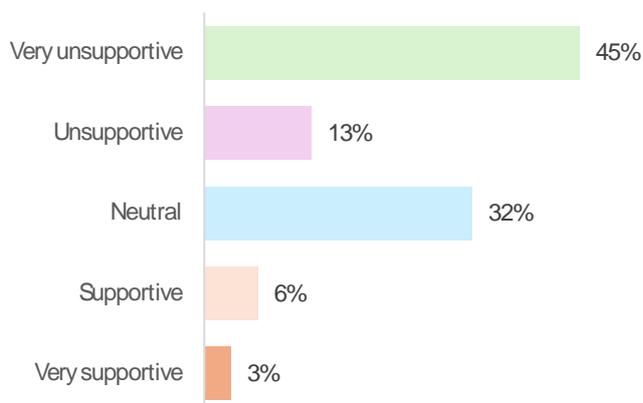


## Appendix 1 – Consultation survey analysis

### Responses to the consultation

- 1.1 Some 31 responses were received from the consultation to the question: “To what extent do you support the proposal to close St Peter’s and St Gildas’ Catholic Schools?”

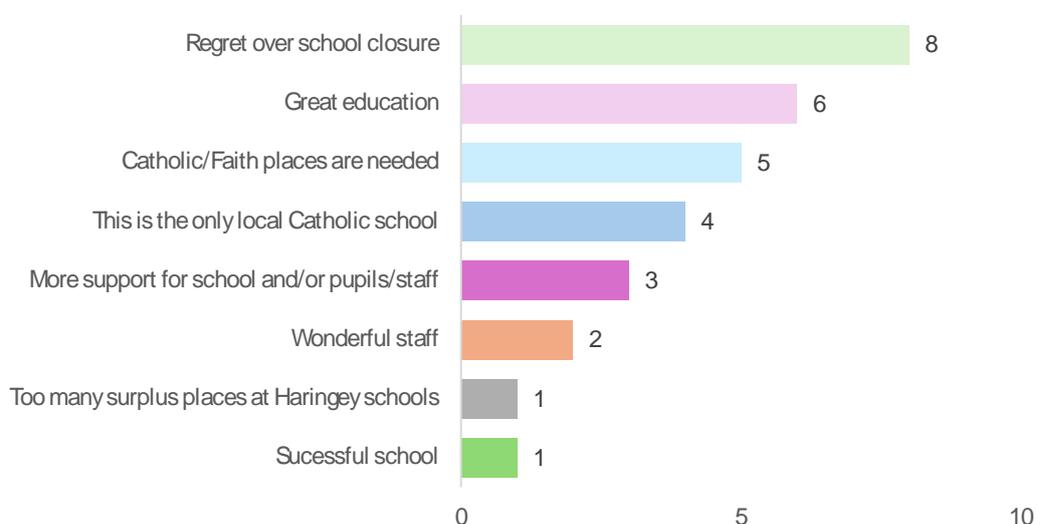
To what extent do you support the proposal to close St Peter’s and St Gildas’ Catholic Schools? (n=31)



- 1.2 The majority of respondents (14 of 31 or 45%) were very unsupportive of school closure. Around a third (10 or 32%) were neutral whilst 3 (9%) were very supportive or supportive of closure.

- 1.3 Qualitative analysis of to the survey question “Please provide reasons for your views below”. **Note:** The complete unedited responses with responses are included further down.

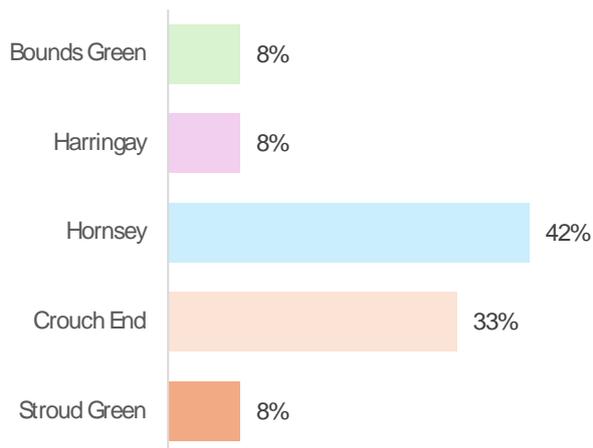
Please provide reasons for your views below: (n=20)



The following data is a selection of respondent scope data to give a context of who responded to the survey.

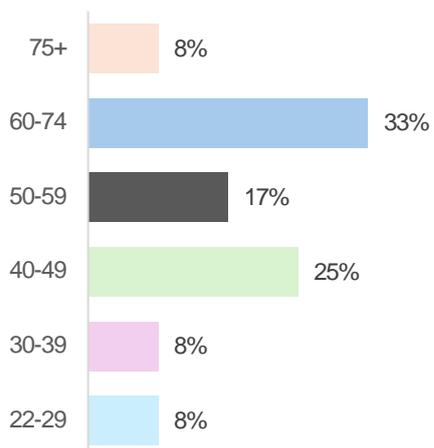
## Home ward

What is your home ward? (n=12)



## Age profile

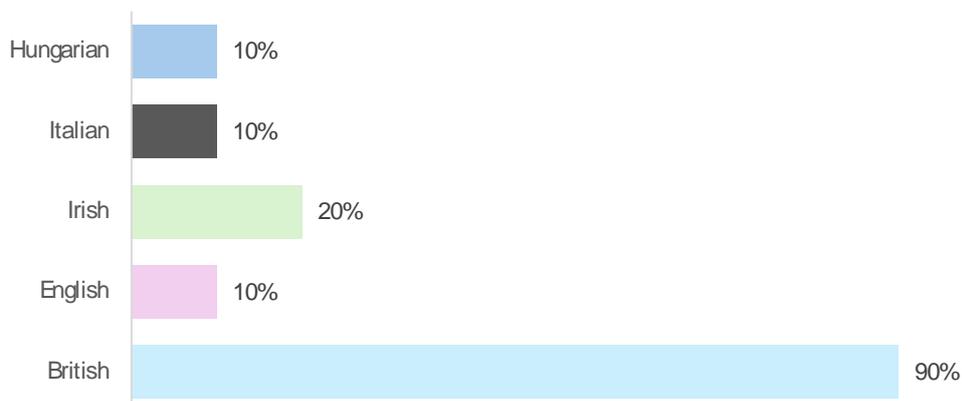
Which age group applies to you? (n=12)



## National identity

How would you describe your national identity?

(respondents could mention more than one) (n=10)



## Connection to area

15 respondents responded to this question. All 15 respondents responded that they lived in the area whilst one also worked in the area.

- 1.4 There were 20 individual responses to the survey question “Please provide reasons for your views below”. The unedited responses are shown below with the council response in red:

We understand that the declining rate of enrolled children put at risk the school but we greatly appreciated the school staff and their incredible engagement and dedication to children. It is a shame that a 110-years-old school should be shut down due to declining numbers/

Response: No decision has yet been made about the future of the school. There has been a significant decline in pupil numbers in recent years. The council recognises all the hard-working staff who are tirelessly supporting the school to ensure the best outcomes for pupils currently enrolled at the school, however, the schools are not considered to be financially viable.

An Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken to ensure there are no barriers or disadvantage to protected groups, including mitigations and support for staff and displaced families affected from the proposal. The Council is committed to ensuring the best outcome possible for all impacted groups should Council’s Cabinet proceed with the proposal to issue a statutory notice to close the school. Please review our FAQ section on our CommonPlace consultation page for more information on the support available for families and staff.

<p>We cannot understate the value, contribution and rich history of the school and its associated Diocesan parish but the fact remains that with significant decline in pupil numbers, the schools are no longer considered to be financially viable.</p>
<p>Although we understand the reasons given in the consultation document, we feel that the closure of a valued faith school is too drastic an action. The falling numbers are forecast to continue until 2028 and it is possible that the trend might reverse by that time. It is relatively easy to close a school but much more difficult to restart it.</p>
<p>Response: Several editions of the School Place Planning report and the school roll projections that underpin it have consistently shown both an over-supply of local primary school places and no significant change in demand in the foreseeable future. Moreover demand for Faith schools (Catholic and CofE) has fallen by a far greater proportion in Haringey in recent years compared to non-Faith settings. Since 2012 demand for Faith schools expressed as first place preferences (FPP) has fallen 43% from 826 to 467 whilst demand for non-Faith schools (FPP) has only fallen 7% from 2,313 to 2,142.</p>
<p>I have personal experience because my own children went to these schools and received a great education. In the interests of diversity and inclusion, I believe it is important that people who value a Catholic Christian education can have this option for their children, and the other Catholic schools in the Borough are some way away.</p>
<p>Response: Even if St Peter in Chains Infants and St Gildas Juniors closes Haringey will still have 9 other Catholic primary schools (including Infant and Junior schools) almost all of which currently have vacancies. Haringey is also a relatively compact London borough with an excellent public transport system and local schools with a 'Good' or 'Outstanding' Ofsted rating within a reasonable travelling distance.</p>
<p>It is a very difficult situation; with falling numbers of children, I can see it's hard to justify keeping the school open, but for the children and parents who are left it's very unsettling and disappointing-where are the children who are left without a school going to be placed?</p>
<p>Response: The council understands the unsettling nature of a consultation on school closure and is doing all it can to mitigate this impact. We have sufficient vacancies across the school estate and in all year groups to accommodate all children who require a school place (including at Catholic schools).</p>
<p>School worked well for my son and it is the only school RC in the area.</p>
<p>Response: Even if St Peter in Chains Infants and St Gildas Juniors school closes Haringey will still have 9 other Catholic primary schools (including Infant and Junior schools) almost all of which currently have vacancies. Haringey is also a relatively compact London borough with an excellent public transport system and local schools with a 'Good' or 'Outstanding' Ofsted rating within a reasonable travelling distance.</p>
<p>It should be improved /given extra funding it should not close</p>
<p>Response: Funding for schools is on a per pupil basis with schools typically needing a minimum of 24 pupils per class (of 30) to be able to fund a teacher and learning resources. Schools that have class sizes consistently below this level become unsustainable in the long run and are not able to pay for teaching staff</p>

<p>and school maintenance etc. This will eventually have a detrimental impact on school standards and the provision of education quality.</p>
<p>Such a lovely school, it's a community, a family the staff are truly amazing and the children are too</p>
<p>We need a catholic school in the area</p>
<p>Response: Demand for Faith schools (Catholic and CofE) has fallen by a far greater proportion in Haringey in recent years compared to non-Faith settings. Since 2012 demand for Faith schools expressed as first place preferences (FPP) has fallen 43% from 826 to 467 whilst demand for non-Faith schools (FPP) has only fallen 7% from 2,313 to 2,142.</p>
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<p>This is a successful school and should remain open.</p>
<p>Response: The pupil roll at St Peter in Chains Infants and St Gildas Juniors school has fallen from 324 (2019) to 51 (March 2025).</p>
<p>We need more faith schools</p>
<p>Response: Demand for Faith schools (Catholic and CofE) has fallen by a far greater proportion in Haringey in recent years compared to non-Faith settings. Since 2012 demand for Faith schools expressed as first place preferences (FPP) has fallen 43% from 826 to 467 whilst demand for non-Faith schools (FPP) has only fallen 7% from 2,313 to 2,142.</p>
<p>Even if St Peter in Chains Infants and St Gildas Juniors closes Haringey will still have 9 other Catholic primary schools (including Infant and Junior schools) almost all of which currently have vacancies. Haringey is also a relatively compact London borough with an excellent public transport system and local schools with a 'Good' or 'Outstanding' Ofsted rating within a reasonable travelling distance.</p>
<p>There are not enough children to fill all primary places in Haringey so some schools will need to close and pupils join other schools with spaces.</p>
<p>Response: This is an accurate assessment of the situation Haringey (and many London boroughs) are having to deal with.</p>
<p>Catholic schools must be made available to Catholic children so that the ethos of the home is further nurtured by the school they attend.</p>
<p>Response: Catholic school places will be available to pupils attending St Peter in Chains Infants and St Gildas Juniors school. Even if St Peter in Chains Infants and St Gildas Juniors school closes Haringey will still have 9 other Catholic primary schools (including Infant and Junior schools) almost all of which currently have vacancies. Haringey is also a relatively compact London borough with an excellent public transport system and local schools with a 'Good' or 'Outstanding' Ofsted rating within a reasonable travelling distance.</p>
<p>St Peter's and St Gildas' Schools are the only Catholic Schools in the Crouch End area, they are linked to the parish of St Peter in Chains and have a long history of providing catholic education in this area.</p>

<p>Closure will have a lasting impact on the Parish Community, leaving our faith community with no catholic school for future generations.</p>
<p>Response: The Council acknowledges the important contribution that both schools have made to the local community across the many generations of years they've been open but we also have to mitigate against the sharp fall in demand for school places at both schools. A school with a significant fall in pupil rolls will struggle to pay staff salaries and all the costs associated with delivering a full rich curriculum for pupils, including enrichment programmes and also upkeep of buildings and maintenance.</p> <p>If St Peter in Chains Infants and St Gildas Juniors school closes Haringey will still have 9 other Catholic primary schools (including Infant and Junior schools) almost all of which currently have vacancies. Haringey is also a relatively compact London borough with an excellent public transport system and local schools with a 'Good' or 'Outstanding' Ofsted rating within a reasonable travelling distance.</p>
<p>St Peter's and St gildas have a long history of catholic education in Crouch end. they have provided loving and caring environments of high standard with positive contributions to the local community.</p>
<p>Response: The Council acknowledges the important contribution that both schools have made to the local community across the many generations of years they've been open but we also have to mitigate against the sharp fall in demand for school places at both schools. A school with a significant fall in pupil rolls will struggle to pay staff salaries and all the costs associated with delivering a full rich curriculum for pupils, including enrichment programmes and also upkeep of buildings and maintenance.</p> <p>If St Peter in Chains Infants and St Gildas Juniors school closes Haringey will still have 9 other Catholic primary schools (including Infant and Junior schools) almost all of which currently have vacancies. Haringey is also a relatively compact London borough with excellent public transport.</p>
<p>Thank you for the background information provided. At present I am not supportive of the immediate closure option, for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I believe the pupils currently on roll have a right to stay at the same school and complete their studies there.</li> <li>- The council should provide more details on how they will support families going through the transition in various terms, e.g. financially and psychologically.</li> </ul>
<p>Response: If St Peter in Chains Infants and St Gildas Juniors school close the proposal will be to transfer the pupils at the end of the school year to allow for a cleaner transition between schools. The welfare and educational provision made to all Haringey children is the council's top priority especially during a time of falling pupil rolls. Wherever possible the council is committed to working directly with school staff, governors, parents and carers and all other stakeholders to ensure as smooth a transition as possible.</p>
<p>The Schools have always had excellent OFSTED judgements and my children received an excellent education there: Academic, Spiritual and Moral. I believe the LA should give the schools more time to have a recruitment drive and secure</p>

its future. It is very sad that the LA is not doing more to support Catholic Education in North London. I voiced this some years ago when Coleridge Primary School was given permission to increase in size to a three form entry school. This was the beginning of the end for many of the Primary schools in the area. They were favoured by Haringey, I believe, at the expense of the other Voluntary Aided Schools.

**Response:** Several editions of the School Place Planning report and the school roll projections that underpin it have consistently shown both an over-supply of local primary school places and no significant change in demand in the foreseeable future. Moreover demand for Faith schools (Catholic and CofE) has fallen by a far greater proportion in Haringey in recent years compared to non-Faith settings. Since 2012 demand for Faith schools expressed as first place preferences (FPP) has fallen 43% from 826 to 467 whilst demand for non-Faith schools (FPP) has only fallen 7% from 2,313 to 2,142. Moreover pupil numbers have now fallen to an unsustainable level at both schools - the pupil roll at St Peter in Chains Infants and St Gildas Juniors school has fallen from 324 (2019) to 61 (7<sup>th</sup> March 2025).

Love the school  
Should stay open.  
The area needs a Catholic school

**Response:** The council appreciate the role that both schools have played in the local community but has to recognise the sharp fall in demand for school places at both schools. If St Peter in Chains Infants and St Gildas Juniors school closes Haringey will still have 9 other Catholic primary schools (including Infant and Junior schools) almost all of which currently have vacancies. Haringey is also a relatively compact London borough with excellent public transport.

I have done a tour of all the schools in the area and found this one to be the best so I was planning on enrolling my children here. It's a wonderful school with excellent teachers and a nurturing environment. It does not merit to be closed, in fact we were looking forward to their opening a nursery.

**Response:** Even if St Peter in Chains Infants and St Gildas Juniors school closes Haringey will still have 9 other Catholic primary schools (including Infant and Junior schools) almost all of which currently have vacancies. And within 1 mile of St Peter in Chains Infants and St Gildas Juniors school there are 12 primary schools (including Infant and Junior) with Haringey is also a relatively compact London borough with excellent public transport.

I have two small children whom I am planning to send to this school next year and the year after that. There are no other Catholic schools in the area and we take our faith very seriously. We have visited this school and found it outstanding so we'd be most disappointed if it closed. It is definitely a pillar of its community and it would be a huge loss for the whole area if it ceased to exist.

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Whilst we understand the underlying reasons why this decision is being considered, we are sad to think that these schools will no longer be at the heart of the community they have served so well for over 100 years

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