A summary of the results of the consultation on proposed changes to the Home to School Travel and Transport Policy

Q1: How do you feel about the ending of free travel for most Post-16 SEND students from September 2018?

I agree with the proposal	0
I disagree with the proposal	56
I neither agree nor disagree with the proposal	2

Q2: How do you feel about the ending of Post-16 subsidised transport to Henley College?

I agree with the proposal	2
I disagree with the proposal	39
I neither agree nor disagree with the proposal	17

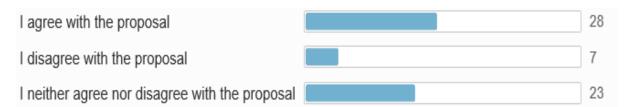
Q3: How do you feel about the Council clearly specifying when free travel will be provided to alternative education providers?

I agree with the proposal	11
I disagree with the proposal	21
I neither agree nor disagree with the proposal	25

Q4: How do you feel about the charges for the 'Spare Seat' scheme (formerly known as the Concessionary Travel Scheme) increasing in line with the Government's 2% target inflation rate?



Q5: How do you feel about the Council continuing the time limited free travel arrangements for young people of statutory age who are resident at RAF Benson and attend Icknield Community College?



Themes mentioned by respondents during the consultation

Themes	Number of references
Limit interaction with life outside of home	10
SEN children have just as much of a right to education as those without	4
Limit future opportunities	3
Difficult for parents to fit school hours around their work	8
Discriminatory	21
Policy is misguided	1
Money saved would be minimal	2
No regard to Council policies on safeguarding children and young people.	1
Just an attempt to cut costs	5
Policy barely acknowledges Special schools	1
Undermines quality of delivery of EHCP	2
Undermines County's work on responding to OFSTED concerns	2
Consultation is unlawful	3
Consultation should be withdrawn	3
Consultation fails to support parents with SEN children	2
Consultation does not explain what training Transport team has to assess	2
Short-sighted to make places available at special schools and not include support to those that need it	1
Home to School transport should be allowed	1
All children 2-19 with EHCP (in progress) should get transport to named school	1
Criteria to receive Council support too restrictive	1
Proposal lacking information	3
Draft proposal doesn't address several mandatory points	1
All children must remain in education until 18	5
Local authority should consider needs of those vulnerable to becoming NEETs	1
Proposal is additional barrier to parents	2
Proposal directly contradicts Council's ethos	3

Restricting choice	1
Officers writing EHCPs are also charged with controlling costs	2
Clarify Spare Seat Scheme	1
Disadvantaging rural students	3