need for P16T.

1 respondent mentioned that disability should not be the sole measure of whether a child or young person requires P16T.

1 respondent mentioned that the charge for P16T for families with more than one child using the service is expensive.

1 respondent mentioned that services should look at how transport to education is managed in other countries around the world, where these services are provided.

16 respondents commented on the potential impacts of the proposed changes to the P16T policy. These included:

- 15 mentioned the ability for parents and carers to meet their working commitments if the new policy clauses were introduced, and
- 5 mentioned that young people may struggle to access Post-16 education if the new policy clauses were introduced.

12 respondents mentioned that they found the proposal on the change to the P16T policy, or the question relating to it, confusing.

Impacts of the proposed changes

Respondents were asked *'Please describe what, if any, impact the proposals in this consultation could have on you or your family, or people you know or work with'*.

81 respondents provided an answer to this question.

16 comments related directly to the proposed changes to the HtST Policy. The themes of these responses are shown below:

- 7 mentioned the potential impacts on parents and carers, specifically:
 - 4 mentioned that parents and carers may need to give up their work or change their working hours,
 - 1 mentioned that it may require driving their child to school,
 - 1 mentioned that they may need to move home, and
 - 1 mentioned that it may be difficult to get their child to school on time.
- 5 mentioned impacts on children, in particular:
 - 3 mentioned that children may be unable to get to school,
 - 2 mentioned of an increased risk to children's safety if needing to walk on unsafe routes, and
 - 1 mentioned that children with SEND may not have the same opportunities as those without SEND.
- 2 mentioned that a change to measuring distances could have an impact, with 1 mentioned that there could be an impact on parents being able to send their child to Westgate school, and 1 mentioned that it is unreasonable to expect children to walk up to 3 miles to school.
- 2 mentioned that there could be a negative environmental impact, as a result of more people using cars to take their children to school.
- 2 mentioned negative financial impacts on families, as parents and carers may be forced to give up work to take their children to school.
- 1 mentioned that the changes would have no significant impact, as the respondent felt that parents or carers should be responsible for taking their child to school.

37 comments related directly to the proposed changes to the P16T Policy. The themes of these responses are shown below:

- 26 mentioned impacts on parents and carers, in particular:
 - 15 mentioned that parents and carers may need to give up work in order to take their child to their post-16 education,
 - 9 mentioned that the changes may have a negative impact on parents' and carers' mental health,

- 4 mentioned that parents and carers may need to change, or reduce, their working hours in order to take their child to their post-16 education,
- 3 mentioned that parents and carers may need to travel more to get their child to their post-16 education,
- 3 mentioned that parents and carers may find it difficult to get other children to school on time,
- 1 mentioned that parents and carers may become unemployable if they have to take on responsibility for taking their child to their post-16 education.
- 20 mentioned impacts on children and young people, specifically:
 - 12 mentioned that it may prevent children and young people from attending post-16 education,
 - 7 mentioned that it may offer children and young people with SEND fewer opportunities than available to those without SEND,
 - 3 mentioned that it may restrict the choice of colleges for children and young people with SEND, and
 - 2 mentioned that it would create a barrier to education to children and young people who are unable to take public transport independently.
- 11 mentioned financial impacts on families, where:
 - 9 mentioned the financial impact of parents and carers giving up work, and
 - 2 mentioned the financial impact of additional childcare needed to support families if the proposed changes to the P16T Policy are implemented.
- 2 mentioned that there would be no impact, or a minimal impact, to them as a result of the proposed changes to the P16T Policy.
- 3 mentioned risks to the safety of children and young people, as they were concerned that walking routes pose a risk to children and young people.
- 2 mentioned that the changes would penalise children and young people who live a significant distance from their place of post-16 education.
- 1 mentioned a negative environmental impact as a result of increased congestion if parents and carers were required to take their children to post- 16 education.

29 comments did not specify whether they related to HtST or P16T. Of these:

- 11 mentioned potential impacts on parents and carers, including:
 - 5 mentioned that parents and carers may need to give up their jobs,
 - 3 mentioned potential impacts on parents' and carers' mental wellbeing,
 - 2 mentioned that parents and carers may need to reduce their working hours,

- 2 mentioned that parents and carers may struggle to get all of their children to school on time, and
- 1 mentioned that the changes may result in a loss of childcare arrangements if their childminder could not accommodate the changes.
- 8 mentioned potential impacts on children and young people, specifically:
 - 5 mentioned that it would make it harder for children and young people to attend education,
 - 2 mentioned that it would mean that children and young people with SEND would have fewer opportunities than those without SEND,
 - 1 mentioned that children and young people could suffer from a loss of continuity in their education, and
 - 1 mentioned that it would impact children and young people who are unable to use public transport independently.
- 4 mentioned that there would be no impact, or minimal impact, as a result of these changes.
- 4 mentioned a negative environmental impact, as a result of increased congestion and car usage.
- 3 mentioned a financial impact, where:
 - 2 mentioned that families would be under increased financial pressure if parents or carers needed to give up work, and
 - 1 mentioned that families with children or young people with SEND are already financially disadvantaged.
- 3 mentioned risks to children and young people's safety, of which:
 - 2 mentioned that it would be dangerous for children and young people to walk beside roads, and
 - 1 mentioned that they would need to take their child to and from school to ensure they were travelling safely.

Further comments and suggestions

Respondents were asked *'If you have any further comments on the proposals in this consultation, or alternative suggestions on how the County Council could make savings from its Children's Services budget, then please provide these in the box below'*. 56 respondents provided an answer to this question.

12 comments mentioned that there should be no savings made to the services in question or the Children's Services Department.

10 comments mentioned impacts of the proposed changes to the P16T Policy, where:

- 4 mentioned that the changes could result in less independence for children and young people with SEND,
- 4 mentioned that there could be financial impacts as a result of giving up work or changing working patterns,
- 3 mentioned that it may be harder to get other children to school on time, and
- 2 mentioned that there could be environmental impacts if parents and carers need to use their own cars to get their child to post-16 education.

8 comments gave suggestions on how to deliver HtST and P16T services more efficiently, including:

- 3 mentioned a greater use of shared journeys to reduce costs,
- 2 mentioned renegotiating contracts with suppliers to reduce costs,
- 1 mentioned that paperwork and the EHCP process could be reduced,
- 1 mentioned that mainstream schools should take more children with SEND so that they would not need to travel so far,
- 1 mentioned making greater use of public transport, and
- 1 mentioned that the County Council should learn how these services are provided in other countries to see if a more efficient way is possible.

7 comments suggested additional considerations that should be made when deciding whether a child or young person is eligible for P16T, such as:

- 2 mentioned that parents' and carers' working commitments should be considered,
- 2 mentioned that consideration should be given to ensure that a child or young person has access to an education in the most appropriate setting for their needs,
- 1 mentioned that family commitments (such as childcare and taking other children to education) should be considered,
- 1 mentioned that use to accessible public transport should be considered, and
- 1 mentioned that decisions should be based on the child or young person's individual needs, reviewed annually.

4 comments mentioned that P16T provision for children and young people with SEND should be increased.

4 comments mentioned that charges could be introduced or increased, with 2 suggestions that charges be made for transport provided and 2 suggestions that parents and carers who use their cars to take children to school should be charged.

3 comments mentioned that savings should be made within the County Council, with two comments specifying that the staff pay budget should be targeted for efficiencies.

3 comments mentioned that child safety may be put at risk by the proposed changes.

2 comments mentioned that there should be income generation to reduce the need for service efficiencies, with specific suggestions that local businesses be asked to sponsor transport schemes (mentioned once), and that minibuses be used for other purposes as well as school transport (mentioned once).

2 comments mentioned the use of mobility vehicles, where:

- 1 mentioned that parents with mobility vehicles should be expected to take their child or young person to school or post-16 education, and
- 1 mentioned that the County Council should not tell mobility vehicle users that they should take their child or young person to school or post-16 education.

Each of the following comments was mentioned 1 time:

- Reducing the number of school buses could increase the number of cars on the road, affecting congestion and pollutions levels.
- Children with SEND should automatically be entitled to receive HtST.
- Children placed in schools outside Hampshire by the Local Authority should automatically be entitled to receive HtST.
- Children should not be charged if they travel to school or college by bus.
- The County Council should lobby Central Government for more funding.
- The savings would not generate savings, as costs would increase elsewhere.
- It is not fair for parents and carers to be asked to suggest ways that the County Council can make savings to its budget.
- There should be more engagement with the public to look for innovative ways for savings to be made.
- Savings could be made by reducing the use of direct payments.
- The walking route proposed for a specific school, Robert Mays, is not considered by the respondent to be a safe walking route.
- The respondent felt that what was being proposed in the consultation was unclear.

Responses from organisations and groups using the Response Form

There were four responses from organisations and groups using the Response Form. These responses are part of the collective analysis of responses in this report, and the free text responses provided by this group are also summarised below.

Regarding changes to the HtST Policy, these respondents mentioned that distance calculations should reflect more than simply the journey length, also considering rurality, local public transport facilities, and the complexity of journeys from the perspective of children with SEND.

When commenting on who should decide on appeals relating to offers of transport, the respondents mentioned the need for impartiality, transparency in the reasons for their decisions, and having a good understanding of both the needs of children with SEND and the legal framework in which the HtST Service operates. They also mentioned the need for decisions to be made without undue delay.

Respondents made suggestions for changes to the P16T Policy, where they mentioned that:

- there should be a understanding in the Policy of the needs of students with SEND;
- transport should be offered as a long-term commitment to the student, not as short-term provision; and
- the Policy should not contradict the County Council's statutory duty to provide transport for Post-16 students.

Respondents highlighted potential impacts on families where charges are applied, and risks to the independence of children and young people if they have less access to education as a result of the proposed changes. In addition, there was mention of risks to the safety of children and young people walking to school beside roads which may not have adequate footpaths or lighting, and the impact of increased congestion and pollution if more parents drive their children to school or college. The risks to students' mental health was also mentioned, if they were no longer to receive the support or supervision they require to travel to education.

When asked to provide further comments, organisations and groups mentioned the need to encourage independence and ensure equal access to education for all students. It was felt this was particularly important for families with children and young people with SEND as they can face greater challenges around transport compared to other families.

Comments also highlighted the waiting time during journeys and the additional support, and associated costs, needed to assist children and young people when waiting for transport, as well as when using it.

It was also commented that the County Council should be mindful of legislative requirements when planning savings to the Children's Services budget, and ensure that services for children with SEND have the funding they need when allocating resources.

Unstructured responses

The consultation received three 'unstructured' responses, all of which were submitted via email. These are responses that were made within the consultation period but were not submitted using the consultation questionnaire. One of these was submitted by an individual, and two were submitted by organisations.

The unstructured responses made the following comments:

- That the proposed changes to the P16T Policy were hard to understand in the Easy Read document.
- That the policies should be written in simple English to ensure that parents, carers and service users can understand them.
- That families in rural areas and on low incomes could be impacted by the proposed changes to the P16T Policy in addition to the impacts of reduced public transport services in rural areas and the introduction of Universal Credit.
- Families with children at different schools may find it hard to take their children to school if they no longer received HtST or P16T.
- In the event that transport was not offered and a child or young person was unable to access education, there would be impacts on other services and on the child or young person and their family.
- There was a concern that absenteeism could rise, and that parents or carers could be fined for their child or young person's non-attendance in education in this scenario.
- That it is important for all cases to be assessed on their individual merits.
- That impact assessments should be produced to understand the effects of the proposed changes at a local level.

Appendices

Appendix one – Research approach

The County Council carried out an open consultation designed to give all Hampshire residents and wider stakeholders the opportunity to have their say about proposed changes to the Home to School Transport Policy and Post-16 Transport Policy. The general public living outside Hampshire were also able to respond. In total there were 168 responses to the consultation, all of which were submitted online. The consultation ran between 13 January 2020 and 23 February 2020.

Responses could be submitted through an online Response Form, available at www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/schooltransport or as a paper form, which was made available on request. An Easy Read version was also produced. Alternative formats were also made available on request. Unstructured responses sent through other means, such as via email or as written letters, and received by the consultation's closing date were also accepted. A summary of these findings is included as part of the consultation findings.

An Information Pack was produced alongside the consultation, providing information about each of the options presented. The Information Pack was also available in Easy Read format.

In addition to being made available via the consultation web page (www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations), the consultation was communicated via:

- a media release, forwarded to the media, Hampshire MPs, and all Hampshire County Councillors;
- an article published on hants.gov.uk (www.hants.gov.uk/News/Jan15HtSTConsultation2020);
- the County Council's newsletter to town and parish councils, which was distributed in January;
- social media posts on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn; and
- internal online channels at the County Council, and using digital screens in County Council premises, to inform the County Council's staff of this consultation.

Appendix two – Interpreting the data

The analysis only takes into account actual responses – where ‘no response’ was provided to a question, this was not included in the analysis. As such, the totals for each question may add up to less than 165 (the total number of respondents who replied to the consultation questionnaire). As the consultation was an open exercise, its findings cannot be considered to be a ‘sample’ or representative of the Hampshire population. All consultation questions were optional.

Of the 165 responses received to the consultation questionnaire, seven responded using the Easy Read Response Form and 158 responded using the non-Easy Read Response Form.

In addition, three responses were received during the consultation via email.

Open-ended responses were analysed by theme, using an inductive approach. This means that the themes were developed from the responses themselves, not pre-determined based on expectations, to avoid any bias in the analysis of these responses. These themes, brought together into code frames, were reviewed by the researchers throughout their analysis of the findings to ensure that they were accurate and comprehensive. The report refers to all codes that were produced through this analysis.

Publication of data

All data is processed according to the General Data Protection Regulations as detailed below:

Hampshire County Council adheres to the requirements of the UK Data Protection legislation. Hampshire County Council is registered on the public register of data controllers which is looked after by the Information Commissioner. The information that was provided through the questionnaire will only be used to understand views on the proposals set out for this consultation. All individuals’ responses will be kept confidential and will not be shared with third parties, but responses from organisations may be published in full. Responses will be stored securely and retained for one year following the end of the consultation before being deleted or destroyed.

Where the information provided is personal information, there are certain legal rights. Respondents to the consultation may ask us for the information we hold about you, to rectify inaccurate information the County Council holds about you, to restrict our use of your personal information and to erase your personal data. When the County Council uses your personal information on the basis of your consent, you will also have the right to withdraw your consent to our use of your personal information at any time.

Consultation on proposed changes to the Home to School Transport Policy and Post-16 Transport Policy



Introduction

Hampshire County Council is seeking residents' and stakeholders' views on proposals to change its Home to School and Post-16 Transport policies.

Service users with existing transport arrangements would continue to receive the service that has been offered, unless there were to be a change in the circumstances of the service user (such as a change in school, moving home, or the transport meeting the end date that was set when the transport was offered). Any changes in policies would only affect new applications for transport following a change in policy.

The consultation opens on Monday 13 January 2020 and closes at midnight on Sunday 23 February 2020. Any responses received after the closing date will not be included in the findings report that will be presented to the Executive Member for Education and Skills later in 2020, along with a final recommendation on changes to the Home to School Transport Policy and Post-16 Transport Policy.

More information on these proposals and the consultation can be found on the web page at www.hants.gov.uk/school-transport-consultation. It is strongly advised that you read the information pack, which can be found on this web page, before completing this consultation.

If you have any questions about this consultation, please contact Hampshire County Council via email at school.transport@hants.gov.uk, or by telephone on 0300 555 1384.

When you have finished providing your response with this form, please return it to the County Council in the pre-paid envelope that you may have been provided.

If you do not have a pre-paid envelope, please post your response to: **Freepost HAMPSHIRE**

Please also write **School Transport Consultation** on the back of the envelope. You do not need to use a stamp.

You can request this consultation document in other formats, such as easy read, Braille, audio or large print, by emailing school.transport@hants.gov.uk, or by calling 0300 555 1384.

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Your data

Privacy notice

Hampshire County Council is collecting information about you through this questionnaire in order to understand views on the proposals to change the Home to School Transport Policy and Post-16 Transport Policy. We will use the information to understand your views and the perceived impact of the proposed changes. All data will remain within the UK, and will not be shared with third parties. We will keep your personal information securely for one year, after which it will be deleted or destroyed.

You have some legal rights in respect of the personal information we collect from you. Please see our website Data Protection page at www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/strategiesplansandpolicies/dataprotection for further details. You can contact the County Council's Data Protection Officer at data.protection@hants.gov.uk. If you have a concern about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, you should raise your concern with us in the first instance or directly to the Information Commissioner's Office at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns>.

About this consultation

This questionnaire is divided into four sections:

Section 1: Proposed changes to the Home to School Transport Policy

Section 2: Proposed change to the Post-16 Transport Policy

Section 3: Further comments

Section 4: About You

The consultation results and analysis of the findings will be published and presented to the Executive Member for Education and Skills later in 2020, along with a final recommendation on changes to the Home to School Transport Policy and Post-16 Transport Policy.

Consultation on proposed changes to the Home to School Transport Policy and Post-16 Transport Policy



Section 1: Proposed changes to the Home to School Transport Policy

The County Council is proposing changes to the Home to School Transport Policy, to provide greater clarity on how eligibility for transport is assessed and to bring the policy in line with expected changes in legislation.

These proposed changes are explained on pages 8 to 13 of the consultation Information Pack, which can be found at www.hants.gov.uk/school-transport-consultation.

Question 1: Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following proposed changes to the School Transport Policy:

Please select one option for each proposal

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
To amend the Home to School Transport policy to clarify that the distance from a child's home to their school is calculated using the nearest available entrance from the child's home to the school grounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To amend the Home to School Transport policy to clarify that the route to a school is measured using the nearest available road route, passable for a suitable motorised vehicle, when determining whether a non-catchment school qualifies as a nearer school (if all of the routes to the schools in question are beyond statutory walking distances)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To amend the Home to School Transport policy to clarify that school transport would not be removed from children attending a non-catchment school if a place at their catchment school, or a school closer to their home, becomes available	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Question 2: If you have any other suggestions for changes to the Home to School Transport Policy then please describe these below:

Consultation on proposed changes to the Home to School Transport Policy and Post-16 Transport Policy



Section 1: Proposed changes to the Home to School Transport Policy

The County Council is proposing that a senior officer outside of the School Transport Team, for example a Principal Admissions Officer, would make decisions on appeals against offers of transport.

This proposed change is explained on page 14 of the consultation Information Pack, which can be found at www.hants.gov.uk/school-transport-consultation.

Question 3: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to amend the Home to School Transport Policy to reflect a change in the administration of how appeals are processed?

Please select one option

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Question 4: If you have any suggestions on who should make decisions on appeals against offers of transport, please describe them below:

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Section 2: Proposed change to the Post-16 Transport Policy

The County Council is proposing to add new clauses to the Post-16 Transport Policy, clarifying the responsibilities of parents and carers to for arrange transport for their children to their place of Post-16 education or training up until they become an adult at 18.

These proposed new clauses would set out what the County Council would consider when making decisions about whether to provide transport.

This proposed change is explained on pages 15 to 16 of the consultation Information Pack, which can be found at www.hants.gov.uk/school-transport-consultation.

Question 5: To what extent do you agree or disagree that the following circumstances would not on their own generally be considered as exceptional, entitling the young person aged under 18 to transport?

Please select one option

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Parents' and carers' work hours not fitting in with public service transport times or college times	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parents' and carers' child-care arrangements not fitting in with public service transport times or college times	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parents and carers needing to get other children to and from school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Having to use the family vehicle (including Mobility vehicle provided for the student) for other purposes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Question 6: If you have any other suggestions for changes to the Post-16 Transport Policy then please describe these below:

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Section 3: Further comments

Question 7: If you have any further comments on the proposals in this consultation, or alternative suggestions on how the County Council could make savings from its Children's Services budget, then please provide these in the box below.

Please do not include any personal details in your response

Question 8: Please describe what, if any, impact the proposals in this consultation could have on you or your family, or people you know or work with.

Please do not include any personal details in your response

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Section 4: About you

Hampshire County Council is committed to improving its services, eliminating unlawful discrimination, and promoting equality of opportunity for all people.

We would be grateful if you could answer the following questions so that we can analyse the results overall and by different groups of people. This will help us to understand the impacts of the consultation proposals and the views on them by different groups.

Is this a personal response, or are you responding on behalf of an organisation or group that you represent?

Please select one option

This is a personal response.....

This response is on behalf of an organisation or group that I represent.....

If this is a personal response, please now go to the next page and ignore the remainder of the questions on this page.

If this response is on behalf of an organisation or group that you represent, please answer the questions below.

Please tell us a little bit about the organisation or group that you represent

The name of the organisation or group

The address of the organisation or group

Your name

Your position in the organisation or group

If this response is on behalf of an organisation or group that you represent, please go to last page of this response form.

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How old are you?

Please select one option

Under 18.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	35 to 44.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	65 to 74.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
18 to 24.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	45 to 54.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	75 or over.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
25 to 34.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	55 to 64.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say.....	<input type="checkbox"/>

How would you describe your gender?

Please select one option

Female	Male	Other	Prefer not to say
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

For 'other', please describe in the box below:

Are there any children or young people up to the age of 18 living in your household (including yourself)?

Please select one option

Yes	No	Prefer not to say
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do any of the children or young people in your household currently receive Home to School or Post-16 Transport provided by Hampshire County Council?

Please select one option

Yes	No	Don't know	Prefer not to say
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do any of the children or young people in your household have either of the following?

Please select all that apply

Special Educational Needs	Physical disabilities	Neither of these	Prefer not to say
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

What is your total annual household income, from all sources, before tax and other deductions?

Up to £10,000.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	£70,001 to £80,000.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
£10,001 to £20,000.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	£80,001 to £90,000.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
£20,001 to £30,000.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	£90,001 to £100,000.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
£30,001 to £40,000.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	£100,001 or over.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
£40,001 to £50,000.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
£50,001 to £60,000.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
£60,001 to £70,000.....	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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Section 4: About you

Finally, to help us improve access to future consultations, please tell us where you first heard about this consultation:

Please select one option

- Online
- Consultation letter.....
- On social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, etc)
- Word of mouth.....
- Reported in the press (e.g. radio, newspaper)
- Other.....

For 'other', please describe in the box below:

End of questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

This consultation closes at midnight on **Sunday 23 February 2020**. The consultation results and analysis of the findings will be published and presented to the Executive Member for Education and Skills later in 2020, along with a final recommendation on changes to the Home to School Transport Policy and Post-16 Transport Policy.

If you have any questions about this consultation, please contact Hampshire County Council via email at school.transport@hants.gov.uk, or by telephone on 0300 555 1384.

When you have finished providing your response with this form, please return it to the County Council in the pre-paid envelope that you may have been provided.

If you do not have a pre-paid envelope, please post your response to: **Freepost HAMPSHIRE**

Please also write **Transport Consultation** on the back of the envelope. You do not need to use a stamp.

You can request this consultation document in other formats, such as easy read, Braille, audio or large print, by emailing school.transport@hants.gov.uk, or by calling 0300 555 1384.

Appendix four – List of organisations or groups who responded to the consultation

The consultation questionnaire asked whether the respondent was responding on behalf of an organisation or group. There was a total of four responses to the consultation questionnaire on behalf of an organisation, group or community representative body, and two responses on behalf of an organisation as unstructured responses, via email.

Organisation or groups who responded to the consultation, that provided details, are listed below:

- Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
- Eastleigh College
- Icknield School
- Queen Mary's College, Basingstoke
- Selborne Parish Council

Appendix five – Consultation participant profile

The breakdown of the 168 consultation respondents by category is shown below:

- Respondent type:
 - Individual: 161
 - Organisation or Group: 6
 - No response given to this question: 1

The breakdown of the 161 individuals who responded to the consultation is shown below:

- Age:
 - Under 18: 0
 - 18 to 24: 4
 - 25 to 34: 9
 - 35 to 44: 37
 - 45 to 54: 62
 - 55 to 64: 29
 - 65 to 74: 1
 - 75 or over: 1
 - Prefer not to say/ No response given to this question: 6
- Gender:
 - Female: 104
 - Male: 38
 - Other: 0
 - Prefer not to say/No response given to this question: 19
- Did the respondent have any children or young people up to the age of 18 living in their household at the time of responding to the consultation (including themselves)?
 - Yes: 120
 - No: 30
 - Unsure: 1
 - Prefer not to say/No response given to this question: 10

- Of the 120 respondents with a child or young person up to the age of 18 living in their household at the time of responding to the consultation: Did any of children or young people in the respondent's household receive Home to School or Post-16 Transport provided by Hampshire County Council at the time of responding to the consultation?
 - Yes: 65
 - No: 44
 - Unsure: 1
 - Prefer not to say/No response given to this question: 10

- Of the 120 respondents with a child or young person up to the age of 18 living in their household at the time of responding to the consultation: Did any of the children or young people in the respondent's household have either of the following at the time of responding to the consultation: (multi choice)
 - Special Educational Needs: 65
 - Physical disabilities: 23
 - Neither of these: 43
 - Prefer not to say/No response given to this question: 8

- Total annual household income, from all sources, before tax and other deductions:
 - Up to £10,000: 4
 - £10,001 to £20,000: 12
 - £20,001 to £30,000: 17
 - £30,001 to £40,000: 8
 - £40,001 to £50,000: 8
 - £50,001 to £60,000: 11
 - £60,001 to £70,000: 8
 - £70,001 to £80,000: 8
 - £80,001 to £90,000: 3
 - £90,001 to £100,000: 4
 - £100,001 or over: 6
 - Don't know: 5
 - Prefer not to say/No response given to this question: 54

Appendix six – Data Tables

Please note that the data tables for the Easy Read and non-Easy Read Response Forms are presented separately, as different answer options were provided for the two formats to improve accessibility for Easy Read users.

Where sample sizes are below 10, these figures are suppressed in the results. This is to preserve anonymity, and because of the risks of interpreting small sample sizes as representative. Where figures are suppressed, these are shown as an asterisk (*) in the data tables.

Non-Easy Read response form data tables

	Question 1: Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following proposed changes to the School Transport Policy: To amend the Home to School Transport policy to clarify that the distance from a child's home to their school is calculated using the nearest available entrance from the child's home to the school grounds						
	Base	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Total	155	22	17	22	54	38	2
Is this a personal response, or are you responding on behalf of an organisation or group that you represent?							
This is a personal response	151	22	17	22	51	37	2
This response is on behalf of an organisation or group that I represent	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
How old are you?							
Under 18	-	*	*	*	*	*	*
18 to 24	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
25 to 34	9	*	*	*	*	*	*
35 to 44	36	7	3	3	13	8	2
45 to 54	61	8	8	11	19	15	-
55 to 64	29	4	4	5	10	6	-
65 to 74	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
75 or over	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	6	*	*	*	*	*	*
How would you describe your gender?							
Female	97	13	13	12	36	21	2
Male	38	7	3	8	8	12	-
Other	-	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	11	2	1	2	4	2	-

	Question 1: Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following proposed changes to the School Transport Policy: To amend the Home to School Transport policy to clarify that the distance from a child's home to their school is calculated using the nearest available entrance from the child's home to the school grounds						
	Base	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Total	148	22	17	22	49	36	2
Are there any children or young people up to the age of 18 living in your household (including yourself)?							
Yes	111	19	11	17	38	24	2
No	30	-	5	5	9	11	-
Prefer not to say	6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Do any of the children or young people in your household currently receive Home to School or Post-16 Transport provided by Hampshire County Council?							
Yes	60	15	7	12	19	5	2
No	44	3	3	5	16	17	-
Don't know	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Do any of the children or young people in your household have either of the following?							
Special Educational Needs	60	8	5	11	23	11	2
Physical disabilities	21	4	3	3	11	-	-
Neither of these	42	9	5	5	11	12	-
Prefer not to say	5	*	*	*	*	*	*
What is your total annual household income, from all sources, before tax and other deductions?							
Up to £10,000	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
£10,001 to £20,000	12	1	-	5	3	3	-
£20,001 to £30,000	17	1	2	2	10	2	-
£30,001 to £40,000	7	*	*	*	*	*	*
£40,001 to £50,000	8	*	*	*	*	*	*
£50,001 to £60,000	11	-	-	-	5	6	-
£60,001 to £70,000	8	*	*	*	*	*	*
£70,001 to £80,000	7	*	*	*	*	*	*
£80,001 to £90,000	3	*	*	*	*	*	*
£90,001 to £100,000	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
£100,001 or over	6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Don't know	5	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	53	11	11	5	15	9	2

	Question 1: Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following proposed changes to the School Transport Policy: To amend the Home to School Transport policy to clarify that the route to a school is measured using the nearest available road route, passable for a suitable motorised vehicle, when determining whether a non-catchment school qualifies as a nearer school						
	Base	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Total	154	13	14	20	70	34	3
Is this a personal response, or are you responding on behalf of an organisation or group that you represent?							
This is a personal response	150	13	13	20	68	33	3
This response is on behalf of an organisation or group that I represent	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
How old are you?							
Under 18	-	*	*	*	*	*	*
18 to 24	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
25 to 34	8	*	*	*	*	*	*
35 to 44	36	3	4	3	17	6	3
45 to 54	61	4	4	12	26	15	-
55 to 64	29	4	5	2	12	6	-
65 to 74	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
75 or over	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	6	*	*	*	*	*	*
How would you describe your gender?							
Female	97	9	8	13	46	19	2
Male	38	3	5	4	15	10	1
Other	-	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	11	1	-	3	5	2	-

	Question 1: Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following proposed changes to the School Transport Policy: To amend the Home to School Transport policy to clarify that the route to a school is measured using the nearest available road route, passable for a suitable motorised vehicle, when determining whether a non-catchment school qualifies as a nearer school						
	Base	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Total	147	13	13	20	66	32	3
Are there any children or young people up to the age of 18 living in your household (including yourself)?							
Yes	110	11	10	16	50	20	3
No	30	-	3	2	14	11	-
Prefer not to say	6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Do any of the children or young people in your household currently receive Home to School or Post-16 Transport provided by Hampshire County Council?							
Yes	60	9	7	12	23	6	3
No	43	2	2	3	23	13	-
Don't know	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Do any of the children or young people in your household have either of the following?							
Special Educational Needs	59	5	7	9	24	11	3
Physical disabilities	21	1	4	6	9	1	-
Neither of these	42	5	2	6	22	7	-
Prefer not to say	5	*	*	*	*	*	*
What is your total annual household income, from all sources, before tax and other deductions?							
Up to £10,000	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
£10,001 to £20,000	12	1	1	2	6	2	-
£20,001 to £30,000	17	2	1	3	8	3	-
£30,001 to £40,000	7	*	*	*	*	*	*
£40,001 to £50,000	8	*	*	*	*	*	*
£50,001 to £60,000	11	-	2	-	4	5	-
£60,001 to £70,000	8	*	*	*	*	*	*
£70,001 to £80,000	7	*	*	*	*	*	*
£80,001 to £90,000	3	*	*	*	*	*	*
£90,001 to £100,000	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
£100,001 or over	6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Don't know	5	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	52	5	6	10	20	8	3

	Question 1: Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following proposed changes to the School Transport Policy: To amend the Home to School Transport policy to clarify that school transport would not be removed from children attending a non-catchment school if a place at their catchment school, or a school closer to their home, becomes available						
	Base	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Total	155	15	10	20	55	55	-
Is this a personal response, or are you responding on behalf of an organisation or group that you represent?							
This is a personal response	151	15	10	20	53	53	-
This response is on behalf of an organisation or group that I represent	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
How old are you?							
Under 18	-	*	*	*	*	*	*
18 to 24	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
25 to 34	9	*	*	*	*	*	*
35 to 44	36	5	5	3	14	9	-
45 to 54	61	4	3	10	21	23	-
55 to 64	29	3	2	4	10	10	-
65 to 74	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
75 or over	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	6	*	*	*	*	*	*
How would you describe your gender?							
Female	97	7	7	14	35	34	-
Male	38	5	3	5	11	14	-
Other	-	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	11	2	-	1	5	3	-

	Question 1: Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following proposed changes to the School Transport Policy: To amend the Home to School Transport policy to clarify that school transport would not be removed from children attending a non-catchment school if a place at their catchment school, or a school closer to their home, becomes available						
	Base	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Total	148	14	10	20	52	52	-
Are there any children or young people up to the age of 18 living in your household (including yourself)?							
Yes	111	10	6	17	39	39	-
No	30	4	4	2	10	10	-
Prefer not to say	6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Do any of the children or young people in your household currently receive Home to School or Post-16 Transport provided by Hampshire County Council?							
Yes	60	6	4	10	23	17	-
No	44	4	2	7	13	18	-
Don't know	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Do any of the children or young people in your household have either of the following?							
Special Educational Needs	60	3	2	7	26	22	-
Physical disabilities	21	-	-	4	7	10	-
Neither of these	42	5	3	8	10	16	-
Prefer not to say	5	*	*	*	*	*	*
What is your total annual household income, from all sources, before tax and other deductions?							
Up to £10,000	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
£10,001 to £20,000	12	1	-	2	4	5	-
£20,001 to £30,000	17	2	2	3	6	4	-
£30,001 to £40,000	7	*	*	*	*	*	*
£40,001 to £50,000	8	*	*	*	*	*	*
£50,001 to £60,000	11	-	1	-	2	8	-
£60,001 to £70,000	8	*	*	*	*	*	*
£70,001 to £80,000	7	*	*	*	*	*	*
£80,001 to £90,000	3	*	*	*	*	*	*
£90,001 to £100,000	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
£100,001 or over	6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Don't know	5	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	53	3	4	12	21	13	-

	Base	To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to amend the Home to School Transport Policy to reflect a change in the administration of how appeals are processed?					
		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Total	155	17	19	59	36	21	3
Is this a personal response, or are you responding on behalf of an organisation or group that you represent?							
This is a personal response	151	17	19	57	36	20	2
This response is on behalf of an organisation or group that I represent	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
How old are you?							
Under 18	-	*	*	*	*	*	*
18 to 24	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
25 to 34	9	*	*	*	*	*	*
35 to 44	36	3	6	15	11	-	1
45 to 54	61	5	9	25	11	11	-
55 to 64	29	2	3	13	9	2	-
65 to 74	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
75 or over	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	6	*	*	*	*	*	*
How would you describe your gender?							
Female	97	7	15	42	21	11	1
Male	38	4	2	11	13	7	1
Other	-	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	11	5	2	2	1	1	-

	Base	To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to amend the Home to School Transport Policy to reflect a change in the administration of how appeals are processed?					
		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Total	148	17	19	56	35	19	2
Are there any children or young people up to the age of 18 living in your household (including yourself)?							
Yes	111	12	16	47	21	13	2
No	30	-	3	9	13	5	-
Prefer not to say	6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Do any of the children or young people in your household currently receive Home to School or Post-16 Transport provided by Hampshire County Council?							
Yes	60	9	12	25	8	5	1
No	44	2	2	20	12	7	1
Don't know	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Do any of the children or young people in your household have either of the following?							
Special Educational Needs	60	6	10	25	11	7	1
Physical disabilities	21	1	3	7	7	3	-
Neither of these	42	5	4	17	9	6	1
Prefer not to say	5	*	*	*	*	*	*
What is your total annual household income, from all sources, before tax and other deductions?							
Up to £10,000	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
£10,001 to £20,000	12	2	2	6	1	1	-
£20,001 to £30,000	17	1	5	3	7	1	-
£30,001 to £40,000	7	*	*	*	*	*	*
£40,001 to £50,000	8	*	*	*	*	*	*
£50,001 to £60,000	11	-	-	6	3	2	-
£60,001 to £70,000	8	*	*	*	*	*	*
£70,001 to £80,000	7	*	*	*	*	*	*
£80,001 to £90,000	3	*	*	*	*	*	*
£90,001 to £100,000	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
£100,001 or over	6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Don't know	5	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	53	9	9	17	8	9	1

	Question 5: To what extent do you agree or disagree that the following circumstances would not on their own generally be considered as exceptional, entitling the young person aged under 18 to transport? Parents' and carers' work hours not fitting in with public service transport times or college times would not on its own generally be considered as exceptional, entitling the young person aged under 18 to transport						
	Base	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Total	156	52	28	14	27	30	5
Is this a personal response, or are you responding on behalf of an organisation or group that you represent?							
This is a personal response	152	50	27	14	26	30	5
This response is on behalf of an organisation or group that I represent	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
How old are you?							
Under 18	-	*	*	*	*	*	*
18 to 24	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
25 to 34	9	*	*	*	*	*	*
35 to 44	37	11	6	2	7	10	1
45 to 54	61	25	10	8	6	9	3
55 to 64	29	7	6	3	9	4	-
65 to 74	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
75 or over	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	6	*	*	*	*	*	*
How would you describe your gender?							
Female	96	32	17	10	16	19	2
Male	38	9	7	3	8	9	2
Other	-	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	12	6	2	-	2	1	1

	Question 5: To what extent do you agree or disagree that the following circumstances would not on their own generally be considered as exceptional, entitling the young person aged under 18 to transport? Parents' and carers' work hours not fitting in with public service transport times or college times would not on its own generally be considered as exceptional, entitling the young person aged under 18 to transport						
	Base	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Total	149	49	26	13	26	30	5
Are there any children or young people up to the age of 18 living in your household (including yourself)?							
Yes	113	39	20	9	17	24	4
No	29	7	5	4	8	5	-
Prefer not to say	6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Do any of the children or young people in your household currently receive Home to School or Post-16 Transport provided by Hampshire County Council?							
Yes	61	26	9	8	6	8	4
No	44	10	9	1	9	15	-
Don't know	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Do any of the children or young people in your household have either of the following?							
Special Educational Needs	61	26	10	5	9	8	3
Physical disabilities	21	9	4	2	2	3	1
Neither of these	42	10	8	3	6	14	1
Prefer not to say	6	*	*	*	*	*	*
What is your total annual household income, from all sources, before tax and other deductions?							
Up to £10,000	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
£10,001 to £20,000	12	5	2	2	2	1	-
£20,001 to £30,000	17	5	5	2	1	4	-
£30,001 to £40,000	7	*	*	*	*	*	*
£40,001 to £50,000	8	*	*	*	*	*	*
£50,001 to £60,000	11	2	3	-	2	3	1
£60,001 to £70,000	8	*	*	*	*	*	*
£70,001 to £80,000	8	*	*	*	*	*	*
£80,001 to £90,000	3	*	*	*	*	*	*
£90,001 to £100,000	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
£100,001 or over	6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Don't know	5	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	53	22	10	3	8	6	4

	Question 5: To what extent do you agree or disagree that the following circumstances would not on their own generally be considered as exceptional, entitling the young person aged under 18 to transport? Parents' and carers' child-care arrangements not fitting in with public service transport times or college times would not on its own generally be considered as exceptional, entitling the young person aged under 18 to transport						
	Base	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Total	156	47	33	18	26	27	5
Is this a personal response, or are you responding on behalf of an organisation or group that you represent?							
This is a personal response	152	45	32	18	25	27	5
This response is on behalf of an organisation or group that I represent	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
How old are you?							
Under 18	-	*	*	*	*	*	*
18 to 24	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
25 to 34	9	*	*	*	*	*	*
35 to 44	37	9	10	2	7	8	1
45 to 54	61	23	10	10	6	9	3
55 to 64	29	7	7	3	8	4	-
65 to 74	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
75 or over	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	6	*	*	*	*	*	*
How would you describe your gender?							
Female	96	28	20	14	15	17	2
Male	38	8	10	3	7	8	2
Other	-	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	12	6	2	-	2	1	1

	Question 5: To what extent do you agree or disagree that the following circumstances would not on their own generally be considered as exceptional, entitling the young person aged under 18 to transport? Parents' and carers' child-care arrangements not fitting in with public service transport times or college times would not on its own generally be considered as exceptional, entitling the young person aged under 18 to transport						
	Base	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Total	149	44	32	17	24	27	5
Are there any children or young people up to the age of 18 living in your household (including yourself)?							
Yes	113	34	26	13	15	21	4
No	29	7	5	4	8	5	-
Prefer not to say	6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Do any of the children or young people in your household currently receive Home to School or Post-16 Transport provided by Hampshire County Council?							
Yes	61	23	14	9	4	7	4
No	44	8	10	3	10	13	-
Don't know	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Do any of the children or young people in your household have either of the following?							
Special Educational Needs	61	25	14	6	6	7	3
Physical disabilities	21	8	5	2	2	3	1
Neither of these	42	6	9	6	7	13	1
Prefer not to say	6	*	*	*	*	*	*
What is your total annual household income, from all sources, before tax and other deductions?							
Up to £10,000	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
£10,001 to £20,000	12	5	3	2	1	1	-
£20,001 to £30,000	17	4	5	2	2	4	-
£30,001 to £40,000	7	*	*	*	*	*	*
£40,001 to £50,000	8	*	*	*	*	*	*
£50,001 to £60,000	11	2	2	-	3	3	1
£60,001 to £70,000	8	*	*	*	*	*	*
£70,001 to £80,000	8	*	*	*	*	*	*
£80,001 to £90,000	3	*	*	*	*	*	*
£90,001 to £100,000	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
£100,001 or over	6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Don't know	5	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	53	19	11	6	7	6	4

	Question 5: To what extent do you agree or disagree that the following circumstances would not on their own generally be considered as exceptional, entitling the young person aged under 18 to transport? Parents and carers needing to get other children to and from school would not on its own generally be considered as exceptional, entitling the young person aged under 18 to transport						
	Base	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Total	156	55	37	16	13	31	4
Is this a personal response, or are you responding on behalf of an organisation or group that you represent?							
This is a personal response	152	53	36	16	12	31	4
This response is on behalf of an organisation or group that I represent	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
How old are you?							
Under 18	-	*	*	*	*	*	*
18 to 24	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
25 to 34	9	*	*	*	*	*	*
35 to 44	37	12	8	3	3	10	1
45 to 54	61	26	12	9	3	9	2
55 to 64	29	9	8	2	5	5	-
65 to 74	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
75 or over	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	6	*	*	*	*	*	*
How would you describe your gender?							
Female	96	32	24	10	7	21	2
Male	38	12	9	5	3	8	1
Other	-	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	12	6	2	-	2	1	1

	Question 5: To what extent do you agree or disagree that the following circumstances would not on their own generally be considered as exceptional, entitling the young person aged under 18 to transport? Parents and carers needing to get other children to and from school would not on its own generally be considered as exceptional, entitling the young person aged under 18 to transport						
	Base	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Total	149	52	35	15	12	31	4
Are there any children or young people up to the age of 18 living in your household (including yourself)?							
Yes	113	42	28	11	6	23	3
No	29	7	6	4	5	7	-
Prefer not to say	6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Do any of the children or young people in your household currently receive Home to School or Post-16 Transport provided by Hampshire County Council?							
Yes	61	30	8	7	3	10	3
No	44	9	17	3	3	12	-
Don't know	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Do any of the children or young people in your household have either of the following?							
Special Educational Needs	61	31	11	5	2	10	2
Physical disabilities	21	10	4	1	1	4	1
Neither of these	42	8	14	4	4	11	1
Prefer not to say	6	*	*	*	*	*	*
What is your total annual household income, from all sources, before tax and other deductions?							
Up to £10,000	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
£10,001 to £20,000	12	6	2	2	1	1	-
£20,001 to £30,000	17	7	2	1	-	7	-
£30,001 to £40,000	7	*	*	*	*	*	*
£40,001 to £50,000	8	*	*	*	*	*	*
£50,001 to £60,000	11	3	5	-	1	2	-
£60,001 to £70,000	8	*	*	*	*	*	*
£70,001 to £80,000	8	*	*	*	*	*	*
£80,001 to £90,000	3	*	*	*	*	*	*
£90,001 to £100,000	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
£100,001 or over	6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Don't know	5	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	53	21	11	5	5	7	4

	Question 5: To what extent do you agree or disagree that the following circumstances would not on their own generally be considered as exceptional, entitling the young person aged under 18 to transport? Having to use the family vehicle (including Mobility vehicle provided for the student) for other purposes would not on its own generally be considered as exceptional, entitling the young person aged under 18 to transport						
	Base	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Total	157	47	29	30	19	27	5
Is this a personal response, or are you responding on behalf of an organisation or group that you represent?							
This is a personal response	153	46	28	30	18	27	4
This response is on behalf of an organisation or group that I represent	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
How old are you?							
Under 18	-	*	*	*	*	*	*
18 to 24	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
25 to 34	9	*	*	*	*	*	*
35 to 44	37	10	9	4	4	9	1
45 to 54	62	22	11	18	3	6	2
55 to 64	29	6	6	2	8	7	-
65 to 74	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
75 or over	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	6	*	*	*	*	*	*
How would you describe your gender?							
Female	97	27	20	21	11	16	2
Male	38	10	6	6	6	9	1
Other	-	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	12	7	1	1	1	1	1

	Question 5: To what extent do you agree or disagree that the following circumstances would not on their own generally be considered as exceptional, entitling the young person aged under 18 to transport? Having to use the family vehicle (including Mobility vehicle provided for the student) for other purposes would not on its own generally be considered as exceptional, entitling the young person aged under 18 to transport						
	Base	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Total	150	46	27	28	18	27	4
Are there any children or young people up to the age of 18 living in your household (including yourself)?							
Yes	113	35	22	22	11	20	3
No	30	7	5	5	7	6	-
Prefer not to say	6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Do any of the children or young people in your household currently receive Home to School or Post-16 Transport provided by Hampshire County Council?							
Yes	61	23	9	14	4	8	3
No	44	10	11	5	7	11	-
Don't know	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Do any of the children or young people in your household have either of the following?							
Special Educational Needs	61	25	13	11	3	7	2
Physical disabilities	21	9	5	3	1	2	1
Neither of these	42	7	6	10	6	12	1
Prefer not to say	6	*	*	*	*	*	*
What is your total annual household income, from all sources, before tax and other deductions?							
Up to £10,000	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
£10,001 to £20,000	12	4	2	2	2	2	-
£20,001 to £30,000	17	4	3	4	2	4	-
£30,001 to £40,000	7	*	*	*	*	*	*
£40,001 to £50,000	8	*	*	*	*	*	*
£50,001 to £60,000	11	2	3	1	1	4	-
£60,001 to £70,000	8	*	*	*	*	*	*
£70,001 to £80,000	8	*	*	*	*	*	*
£80,001 to £90,000	3	*	*	*	*	*	*
£90,001 to £100,000	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
£100,001 or over	6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Don't know	5	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	54	22	7	9	6	6	4

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	Base	Question 1 – Do you agree or disagree with the following idea? How far it is from a child's home to their school should be measured from their home to the nearest school entrance.			
		Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Don't know
Total	7	-	2	5	-
Have you completed this survey:					
For yourself?	7	*	*	*	*
For an organisation?	-	*	*	*	*
How old are you?					
Under 16	-	*	*	*	*
16-24	-	*	*	*	*
25-34	-	*	*	*	*
35-44	1	*	*	*	*
45-54	6	*	*	*	*
55-64	-	*	*	*	*
65-74	-	*	*	*	*
75-84	-	*	*	*	*
85+	-	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Are you?					
Male?	-	*	*	*	*
Female?	7	*	*	*	*
Other	-	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*

	Base	Question 1 – Do you agree or disagree with the following idea? How far it is from a child's home to their school should be measured from their home to the nearest school entrance.			
		Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Don't know
Total	7	-	2	5	-
Do any children or young people aged up to 18 years old live in your household?					
Yes	7	*	*	*	*
No - no-one under 16 years old live in my household.	-	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Do any of the children or young people in your household currently use Hampshire County Council's school transport?					
Yes - they get school transport for free	3	*	*	*	*
Yes - they pay for school transport	1	*	*	*	*
No	3	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Do any children or young people in your household have:					
Special Education Needs	4	*	*	*	*
A disability, illness or problem that makes it difficult for them to walk.	2	*	*	*	*
None of the above	1	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Do you know the total income of your household?					
Yes	1	*	*	*	*
I do not know	1	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	5	*	*	*	*

	Base	Question 1 – Do you agree or disagree with the following idea? How far it is from a child's home to their school should be measured using the nearest road that most cars can use.			
		Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Don't know
Total	7	4	1	2	-
Have you completed this survey:					
For yourself?	7	*	*	*	*
For an organisation?	-	*	*	*	*
How old are you?					
Under 16	-	*	*	*	*
16-24	-	*	*	*	*
25-34	-	*	*	*	*
35-44	1	*	*	*	*
45-54	6	*	*	*	*
55-64	-	*	*	*	*
65-74	-	*	*	*	*
75-84	-	*	*	*	*
85+	-	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Are you?					
Male?	-	*	*	*	*
Female?	7	*	*	*	*
Other	-	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*

	Base	Question 1 – Do you agree or disagree with the following idea? How far it is from a child's home to their school should be measured using the nearest road that most cars can use.			
		Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Don't know
Total	7	4	1	2	-
Do any children or young people aged up to 18 years old live in your household?					
Yes	7	*	*	*	*
No - no-one under 16 years old live in my household.	-	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Do any of the children or young people in your household currently use Hampshire County Council's school transport?					
Yes - they get school transport for free	3	*	*	*	*
Yes - they pay for school transport	1	*	*	*	*
No	3	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Do any children or young people in your household have:					
Special Education Needs	4	*	*	*	*
A disability, illness or problem that makes it difficult for them to walk.	2	*	*	*	*
None of the above	1	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Do you know the total income of your household?					
Yes	1	*	*	*	*
I do not know	1	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	5	*	*	*	*

	Base	Question 1 – Do you agree or disagree with the following idea? School transport should not be stopped if a place is available at a school nearer to the young person's home.			
		Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Don't know
Total	7	6	1	-	-
Have you completed this survey:					
For yourself?	7	*	*	*	*
For an organisation?	-	*	*	*	*
How old are you?					
Under 16	-	*	*	*	*
16-24	-	*	*	*	*
25-34	-	*	*	*	*
35-44	1	*	*	*	*
45-54	6	*	*	*	*
55-64	-	*	*	*	*
65-74	-	*	*	*	*
75-84	-	*	*	*	*
85+	-	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Are you?					
Male?	-	*	*	*	*
Female?	7	*	*	*	*
Other	-	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*

	Base	Question 1 – Do you agree or disagree with the following idea? School transport should not be stopped if a place is available at a school nearer to the young person's home.			
		Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Don't know
Total	7	6	1	-	-
Do any children or young people aged up to 18 years old live in your household?					
Yes	7	*	*	*	*
No - no-one under 16 years old live in my household.	-	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Do any of the children or young people in your household currently use Hampshire County Council's school transport?					
Yes - they get school transport for free	3	*	*	*	*
Yes - they pay for school transport	1	*	*	*	*
No	3	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Do any children or young people in your household have:					
Special Education Needs	4	*	*	*	*
A disability, illness or problem that makes it difficult for them to walk.	2	*	*	*	*
None of the above	1	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Do you know the total income of your household?					
Yes	1	*	*	*	*
I do not know	1	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	5	*	*	*	*

	Base	Question 3 – Do you agree or disagree that the Home to School Transport Policy should change to explain how appeals are now made?			
		Disagree	Not Sure	Agree	Don't know
Total	7	-	-	7	-
Have you completed this survey:					
For yourself?	7	*	*	*	*
For an organisation?	-	*	*	*	*
How old are you?					
Under 16	-	*	*	*	*
16-24	-	*	*	*	*
25-34	-	*	*	*	*
35-44	1	*	*	*	*
45-54	6	*	*	*	*
55-64	-	*	*	*	*
65-74	-	*	*	*	*
75-84	-	*	*	*	*
85+	-	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Are you?					
Male?	-	*	*	*	*
Female?	7	*	*	*	*
Other	-	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*

	Base	Question 3 – Do you agree or disagree that the Home to School Transport Policy should change to explain how appeals are now made?			
		Disagree	Not Sure	Agree	Don't know
Total	7	-	-	7	-
Do any children or young people aged up to 18 years old live in your household?					
Yes	7	*	*	*	*
No - no-one under 16 years old live in my household.	-	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Do any of the children or young people in your household currently use Hampshire County Council's school transport?					
Yes - they get school transport for free	3	*	*	*	*
Yes - they pay for school transport	1	*	*	*	*
No	3	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Do any children or young people in your household have:					
Special Education Needs	4	*	*	*	*
A disability, illness or problem that makes it difficult for them to walk.	2	*	*	*	*
None of the above	1	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Do you know the total income of your household?					
Yes	1	*	*	*	*
I do not know	1	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	5	*	*	*	*

	Base	Question 5 – Do you agree or disagree that this reason could give under 18-year-olds the chance to use school transport? A young person may not get transport if their parent or carer's working hours do not fit in with public transport times or college times.			
		Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Don't know
Total	7	1	2	4	-
Have you completed this survey:					
For yourself?	7	*	*	*	*
For an organisation?	-	*	*	*	*
How old are you?					
Under 16	-	*	*	*	*
16-24	-	*	*	*	*
25-34	-	*	*	*	*
35-44	1	*	*	*	*
45-54	6	*	*	*	*
55-64	-	*	*	*	*
65-74	-	*	*	*	*
75-84	-	*	*	*	*
85+	-	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Are you?					
Male?	-	*	*	*	*
Female?	7	*	*	*	*
Other	-	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*

	Base	Question 5 – Do you agree or disagree that this reason could give under 18-year-olds the chance to use school transport? A young person may not get transport if their parent or carer's working hours do not fit in with public transport times or college times.			
		Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Don't know
Total	7	1	2	4	-
Do any children or young people aged up to 18 years old live in your household?					
Yes	7	*	*	*	*
No - no-one under 16 years old live in my household.	-	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Do any of the children or young people in your household currently use Hampshire County Council's school transport?					
Yes - they get school transport for free	3	*	*	*	*
Yes - they pay for school transport	1	*	*	*	*
No	3	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Do any children or young people in your household have:					
Special Education Needs	4	*	*	*	*
A disability, illness or problem that makes it difficult for them to walk.	2	*	*	*	*
None of the above	1	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Do you know the total income of your household?					
Yes	1	*	*	*	*
I do not know	1	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	5	*	*	*	*

	Base	Question 5 – Do you agree or disagree that this reason could give under 18-year-olds the chance to use school transport? A young person may not get transport if their parent or carer's child care hours do not fit in with public transport times or college times.			
		Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Don't know
Total	7	-	1	6	-
Have you completed this survey:					
For yourself?	7	*	*	*	*
For an organisation?	-	*	*	*	*
How old are you?					
Under 16	-	*	*	*	*
16-24	-	*	*	*	*
25-34	-	*	*	*	*
35-44	1	*	*	*	*
45-54	6	*	*	*	*
55-64	-	*	*	*	*
65-74	-	*	*	*	*
75-84	-	*	*	*	*
85+	-	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Are you?					
Male?	-	*	*	*	*
Female?	7	*	*	*	*
Other	-	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*

	Base	Question 5 – Do you agree or disagree that this reason could give under 18-year-olds the chance to use school transport? A young person may not get transport if their parent or carer's child care hours do not fit in with public transport times or college times.			
		Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Don't know
Total	7	-	1	6	-
Do any children or young people aged up to 18 years old live in your household?					
Yes	7	*	*	*	*
No - no-one under 16 years old live in my household.	-	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Do any of the children or young people in your household currently use Hampshire County Council's school transport?					
Yes - they get school transport for free	3	*	*	*	*
Yes - they pay for school transport	1	*	*	*	*
No	3	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Do any children or young people in your household have:					
Special Education Needs	4	*	*	*	*
A disability, illness or problem that makes it difficult for them to walk.	2	*	*	*	*
None of the above	1	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Do you know the total income of your household?					
Yes	1	*	*	*	*
I do not know	1	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	5	*	*	*	*

	Base	Question 5 – Do you agree or disagree that this reasons could give under 18-year-olds the chance to use school transport? A young person may not get transport if their parent or carer needs to take other children to and from school.			
		Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Don't know
Total	7	1	1	5	-
Have you completed this survey:					
For yourself?	7	*	*	*	*
For an organisation?	-	*	*	*	*
How old are you?					
Under 16	-	*	*	*	*
16-24	-	*	*	*	*
25-34	-	*	*	*	*
35-44	1	*	*	*	*
45-54	6	*	*	*	*
55-64	-	*	*	*	*
65-74	-	*	*	*	*
75-84	-	*	*	*	*
85+	-	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Are you?					
Male?	-	*	*	*	*
Female?	7	*	*	*	*
Other	-	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*

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		Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Don't know
Total	7	1	1	5	-
Do any children or young people aged up to 18 years old live in your household?					
Yes	7	*	*	*	*
No - no-one under 16 years old live in my household.	-	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Do any of the children or young people in your household currently use Hampshire County Council's school transport?					
Yes - they get school transport for free	3	*	*	*	*
Yes - they pay for school transport	1	*	*	*	*
No	3	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Do any children or young people in your household have:					
Special Education Needs	4	*	*	*	*
A disability, illness or problem that makes it difficult for them to walk.	2	*	*	*	*
None of the above	1	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Do you know the total income of your household?					
Yes	1	*	*	*	*
I do not know	1	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	5	*	*	*	*

	Base	Question 5 – Do you agree or disagree that this reason could give under 18-year-olds the chance to use school transport? A young person may not get transport if their parent or carer have other reasons to use the family car.			
		Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Don't know
Total	7	1	3	3	-
Have you completed this survey:					
For yourself?	7	*	*	*	*
For an organisation?	-	*	*	*	*
How old are you?					
Under 16	-	*	*	*	*
16-24	-	*	*	*	*
25-34	-	*	*	*	*
35-44	1	*	*	*	*
45-54	6	*	*	*	*
55-64	-	*	*	*	*
65-74	-	*	*	*	*
75-84	-	*	*	*	*
85+	-	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Are you?					
Male?	-	*	*	*	*
Female?	7	*	*	*	*
Other	-	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*

	Base	Question 5 – Do you agree or disagree that this reason could give under 18-year-olds the chance to use school transport? A young person may not get transport if their parent or carer have other reasons to use the family car.			
		Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Don't know
Total	7	1	3	3	-
Do any children or young people aged up to 18 years old live in your household?					
Yes	7	*	*	*	*
No - no-one under 16 years old live in my household.	-	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Do any of the children or young people in your household currently use Hampshire County Council's school transport?					
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Yes - they pay for school transport	1	*	*	*	*
No	3	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Do any children or young people in your household have:					
Special Education Needs	4	*	*	*	*
A disability, illness or problem that makes it difficult for them to walk.	2	*	*	*	*
None of the above	1	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	-	*	*	*	*
Do you know the total income of your household?					
Yes	1	*	*	*	*
I do not know	1	*	*	*	*
Prefer not to say	5	*	*	*	*

Education Provider Consultation Findings & Analysis

SUMMARY OF PROVIDER CONSULTATION

Responses to the consultation with Post 16 Education Providers

Who responded?

There were 6 responses to the consultation questionnaire sent directly to 21 Post 16 Education Providers.

A copy of the consultation questionnaire is provided in Appendix one.

Findings from the consultation with Post 16 Education Providers

Summary of Key Findings

There was overall agreement with proposed statement that the listed scenarios should not ordinarily warrant the award of transport if this was the only scenario being presented when applying for support with transport, scenarios included:

- Parents' and carers' work hours not fitting in with public service transport times or college times;
- Parents' and carers' child-care arrangements not fitting in with public service transport times or college times;
- Parents' and carers' needing to get other children to and from school;
- Having to use the family vehicle (including Mobility vehicle provided for the student) for other purposes, e.g. travel to and from work, or transporting siblings to school/college;

Although not formally requested, respondents provided an additional unstructured response which confirmed that although the scenarios may not be considered as warranting transport support on their own, they should however be taken into consideration alongside other circumstances to establish if transport support is necessary for the individual and that assessments should be undertaken on a case by case basis.

Responding Education Providers also identified that some of their learners

would not be able to access their provision if support with transport was not provided by the Council. Confirming that transport can be a significant barrier to some young learners. For many young learners, either the distance they were expected to travel or their vulnerability in the community would mean travelling independently on public transport was not a reasonable option and that in general, learners with SEND typically have to travel further than learners without SEND to access education appropriate and as a result the financial impact to support/facilitate education was higher.

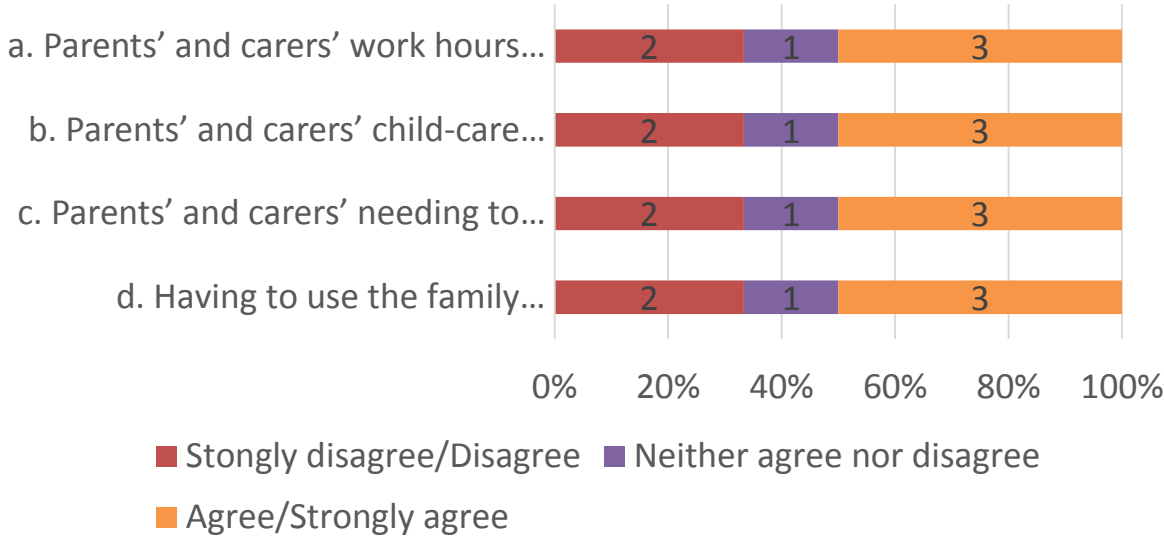
Most of the respondents identified that comprehensive training to enable a young person to travel independently would be beneficial, supporting the development of their independence and reducing pressure on budgets to meet future growing demand.

It was also identified that improved support in the community at evenings and weekends would also reduce pressure on educational services as young learners have limited options to access services in the evenings or weekends, whilst adult day services have been significantly reduced. This could be a significant factor in relation to the growing demand for education services post 19.

[Analysis of Consultation Responses](#)

There was majority agreement that the presented scenarios should not automatically warrant support with transport on their own but should be considered alongside other scenarios/circumstances presented in a learners application for support with transport.

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the following would not normally be considered as exceptional if they were the only circumstance being presented?



Post 16 Education Provider Consultation Questionnaire

The Council expects the majority of young people aged over 16 to make their own travel arrangements in order to attend their education placement. The Council acknowledges that there will be some young people (exceptions) where they are unable to make their own travel arrangements (even if they are supported by a parent/carer), the Council, in these circumstances it would provide assistance.

Q1 - When assessing the needs & circumstances of young people to identify if exceptional circumstances exist and warrant assistance with their travel arrangements, to what extent do you agree or disagree that the following would not normally be considered as exceptional if they were the only circumstance being presented?

Please put a X against your response.

- a. Parents' and carers' work hours not fitting in with public service transport times or college times
Strongly Disagree
Disagree
Neither Agree Nor Disagree
Agree
Strongly Agree
Don't Know
- b. Parents' and carers' child-care arrangements not fitting in with public service transport times or college times.
Strongly Disagree
Disagree
Neither Agree Nor Disagree
Agree
Strongly Agree
Don't Know
- c. Parents' and carers' needing to get other children to and from school.
Strongly Disagree
Disagree
Neither Agree Nor Disagree
Agree
Strongly Agree
Don't Know
- d. Having to use the family vehicle (including Mobility vehicle provided for the student) for other purposes, e.g. travel to and from work, or transporting siblings to school/college
Strongly Disagree
Disagree
Neither Agree Nor Disagree
Agree
Strongly Agree
Don't Know

Q2 – The Post-16 Transport Policy Statement has focused the Council’s support on LDD students, usually they have an EHCP. Please provide any comments on their transport needs when attending your setting.

Q3 – The cohort of students aged over 19 for whom the Children’s Services Department provides transport, is increasing in numbers. Please provide any comments on their transport needs, if different from above, when attending your setting.

Q4 - The forecast growth in the Post 16 sector, particularly over 19 students, is bringing unprecedented pressure on the service and its budget. Do you have any comments on how providers and the Council can work together to generate efficiencies and savings for both providers and the service?

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

2. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- **Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);**
- **Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;**
- **Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.**

- **Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:**
 - **The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;**
 - **Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;**
 - **Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.**

3. Equalities Impact Assessment: See below

Equality Impact Assessment

Name of project or proposal (required): Proposed Changes to Post 16 Transport Policy Statement 2020

Is this project a Transformation project? (required): No

Name of accountable officer (required): Martin Goff

Email (required): martin.goff@hants.gov.uk

Department (required): Children's Services

Date of assessment (required): 01/05/2020

Is this a detailed or overview EIA? (required): Overview

Describe the current service or policy. This question has a limit of 700 characters; approximately 100 words (required): The Post 16 Transport service provides transport for about 330 users each day and costs £1.3m p.a. The policy statement details when and how the Council will support attendance in Post 16 education where travel/transport is perceived as a barrier. It allows parents/carers and users to understand how young people aged over 16 and in education may be eligible for a local authority funded transport service.

Geographical impact (required): All Hampshire

Describe the proposed change. This question has a limit of 700 characters; approximately 100 words (required): To update the Post 16 Transport Policy Statement by providing greater clarity and understanding through improved wording so that those reading the policy are able to identify who may be eligible to benefit from the service and under what circumstances support may be offered by the Council.

Who does this impact assessment cover? (required): Service users

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? (required): Yes

Describe the consultation or engagement you have performed or are intending to perform. This question has a limit of 700 characters; approximately 100 words (required): The County Council carried out an open consultation designed to give all Hampshire residents and wider stakeholders the opportunity to have their say about proposed changes to the Home to School Transport Policy and Post-16 Transport Policy. The general public living outside Hampshire were also able to respond. In total there were 165 responses to the consultation, this included paper and online responses. The consultation/ questionnaire ran between 13 January 2020 and 23 February 2020. 21 Education Providers of Post 16 education were also consulted with directly with 6 responses being received. The majority of Post 16 Education Provider responses supported the proposal that the if the identified proposals were presented to the Council then they wouldn't, on their own, automatically warrant the provision of transport. However, the scenarios should be taken into account along with other circumstances and considered on a case by case basis when the Council decides if transport should be provided. The feedback from both Post 16 Education Providers and the general public in relation to the proposed changes has been reflected in the amended policy statement that is being recommended.

Age (required): Low

The changes proposed to the policy statement do not alter the Council's current provision and commitment to support young learners access their place of education with travel/transport assistance where it is necessary.

The established policy and legislation do however impact learners at specific ages differently. Therefore, the impact on age identified here is in respect to the legislative requirements and the subsequent considerations made by the Council's when deciding on what support is necessary in relation to travel and transport to facilitate a young person's attendance at their place of education.

As a young person becomes a Post 16 learner support is only necessary if it is essential in order to attend their programme of study. This means that young people are no longer automatically entitled to assistance with travel if they attend their nearest School and meet the statutory distance criteria.

Therefore, if the young person is able to access other forms of travel, support/funding, and has the available means to access their education setting then they would be expected to use these in the first instance and therefore attendance for the majority of young learners will not be impacted as a result of the Council not providing assistance with travel.

If a young person has additional needs/circumstances that restrict the modes of travel available to them, or make the journey an unrealistic expectation (e.g. due to their health needs and/or complexity of journey, including personal safety concerns), then the Council would consider providing assistance with their travel arrangements. These travel arrangements will reflect their needs and circumstances and support the young person to regularly attend their study programme.

The contribution requested of young learners who are in receipt of assistance for travel from the Council are paying a comparable fee (across the County) as those not in receipt of assistance who have to fund their own travel arrangements using the modes of travel accessible to them. Where it is evidenced that the young person does not have the available finances to pay the contribution charge then low-income assessments are applied and further consideration, if necessary, to establish if the contribution charge is a fair and responsible expectation placed on the individual. For learners age 19 years and older, as stipulated in legislation there is no contribution charge applied with assistance being fully funded by the Council. By applying these considerations minimises any impact associated with this aspect of the policy statement.

In summary, the support available within the policy statement ensures that a young person's attendance should not be affected directly by the availability of support in relation to travel and therefore the impact of the proposed changes is neutral.

Disability (required): Low

For the vast majority of young person's in education over the age of 16 they will attend placements which are accessible from their home address. However, where a young person or a family member (with responsibility for the young person) has SEND, health issue/concern, or disability this may make accessing an education placement difficult or impossible without the Council providing support with travel/transport arrangements.

The proposed policy clearly accounts for young people (and their families) who may fall into this category and ensures support is available if it is deemed necessary in order to attend their education placement.

Where possible and where appropriate the Council will support young person's to use public transport and make their own journeys independently, however where support is necessary due to the needs/circumstances that have been identified, then appropriate provision will be made.

This ensures that those that fall under this category are not adversely impacted by the proposed policy and are still able to access their education setting. Each case presenting these needs and circumstances will be considered on a case by case basis to ensure provision reflect actual need and is only provided where it is necessary.

Sexual orientation (required): Neutral

No change/impact has been identified within the proposed policy statement

Race (required): Neutral

No change/impact has been identified within the proposed policy statement

Religion or belief (required): Neutral

No change/impact has been identified within the proposed policy statement

Gender reassignment (required): Neutral

No change/impact has been identified within the proposed policy statement

Gender (required): Neutral

No change/impact has been identified within the proposed policy statement

Marriage or civil partnership (required): Neutral

No change/impact has been identified within the proposed policy statement

Pregnancy and maternity (required): Neutral **Poverty (required):** Neutral

Rurality (required): Neutral

No change/impact has been identified within the proposed policy statement

Neutrality statement (required): The changes are largely technical and clarify existing practice within the policy.

2020 Transport policy statement for students in further education aged 16–18 and continuing students aged 19.

Name of LEA : Hampshire

Department Responsible: Education

Hampshire County Council 2020/2021 Transport policy statement for students in further education aged 16-19, continuing students and young people aged 19-24 with learning disabilities

1. Commitment

Hampshire County Council and its post 16 providers are committed to ensuring transport is available to enable students to access education and training as set out in this policy statement. Support is provided either by the County Council or post 16 providers. This policy statement applies for 2020/2021 only and sets out the support available.

There is no automatic entitlement to free home to school or college transport once a student is over 16. The authority has considered its resources and the travel to college opportunities for students. Students can attend a college of choice and, if needed apply to their college's student support for assistance. The cost and mechanical process of transporting young people with special educational needs is greater and more complex. HCC recognises that families may need a transport service to ensure that 16+ special needs or disabled students can access a place that is suitable for their needs and so do offer, under discretionary powers, a transport service that requires an annual parental contribution.

2. General transport available

There are a number of public transport service providers in Hampshire. Colleges and schools in Hampshire have their own transport arrangements but the situation does vary. Students should check with their establishment about the transport arrangements and ticketing prices that can apply to both bus and train travel. The following link provides the information supplied by colleges and sixth form establishments.

College and School Details

Other transport support

Post 16 education providers and other agencies provide support with transport in certain cases, for example:

- Cycle schemes
- Care to Learn - <https://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn/overview>
- Wheels to Work - <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/wheels-to-work>
- Brain in Hand - <http://braininhand.co.uk/>

3. Qualification for support from Hampshire County Council for students attending colleges and

schools with sixth forms (including academies)

The local authority will assist with travel expenses for post-16 students with special educational needs or a disability. A parental contribution towards the cost of this transport will be required; the cost will be decided by applying the following charging schedule:

Distance to travel	Annual charge
Up to 5 miles	£600
5.01 miles to 7.5 miles	£831
7.51 miles to 10 miles	£1,164
Over 10 miles	£1,330

Transport will normally only be offered if the student has an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) or if the student has a disability which means he/she requires transport arrangements to be provided. The student or their parents will need to apply for transport and evidence that the County Council must provide transport to facilitate attendance and without transport assistance the student will be unable to attend the educational placement.

When assessing an application the Council will refer to the criteria provided in Appendix 1.

4. Post 16 training providers and apprenticeships

The same qualifications as set out in paragraph 3 apply for students attending post 16 training providers. Students in apprenticeships with employed status do not qualify for any assistance with travel costs.

5. Qualification for support from colleges and schools with sixth forms including academies

In addition to the support available from Hampshire County Council, post 16 providers may also provide financial support towards transport costs for certain students such as young parents, those from low income families, those at risk of being Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEETs). This is determined by the provider and is often based on how they have locally determined to use 'hardship' funds.

Please follow the link below to information provided by post-16 providers regarding transport services.

[College and School Details](#)

6. Assistance with transport for students over the age of 19 with learning difficulties or disabilities

Students over the age of 19 may qualify for transport assistance if they are subject to an Education, Health and Care Plan.

Assistance with transport for students with learning difficulties or disabilities will be reviewed at the age of 19. It will then continue to be provided either up until the age of 24 or until the student completes the course whichever is the earliest.

The student or their parents will need to apply for transport and evidence that the County Council must provide transport to facilitate attendance and without transport assistance the student will be unable to

attend the educational placement.

When assessing an application the Council will refer to the criteria provided in Appendix 1.

7. Independent Travel Training

The County Council provides some mobility/independence training for students with learning difficulties or disabilities. Children in special schools will be subject to transition plans in year 9 and independence training can form part of that plan. Some colleges also provide mobility/

independence training.

8. Students attending providers outside Hampshire

The County Council may provide assistance with transport to support students attending providers outside of the county but students need to qualify for support against the criteria outlined in paragraph 3. The provider attended may also be able to provide some support.

9. Students attending providers in Hampshire but living outside the county

Such students should apply to their home Local Authority for assistance. However, providers themselves may provide assistance and are not bound by county boundaries.

10. Applying for assistance with transport

Students wishing to apply for help with transport can do so by accessing the Hampshire County Council website where further details are available. The link is

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/yourfuture.htm>

Students may also wish to apply to colleges direct for help. Below are details of the colleges and their contact details together with an outline of the assistance they provide.

11. Appeals/Complaints

Complaints regarding any aspect of the policy statement must first be taken up with the local authority. If these do not result in a satisfactory outcome, young people or their families may complain to the Secretary of State.

Students wishing to make an appeal regarding a transport entitlement decision or subsequent transport arrangements should write to the Head of Information Transport and Admissions, Children's Services Department, Hampshire County Council, The Castle, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 8UG. The appeals process is provided in [Appendix 2](#).

12. College and School Details

To be added

Appendix 1.

Criteria applied to determine eligibility to transport to a Post 16 provider.

1. The following criteria apply to all students:

Necessity: The Council will provide transport assistance when it is necessary to facilitate the student's attendance at their educational setting.

Minimum distance: The journey from home to school/college must be more than three miles, measured by the nearest available walking route.

Eligible but living within walking distance? Transport may be provided within the walking distance if it is necessary to facilitate attendance. Factors that may be taken into account, amongst other things, include:

- The student's ability to walk
- The student's need to be accompanied by an adult.

Which college or school? Travel assistance will be given to the nearest school or college considered to be the most suitable placement for the student and which offers a course or programme which is designed specifically to meet the special needs of the student concerned. If the course or programme is not specifically designed to meet the needs of those with SEN, travel assistance will be given to the nearest college offering an appropriate course. A course is deemed appropriate where it enables a student to meet his or her career objectives.

A student attending their nearest special school or school with a sixth form named in his or her EHCP may qualify.

Pick-up and drop-off points: Where the distance between a nearest pick-up or drop-off point and home or college is less than 1.5 miles, the County Council will not normally provide transport for that part of the journey. However, transport may be provided for students within these distances where this is recommended following an assessment of their individual needs. The criteria used to determine entitlement within walking distance apply in these circumstances.

Journeys to and from other destinations: Transport is not offered to or from points other than the college and home.

Waiting Time: where appropriate the transport arrangement may include a waiting time at the start or end of the day.

Residential Placements: Some students with complex and/or severe needs are placed in a residential out of county special school or college because there is no appropriate provision available locally. Such students will receive transport at the start and end of each term, half term and at other school/college closures. Any additional transport will be the responsibility of parents/carers.

2. The following apply to students whose transport eligibility is being considered under the sixth form duty.

(a) Age: Students aged 16 or 17 on the 1 September 2020.

(b) Income: There are no low income requirements.

When the student's parents are in receipt of Income Support, income-based Jobseekers Allowance, income-related Employment and Support Allowance, support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit, Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190), Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit, or Universal Credit the charge will be waived. Families in receipt of free school meals (due to low income) are not required to pay the contribution.

Families with a low income, but not in receipt of the above benefits, where the imposition of the charge would reduce their income to around £16,190; or those with exceptional circumstances, may apply for a discretionary waiver or reduction in charge.

(c) Necessity: The Council expects, for children, that their parents and carers take responsibility for facilitating their child's attendance in education unless there are exceptional circumstances which make support with transport necessary for their child to attend their place of education or training. All requests for assistance will be considered on a case by case basis. While they may be challenging for parents, the Council does not consider that the following circumstances are likely to be exceptional on their own:

- parents' work hours or child-care arrangements not fitting in with public service transport times or college times; or
- parents needing to get other children to and from school; or
- Having to use the family vehicle (including Mobility vehicle provided for the student) for other purposes.

If transport is provided by the Council a parental contribution may be levied.

(d) Age: Student's aged 18 when the transport starts in September 2020 or already 18 at the time of application or 19 or over and continuing on a course that they started before their 19th birthday:

Necessity: The Council expects that parents and carers take responsibility for facilitating their child's attendance in education. However, the authority will take into account that the authority cannot expect a parent to support their adult child's transport arrangement.

If transport is provided by the LA Council a parental contribution may be levied.

3. The following applies to students whose transport eligibility is being considered under the adult duty.

(a) Age: Students aged 19 or over and starting a new course.

(b) Necessity: The Council will provide transport assistance when it is necessary to facilitate the student's attendance at their educational setting.

If transport is provided no contribution towards the cost of transport applies.

4. Home to School Transport - Review/Appeals Process

Parents who wish to challenge a decision about:

- the transport arrangements offered;
- their child's eligibility;
- the distance measurement in relation to statutory walking distances; and
- the safety of the route

may do so by writing to The Transport Team, Elizabeth II Court North (2nd Floor), Children's Services Department, Hampshire County Council, The Castle, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 8UG.

In the first instance a case will be reviewed by a Senior Officer.

In cases against refusal of a transport service there may be a further appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel.

For concerns about the transport arrangement offered a senior officer outside of the School Transport Team and holds a comprehensive understanding of the transport policy and legislative framework will make decisions on appeals against offers of transport.

The full Review/Appeals Process in relation to assistance with travel and eligibility is detailed within Hampshire County Council's Home to School Transport Policy, a link to which is included below;

[Home to School Transport Policy](#)

The process by which Home to School Transport appeals are handled for a young person attending a Post-16 provision matches that detailed in this Policy.

ALTON COLLEGE	ANDOVER COLLEGE, ANDOVER
BARTON PEVERIL COLLEGE, EASTLEIGH	BASINGSTOKE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
BROCKENHURST COLLEGE	EASTLEIGH COLLEGE
FAREHAM COLLEGE	FARNBOROUGH COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
THE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE, FARNBOROUGH	HAVANT COLLEGE
HIGHBURY COLLEGE, PORTSMOUTH	ITCHEN COLLEGE
PETER SYMONDS COLLEGE	PORTSMOUTH COLLEGE
QUEEN MARY'S COLLEGE, BASINGSTOKE	RICHARD TAUNTON SIXTH FORM COLLEGE, SOUTHAMPTON
SOUTH DOWNS COLLEGE, WATERLOOVILLE	SOUTHAMPTON CITY COLLEGE
SPARSHOLT COLLEGE	ST VINCENT SIXTH FORM COLLEGE
TOTTON COLLEGE	