

## **Appendix C – Pre-Engagement Feedback**

A series of pre-engagement sessions were held in Tobermory High School on Thursday 11 August and in Buessan Primary School on Wednesday 7 September, both of which were well received.

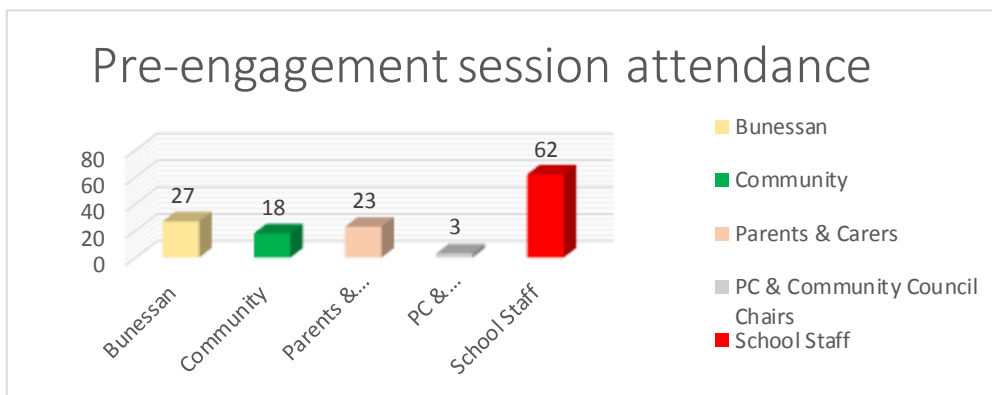
There were sessions for school staff; parent / community Councils; Parents and public. Each of the sessions had a presentation from Wendy Brownlie, Head of Education and Ross McLaughlin / Shirley Johnstone, Commercial Services providing information around why Mull was considered the councils priority, and the LEIP funding and Learning Estate Strategy.

There were information boards which provided examples of completed projects within Argyll and Bute and nationally to demonstrate the sort of learning environment that can and has been achieved.

There was an opportunity for attendees to speak to the team made up of education and commercial services officers (also supported by colleagues from the Northern Alliance at the meetings held on 11 August), with all attendees being encouraged to leave feedback and comments.

Pupil engagement sessions were held during the weeks of 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022 and further feedback on the comments and views expressed by pupils were gathered from all sessions.

### **Summary of the attendees and responses**

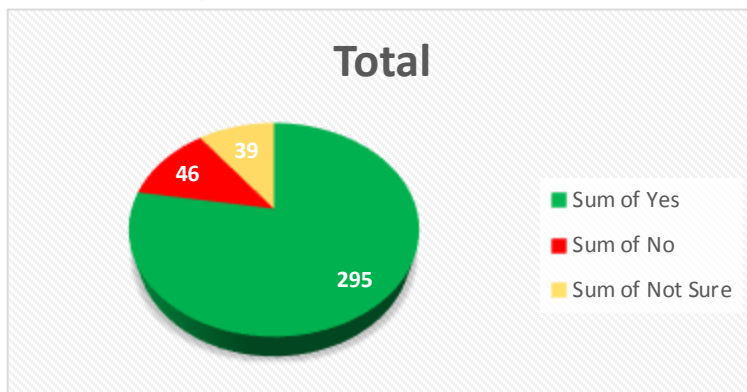


### Response to the Exit Poll question

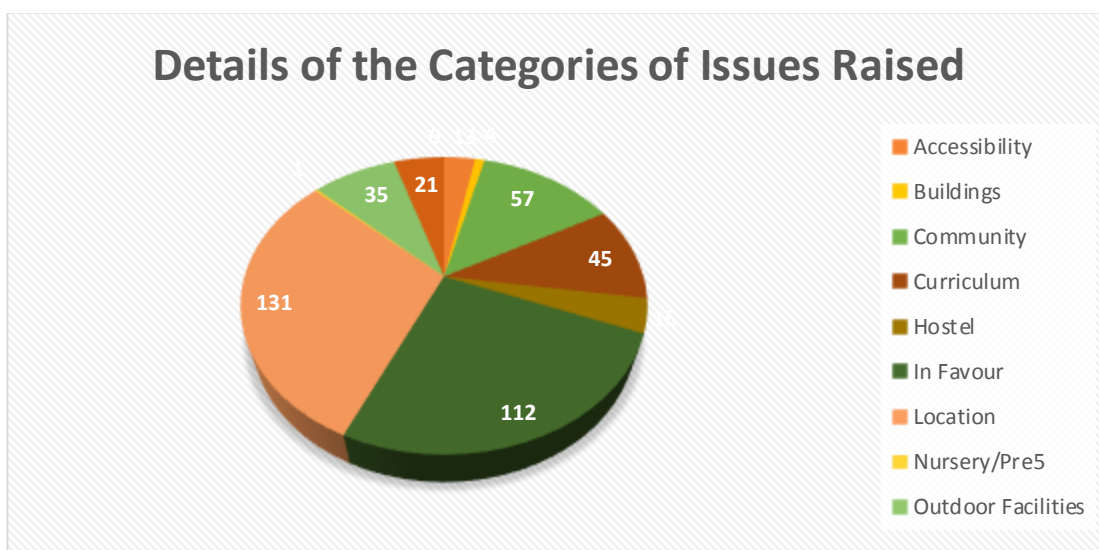
The exit poll question at each session in both Tobermory and Buessan and at each of the school sessions with pupils was “Do you want us to progress with the Learning Estate Investment Programme funding application for a new campus on Mull?”

At all of the sessions for teachers, parents, public (primarily attended by adults) there was a unanimous “Yes” with no one responding with “No”.

The pupil sessions was slightly different. The chart below shows the total number of responses received through all of the face to face sessions and the support received by email:



Following the pre-engagement sessions, all of the information provided on the day is was made available on the council’s website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/consultations/mull-campus](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/consultations/mull-campus) with a dedicated email address for anyone to provide a comment / view. Through communications on the council’s social media and through the schools and community councils there had been several reminders and encouragements to leave a comment before 9<sup>th</sup> September. Please see below a summary of the topics that were raised:



Unanimous support for a new campus has been expressed thus far but feedback on location was overwhelmingly of most interest to participants. To be clear, the bid will

be for a campus on Mull, with location and site specific's to be considered and engaged on if we do progress to next stages in 2023 onwards. There are varying degrees of interest for hosting the new site in or around Tobermory (the existing town for the campus) but also in a more central island location. There are quite a range and complex positions on both. Whilst this is not a matter to be considered now or before LEIP bid is submitted in October it is essential that Members are aware there is a divergence of views within the Community on where the campus should be located and there is potential for disappointment or conflicting views that require to be considered alongside management of expectation.