

Tickenham Parish Council's response to public consultation: Education Provision in North Somerset - A Commissioning Strategy 2021 - 2024

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Please Note:

Whilst regrettably individual responses are unlikely, all comments will be recorded publicly and will be available for scrutiny by the Executive (the decision makers) before the final decision to approve a commissioning strategy is made.

Please complete the questionnaire below, or alternatively you can email your comments to School.Organisation@n-somerset.gov.uk

1. Please provide your comments on the strategy and the stakeholder group that you are representing:		
We consider this may not be the right place to make these comments but we are surprised to see:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is only one reference to school meals (as part of an example on page 28). As part of the drive towards better health and wellbeing that is a stated aim of North Somerset Council surely some planning for the provision of healthy school meals should be within this document. No mention on the plans to remedy the devastation that COVID-19 has wreaked on schoolchildren's education. 		
Other comments on the strategy are detailed below.		
We represent the residents of Tickenham in our role as Tickenham Parish Councillors.		
2. Based on the information given in respect of the Public Sector Equality Duty in the Equality Impact Assessment included in the consultation documents, do you have any concerns about equality impacts that you would like to raise? You must provide an answer to this question.		
Yes	No	No View
If you answered 'Yes' and wish to expand upon your response and/or make additional comments, please use the space below (including details of the Protected Characteristic(s) category you wish us to consider).		
Not applicable		

Surprisingly, the above questionnaire does not contain the following questions that have been cut and pasted from the Adobe Acrobat Consultation document:

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Review - Page 7: Do you agree that North Somerset Council has assessed its role in school place provision correctly?
Yes, based on our limited knowledge on this subject
Review - Page 12: Were you aware of the above plans and do you have any comments to make about their delivery in relation to school place planning?
We are aware of plans that affect Tickenham. We have no further comments.
Review - Page 30: Have we recorded the data above correctly and are there any changes needed to existing or new partnerships needed going forward?
Yes, based on our limited and localised knowledge on this subject. We are intrigued to ascertain why having to pay for public examinations is given as a reason for an increase in home education as we would consider the reverse to be true.
Review - Page 51: Do you agree with the Operational Principles and Procedures outlined above? Should they be updated in any way?
Yes and no.

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Review – Page 58: Were you aware of the new places provided and to be delivered between 2018 – 21 and of the future for delivery?

No. We welcome the provision being made.

If not, how can the Council better update the community about current and potential plans?

It is hard work for non-experts to respond to most consultations as the consultations are designed badly. This consultation has most of its questions (that we think you would like a response to) hidden in the main document. Surely, these questions should have been highlighted (asked) on the consultation page, where they are conspicuously missing. It often appears that you are going through the motion because you have to consult but you do not want to put too much effort into it.

Review – Page 58: Are there any partners we have failed to list above?

You have listed Neighbouring Authorities twice but have failed to mention Town and Parish Councils