

2023-2024 School Admission Arrangements – Consultation Responses

Introduction

Between 1 October and 11 November 2021, a consultation exercise was conducted seeking the views of stakeholders on the 2023/24 school admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools.

The admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools include the Published Admission Number (PAN) for each school where the LA is the admissions authority and the oversubscription criteria which specifically include reference to catchment areas.

The LA consulted with all groups as required by the School Admissions Code with information being circulated using the Schools Portal (to all Cumbrian schools) and by e-mail. Schools were asked to share the information about the consultation with governors and with parents via any periodic communication such as a newsletter. Local Committees and Children and Young People's Scrutiny Advisory Board were also invited to comment. The information included a link to the county council consultation hub as well as details of how responses could be submitted.

Summary of Responses

Responses could be submitted either by the consultation hub, e-mail or in writing in the form a letter. A total of 94 responses were received, during the consultation period, the responses related to the proposed dual secondary school catchment area of Millom School and West Lakes Academy and/or the proposed definition of relevant areas for admission authorities in Cumbria. The responses were submitted via the consultation hub (92), e-mail (2) and letters (0). 14 of those responding were parents/grandparents, 76 of those responding did not indicate their status. the remaining responses were from a parish council (1), school governing body (1) and teachers association (2). 16 of those responses were not in relation to the consultation.

There were 78 responses relevant to the consultation, 16.6% (13) of those who responded were parents/grandparents; 79.5% (62) of those responded their status was not indicated; 1.3% (1) was from a parish council; 1.3% (1) was from a school governing body and 1.3% (1) was from a teachers association.

98.7% (77) of responses related to the proposed dual secondary school catchment area of Millom School and West Lakes Academy and 1.3% (1) response was for the proposed definition of relevant areas for admission authorities in Cumbria

Additional comments are set out in the attached table.

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	Comments About	General Comment	Interest	Other (Interest/school phase)	Area	Date	Consultation Hub	e-mail
1	Catchment Area	I think the proposed dual catchment for West Lakes and Millom is a fantastic idea, giving children and parents more choice in their secondary education. In the last few years West Lakes has been oversubscribed leaving children on the edge of the Catchment with no place and no second Catchment school choice.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	01/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
	Comments About	General Comment	Not Stated	Other – General Admissions	Not Stated	02/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
2	Catchment Area	I think a dual catchment for WLA and Millom for the children living in Gosforth, Seascale, Eskdale and surrounding areas is a fantastic idea as the primary schools catchment cover children that are in catchment to both and both schools have a fantastic transition programme. Being a parent of a child who was not offered a place at WLA academy due to it being oversubscribed was very stressful in addition there was the financial cost to consider. In this situation we could send her to Whitehaven without her friends for free with little or no transition or with her friend to Millom but have to pay for transport. It is wrong that those living furthest away from any secondary school should dread offer day for secondary school as we have littlest choice due to living rurally. Those parents living in Frizington, Cleator Moor area have several alternatives if they so wish, Whitehaven, Workington, Cockermouth and even Keswick in some cases. Please offer dual catchment to make our rural villages attractive to families as the have secondary school security without financial implications. Without families these villages will die.	Parent	Secondary	Not Stated	02/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
3	Catchment Area	Living in rural Cumbria a straight-line approach to catchment schools is not always the quickest way or the most realistic. I would appreciate a dual catchment for both Millom and West Lakes schools as historically both schools have a great relationship with	Not Stated	Secondary	Seascale	02/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	

		Seascale, Gosforth and Eskdale primary schools with existing transport arrangements in place. Living in Seascale children would get the chance to make a proper informed decision on a school and in case of oversubscription of one school families would not be financially disadvantaged. Giving them the same chances as kids living in Cumbrian towns who have several schools in catchment to choose from.						
4	Catchment Area	We need dual catchment in the area, it is essential for the children living in the area to be able to choose their preferred school without financial penalties for travel for parents	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	02/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
5	Catchment Area	Children who attend Gosforth, Seascale and Eskdale schools must have dual catchment for both Millom and WLA to ensure they have true choice. My eldest son was denied a place at WLA in 2017 due to their over subscription, despite it being the only catchment secondary school for where we live in Seascale! The LA then gave him Whitehaven Academy as a second-choice school - a school that had never been considered and that had never engaged in any transition activities with our primary schools. We ended up with my son getting a place at Millom - an option we'd discounted due to transport costs. By the time he leaves Millom next summer, it will have cost us over £2000 in bus fees. My second son then chose Millom 2 years later as his brother was there so consequently by the time, he finishes it will have cost us between £4000 and £5000 to just get our children to school. Disgusting! This money we could ill afford and have had to make significant changes to our plans to afford it. Not a single penny of help from CCC who normally provides transport for school children! Where has the money allocated for my children's transport if they had attended WLA gone to. The CCC are failing the children and families in our locality by not enabling them to have true choice in secondary education. As a by note the CCC were willing to provide a private taxi to take my eldest son to Whitehaven Academy every day if he'd taken up that place! How is that financially feasible?! Yet they won't	Parent	Secondary	Seascale	02/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	

		subsidise a place on a bus that already runs?! Where has common sense gone?!						
6	Catchment Area	<p>Within the current catchment our children in Seascale, Gosforth and St Begas are being failed. They have 1 catchment school which they have difficulty accessing due to over subscription. Many other areas have access to multiple secondary schools, yet our area does not. This is Forcing parents and children to enrol in a school outside of the catchment, area for which families are financially penalised because they have NO CHOICE. This causes anxiety, upset and heartbreak especially for the children which impacts in their education and wellbeing and causes difficulty for families. As a result, our community suffers as parents move out of the area hoping their children can access schooling that they are entitled to without penalty of any kind. Our children are being failed. I can state this through personal experience especially the stress and heartbreak that comes from appeals that are unsuccessful. Cumbria County Council have, in our opinion, a duty to allow our children access to schooling without penalty or difficulty, they have a duty to provide our children with a fair choice, by expanding the catchment area to include Millom as well as west lakes academy. This will see positive change for the children in our communities as well as our schools and residents. If this change does not happen, community numbers will dwindle, primary school numbers will dwindle risking closure of our primary schools. I say this as a resident, parent and former governor with personal experience, this change MUST happen, or the County Council will continue to fail the children and the communities. Our children matter and our primary schools matter. Seascale, Gosforth and St Begas MUST HAVE dual catchment to include Millom school our they will continue to be failed.</p>	Parent	Secondary	Not Stated	02/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
7	Catchment Area	<p>The area south of Beckermet should be given dual catchment of west lakes academy and Millom school. Since the change in admissions policy those children who have been unable to get into west lakes academy</p>	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	03/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	

		have had to pay hundreds of pounds a year for a bus to get to Millom school which is unfair and discriminatory towards rural children						
8	Catchment Area	It is utterly ridiculous that children from Gosforth school do not get their first-choice secondary school (WLA). It is the closest school and children have lots of links to the academy. It is appalling that some children do not get their first choice and then they must pay for transport to Millom (which they don't even want to attend). Dual catchment would reduce the financial burden for families. Having two children that could potentially attend a non-catchment school but put a financial strain on my family.	Parent	Secondary	Gosforth	04/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
	Comments About	General Comment	Not Stated	Other – General Admissions	Not Stated	05/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
9	Catchment Area	As a parent of children at Seascale Primary School I want dual catchment for both Millom and West Lakes Academy. My children would have to go without other things if I have to pay the bus fare to Millom, and if West Lakes Academy is oversubscribed, there is no other option for me. As a homeowner in Seascale I also want dual catchment for Seascale area; If we have no access to a catchment secondary this will have a detrimental effect on house prices and local businesses.	Parent	Secondary	Seascale	05/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
10	Catchment Area	Much needed for children in rural areas	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	05/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
	Comment About	Request for Information	Teachers Association	Other – General Information	Not Stated	05/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
11	Catchment Area	I support the proposed changes to allow a shared catchment area for West Lakes Academy and Millom. As a Gosforth resident with children in Gosforth school I am pleased that this will allow a choice of 2 catchment schools should one be oversubscribed. However, I believe that the changes do not go far enough and still leave Gosforth children in at a disadvantage as they are at the far edge of both WLA	Parent	Secondary	Gosforth	05/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	

		and Millom catchment areas. Should both schools be oversubscribed, this will prevent Gosforth children from getting a place in either. A fairer admissions policy would prioritise admissions to the school closest to the child rather than the children closest to the school.						
12	Catchment Area	I agree with your proposal. We live in Gosforth and this will give my daughter a much fairer choice when choosing her future school. Unlike some of her peers from previous years.	Parent	Secondary	Gosforth	05/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
13	Catchment Area	I Fully support a dual catchment as proposed for the West Lakes/Millom area as set out this has been badly needed for the last 4 years since WLA expanded their catchment as it has penalised children from Gosforth and Seascale	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	05/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
14	Catchment Area	I believe children should have the option of dual catchment to allow for us being a rural area with schools very much spaced out. If children are unable to get a place in their local school transport should be paid for by the local authorities to allow them to travel to the alternative school. The cost of transport per year is quite expensive and some people simply cannot afford it. I believe dual catchment is the answer, with supported travel.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	05/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
15	Relevant Area	I do not think we can comment on the proposed shared catchment area. The proposed 'relevant Area' definition seems reasonable. Could you send a brief summary identifying any material changes to the policy from recent years? If there are none then we have no further comments.	Teachers Association	All Phases	Not Stated	06/10/2021		Rec'd via Email
16	Catchment Area	West Lakes Academy is oversubscribed time and time again. It takes away children's choice and also is very costly to families when their children can only get a school place at a non-catchment school. It is not fair and is putting the children and families of Gosforth, Seascale and surrounding areas at a huge disadvantage. We have no choice but to pay the transport fees which for some families just isn't possible. Where is the fairness. Dual catchment is very much needed.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	07/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	

17	Catchment Area	<p>I would like to comment on your current consultation on School's admissions with particular reference to the proposed dual catchment area for Children from the Gosforth and Seascale areas. I've tried to use the online response but have managed to cause the system to lock me out because it thinks I've already commented when I haven't. I'd be grateful if you could feed these comments in, would you please confirm this is possible.</p> <p>The current catchment area and admission rules for Gosforth and Seascale are at times problematic and unfair. Children from these areas lie within the catchment area for West Lakes Academy but some are forced to go to Millom School because West Lakes is full. In these circumstances parents are faced with a bill for transport of up to £500/year because they are not in Millom's catchment area. This is particularly galling for parents when they see children who live further away from West Lakes attending the Academy and receiving free transport. Your proposal of a dual catchment area will remove this inequality and I strongly support it!</p>	Ponsonby Parish Council	Secondary	Ponsonby	07/10/2021		Rec'd via Email
18	Catchment Area	This would be a positive change for the pupils at these primary schools and for the communities as a whole.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	08/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
19	Catchment Area	I strongly support the proposal for the Millom and WLA dual catchment.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	13/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
20	Catchment Area	I strongly support dual catchment between West Lakes and Millom	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	13/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
21	Catchment Area	I very strongly support dual catchment for Millom School and West Lakes Academy.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	13/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
22	Catchment Area	I definitely support the dual catchment.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	13/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	

	Comment About	General Comment	Not Stated	Primary – Village Schools	Not Stated	15/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
23	Catchment Area	I support dual catchment for Millom and WLA	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	15/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
24	Catchment Area	I strongly support the Millom-West Lakes dual catchment proposal.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	16/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
25	Catchment Area	I strongly support dual catchment for Millom and WLA. When WLA is oversubscribed rural children and their family's should be able to choose a 2nd option based on what is best for them and not based on cost of transport and giving dual catchment with Millom will do that	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	17/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
26	Catchment Area	I agree with the Dual school catchment proposal. It is so unfair that parents have to pay for travel to a school they didn't choose!	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	18/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
27	Catchment Area	Our area is rural with social and economic challenges for parents and carers to provide good secondary education to their children. With few alternatives for Academy's in our rural area it is important to support parents with options, financial support, consistent and definite information relating to a school/academy offers but also how that child gets to school (supported financial and confirmed school transport) in a timely supportive fashion. Travel to and from school is as important as the offer... 1 without the other is useless...	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	18/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
28	Catchment Area	The governing body of Millom School are fully supportive of the proposed dual catchment area for Millom School and West Lakes Academy. We believe that it will provide greater support to families living in the dual catchment area in giving them real choice over their secondary school. It should also remove financial constraints to that choice currently being experienced by families with regard to out of catchment transport costs.	Millom School Governing Body	Secondary	Millom	22/10/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	

29	Catchment Area	In strongly agree that dual catchment is the best possible solution in this situation, it's disgusting that parents are having to pay because we live in a rural area.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	01/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
30	Catchment Area	I believe that children who have chosen their closest school as their first choice should have priority over those who have chosen a school that is not their closest school. At the moment the current system priorities based on how far you live away from schools, but this severely disadvantage those who live in more rural areas whose closest school is far away and other in more populated areas would be prioritised for three different schools over the child who lives in a more rural area. I also believe that due to the rural nature of Cumbria and the lack of pupil transport to make it viable that children should have access to a free school bus for transport. Parents should not be made to pay when they have chosen a school in their catchment but have been unsuccessful in gaining a place due to the rural nature of where they live and then being forced to send their child to a school outside their catchment and then on top of that through no fault of their own due to being out of catchment being asked to pay for the transport. This is very unfair and again in penalising rural communities. I agree that the proposal to add Gosforth/Seascale areas to Millom's catchment area is a positive step, but this does not solve the overall unfairness of the catchment priory system.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	01/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
31	Catchment Area	I strongly support a dual catchment for WLA and Millom. It's not acceptable the amount if children who fall outside of the catchment for the local school closest to them	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	01/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
32	Catchment Area	I fully support the dual catchment proposal for West Lakes academy. It should never be a situation that pupils have to fund their own transport to school when they are unable to obtain places at their only catchment school. Pupils in Gosforth, Seascale and St Bega primaries should not have to travel out of catchment due to other pupils with multiple catchment schools in and around Whitehaven	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	01/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	

		travelling to Egremont because they don't like the Whitehaven schools. Whoever has allowed this situation to arise and do nothing to correct it until now should be ashamed families shouldn't be put into poverty to send their children to school in this situation.						
33	Catchment Area	I strongly support dual catchment for WLA and Millom. Children should be able to choose which school best suits their needs and parents should not have to face the unfair financial constraints of paying for transport should their child be denied a place at their geographical-closest school.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	01/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
34	Catchment Area	I strongly support the proposed Dual Secondary School Catchment Area – West Lakes Academy and Millom School.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	01/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
35	Catchment Area	As a parent of a year 6 and year 4 child in local rural Copeland, I strongly support dual catchment for Millom and WLA. In recent years children from rural schools have been denied a place in their only catchment school due to it being oversubscribed and to add insult to injury parents then have to pay transport costs.	Parent	Secondary	Not Stated	01/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
	Comments About	General Comment	Not Stated	Other – General Admissions	Not Stated	01/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
36	Catchment Area	I fully believe our area needs to be given dual catchment for WLA and Millom I have a child attending both school and believe it should be a choice as every child is different and needs support in their schooling differently	Parent	Secondary	Not Stated	01/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
37	Catchment Area	I strongly support dual catchment for WLA and Millom school	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	01/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
38	Catchment Area	I fully support dual catchment for these areas as this will give family's true choice of secondary without having to make the decision based on the financial cost of transport. Given that the catchment secondary is regularly oversubscribed and it's always the rural children who miss out on spaces.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	01/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	

39	Catchment Area	As a resident of Gosforth, I'm supportive of the proposal to create the dual catchment area for West Lakes Academy and Millom School.	Not Stated	Secondary	Gosforth	01/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
	Comments About	General Comment	Not Stated	Other – School Closure	Not Stated	01/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
40	Catchment Area	I strongly support dual catchment for WLA and Millom	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	01/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
41	Catchment Area	Strongly support the proposed dual secondary school catchment area for West Lakes Academy & Millom School (appendix E), thus providing a fair admission process for these very rural communities, young people, and their families.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	01/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
	Comments About	General Comment	Not Stated	Other – General Admissions	Not Stated	01/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
42	Catchment Area	I strongly support the proposal for dual catchment for Seascale children to have the choice of schools between Millom and WLA and attend either school without the crippling cost of transport. As a single parent, when we were told that there wasn't space in WLA, and there was a likelihood of the same scenario occurring in subsequent years, it was a hard decision to make to have to try and find the money in order to send my child to Millom School. Fortunately for me, I only have one child to send. The cost to parents on low income if they have more than one child is shocking. In the government parlance of "levelling up", this would very much be against the spirit of that. The impression of choice is only a reality if you can afford it. This proposal is at least a movement in the right direction and shows a (belated) willingness to support all children in achieving their best in a school that supports their learning, without penalising parents who in many cases have not had the choice.	Parent	Secondary	Not Stated	01/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
43	Catchment Area	I feel it is essential that children and parents are not discriminated against due to the location in which they live. For a number of years now children in the Gosforth, Seascale and Eskdale areas have been	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	01/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	

		discriminated against as they live on the edge of two catchment areas. This means that the children actually have no choice of school. I feel it is important that these rural communities should be put in dual catchment areas with both West Lakes Academy and Millom Community school. If children aren't allowed to go to their catchment school due to their rural location it means they and their families are being disadvantaged as bus fares of over £400 a year is required to be paid. If the family has two children at the school, then this is nearly £1000 a year they must find. Other areas within the local education authority have dual catchment areas so I feel that the children in rural communities are not disadvantaged. Please strongly consider the rural communities being put in dual catchment. Thank you for your time.						
44	Catchment Area	I believe that students should have dual catchment school they can have a choice for which school to go to allowing them to decide and have a new future of their choice	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	01/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
45	Catchment Area	Students living between Millom and Egremont deserve a choice of school. Millom should also be included in the fee school transport scheme.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	01/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
46	Catchment Area	I strongly support dual catchment for Millom and WLA.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	01/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
47	Catchment Area	I support the proposal for dual catchment for the Gosforth/ Seascale and surroundings. This is important for the children, families and community.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	01/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
	Comments About	General Comment	Parent	Other – General Admissions	Not Stated	01/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
48	Catchment Area	Children in Seascale and Gosforth area should have access to both WLA and Millom as catchment schools.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	01/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
	Comments About	General Comment	Not Stated	Other – General Admissions	Not Stated	01/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	

	Comments About	General Comment	Not Stated	Other – General Admissions	Not Stated	01/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
49	Catchment Area	I strongly support the dual catchment area for West Lakes Academy and Millom.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	01/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
50	Catchment Area	In my opinion, there should be a dual catchment for Millom and WLA and support the proposal.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	01/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
51	Catchment Area	I strongly support dual catchment for Millom and WLA.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	01/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
52	Catchment Area	I strongly support the dual catchment area of Millom and WLA for our local rural schools of Gosforth, Seascale and ESKDALE	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	02/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
53	Catchment Area	I strongly agree that it should be dual catchment area for Millom and west lakes academy	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	02/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
54	Catchment Area	I am strongly in favour of a dual catchment. Children in this area are at a disadvantage because admissions are based on distance, it seems utterly ridiculous that children in this area should go past WLA to Whitehaven where we have no links, so that children from Whitehaven can go to WLA, or alternatively pay in the region of £400 per annum for transportation to Millom School. This certainly needs addressing and dual catchment for Millom and WLA seems the most practical solution.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	02/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
	Comments About	General Comment	Not Stated	Other - Not Schools Related	Not Stated	02/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
55	Catchment Area	I strongly support dual catchment for WLA and Millom for Gosforth and Seascale	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	02/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
56	Catchment Area	Dual catchment for rural children with a choice of Millom and WLA	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	02/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
57	Catchment Area	I strongly believe that dual catchment for Millom and WLA is important for the rural area in which we live.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	02/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	

58	Catchment Area	<p>We live in Wasdale and have three children in years 11, 5 and 3. Our eldest expected to go to West Lakes Academy, our catchment secondary school in year 7 but it was oversubscribed that year and living where we do, she did not get a place there. Having attended Gosforth Primary school, her second choice was Millom as there have always been strong links with both these secondary schools. However, as Millom is not our catchment school, we have had to pay for her transport to attend there for five years now. the only way we could have avoided this would have been to send her to Whitehaven school which has never had any links with our local area or Gosforth primary school. We will now be making the decision as to where our middle child will attend secondary school. We feel that both Millom School and West Lakes Academy are very good schools, and we should have the choice of which one to attend, without having to consider the additional financial strain if we choose Millom. There is a very real chance that he will not get into West Lakes Academy if it is oversubscribed again, which puts us in a very difficult position especially with our youngest moving on to secondary school only two years later (and potentially doubling the financial implications). If the proposed dual catchment area were to become a reality, it would mean all families within this rural community would have a real choice as to where their children attend secondary school. It would ease pressure on the numbers applying to West Lakes Academy and it would increase numbers at Millom School. The two schools provide a very different offering and what is best for one child will not be best for another so it will also ensure that each child is given the best opportunity for a successful future regardless of numbers and decisions based on finance. I therefore fully support the proposal for the dual catchment area for West Lakes Academy and Millom Secondary School.</p>	Parent	Secondary	Wasdale	02/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
59	Catchment Area	I strongly support dual catchment for Millom and WLA	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	02/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	

60	Catchment Area	I strongly support the idea of free choice (cost free) in young people in the relevant catchment applying to Millom School and West Lakes Academy	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	02/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
61	Catchment Area	As a grandparent I would like to express my views are on the dual catchment area for West Lakes Academy and Millom School. As a teenager, living in Holmrook, I attended Millom School in the 1950's. All children from, and including, Seascale southward did so. Gosforth children went to Whitehaven. When Wyndham, now West Lakes Academy, was built the children from the Seascale and Gosforth area went to Egremont, which was the nearest school for them. My granddaughter, living in Wasdale, started secondary education four years ago and elected to go to West Lakes, with Millom as her second choice, only to be told that there was no room in West Lakes so she would have to go to either Millom or Whitehaven. It was agreed that she would go to Millom, but she was then informed that she would have to pay her bus fare to Millom, although she would have free transport to Whitehaven! This seemed a ridiculous situation and I feel that the dual catchment area for West Lakes and Millom is the only way to solve the problem. Why should parents have to pay transport costs to go to a school that they didn't choose in the first place? Fortunately, my granddaughter is very happy at Millom School and will be joined by her younger brothers in a few years' time and hopefully this situation will have been resolved by then and they will not have to pay for their transport.	Grandparent	Secondary	Wasdale	02/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
62	Catchment Area	I strongly support dual catchment for Millom and WLA.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	02/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
63	Catchment Area	I strongly support a dual catchment for Millom and West Lakes Academy. Children deserve the opportunity to choose a school that best fits their needs and will provide the best opportunities and support for them. No child should be forced to travel 2 hours every day on a bus if they do not wish to.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	02/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	

64	Catchment Area	It would be logical and relieve a lot of stress to have a dual catchment area	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	02/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
	Comments About	General Comment	Not Stated	Other – Not Schools Related	Not Stated	02/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
65	Catchment Area	I strongly support dual catchment for both Millom and West lakes academy. I feel parents and children should have the choice to choose the school that suits them best.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	02/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
66	Catchment Area	I strongly support dual catchment for Millom and WLA.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	02/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
67	Catchment Area	I strongly support dual catchment for Millom and WLA local area. This is the only way to give our children a cost-free choice for secondary schooling.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	02/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
68	Catchment Area	Those living in rural areas should have a choice of schools which are in tune with their environment without disadvantage. My son attended Millom School for 7 years, for which we paid in the region over £2.500. In addition, with the latest issues around climate change, the opportunity to participate in our of school activities which are accessible by public transport is increasingly important. Please do not penalise the rural communities if Gosforth, Seascale and Eskdale by continuing artificial, intransigent and nonsensical policies which have been in place until now. Hence, fully in favour of the proposed changes.	Parent	Secondary	Not Stated	02/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
69	Catchment Area	I definitely support dual catchment, so important for children in our rural areas so have a true choice	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	02/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
70	Catchment Area	I strongly agree with the proposed dual catchment area for Millom and WLA	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	02/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
	Comments About	General Comment	Not Stated	Other – General Admissions	Not Stated	02/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
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71	Catchment Area	I strongly support dual catchment for WLA and Millom	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	02/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
72	Catchment Area	I feel dual catchment is urgently required in our rural area due to lack of other schools available. Parents and students should not have to choose a school based on cost of transport alone! We are located 10 miles to one school and 14 miles to our next but in different directions. Whitehaven Academy is not an option as they still have not made viable contact with our Primary Schools with regards to transition into year 7, despite two years now being denied their first, catchment school choice.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	02/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
73	Catchment Area	I strongly support dual catchment for Millom and WLA.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	02/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
	Comments About	General Comment	Not Stated	Other – General Admissions	Seascale	02/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
74	Catchment Area	Dual catchment required at both Millom School & West Lakes Academy (Egremont) for secondary age pupils of Seascale, Gosforth, Drigg & the surrounding areas	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	03/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
	Comments About	General Comment	Not Stated	Other – General Admissions	Not Stated	03/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
75	Catchment Area	I strongly support the Gosforth and surrounding area to be included in West Lakes Academy and Millom school catchment area. We have no other practical options for our area so should be given priority if possible. The only other practical and environmentally friendly option is to build a new secondary school that would serve Seascale, Gosforth, Wasdale and Eskdale region allowing kids to commute from Egremont should they wish to.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	03/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
76	Catchment Area	We as a family strongly support Millom school and West Lakes Academy being in the catchment area for Seascale, Gosforth areas. This would benefit our family and future generations to have more choices and opportunity for our children's education.	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	03/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	

77	Catchment Area	Children from Gosforth and Seascale areas, pupils in West Lakes catchment, have not been accepted in that school and attend Millom School. Because this is not in catchment, parents have been forced to pay for school transport. This was not their choice and is grossly unfair. Dual catchment would enable families to have choice and relieve enforced financial pressure on them	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	03/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	
78	Catchment Area	I strongly support dual catchment for Millom and WLA	Not Stated	Secondary	Not Stated	04/11/2021	Rec'd via Consultation Hub	