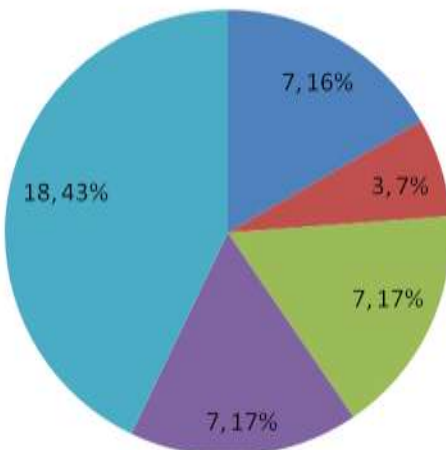


## Stage 1 Consultation Report Early Years Education in Haringey: Northumberland Park Ward Residents' Response

Purpose	The government is proposing to change the way early years education for all 3 & 4 year old children is funding
Summary of responses	<p><b>Northumberland Park Ward Residents' responses</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Profile of respondents</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 90% of respondents were residents of the Northumberland Park Ward</li> <li>- 43% were Lone parents</li> <li>- 57% were in a two parents' household.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>2. Childcare Arrangements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 38% of the respondents had children in full time 8 to 6 childcare. This was by far the largest group.</li> <li>- 14% of respondents stated that they were using other childcare forms; this meant mostly free entitlement without specifying in which provision.</li> <li>- 12% stated they had morning session in a school nursery</li> <li>- 10% stated that they used friends and family and an equal percentage used part time all year round childcare</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2a. When asked about using informal childcare; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 38% of the respondents said they did use informal childcare</li> <li>- 57% stated they did not use informal childcare</li> <li>- 5% did not answer this question</li> </ul> </li> <li>2b. When asked whether they paid towards their informal childcare; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 40% stated they did not</li> <li>- 48% did not answer</li> <li>- 2% stated they did pay.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2b. When asked about swapping childcare; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 50% stated they did not</li> <li>- 33% said they did</li> <li>- 12% did not answer.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2c. When asked about what help they had to pay for childcare; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 31% of the respondent declared they did have none</li> <li>- 29% used tax credits</li> <li>- 19% did not pay for their childcare</li> <li>- 19% did not answer.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>

	<p>2d. By far the most popular reasons for using childcare were working or looking for work;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 47% working part time</li> <li>- 29% working full time.</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Household income and ability to pay</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 76% of the respondents have a joint household income below £35k</li> <li>- 39% being on low income (below or up to £16190)</li> <li>- 27% having an income between £16,191 and £25,000.</li> <li>- Income Support (16%)</li> <li>- Job Seeker Allowance and Housing Benefits (both at 17%) were the most popular forms of benefits that the respondents received.</li> <li>- 43% of the respondents left the answer blank.</li> </ul> <p>3a. When asked about their ability to pay for childcare;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 57% stated that they could only pay below or up to £150 a week,</li> <li>- 7% stated they could only afford a free entitlement place</li> <li>- 36% provided no answer to the question.</li> </ul>
<b>Council's response</b>	<p>Consultation results coincide with <b>council officers'</b> proposal to focus the funding and support in this ward on four specific areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for local working families – from the responses to the consultation it appears that more needs to be done in helping working families access their in <b>work benefits' entitlement and maintaining a level of flexible full time provision</b> at affordable cost</li> <li>• Support local parents that need affordable childcare to enter the job market – equally having affordable low cost childcare seems to be a paramount priority to continue increase the number of local residents that become economically active as part of the area regeneration strategy</li> <li>• Support for local parents training as a stepping stone to gaining skills for the job market – see point 2 above</li> <li>• Supporting the development of local workforce – this priority seems to sit well with the need to increase the qualification levels of local residents and help them gain higher paid employment which will in time allow the families to be more able to afford childcare</li> </ul>
<b>What happens next</b>	<p>Your feedback and the results of the survey will be submitted to the Cabinet. The Cabinet will make a final decision on how to move forward with the new government changes. We will publish the final decision in March 2017.</p>

## Appendix 1 – Conclusion

Who was consulted	Local Haringey Residents, Early Years Education providers (childminders, nursery school), Governors,																		
Methodology	Online survey, internet, websites, emails, engagement sessions																		
Engagement Sessions	<p>We planned and delivered nine area specific sessions starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> November until the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and including an outreach session on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 knocking on doors, visiting local key services and facilities.</p> <p>During these sessions we spoke to 28 parents/carers supporting them to complete the questionnaire.</p> <p>These responses have been included in the overall feedback.</p>																		
Conclusion	<p><b>Profile of respondents</b></p> <p>The respondents seem to reflect the profile of the ward in terms of the higher percentage of residents living in social housing compared to those that own their own property or rent privately. This is consistent with the ward having the lowest percentage of owner occupiers in the borough (only 23.8% compared to 40.3% for the whole borough).</p> <p>The high percentage of households on low income also reflects the ward trend in terms of having the lowest levels of level 4 or above qualifications, having the highest proportion of adults with no qualifications and having the highest proportion of part time workers in the borough.</p> <p>Lone parents are proportionally over-represented amongst the respondents compared to the ward proportion at 18.8%. [<i>Northumberland Park Ward Profile, November 2015</i>]</p> <div><table><tr><th>Benefit Type</th><th>Count</th><th>Percentage</th></tr><tr><td>Income Support</td><td>7</td><td>16%</td></tr><tr><td>Job Seeker Allowance</td><td>3</td><td>7%</td></tr><tr><td>Tax Credit</td><td>7</td><td>17%</td></tr><tr><td>Housing Benefits</td><td>7</td><td>17%</td></tr><tr><td>No answer</td><td>18</td><td>43%</td></tr></table></div>	Benefit Type	Count	Percentage	Income Support	7	16%	Job Seeker Allowance	3	7%	Tax Credit	7	17%	Housing Benefits	7	17%	No answer	18	43%
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### Childcare & household income/ability to pay

The respondents largely used childcare full time as they were working or looking for work. Informal childcare and swapping childcare were also popular choices with over a third of respondents stating that they used them. However over three quarters of respondents declared to be on low income which reflected in respondents stating that they would only be able to pay up to £150 per week for their childcare. It appears that some work with local families needs to be conducted in terms of ensuring they take up their tax credits or in work benefits as less than a third of respondents declared to do so.

The responses seem to vouch for having childcare that can support local working families as the percentage of economically inactive parents in the area dropped in 2015 compared to the 2011 CENSUS figures and a large percentage of respondents were working parents.

Affordability is a significant issue for the respondents who are largely on low income even if working, as a significant percentage work part time, this being also consistent with borough and national data on lone parents being on lower income and less able to afford childcare as lone parents were over represented among the respondents.

