## Appendix A - Responses to School-led Informal Consultation on the expansion of Fairfield First School

| School                    | Total number of responses | Support | Oppose | No<br>decision | Key supports   | Key concerns  |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------|--------|----------------|--|---|
| Fairfield First<br>School | 33                        | 20      | 11     | 2              | <ul> <li>Children can be taught in single age groups which will improve the quality of education for the pupils, support school organisation, attract a wider field of teaching staff who often wish to focus on single age groups, and if preferable to parents</li> <li>Improving the capacity may attract more people to settle in the village and help to revitalise it</li> <li>Additional pupils would support the sustainability of the school</li> <li>The increase in staff required would bring additional expertise and skills which would enhance the learning of all the children.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Due to the closure of the village hall car park some 3/4 years ago, parking along the main road of the village has become a problem for local residents, there is a concern that additional pupils attending Fairfield First School would exacerbate this problem</li> <li>This expansion will likely support the demand from outside the Fairfield First catchment and not local children</li> <li>A concern was raised by the residents of the farmland directly behind the school that an expansion onto this land could affect their livelihood</li> </ul> |