

What is your role? - Role in school	If you answered 'other' to question 3 please provide details below - Role	Please provide your home postcode (e.g. NE25 0AA) - Post code	Do you support the proposal to amalgamate Seaton Sluice Middle and Whytrig Middle Schools on a shared site with Astley High School with effect from the target date of September 2024 in order to gain the benefits outlined by the Governing Body in the consultation document? - Support amalgamation?	Please give the reasons for your answer - Comment	If you have an alternative proposal to the amalgamation of the schools that you believe would achieve the same benefits, please outline it below providing as much detail as possible (or state none). - Alternative proposal	Do you have any additional comments you wish the Council's Cabinet to consider, for instance do you have a proposal for the use of the current Seaton Sluice Middle building should the proposal to amalgamate the school be approved? - Comment
Parent of a student at Astley Community High School		Not Answered	Yes	It makes sense to educate the children in seaton valley together and fair that they will all benefit from a new build. Seaton Deval is a central location between seaton sluice, holywell and seghill.	No proposal	If the schools were to amalgamate on the current astley site, I would have huge concerns around traffic and parking. The report says that the current leadership team manage traffic and parking, this is however incorrect and there are many issues in Elsdon avenue and the surrounding streets at pick up and drop off times including but not limited to speeding, drives being blocked, parking in private car parks. It is a real issue for residents.
Resident / member of the community living in the area served by Seaton Sluice Middle School		Not Answered	Yes	It's a good idea to merge the schools and create a consistent educational approach. It would be financially beneficial too.	None	A gym/leisure centre would be a great idea. I am desperate to exercise more but have to rely on getting a bus to Blyth, Whitley Bay or Seaton Deleval for the nearest gym facilities. A gym and perhaps sports hall with badminton courts etc would be brilliant.
Resident / member of the community living in the Seaton Valley area		Not Answered	Yes	The merging of the two schools will massively benefit the young people of the Seaton Valley area. The provision of a brand-new school is desperately needed for the area as both sides are looking particularly worn down.  I would hope that the merger would not impact too much upon the staffing of the schools as the schools provide a fantastic level of education for our young people.	The issue could arise about traffic on Elsdon Avenue should the merger go ahead, but if the the plans for the new building had a designated drop off "circle" as seen in other local schools it might work to mitigate this issue. The current site layout of the Elsdon Avenue site is not great to drive past at peak times and if there was a better layout to the site with a new building on then it might be better for controlling local traffic.	Sell it to home developers and invest the money into the new building and provide more for our young people - they need it with what has happened in the recent years.
Resident / member of the community living in the Seaton Valley area		Not Answered	Yes	It will allow updated learning facilities	I believe the merger is beneficial	As a resident of Whitfield road, adjacent to the current whytrig site, parkibg is becoming an increasingly worrying issue, and an accident wsting to happen, if there are more pupils attendingvthe site , how iscthe parking/access going yo be handled ? Other areas have a no patking zone for the surrounding residential areas and I feel this must be implemented for safety ofvthe pupils mire than anything else
Parent of a student at Astley Community High School		NE25 0RH	Yes	I feel this is a good idea and that pooling resources will allow for better education for all pupils involved. The cost of upgrading current facilities in Seaton Sluice is prohibitive and this is a better use of the funds	None	No

Parent of a student at Whytrig Middle School		NE25 OHG	Yes	With education at a single location greater focus on getting the balance of creating a good education, I am sure it gets harder to address a greater demand of regulation and rules to comply with this can be achieved a one place and also an opportunity to have a greater resource to focus on learning for the students. Additional money to bring resources is always a benefit. Care would need to be taken that with all students in one location that some parts are not diluted to save money, and subsequent consequence loss in the ability to teach or provide a service to all, be it teacher, student, Parent/Career and the community at large.	nothing to propose	Can I suggest that students from both middle schools do some combined projects before the amalgamation, so that students know each other and are not strangers at the implementation in Sept 24
Parent of a student at Whytrig Middle School		NE25 ONG	Yes	fantastic opportunity for all communities involved.	no	no
Staff member in Seaton Sluice Middle School		NE23 3QT	Yes	Better facilities and buildings than currently at SSMS.	None	None
Staff member in Astley Community High School		NE24 4SW	Yes	This will provide the best opportunities for all students in the federation with the outstanding facilities that the new build will bring. It will also help with the transition process to the high school	N/A	N/A
Parent of a student at Whytrig Middle School		Ne237rt	Yes	It makes absolute sense. All students in the area in one modern educational environment. Fair and consistent leadership and good teaching for all.	None	It is unrealistic to expect that the volume of traffic at drop off and pick up will remain manageable. It is gridlock chaos most mornings as is. Whilst we are all encouraged to use other methods of travel, it is also unrealistic to expect all students to do so. A simple solution would be to include a pick up/drop off lane in plans. Many American schools have these systems. It is safe, practical and realistic.
Parent of a student at Seaton Sluice Middle School		NE250SR	Yes	Seaton Sluice middle school is far too small and is very dated. The toilet facilities are terrible. I think it's a great idea to build a bigger new school.	None	None
Staff member in Seaton Sluice Middle School		Ne61 5In	Yes	It will be an amazing opportunity for our pupils at Seaton Sluice Middle who currently don't benefit from even the currently facilities at the Astley/whytrig site. Staff will also benefit greatly as working on the same site will be much easier than how we currently work.	N/a	N/a
Other	Mother who's children used to attend ssms	Ne23 7xq	Yes	Seaton delaval is central for all children, in particular Seghill who currently have to travel through seaton delaval to get to school in seaton sluice. Children need to have more diverse friendship groups, with smaller class sizes this is difficult and becomes an issue if the child doesn't fit in. All the schools are old and in need of repair. A new school would be more cost effective and I would expect more energy efficient. Which is what the country is striving to improve on. Change should not be looked as a negative.	I agree with the proposal	Yes affordable housing as the young cannot afford to stay in seaton sluice and have to move to neighbouring towns although living their whole life in the village.

Parent of a student at another school	My son is at Holywell first school	NE25 0HG	Yes	I feel this would be good for my son who would be due to. Start middle school in September 2024. He has SEN and to be honest I was gearing more towards sending him to Seaton sluice middle school due to it being a better middle school from recomodation. He has Autism and would like him to go to same school as his friends but also need him to be in a good school. Holywell first school is an amazing school which has supported him well. I think joining them together sounds great and something I would be happy to. Happen. There are lots of benefits for this to go ahead and the children will benefit from a new school aswell. Many thanks.	None	No
Resident / member of the community living in the Seaton Valley area		Ne25	Yes	I think it's a good idea. Its been talked about it happening for years. It's about time it happened	No I don't	No
Staff member in Astley Community High School		NE24 3ET	Yes	Good school	None	No
Parent of a student at Whytrig Middle School		Ne25 0py	Yes	Improved teaching and learning with teachers from all schools working more closely together.  SSMS would benefit from the investment if schools amalgamate in terms of modern and improved facilities and teaching environment  My only concern would be the impact on the infrastructure of seaton delaval especially the traffic flow at drop off and pick up times	Na	Sports academy site for the amalgamated school/and or forest school outward bound facilities such as high ropes... could rent facilities out to other groups.
Resident / member of the community living in the Seaton Valley area		NE23 7ER	Yes	I was educated in North Yorkshire and until I moved to Northumberland I had never come across this 3 school scenario it was just Primary to age 10 then Secondary age 11 to 16, something which I feel is of benefit as a student as you are settled into a school to concentrate on your studies without the upheaval of changing schools every few years. As a parent of 2 small children 1 of which attends Seghill first school I am of the opinion it is a better idea to have the school's all on the same site. My wife having been educated at Seaton sluice middle school and then Astley can see the other side of the argument but believes the amalgamation to be a good thing as she didn't enjoy her time at middle school.	None	The middle school site could be used as community sports hub there is plenty of playing field space to accommodate a number of sports teams.
Staff member in Astley Community High School		Ne25 Off	Yes	As a member of staff of SVF, a parent and a member of the local community I whole heartedly support this proposal. The school buildings across the federation are in dire need of up grading. This proposal offers an amazing opportunity to the students and the local community.	I strongly believe the amalgamation is the best option. SSMS cannot be left in its current state whilst new buildings are created for wms and ACHS	Ssms requires substantial investment to create a environment suitable for teaching the needs of the students. I don't believe this can be achieved with the current funding,

Resident / member of the community living in the area served by Seaton Sluice Middle School		Ne237ew	Yes	I do! Seaton sluice school is desperate for a new school or at least for it to be updated so I support it, as well as the other middle school of course. It's obvious what needs to be done and why. It's not just now as we know but it's for the long term. My concern is, if Seaton sluice doesn't get included then they will be left and the school would probably never get a chance to ever get a new school. ( it would be demolished eventually, not fit for purpose, and then pupils would need to find another, by squeezing them into other nearby schools which is barbaric ) Our children and area deserve an opportunity to have something new. It would be new to everyone! I need to say though where the school would be situated will probably will influence popularity, for example on the avenue road, near delaval hall, that's in between both schools, where it could be set back, then yes! To have both schools parted like this seems stupid. If it's on the same grounds at Astley, I don't think that would work for many of reasons, as Seaton sluice pupils would be moving into delaval central, that would be literally saying moving in with the other school. The thing is many of Seaton delaval find it so convenient, but really for me the	The Location is the key to making both schools a success and hopefully the mix of teachers across the board to have a chance to work together, who the pupils are kind of familiar with and which come together as one to support and help everyone. Would the name be changed to SVF for middle school and Astley SVF and the community. Will it be an academy? as I don't think it needs to be at the moment as all the schools are seemingly going this way and it's nice to keep it as long as possible as a community. School Buses used correctly in and out is nice to see, so there shouldn't be any concerns about that as long as everyone is able to get from Seatonsluice too. Having buses on, there's no excuse, depending on numbers reviews at the time depends on a bus or not which is fair enough. It keeps cars away, apart from a small minority.	The residents there would be happy to have just green belt for the moment. It's a hazard in terms of parking, pic ups and drop offs is not the way to do it. It's been like that for years, so moving it after all these years should only be a positive move.
Parent of a student at another school	My children are at Holywell First school	NE25	Yes	Yes. Only if the right facilities, provision, equipment etc is at a good standard to enable children to learn and thrive.	A new school to be built big enough and safe enough for children in the Seaton valley area to attend as one. Both middle schools are in desperate need of renovations. Take the opportunity to build a from scratch a new venue that children will be excited to attend. Is the venue at Astley High school big enough to provide a safe establishment for more children? I have attended the Blyth academy high school as a volunteer and thought, how lucky the children are to be able to attend this school. Unfortunately, I do not get the same impression at whitrigg/ astley. The school that my children are in the catchment area for. Please use the opportunity to make this a better education system that parents and children will be happy to join.	Can children with SEN use the Seaton sluice middle school? Can it be used as a sixth form venue? Can it be knocked down and rebuilt as a new establishment?
Resident / member of the community living in the Seaton Valley area		Ne250jb	Yes	School needs up dating	No	No
Parent of a student at Whytrig Middle School		NE250EN	Yes	I want a better school with better facilities for my children. Astley/Whytrig is old and very worn down our children deserve better!	No	No
Resident / member of the community living in the area served by Seaton Sluice Middle School		Ne25 0pb	Yes	Larger schools leads to more opportunities for students- more money =more courses & options. North Tyneside schools have so many opportunities that Seaton Valley doesn't.	No	Parking is always the biggest argument in the local community- please consider this.  Using Seaton Sluice for adult education or evening courses like astley used to do year's ago
Member of a Parish Council in the area served by Seaton Valley Federation of Schools		NE250DT	Yes	Traffic congestion,anti social behaviour,insufficient road structure to deal with extra foot fall.	The site of the old Whytrig school should be used and Astley high school should be rebuilt there!	Land should be sold for a higher end hotel/Leisure facilities,bringing much needed tourism to the area.

Resident / member of the community living in the Seaton Valley area	Ne25 0an	Yes	Yes in principle it would be best to have one fit of purpose middle school/high school going forward however as a resident on the main road in Delaval staggering start & finish times for the schools should be looked at or how children travel to school. The roads in & around school times around the school & on the main highways in the center of the village are already congested & regularly have standing traffic outside my residence at peak times. Please consider the wider community & the environment with children being ferried to school by numerous parental vehicles.	Moving the schools location to maybe the searon Sluice middle site with compulsory purchase of additional land to form a more purpose built site or alternatively on the land between Delaval & Seghill to give more room for pupils & parents to manage traffic affectively.	No
Parent of a student at Astley Community High School	NE25 0FF	Yes	Growing up in Seaton Sluice I went through the local schools, along with my husband and eldest son, we moved to Seaton Delaval and my daughter has gone to the local schools here and is in her final year as Astley, my youngest son will be in Whytrig when this merger is due. I think this is a fantastic idea to bring the federation together as a whole. Personally I've found the against is more from SSMS having to travel, but I have said Seghill and New Hartley have traveled there for over 40 years. My only concern is the amount of increased traffic outside of Astley on Elsdon Ave as at present it is bad and trying to get in and out of the estate can be a nightmare, it's like wacky races and drivers dont care.	None	To be used as a youth centre do the children have somewhere to go
Staff member in Astley Community High School	NE250NS	Yes	The money is only allotted to ACHS and WMS, none for the 3rd school in the federation to get nothing whilst the other 2 have brand new up to date building would be terrible for the federation and the students.  I feel if this doesn't happen there would be a massive knock on effect to the uptake of new students at SSMS.	none	it would be nice for Seaton Sluice as an area if that land wasn't used for houses.
Parent of a student at another school	Ne250pl	Yes	I think this would be a great addition for the community. As the schools in the area do not have excelled ofstead this may be an opportunity for the schools to improve when they amalgamate.	Nil	Nil
Other	Member of staff across the three schools in the Federation SR4 7PH	Yes	I work across the three schools in the Federation. I feel this would benefit the students greatly with the extra facilities, a new school, all the schools together and an integrated staff.	None	A community space An arts space A music venue A community Library A youth space

Parent of a student at Seaton Sluice Middle School	Parent governor and parent of child at astley	Ne250rq	Yes	<p>All pupils will have the benefit of investment and purpose built facilities for modern day. Ssms is absolutely outdated however a lovely school and would hope the teaching quality would stay the same if not stronger across as the federation standards are brought under one roof.</p> <p>I would like to see some benchmarking of pupils attainment at academies where year groups are all on one site against the traditional 3 tier separate school system. Many kids already travel safely to &amp; from school using Northumberland school transport so I see no reason that this couldn't continue for out of area families.</p>	<p>One site I would hope to see Segregated areas and breaks for the younger children I.e. Year 5-8 away from high school and 6th form so that they can play freely away from the older children/young adults.</p>	<p>This would be excellent for a sports centre! It would also help to maintain its current use for the football teams hone ground</p>
Other	New Hartley first school	NE250RY	Yes	<p>It's about time they updated all the schools in the area nothing has change in them since I left years ago</p>	Na	Na
Parent of a student at Seaton Sluice Middle School		Ne237tq	Yes	<p>Improved facilities for all child in the area. Improved facilities for the local community. Learning on one site for all students.</p>	<p>You could move whytrigg students to the sluice site and build a bigger middle school there.</p>	<p>It could be used as the main middle school for all local students. I.e. move whytrigg to sluice site.</p>
Staff member in Astley Community High School		NE639WW	Yes	<p>The amalgamation of the Middle schools with Astley will in my opinion have a significant benefit for the students both socially and academically. Liaison between schools in terms of subjects and student needs will be easier and more effective. Staff will be able to share ideas and improve cohesive schemes of work which will enable students to have a better sequenced curriculum whilst also helping them to communicate key information surrounding students needs in the transition between year groups whilst all on one site. I also believe it will improve student behaviour and progress as it will improve consistency across all schools and students will be better prepared, especially for going from Year 8 into Year 9. The facilities of the ARP for SEND students will also be highly beneficial and enable students needs to be met even more efficiently and effectively. Overall teaching and learning would be improved for staff as all three schools would be able to access the same CPD and be able to share ideas across year groups which would be advantageous for all and further benefit students.</p>	<p>I do not have an alternative proposal, I believe the one in place would be beneficial for both staff and students across the three schools.</p>	N/A
Staff member in Astley Community High School		NE26 4EA	Yes	<p>Equal access to state of the art facilities for all students within SVF. Combined teaching teams will mean more specialist teaching &amp; collaborative planning.</p>	None	<p>The SSMS would be a fantastic base for sporting teams in the village</p>
Parent of a student at Seaton Sluice Middle School		NE26 4EA	Yes	<p>State of the art facilities for all students in the Seaton Valley Federation.  Primary-style feel to KS2 is a lovely nurturing plan.</p>	None	<p>Currently there are students who live in Blyth (outside the catchment). Could a school bus be considered by NCC to enable them to get to school with an environmental consideration (rather than lots of individual cars) Maybe for a bus pass fee? What effect will this have on eligibility for those students from Blyth?</p> <p>Could the SSMS have a nature or sporting focus for the village?</p>

Student at Seaton Sluice Middle School	NE26 4EA	Yes	Brand new school for all students in SVF - seems fairer than some having a new school and some left in the old one.	None	None
Resident / member of the community living in the area served by Seaton Sluice Middle School	NE26 4EA	Yes	State of the art facilities for all students in SVF seems fair and right.	None	Could the SSMS site be a nature hub or forest school or nursery or sports hub?
Resident / member of the community living in the Seaton Valley area	Ne250jg	Yes	Better facilities for students and more opportunities for staff development	None	None
Parent of a student at Seaton Sluice Middle School	Ne25 0fs	Yes	I think that any proposed improvement to facilities is positive. The school at Seaton Sluice is outdated and too far away for the catchment school in Seghill.	None	Sell the land and put the money directly into the new school.
Staff member in Astley Community High School	NE66 1AU	Yes	I currently work as a school librarian for the Seaton Valley Federation and work across all three schools. While I understand that Seaton Sluice Middle School is a great school and I would be sad to see it close, I can clearly see the benefit to staff and students if the middle schools are merged and the facilities are improved and shared.	none	none
Parent of a student at Whytrig Middle School	NE25 0JE	Yes	It would be a good thing I believe	None	None
Parent of a student at another school	NE25 0DE	Yes	The buildings they have are old and falling apart, coming together will provide new and improved facilities for the current pupils and future ones(my kids)	None	None
Parent of a student at another school	NE25 0TT	Yes	The current buildings are in desperate need of updating and the new school would provide a higher level of facilities for the children and staff.	None	None
Staff member in Whytrig Middle School	NE61 1UU	Yes	I believe that the pupils and parents benefit from the relationships we currently build successfully because we are a small school. We are able to get to know individuals well and provide personalised opportunities that may not be on offer at a bigger school. Also, because the catchment is small, even the youngest pupils tend to make their own way to school. The issues we have with traffic will only be increased if we move to a joint site. However, I am hopeful that the benefits of a new, larger, modern school will outweigh these factors. Our current premises at WMS are not fit for purpose and the pupils will benefit from custom-built, state of the art facilities. It would not be fair if their peers at SSMS did not have equal access; it was cause great resentment in the area. Also, with more teaching staff per year group, there could be a better work/life balance for teachers as they wouldn;t have so many different hats to wear; this would have a knock on positive effect for the quality of teaching and learning. Also, with a larger staff comes greater expertise across the curriculum.	To keep two middle schools as now - but invest equally in both!	I would like to hope that it would continue to be of community value.
Staff member in Astley Community High School	Ne288sb	Yes	It will provide more up to date facilities for all students in the federation. Having worked at Astley for a long time and SSMS for a few years along side this, I feel that the students who attend SSMS would be placed at a disadvantage if they stayed as a stand alone school. I also think that the school would not stay as it is for long as I know that as a parent if I had the choice, as both schools are in the same federation, I would send my children to the school with the better facilities.	None	None

Staff member in Astley Community High School		Ne25 0eh	Yes	I believe the resources that are planned for the new site could benefit so more students in the Seaton Valley area. It would be a shame for SSMS students to miss out. I do appreciate that some families may be upset with an amalgamation but I feel the positives outweigh the negatives.	None	I do hope that if the amalgamation goes ahead that any sites left behind will not be used to build new houses as the Seaton Valley villages are already losing their village feel, which is one of the main reasons my family moved to the area. Maybe the SSMS could be used as a community and heritage centre for the local area.
Other	Live in community	NE24 3uz	Yes	I think it will be good for the community to be one, other areas have done this also. I think it's a great idea. The children will benefit from this proposal and they're the main focus in the situation.	None	N/a
Resident / member of the community living in the Seaton Valley area		NE25 0DW	Yes	The proposal states that is the best option. I have to assume that the staff and pupils and parents all agree to this. If the above reasons are incorrect, then I have been misled!	I do not have the relevant expertise or knowledge to make such a proposal.	I do not live in Seaton Sluice. I believe that the residents of Seaton Sluice, and those living close to that school should have the greatest say in what happens to the building and land.
Staff member in Astley Community High School		NE28 6IH	Yes	-The amalgamation will enable all students across the Seaton Valley Federation to access the same resources and therefore enable greater parity of experience before high school. -Students will be better supported as there will be more opportunity for staff to work across both phases meaning staff will know the students and their individual needs better, students will be less anxious about transition, and there will be less of a skills loss during transition as a result. The benefits of this are already evident in the Whytrig students as they already reap the benefits of shared facilities and staff teaching across both phases. - The 3 tier system is often sold on the basis that students get subject specialist teaching earlier in their education. Whilst this is valid in theory, in practice, when middle schools are very small, there is not enough staffing capacity for this to actually happen. Some subjects at the middle schools are taught by teachers with no formal qualifications or training in one or more of the subjects they are delivering. Whilst these staff do excellent jobs and are supported, where necessary, by the subject specialists at the high school, this	None.	According to the environment website <a href="https://coastal.climatecentral.org/">https://coastal.climatecentral.org/</a> (which uses prediction data from a number of sources including the IPCC 2021) by 2030 the current site of Seaton Sluice Middle school is likely to be at least partially underwater at high tides and during floods due to rising sea levels, with the site being almost entirely underwater by 2050. We have already seen an increase in seasonal flooding in the fields adjacent to the SSMS site. The implication is that the current SSMS school site will become untenable in the foreseeable future. It would seem this is a prime opportunity to avert the possibility of future educational disruption resulting from climate change by securing a location for the students of Seaton Sluice which is not at risk of flooding from sea level rise.
Parent of a student at Astley Community High School		Ne250jb	Yes	I am in agreement with regards to the schools merging, however against an already stretched piece of land being used for pick up and drop offs of children. It is already over crowded and unsafe and is something that would need to be reviewed.	No	No
Other	Staff member at ACHS and WMS	NE25 9UH	Yes	I believe the new school would offer huge benefits to all pupils and staff, it would be a shame if students at SSMS were to miss out from top quality facilities. We already see staff training together and liaising termly, students coming up from Seaton Sluice for activities, during lockdown pupils attended WMS. They will cope well and become a cohesive school community.	None	The land at SSMS may be liable to future coastal flooding.



Staff member in Astley Community High School	NE209NE	Yes	<p>My personal view is that I firmly believe that the benefits of a new build school should be available to all member of the SVF and not just those who attend ACHS and WMS. Fantastic new facilities and better opportunities for all stakeholders has to be a good thing. All of the current buildings are beyond their best and I wouldn't want to be part of a federation where many students had access to "the best" and some others only had access to "second best". I believe that a drift from SSMS to the new middle school would be likely anyway if the amalgamation didn't take place.</p>	None	No
Staff member in Seaton Sluice Middle School	NE250NN	Yes	<p>Staff at SSMS do an amazing job with the facilities they have and new, modern, fit for purpose facilities are long over due and one can only imagine the results with these better new facilities.</p> <p>One hall for lunch, assemblies and PE makes life very hard to coordinate.</p> <p>Many parts of the building are old and failing. Toilets are too small for the numbers of students.</p> <p>Parking in the community/area is dangerous at the start and end of the day. A lot more cars used now for student transport than when the school was built.</p> <p>Nostalgia is great, but doesn't help the new students to learn and achieve to their potential</p>	None	To not amalgamate and join in the new facilities awarded to Astley and Whytrig would create a 2 tier education system in Seaton Valley which would be detrimental to Students at SSMS and many parents would vote with their feet anyway and apply to Whytrig so their children have access to the best facilities thus jepodising the future of SSMS anyway. Better to plan for the future now when its is more cost effective to build the new schools to accommodate SSMS rather than expanded them so soon afterwards.
Staff member in Seaton Sluice Middle School	NE3 3uz	Yes	<p>- The current SSMS school building\facilities are no longer fit for purpose. It would be incredibly unfair on the future generations of Seaton Sluice Middle children if they were to be denied access to new high class, modern facilities.</p> <p>- SSMS and WMS already share in so many areas. Staff are already part of one federation so we share working practices, which would make the disruption to staff and students minimal. SSMS students are already driven by bus to access WMS swimming pool\Sports facilities on a regular basis (an expense in both money and time).</p> <p>SSMS and WMS sites already share in many parts of the IT Infrastructure. SSMS currently only have IT Support physically on site for 30% of a normal week, meaning jobs requiring physical access need to wait until a member of staff is on site again.</p> <p>I believe that any decision should have the children at the centre of our focus. As a member of staff across the Seaton Valley federation, I believe that the amalgamation is unquestionably the correct decision.</p>	NONE	NONE
Resident / member of the community living in the area served by Seaton Sluice Middle School	NE26 4BH	Yes	<p>I think all children deserve a good education with excellent facilities. The middle school is falling to pieces and I don't think the children will be on a level footing if Seaton Sluice is excludled from the new school.</p>	None	I think people are worried they will lose the use of the school. Maybe use it as a focal meeting point ie youth club, coffee mornings use of the sports field . This will help bring the community together.

Parent of a student at Seaton Sluice Middle School	Ne250st	Yes	We live in seaton delaval and my son goes to seaton sluice because his friends from New Hartley first school went to sluice so would be easier for him to go to school if it was merged into the Astley high school grounds	None	Possibly a leisure centre with soft play and things for the kids to do there's not a lot of places for the kids around seaton sluice/new Hartley/ seaton delaval
Parent of a student at Seaton Sluice Middle School	Ne250ew	Yes	Think it is a great idea	None	None
Staff member in Astley Community High School	NE63 0FD	Yes	I believe the amalgamation will be the best for the students at Seaton Sluice Middle School as they will have access to the new facilities, also being on the same site as the high school will again benefit the students	NA	NA
Resident / member of the community living in the Seaton Valley area	Ne250ns	Yes	I think the larger middle school will make the transition to high school easier for my child when he gets to that age.	None	Preferably not selling it for more houses. Something for the community would be nice.
Resident / member of the community living in the area served by Seaton Sluice Middle School	NE26 4JH	Yes	Plus I don't think it would be fair for astley and whytrig to get a new build but no money for seaton sluice It will be cost effective providing that only Astley site is used. This will only add another maximum of 60 children, which is only another 2 or 3 more classrooms in the new build. This will inevitably mean some teachers will be lost, retired or relocated elsewhere. I have personal experience of merging middle schools and benefited from this, before we all moved together to attend Astley in 1972. Therefore I see this as a positive social experience for the children. Access to better facilities that students across the country have access to and Seaton Valley will be left behind if it does not go ahead.	Build a combined middle school at the old Whytrig site which will be convenient for the new railway station at Seaton Delaval due to open in 2024. This will improve transport links for the local community and some teachers may be able to use it, reducing car use.	1. Give the site to 'The Learning and Skills Service' to use for education. They have no current facility in South East Northumberland, where the majority of the population live. 2. Move the first school to the Middle school site. It's a bigger site and would retain the sports field for the community. The first school site is more suitable for residential development.
Staff member in Astley Community High School	NE23 7ER	Yes	Access to better facilities that students across the country have access to and Seaton Valley will be left behind if it does not go ahead.	N/A	Sold for houses to help fund the school.
Staff member in Whytrig Middle School	NE638XZ	Yes	Both Middle school buildings and Astley high are in need of repair. It would be unfair on Seaton sluice if Astley and Whytrig to get a new build and fantastic facilities and Seaton sluice get nothing.	I do not have an alternative proposal	/
Staff member in Astley Community High School	NE23 7TD	Yes	For me it's that simple Both my children have just left Astley High School and I now work at Astley and Whytrig. For years the school have been at a disadvantage with old facilities. Surrounding areas have had upgrades and new builds and up to date facilities which have enhanced the pupils learning. I have seen first hand how the transition from Middle to High works. I feel the Whytrig School pupils settle into High school easier and the transition is easier because of the joint site and shared facilities and staff. This would make transition much easier for both schools if they were together from year 5. I know others are apprehensive about losing the care in middle school because of the higher pupil numbers. That isn't an issue at Astley. The pastoral team are fantastic and I am sure that would be the same in the Middle school if both middle schools joined.	None	No

Parent of a student at Astley Community High School	Ne26 4jh	Yes	I'd like a new build house and seaton sluice middle school is prime land for new private and social housing for the community	Have a 2 tier system. Primary and High School	Knock it down, sell the land and build new affordable housing
Parent of a student at Seaton Sluice Middle School	NE264JY	Yes	I think both middle schools are in need of updating and combining the sites will allow them to build better facilities that will benefit all.	Saves on overhead costs and resources, allowing surplus funding to be used for pupil benefits like subsidised school trips None	Not sure what should be placed on the existing school site but I don't believe the village infrastructure is in place to handle new houses on the site. There are new housing developments springing up all over the county with little or no thought being given to the impact of increased traffic and increased families for the already struggling local schools.
Resident / member of the community living in the area served by Seaton Sluice Middle School	NE26	Yes	We need a new state of the art school if we are ever to improve the life chances of children in the North East.	None.	The Seaton Sluice site should be used for housing, BUT more than four social rented houses out of 295 which are being built in New Hartley!!  Seaton Sluice has a shortage of one bedroom flats for single people. Only 12 single person flats owned by Homes for Northumberland.
Other	Staff member working across all three schools NE61 2SG	Yes	It's a tremendous opportunity to provide first class facilities for the benefit of ALL children Y5 and up in Seaton Valley. Why should the SSMS pupils/catchment miss out on this? I'm also very concerned that without the merger, parents will try to avoid sending their children to SSMS (particularly those from Seghill who would have to pass the new school on their way to SSMS) and that falling pupil numbers will ultimately make SSMS unviable. But really it's about the best possible education for all Seaton Valley children, and the proposed merger would best meet that objective.	None.	None.
Resident / member of the community living in the Seaton Valley area	Ne250pb	Yes	All school services on one site, all pupils and staff will have access to all its amenities.	None	Moving the site of the school from where it is now. Much better access for parents dropping off children. There are lots of complaints from local residents now about it. Move the school to a less intrusive site which won't impact on residents as much. Have a large dedicated drop off point with lots of parking outside the school perimeter for parents and careers.

Staff member in another school	NE25 9XE	Yes	<p>As Headteacher within the Seaton Valley Partnership, I am supportive and committed to the educational development and deployment of capital investment to create the very best outcomes and new, exciting opportunities for the pupils within the area.</p> <p>I agree that it is important to provide equal opportunities for the pupils of both Whytrig Middle and Seaton Sluice Middle and I can appreciate that in terms of capital investment, merging plans and developing a shared facility could be the most effective option and creative use of funding.</p> <p>This of course, is reliant on having a robust management plan in place that outlines the different stages of this ambitious project, which has the commitment of all leaders to support the project not just in the next three years but for the next couple of years after the new settings actually open.</p> <p>I myself, have been part of senior leadership during the 'Putting The Learner First' agenda resulting in the closure of the Blyth middle schools with the move from a three-tier to a two-tier system. I am therefore, well aware of</p>	<p>There is the option of the first schools converting into primary settings. Whilst I can appreciate, from an expenditure point of view, this will have far greater financial implications in terms of capital expenditure, there are many benefits. It would provide stability and excellent educational outcomes as well as cater for the social and emotional development. This model would best support our parents and carers, keeping families with us for two additional years. A smaller setting has greater capacity to provide more personalised pastoral care and family support for younger children. As a school, we work very effectively with NCC and external agencies, engaging with our families to best support the full spectrum of needs, including supporting mental health. We are confident in the difference that we make to our pupils and their families and would love to be able to keep them with us for an additional two years. However, as Headteacher, both I and my governors are very aware, that a two-tier system has not been discussed and is most likely not on the agenda. I am merely stating that should this be an option for consideration, we would be fully committed to making a success of it.</p>	<p>As mentioned above.</p> <p>As Headteacher of Seaton Sluice First School, I feel passionate about the need for all Headteachers within the partnership to have a voice within these plans. Up until this point, the proposal has been a discussion between the leadership team and governors within the Seaton Valley Federation with the announcement of the project being the release of the consultation. It would be most beneficial for staff (not just Headteachers) to have their views listened to and for the planning of this ambitious project, to be a shared responsibility. Already, this is having an impact on my school. I have already lost two pupils as parents are worried about the plans to amalgamate and have chosen schools for their children in different areas. I feel that we all need to be working together to agree the very best outcomes for the pupils, with first school involvement. This is so important as we know our own pupils the best and also need to present as supportive, knowledgeable and in agreement with the plans when approached by our parents and carers.</p> <p>My biggest priority is making sure that due</p>
Staff member in another school	NE26 1DJ	Yes	<p>Allow children from Seaton Sluice to have access to ARP and newer buildings</p>	None	None
Staff member in Astley Community High School	NE7 7LE	Yes	<p>I think it offers excellent opportunities for all students. The new facilities will benefit everyone.</p>	None.	<p>Sell it for housing.</p>
Parent of a student at Astley Community High School	NE25 0EG	Yes	<p>I have three younger children who will be attending the school in the future, commencing 2024 one child will be in year 6/7 I believe there will be better resources and learning development if schools emerge and will be beneficial for transitioning of all children into Astley.</p>	No	<p>Elderly Day center.</p>
Staff member in Astley Community High School	NE24 4QR	Yes	<p>Improved/more varied facilities for pupils and staff</p> <p>Improved transition for SSMS pupils moving into Astley</p> <p>Community opportunities</p> <p>Federation all on one site, share resources and experiences</p>	N/A	N/A
Resident / member of the community living in the Seaton Valley area	NE25 0EY	Yes	<p>I think the proposal to amalgamate Seaton Sluice Middle and Whytrig Middle School will benefit in several ways. Firstly it would be cost effect with the payback over years being shorten. Next bringing both schools together will generate harmony both to the pupils and teachers and a better quality of teaching shall we say of everyone singing from the same hymn sheet.</p> <p>Bringing pupils from different areas together is a plus which would help the community benefit in years to come.</p>	None	No

Parent of a student at Astley Community High School		NE250DR	Yes	Simple, cost. The present buildings are old, inefficient in running. I get that some won't like that but the education of our children should be the most important aspect.	I do not agree with yet again the suggestions that the fields at Manners Gardens should be allocated for this school venture. This was thrown out last time and the mess Seaton Delaval is in with traffic congestion is a disgrace. There is nothing wrong with using the present land where Astley High is situated. I pray the council use common sense, but I doubt there is anyone with that. Stop building on green fields destroying what natural habitat we have. As for Seaton Sluice Middle I as many will see this as a land grab for developer's to build more houses, more people, more traffic and no new infrastructure which why Seaton Delavals a mess. Oh and the more council tax revenue for council coffers	None on the imagination. Just keep on present site and take LOCAL factors into consideration. Not just Blah Blah Blah. Consider the residents that live here. Consider the effects on your actions. There is so much potential to be gained. Cashing in, selling assets and paying rent for land you might not own. You impact on the voting public and you represent them least you forget
Parent of a student at another school		Ne237tq	Yes	Because I have two children. One is currently at Sluice and I recognise that this school ultimately needs a much needed update. My daughter has to travel once a week to (costing us £10) to go to the Astley site to swim and other sports. Sluice either needs to be updated or I believe if this is not possible the move makes sense. My second child will be effected by this if the proposals go ahead. My only concern is for the best education and facilities that he can have. Not where the building is.	Use the sluice site for middle and high school. No	
Parent of a student at another school	Seaton Delaval First School	NE25 0FE	Yes	Due to increasing pressures, financial and otherwise, the school block and high needs block funding is stretched too thinly. On top of this, the Sluice site needs capital expenditure for modernisation. By amalgamating the sites, with additional funding, improvements could be made that would benefit all middle school aged children in the Seaton Valley partnership.	A two-tier system of primary and secondary would be my preference.	Sports and leisure facilities, equal to those available in the Morpeth, Ashington, Blyth and Cramlington areas. With the increasing number of housing developments in the area, these facilities are desperately needed and are not reflective of those found in North Tyneside or in other areas of Northumberland.
Staff member in Astley Community High School		NE24 3JH	Yes	I think it is the best solution for the schools in the federation and give the pupils of Seaton Sluice an opportunity to benefit from the new facilities. We are also working very closely with Seaton Sluice Middle and sharing many of the functions across the federation which is very cost effective as has been demonstrated since Whytrig Middle moved on to the Astley site.	None	I think the proposal has good reasoning behind it and will be for the benefit of all of the pupils in the Federation.
Staff member in Astley Community High School		NE35 9LX	Yes	The suggestion made for the new site and facilities are excellent which will provide staff and students excellent opportunities across all year groups.	N/A	N/A
Staff member in Astley Community High School		NE259QA	Yes	All three schools are in need of a new build. It will be lovely to have all schools on one site who would benefit from the modern school and facilities. This would also enable a smooth transition for students moving from the middle to high school! Curriculum development, CPD etc would be consistent across all three schools and managed more easily on one site! Extra facilities will benefit all students and the community as a whole!	N/A	I think the amalgamation of the middle schools is a good idea. Seaton Sluice school is in desperate need of a new build! I feel the school will need to be pulled down completely and the land used for something different!

Parent of a student at Seaton Sluice Middle School	NE23 7SS	Yes	All schools will benefit from more up to date facilities plus having sports facilities on campus will reduce transport.	None	Should be used as an outdoor education centre to highlight the area around and not simply demolished and a new housing estate containing further housing that no first time buyer could afford.
Staff member in Astley Community High School	NE26 1NU	Yes	There are clear advantages of scale that all students will benefit from in many subject areas as well as extracurricular activities. These include equipment, facilities as well as a larger staff body in each faculty (without it becoming too big) that will facilitate dynamic exchange of expertise and best practice, as well as improving the schools' abilities to deal with unforeseen absences and additional workload.  Moreover, sharing of expertise and information between the Middle School and High School would improve even further, which should not only have a positive impact on transition from Middle to High School, but also significantly enrich pupil experience during their time at Middle School	none	no
Parent of a student at Seaton Sluice Middle School	Ne244bq	Yes	New facilities can only be a good thing for all the schools involved here. As for travel, pupils already travel from many areas to other schools, so in the long run, I can only see that centralisation will work out cheaper for bus hire etc.	None. People just dont like change, thats all. Why keep pupils at broken schools that constantly require fixing and upgrading? Its a waste of taxpayer money.  It must however be done PROPERLY without corner cutting to save a few quid. And the proposed middle school must be of an adequate size with plenty of expansion room for the influx of new pupils that will happen in a few years time with all the new residential properties being built in the local area around Blyth, Delaval and New Hartley. This MUST be taken into account to avoid future crowding problems at this new school site.	The school could become a new community hub for sports, and all the local groups in the area. A great space for music group rehearsal with rooms for hire at a reasonable price.
Parent of a student at Seaton Sluice Middle School	NE25 0SX	Yes	The middle and high schools are very dated and the new schools sound amazing for better education	None	None
Parent of a student at Seaton Sluice Middle School	Ne25 0ed	Yes	Benefits my child personally living closer to that site. New up to date facilities which can be used and accessed by all students of SVF. Easier transition into high school.	None	None
Parent of a student at Seaton Sluice Middle School	NE24 4TJ	Yes	Excellent opportunity for all students to learn in new premises with everyone near to all the school facilities.	No	No

Parent of a student at Seaton Sluice Middle School	Ne237ew	Yes	Generally a big yes. No need for two schools to be separated. I'm in favour for a bright future for all pupils to have equal opportunities. But one thing which I would like clarification on is who and why will get transport put on for them. Even though I live in Seghill, not far at all if it is on the Astley site already and I don't drive. I will struggle to get my child there, depending on what employment I will be in too, at that time is a massive negative point from my point of view. With the secondary age, with a lot of people having younger siblings to think about also. ( getting them to school the same time, will be such a worry ) A SHUTTLE bus ( I know it's money but this is needed for a piece of mind ) from cramlington through to Seghill ( more intake from burradon / annitsford cramlington areas ) then one from Seaton sluice/ Newhartley. If cars were to go into it, there needs to be only one way for them. Buses could park up where they do now on the same side and go straight in. Or even better through the one way on the site. If this is done correctly for everyone's safety and parents to not worry about the safety of their children, then it would be a fantastic start.	Only way is to revamp Sluice but it's not going to happen. Safety alone there, between them houses is always a concern. It will be better in the long run to move on. I understand people from the area benefit massively, as it's right on their door step but it's not ideal at all for many of reasons. If there was a but provided then , there's no excuse. This school probably will be eventually demolished, as it won't be fit for purpose in the coming years. Very sad but we need to be realistic.	Probably houses. Unsure. The residents along there should have abit more to say on what's bests. What's practical to have. Sports hall with other amenities similar to Blyth sports centre but mainly to use for the outdoor pitches side of it, football , tennis
Parent of a student at Astley Community High School	NE26 1qr	Yes	It's a great idea and about time! The whole area of Seaton Valley deserves access to new educational and community facilities. All 3 schools are in disrepair and have lacked investment for many years (unlike other schools in Northumberland) - it makes sense that all 3 schools benefit rather than 2 out of the 3; this would be unfair, unjust and unequal. Obviously, some children would have to be bused to the 2 schools however, a lot of children already get the bus to and from school. For example, children travel from Blyth, Cramlington, Seghill, New Hartley, Whitley Bay and Seaton Sluice.	None	NO
Staff member in Astley Community High School	NE26 1qr	Yes	Fully support the amalgamation of the 3 schools.	None	No
Resident / member of the community living in the Seaton Valley area	ne25 0jr	Yes	It's an excellent opportunity to offer first class educational facilities and community facilities to the whole of Seaton Valley. It makes sense as all children aged 9-18 will be able to access such facilities. It will allow further liaison between staff which will in turn benefit the pupils.	None	No
Resident / member of the community living in the Seaton Valley area	ne25 0jr	Yes	Great idea - Seaton Valley deserves this investment and it means that all children in the area will benefit as well as the community.	None	No
Resident / member of the community living in the Seaton Valley area	ne25 0jr	Yes	Yes - a first class high school and middle school on one site with first class community facilities is a great idea. The whole area deserves this investment.	None	No

Staff member in Astley Community High School	ne3 5pa	Yes	I believe that this is a invaluable decision, the amalgamation of the schools will allow every student within the federation to be able to access all the same facilities, staff and ethos that we stand for as a federation. If the school were not amalgamated the students at Seaton Sluice would be disadvantaged as they wouldnt be able to access the new school facilities.	I do not think that there is any advantage for the schools to not amalgamate and therefore there is not alternative that is any better to offer.	The joining of the three schools on one site is the best option for all student, staff and wider community - together is better
Staff member in Astley Community High School	NE258TN	Yes	The new facilities planned will benefit both students from WMS and SSMS. The education of both groups of students will be more consistent if these students are taught together before they move onto high school.	None	1. It could be used as a new primary school. 2. The site could be used for new housing (combination of styles and sizes) for people and families who are unable to live in the village they grew up in. This would support the need for more new and modern housing in the area, providing more jobs for local people during the building phase.
Parent of a student at Seaton Sluice Middle School	Ne26 4jw	Yes	Better facilities provided	N/a	Something for the local children would be nice, a youth club, skate park
Resident / member of the community living in the area served by Seaton Sluice Middle School	NE26 4RQ	Yes	Will be more central for the students served by SSMS.	N/A	N/A
Staff member in Astley Community High School	NE289YS	Yes	Facilities will be improved and become more cost effective by having one shared site with these new Facilities available to all schools using the site. I support the proposal for the following reasons 1. SSMS is in dire need of repair and updating. Not only in terms of the structure of the building but also in IT, catering, sports facilities and drama. We can no longer put a sticking plaster over these. 2. SSMS students will be at a huge educational disadvantage in comparison to WMS when they transistion to the new High School. WMS students will have had access to all of the latest educational tools/IT/facilities etc in their new building(s). 3. Yr 5 SSMS already ome to ASCH one a week for PE and access to the pool and sports facilities. Why limit it to year 5? Give all years access to the same to the same facilities and opportunities. 4.SSMS will be seen as the 'poor relation' and I feel a number of parents will vote with their feet and remove their students from SSMS to WMS once the new build is complete (ACHS lost a lot significant number of students to Bede when it opened as a brand new school for that very reason). Will this make SSMS untenable as the cost of keeping the building open could possibly outstrip the money coming in?	No. I believe all students should be given the same opportunities - I would be very upset if we (as a SVF community) left a number of students 'behind' .	As those who are against the proposal to do 2 things. 1. Ask to visit Ponteland or QEHS and see what a new build looks like and the educational advantages it brings 2. Then walks around SSMS!!  That will help to give them a much more informed opinion
Staff member in Astley Community High School	NE25 0RN	Yes	I work for the Seaton Valley Federation across all three schools and see this as a fantastic opportunity for the children of the two middle schools to get the best learning experience possible.	N/A	N/A



Other	Ex-student of astley and Seaton sluice and staff at whytrig middle school	Ne24 3na	Yes	I support the proposal for this to go ahead I have only worked at whytrig middle school since September but previous to that I was a student at astley high school and Seaton sluice middle school and from my experience all of the school only want what is best for the kids. From what I have heard from the proposal it is a really good opportunity for all school and I wish I could go back to school so I could get to use what they will be getting as it sounds amazing. I don't see why some parents from Seaton sluice wouldn't want the best facilities for their kids to learn in, I get that they love Seaton sluice middle and it's an amazing place to be this coming from an ex-student but sometime we have to say goodbye to things when such a good opportunity comes up and look at it with an open mind because when you get an opportunity like this you can't just let it go past.	None	None
Staff member in Astley Community High School		Ne26 2dy	Yes	Sensible proposal to maximise the number of students who would benefit from the facilities and resources provided by a brand new school building.	None	Keep open land for public use. Not more housing.
Parent of a student at another school		NE25 0JZ	Yes	The proposed amalgamation will have benefits for my two children and minimal to zero negative impacts. My older son would transition to the new amalgamated middle school as a year five student in September 2024 with no disruption. We live in Seaton Delaval so there are no transport issues and we are far enough away from the site to avoid potential traffic congestion issues. I think we are in a very fortunate position in this respect and I appreciate other people will encounter problems if the proposal goes ahead but we personally have no reason to contest it.	None	n/a
Parent of a student at Whytrig Middle School		Ne25 Off	Yes	The new build will offer such fantastic facilities for the students to support their learning. Along with the opportunities it will open up for the community. I can't see why parents would choose to send their children to an old unfit for purpose school in Seaton Sluice when a new state of the art school will be a couple of miles away. No doubt over times pupil numbers at sluice would dwindle.	Na	Na

Parent of a student at Whytrig Middle School	NE25 0FF	Yes	The benefits of amalgamation with fantastic proposed resources available for all students in the Seaton Valley Federation outweigh the negatives and reservations that the students and parents of Seaton Sluice school may perceive to exist from this proposal. All of the current schools in the federation are outdated with some of the students having to do their school work in makeshift portable cabins. A brand new school with brand new facilities should benefit all children in Seaton Delaval, Seaton Sluice, Seghill and New Hartley, and not just the students of Whytrig and Astley. In a growing and developing area with strong foundations in the past mining industry, this investment in a modern school alongside the investment in housing, railway and other infrastructure is necessary and much needed, especially as there has been a severe lack of investment in Seaton Valley for over a generation now.	N/A	N/A
Staff member in Astley Community High School	NE65 8BJ	Yes	My main reasons behind supporting this amalgamation are the huge benefit it would bring for students as they progress through the middle school to the high school and being able to share the resources and facilities that a new school would bring.  It would also improve the continuity of the teaching, as teachers from across the entire federation would be in a position to develop curricula on a daily basis as opposed to the present termly liaisons that are often difficult to arrange/accommodate due to differing working patterns.  It would also allow staff to share teaching ideas and knowledge of students more effectively as they progressed through the federation leading to better teaching and pupil support something I have witnessed in other schools where similar mergers have taken place.  I also strongly believe that having the ARP accessible for students from both middle schools would hugely benefit the SEND students at Seaton Sluice and the continuity of education this would provide for these	No	No
Staff member in Seaton Sluice Middle School	NE26 4AF	Yes	I believe that Seaton Sluice Middle School no longer has suitable facilities for its pupils, due to a serious lack of investment over many years. If there is no funding available for SSMS, then our pupils will be at a serious disadvantage to other pupils in the Federation if we do not amalgamate. All children in Northumberland, and indeed across the country, should be entitled to equality of education in terms of facilities that will enhance their learning experiences. If NCC will not provide this, then we have no choice but to support such a proposal.	I think it would have been good to explore funding for SSMS as an alternative to this proposal but I don't think this was given as an option.	The building is in need of so much work, that it would require a great deal of funding to make it suitable for anything else.

Staff member in Astley Community High School	ne290ly	Yes	<p>Seaton Sluice Middle School is in dreadful condition. Amalgamating the two schools is sensible and beneficial to the whole Seaton Valley Federation. Children in the area all deserve first class facilities, and I would hate to think of SSMS children being left behind.</p> <p>If the two schools do not amalgamate, it is clear that with the increase in PAN at Whytrig Middle School that many parent who would have sent their child to SSMS will send them to WMS when they see the facilities on offer. This will lead to a falling roll at SSMS and all the negative consequences that that would bring to the school, staff and students.</p> <p>This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to provide amazing education to ALL children in the Seaton Valley area. I am convinced that if we fail to embrace this, we will regret it in the years to come. From what I have seen, the vocal minority who oppose the amalgamation are ill informed, and their objections are based on emotion and not grounded in evidence.</p>	none	none
Resident / member of the community living in the Seaton Valley area	NE23 7ER	Yes	<p>How can anyone sit by and watch students be taught in a run down building for self interest of a few. This is about everyone and the benefits it will bring for students.</p> <p>All students will end up at the new high school, so why should Sluice kids be disadvantaged through middle school when they will be there anyway in year 9.</p> <p>Don't throw away the once in a lifetime chance.</p>	No other plan would match the offer on the table which is once in a lifetime.	The land should be used for housing.
Staff member in Whytrig Middle School	NE3 2HR	Yes	<p>I think it would be fantastic to give all children in the Seaton Valley Federation the same opportunities and access to the same amazing new facilities.</p>	none	none
Staff member in Astley Community High School	NE24 4DE	Yes	<p>Students at SSMS will benefit from facilities on a new build site as well as access to specialist teaching from high school staff. The site sharing between Whytrigg and ACHS currently works well.</p>	none	No
Staff member in Astley Community High School	NE638JB	Yes	<p>IT IS ONLY FAIR THAT ALL OF THE STUDENTS PRESENT AND FUTURE BENEFIT FROM THE NEW FACILITIES BEING OFFERED.</p>	NONE	NO

Staff member in Astley Community High School	NE13 6LH	Yes	<p>This is an incredible opportunity for all the students of the Seaton Valley Federation. The quality of the educational experience will be outstanding and all students within the SVF deserve access to this education. Amalgamating SSMS and WMS to provide this opportunity can only be a good thing.</p>	None	None
Resident / member of the community living in the area served by Seaton Sluice Middle School	NE264ds	Yes	<p>The facilities that a new build will provide for the students of the SVF will enable students to access the very best education possible to them. It is only fair and moral that the students of SSMS be able to access these facilities and the provision this will bring. By amalgamating WMS and SSMS it will enable consistency to be provided for all pupils within the SVF rather than just at WMS and ACHS.</p> <p>WMS currently shares a site with ACHS and this works very well. WMS remains a middle school whilst it shares facilities with the high school. The amalgamation of SSMS and WMS would have the same benefits and success as currently with the added positive of a new build school.</p> <p>The school was old when my eldest went through it and was quite restrictive in terms of access to basic amenities like toilets and sports facilities. When my youngest went through a few years later the building was looking tired and in need of updating.</p>	<p>If I still had kids in school now then I would have had to consider paying for them to travel to Whitley Bay schools rather than Seaton Sluice so to merge the schools in a new build then I would be happy if they had to be bussed to that school. They were bussed from New Hartley when we lived there so its no big issue.</p>	<p>Why have the school been allowed to get in this state before a new school was looked at and to delay longer is a travesty for the kids at school today. How can they compete against all the kids in the North East who have had the best of facilities.</p>
Resident / member of the community living in the Seaton Valley area	NE23 7TR	Yes	<p>The building of a new school for Astley and Whytrig is going ahead, apparently a decision still has to be taken to include SSMS. NCC will be balancing the cost of including SSMS as opposed to the future upkeep and maintenance costs of keeping SSMS open in its present form for the next 20 years or whatever it may be.</p> <p>What is going to happen then? Will the proposed new school be extend to incorporate SSMS or will NCC build a new SSMS in the future, I very much doubt it. NCC are just going through the consultation process just so they can say you did have a chance to consult, what the public want will have very little if any effect in the decision making.</p>	None	None

Staff member in Astley Community High School		Ne270XD	Yes	<p>The amalgamation would ensure the quality of facilities across the whole federation. To leave the students of Seaton sluice behind would be like sending them back in time.</p> <p>The Seaton Sluice site is not up to the standard we need for our students across the federation and is in no way future proofed to withstand the potential for climate change related flooding nor the growing demands of a modern curriculum. Both the middle school currently have the provision of temporary mobile classroom structures which should be temporary but have been in use for beyond their average lifespan. Having a new build designed to an amalgamated middle school would be highly beneficial in offering an appropriate learning environment to both schools.</p> <p>An additional benefit would be the way in which students are taught across the two middle schools would become more cohesive making the transition to high school much more simple. It is sometimes the case that the two middle schools currently teach topics at different points in the Key Stage and therefore this affects the progress of students</p>	None - It would not be financially or logically viable to consider a different route.	The school site could be used to house any alternative provision perhaps. It could be used as a school for students whom struggle to access a mainstream education such as those with Special Education Needs, those with Social, Emotional or Mental Health needs, or those with behaviour which means that they cannot access a mainstream education.
Staff member in Astley Community High School		NE263PR	Yes	<p>Seaton Sluice pupils have the right to access the same modern facilities as students at Whytrig Middle and Astley High.</p>	None	No
Staff member in Astley Community High School		NE231AJ	Yes	<p>There will be a better transition for the students from middle school to high school. A brand new building would be great for the students and staff, providing updated facilities. All 3 schools are in need of an updated building. If they were not to amalgamate, Seaton Sluice would be left behind and the students would miss out on this opportunity and new facilities. This may then drive people away from sending their children there if there is a new school close by with much better facilities.</p>	None	None
Other	Staff and parent	NE25 0FR	Yes	<p>Modern facilities for the pupils, especially Technology, Science and PE.</p> <p>Canteen/dining facilities should be more comfortable for the pupils.</p> <p>Updated classrooms with up to date equipment.</p> <p>Teaching and learning improved through an increase of teachers in departments.</p> <p>Pupils improved attitude due to new facilities.</p>	No	No
Staff member in Astley Community High School		NE25 9PZ	Yes	<p>Improved facilities and access to the facilities for all children in Seaton Valley. A shared curriculum across both middle schools meaning all students join high school having had the same experience and access across the subject areas. All middle school students have access to subject specialist staff from the high school.</p>	None.	No.

Parent of a student at Whytrig Middle School	NE25 ONX	Yes	I think the students of both schools would benefit massively by being in a new school with improved facilities. Seaton Sluice school is dated and needs improving and Whytrig's site isn't big enough for all the students attending. I think all the students would gain a lot from new surroundings and it would have positive impact on their education. By merging the staff I think there would be improvements to teaching through shared knowledge and experience. Also the level of education and development would be more consistent by having one school, which would be beneficial for the students and staff when they join Astley. I also think it is good because there will be improved sports facilities for all of the students to experience.	None.	No.
Resident / member of the community living in the Seaton Valley area	NE25 0JT	Yes	All children in Seaton Valley would benefit from the improved facilities. Astley Community High School is in very poor condition, Seaton Valley parents have been promised this rebuild for a long time. The Conservative administration promises this in the budget then nothing materialises, the funding is withdrawn then put back at a later date. We need a new school with 21st Century facilities. Whytrig children are in mobile classrooms. Benefits to the community regarding access to sports facilities etc. could be improved.  However, parking at the present site on Elsdon Avenue and the surrounding streets already causes major problems and with more pupils the problem would escalate unless something could be done to take parking away from the nearby streets possibly being located somewhere on the school premises, not an easy option and safety is paramount. This is a fantastic opportunity for all middle and high school students in the local area. The new build will provide the very best of facilities for our children to ensure a state-of-the-art educational experience. I cannot understand how this could be opposed - it is an incredible learning opportunity that can only enhance and enrich the school experience for our children in the future.	One option would be to go 2 tier which in my opinion would be far better but I realise that this is extremely unlikely to happen although all of North Tyneside is not 3 tier e.g. Longbenton is 2 tier and I think Wallsend too and some parts of Tynemouth and Cullercoats not as stated in your FAQ. This would involve investment in 4/5 village schools so that's unlikely!  Another option could be a combined middle school equidistant for all children to travel to possibly near the situated off the Avenue on the fields there and a rebuild on Astley's site for the High School.	No as the building is in a terrible state according to the present Head Teacher.
Staff member in Astley Community High School	Ne6 5LE	Yes		N/a	No

Staff member in Seaton Sluice Middle School	NE63 9GF	Yes	<p>The current school building is not fit for purpose. We have more KS3 pupils than KS2 due to pupils joining from Blyth primary schools in Y7 and the staff don't have the facilities to provide them with the highest quality KS3 curriculum they would like to. e.g. PE is extremely limited due to a lack of indoor facilities. Today for example is extremely windy and pouring down with rain but the hall needs to be set up for lunch which takes 20-25 minutes so our 55 minute PE lesson is cut extremely short. the hall in itself isn't suitable for ball games anyway so we are extremely restricted to what we can offer.</p>	<p>Seaton Sluice Middle school to have significant investment, it would have to be a multi-million pound investment in order to bring us up to date with modern schools.</p>	<p>Could Seaton Sluice First School be offered this site moving forward?</p>
Student at Seaton Sluice Middle School	NE26 4ea	Yes	<p>I believe numbers would decrease in our school leading to redundancies if the other middle school has brand new state of the art facilities and we are left with nothing.</p>	None	None
Parent of a student at Seaton Sluice Middle School	NE26 4bj	Yes	<p>We want the children to achieve there academic potential and this school building does not inspire them to reach for the stars. When we visit other schools the children are blown away by their facilities.</p>	None	None
Student at Seaton Sluice Middle School	NE26 4ea	Yes	<p>I feel the children can only benefit from attending a new improved school and socialising with a wider mix of children will help the prepare for high school and make that move less daunting.</p>	None	None
Parent of a student at Seaton Sluice Middle School	NE26 4bj	Yes	<p>Listening to the arguements from others parents proves that the children need to mingle more to stop them developing the same small village, siege mentality. The arguement about a small nurturing school is exactly what is wrong with children. They are no longer allowed to try new things. I think making children go outside their comfort zone will help them flourish in the future. There will of course be children who won't adjust as well as others but they should be treated on an individual basis rather than holding the majority of children back.</p>	None	None