

Naming the New Primary Schools in Bilston and North Gorebridge
Report by Mary Smith, Director, Education, Communities and Economy**1 Purpose of Report**

To advise Council on the process and outcome of naming the new primary schools in Bilston and North Gorebridge and the community engagement with the decision-making process.

2 Background

New primary schools will be opening in August 2016 in Bilston and north Gorebridge. Naming Challenge sessions were held with pupils and their parents/carers to devise suggestions for the names of the new schools. For Bilston this included all pupils currently attending the Bilston Annexe and those attending Roslin Primary School who will be transferring to the new school. For Gorebridge this included pupils who will be attending the new school along with pupils from other Gorebridge primary schools, assisted by four pupils from Newbattle High School. In total around 75 pupils and 18 parents/carers were involved in the Naming Challenges.

At the end of the sessions pupils and parents shortlisted the names down to their five favourites.

The shortlisted names for Bilston were:

Bilston Primary
Bilston Glen Primary
Castlelaw Primary
Pentland Primary
Rainbow Primary

The shortlisted names for north Gorebridge were:

Arniston Primary
Arniston Park Primary
Gore Glen Primary
Pentland View Primary
Whitehouse Primary

Pupils and local people were asked to vote on the names at libraries and online and the vote was open for two weeks in February. The vote was publicised through schools and nurseries, libraries, the Council website and local press. Respondents were asked to rate the shortlisted names for each school from 1 to 5, with 1 their most favourite and 5 their least favourite. Respondents were also asked for their age group and area of residence.

Through this document the "all respondents" group includes those from residents of the area local to the school being considered.

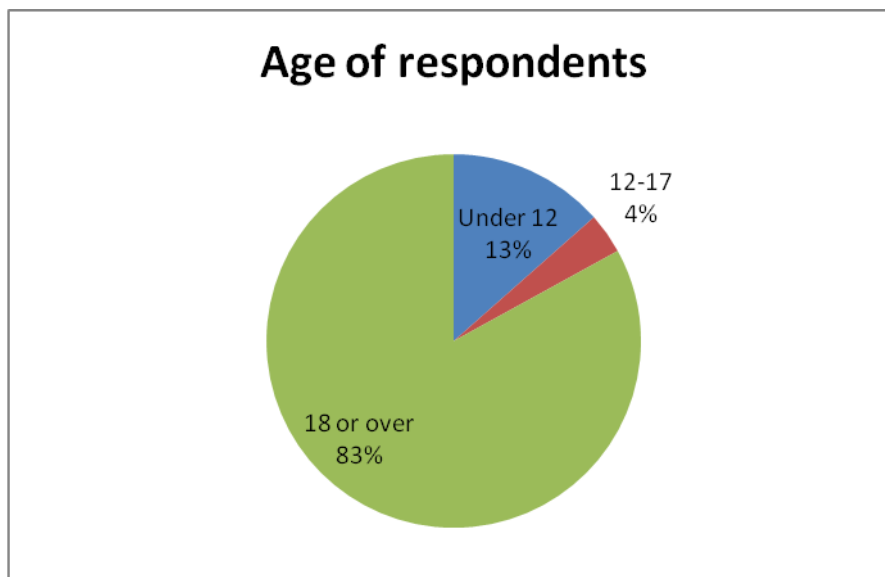
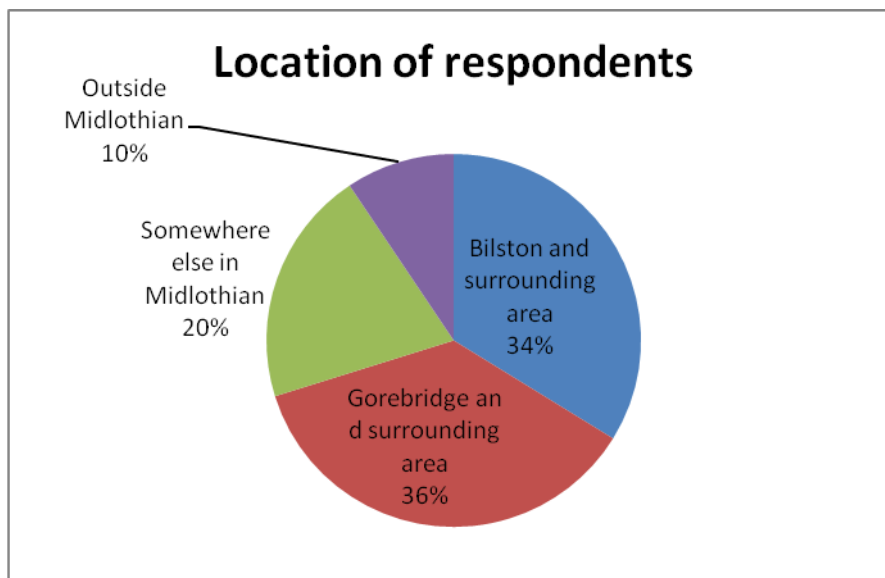
When the outcome of the vote was considered, the first step was to establish whether there was a clear winner where the all respondents group and local residents agree. A clear winner is one where both the local residents and the all respondents group have rated the same name as most favourite, with that name receiving few least favourite rating from local residents.

Where there is no clear winner the name with the greatest number of least favourite votes by local residents will be removed from the shortlist and the vote percentages will be re-set amongst the four remaining names.

This process will be repeated until a clear winner emerges.

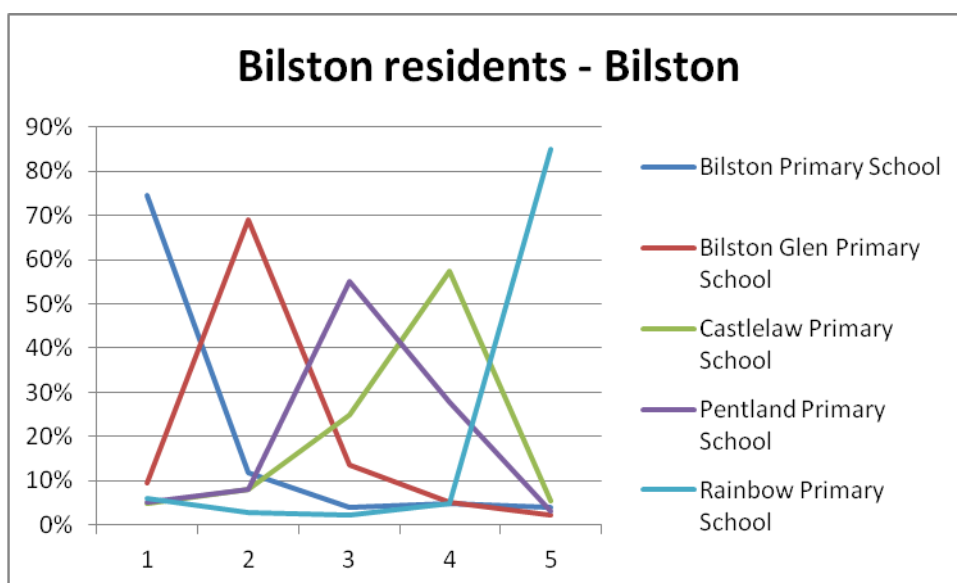
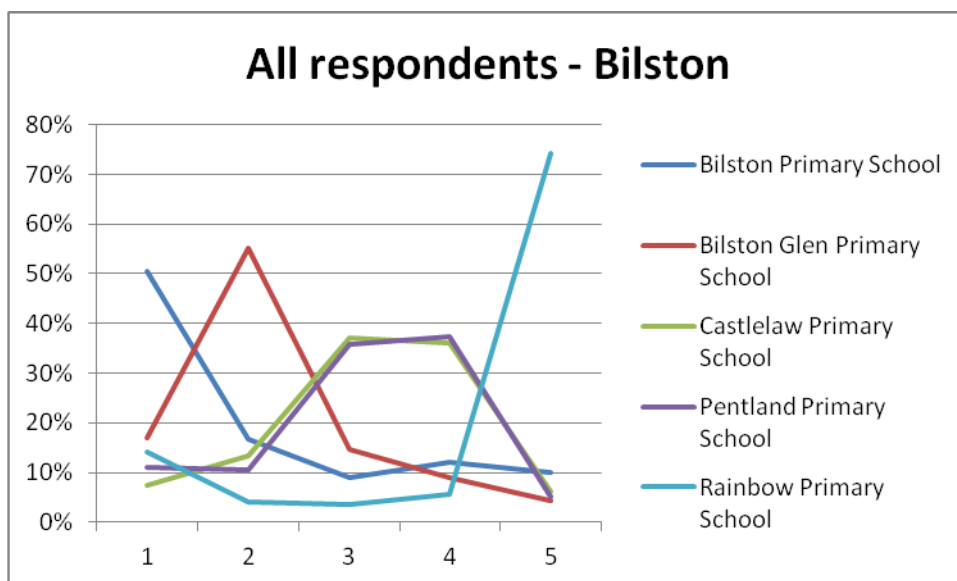
3 Outcome of the vote

Almost 900 votes were received, with 34% (298 respondents) advising they were from Bilston and the surrounding area, 36% (321) from Gorebridge and the surrounding area, 20% (180) from elsewhere in Midlothian and the rest unspecified. 13% were under 12, 4% aged 12 to 17 and 83% 18 and over.



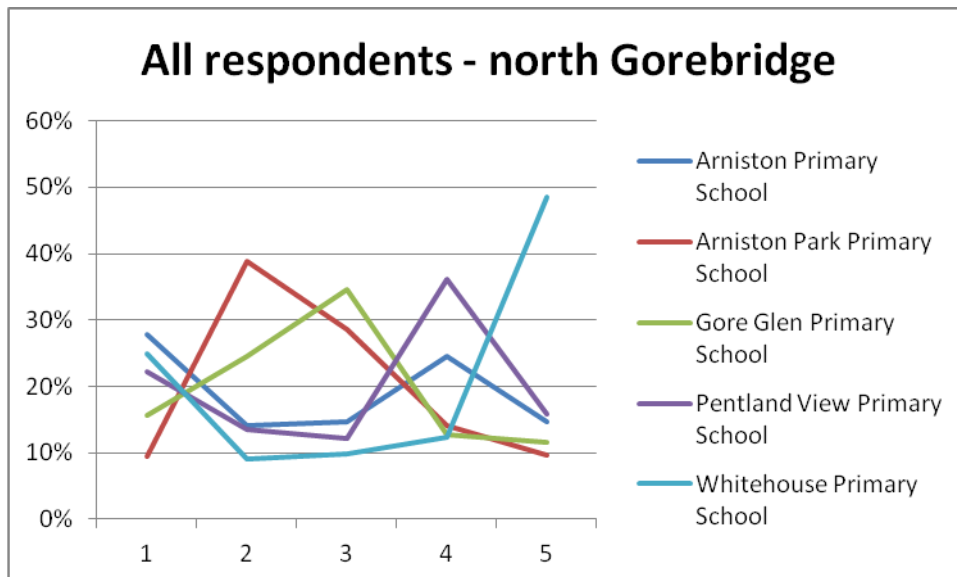
Bilston

As shown in the next two graphs, over half of all respondents and three quarters of respondents from Bilston rated Bilston as their most favourite name. In addition, it had a low number of 4 and 5 ratings. Bilston Primary School is therefore the clear winner for this school.

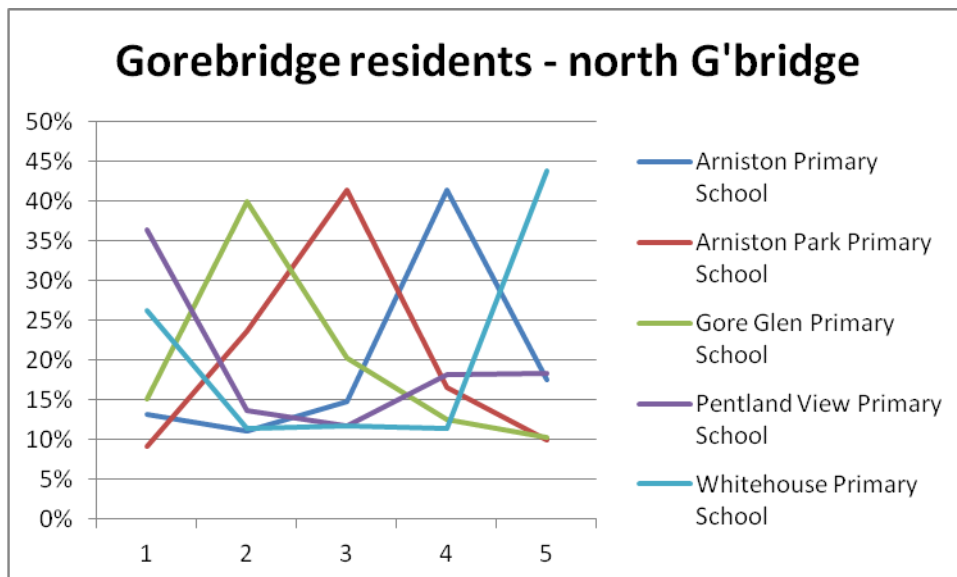


North Gorebridge

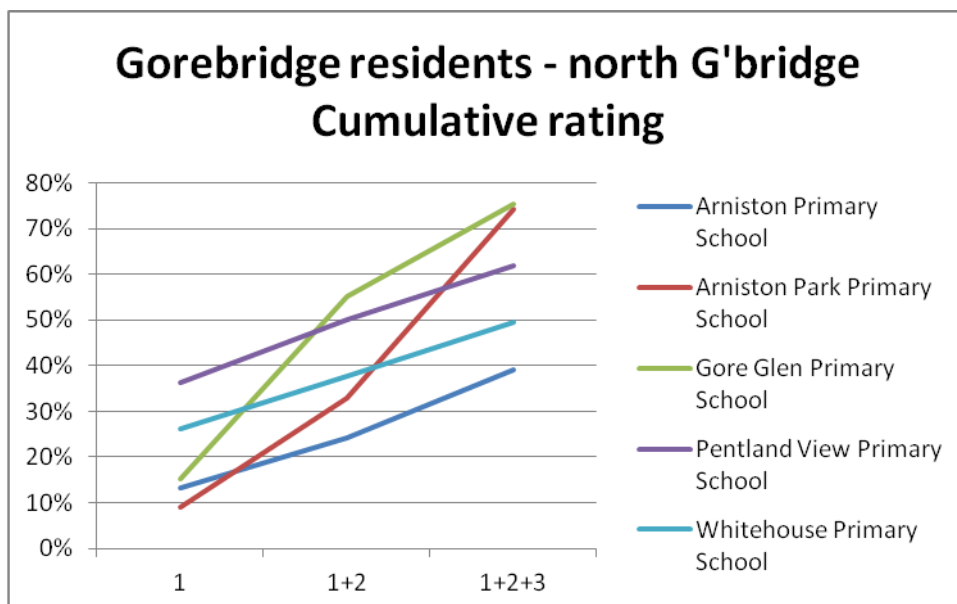
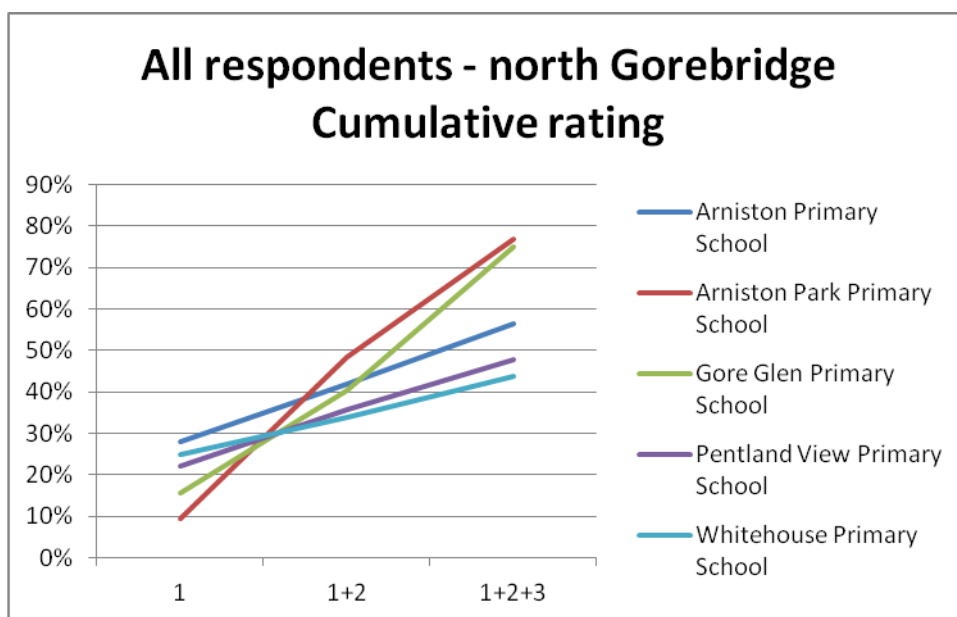
The ratings for the shortlisted names for north Gorebridge by all respondents were more evenly distributed across the options, with Arniston, Whitehouse and Pentland View receiving a similar number of most favourite ratings - although Whitehouse was rated least favourite by almost half of the respondents. Arniston Park and Gore Glen received a high proportion of second and third favourite ratings and very few 4 and 5 ratings.



In contrast to the graph above, Gorebridge residents gave Pentland View the highest number of most favourite votes, followed by Whitehouse. Whitehouse again got a high number of least favourite ratings and Gore Glen and Arniston Park again received a high proportion of second and third favourite ratings and very few 4 and 5 ratings.



When the most favourite ratings are added to the second and third favourite ratings a picture develops of which names gained widespread support, although there is still a difference in the preferred names between local residents and the all respondents group.



As there is not a match in favourite between all respondents and Gorebridge residents further analysis is required. Applying a system of proportional representation whereby the name with the greatest number of least favourite votes is discounted, Whitehouse is removed from the shortlist and the ratings percentages re-evaluated. This process is repeated, removing Pentland View and then Arniston and leaving two names: Arniston Park and Gore Glen. More information and graphs of these stages are given in the Appendix.

At this fourth stage Gore Glen emerges as the balanced favourite name for local residents and all respondents.

Returning to the original graph of all respondents, Gore Glen did not gain a high percentage of most favourite ratings however 41% of all respondents rated it as their most or second favourite (narrowly in third place) and it was a close second lowest for 4 and 5 ratings.

In the original table for Gorebridge residents, Gore Glen again did not score highly for most favourite, however it was the highest when first and second favourite were combined and received the lowest 4 and 5 ratings.

Following the decision making process outlined in section 2 has arrived at a choice of name which combines the preferences of the local residents with those of the community of Midlothian as a whole, one which found widespread approval: Gore Glen Primary School.

5 Report Implications

5.1 Resource

The naming of the primary schools does not have any resource implications.

5.2 Risk

The naming of the primary schools does not have any direct risk implications.

There are no other primary, secondary or special schools in Scotland called Gore Glen. The school with the closest name is our own Gorebridge Primary School.

The implications of having two schools of similar name in close geographical proximity must be considered. There is, however, a clear distinction between the names and children, parents, carers, staff and members of the community will be clear regarding the different schools. The main risk of confusion would relate to deliveries, where use of the postcode will reduce this to a very occasional occurrence that will diminish as the school becomes established.

It should be noted that there are a large number of schools across Scotland with more similar or even identical names. For example there are 22 St Mary's Primary Schools, with a number of local authorities having more than one.

5.3 Single Midlothian Plan and Business Transformation

Themes addressed in this report:

- ☐ Community safety
- ☐ Adult health, care and housing
- ☐ Getting it right for every Midlothian child
- ☐ Improving opportunities in Midlothian
- ☐ Sustainable growth
- ☐ Business transformation and Best Value
- ☒ None of the above

5.4 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan

The choice of names for the primary schools does not relate to the key priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan.

5.5 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

The choice of names for the primary schools does not impact upon performance and outcomes.

5.6 Adopting a Preventative Approach

The choice of names for the primary schools is not connected to the preventative approach.

5.7 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

The names for the new primary schools were proposed and shortlisted by pupils and their parents/carers from the communities which the new schools will serve. The vote was open to children, parents/carers, community groups and the wider community, with publicity sent out to schools, nurseries, community councils and libraries, along with news articles on the Council's website and in local press. When conducting the analysis of the votes additional weight was given to the views of the local communities that the schools will serve.

5.8 Ensuring Equalities

There are no equality implications of naming the new primary schools.

5.9 Supporting Sustainable Development

There are no sustainable development implications of the choice of names for the new primary schools.

5.10 IT Issues

No IT implications have been identified from choice of names for the new primary schools.

6 Recommendations

Council is requested to:

1. Note that the new primary school in Bilston will be named Bilston Primary School;
2. Note that the new primary school in north Gorebridge will be named Gore Glen Primary School.

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Appendix

First Stage – all names

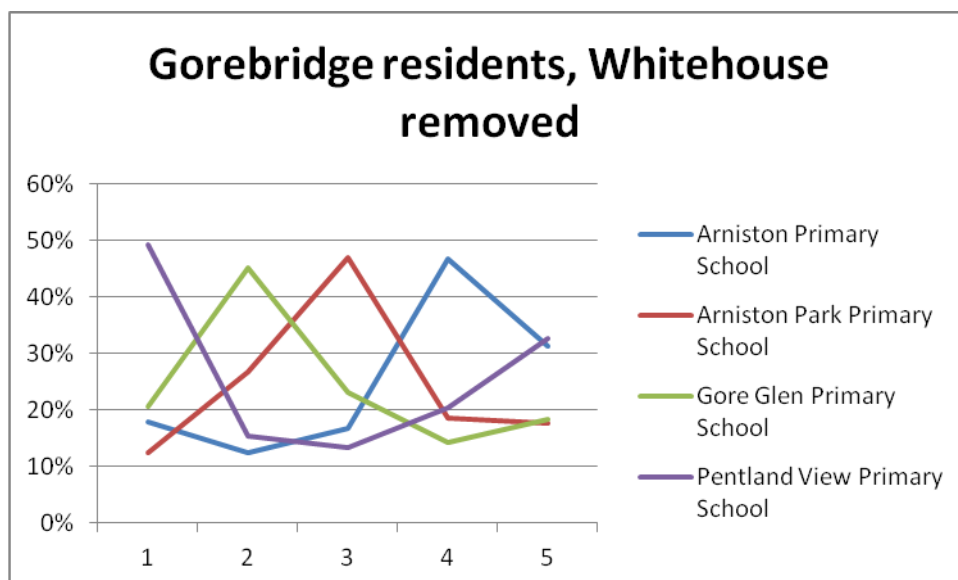
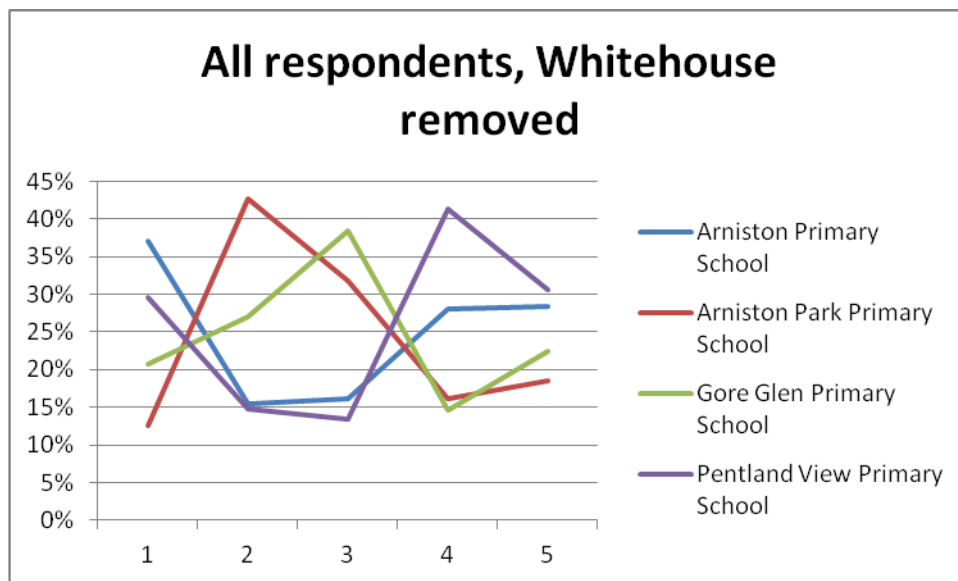
All respondents

	Arniston Primary School	Arniston Park Primary School	Gore Glen Primary School	Pentland View Primary School	Whitehouse Primary School
1	28%	9%	16%	22%	25%
2	14%	39%	25%	13%	9%
3	15%	29%	35%	12%	10%
4	25%	14%	13%	36%	12%
5	15%	10%	12%	16%	48%

Gorebridge residents

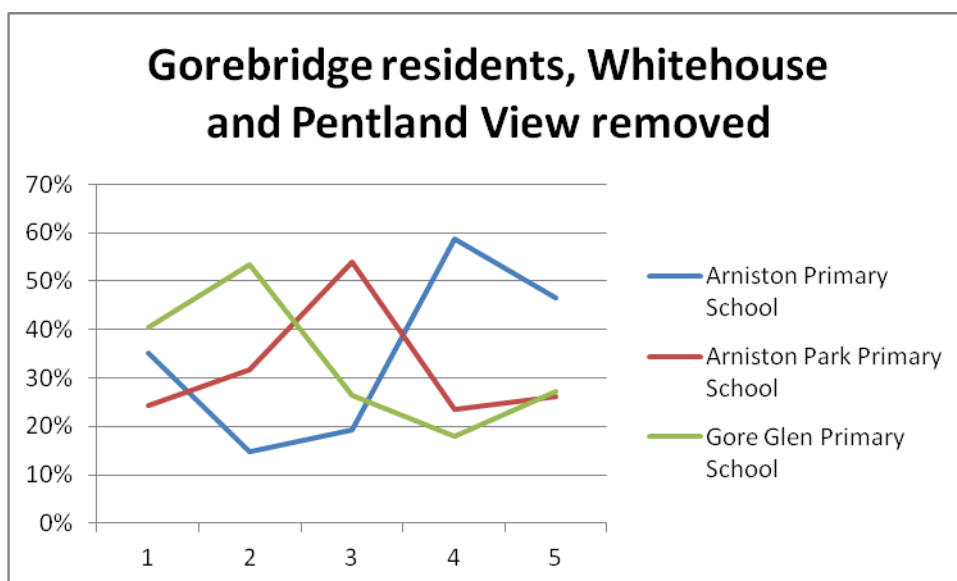
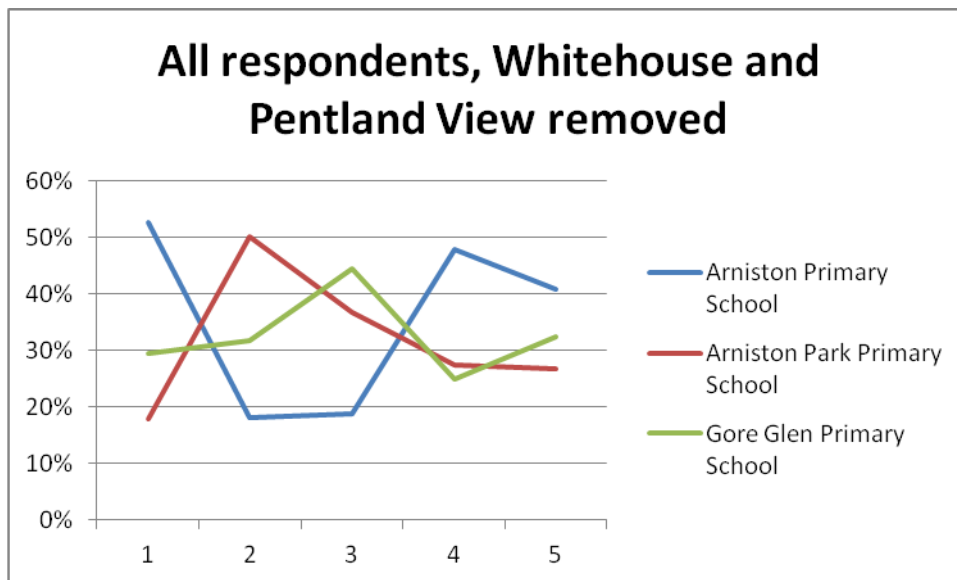
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1	13%	9%	15%	36%	26%
2	11%	24%	40%	14%	11%
3	15%	41%	20%	12%	12%
4	41%	17%	13%	18%	11%
5	18%	10%	10%	18%	44%

Second Stage – Whitehouse Removed



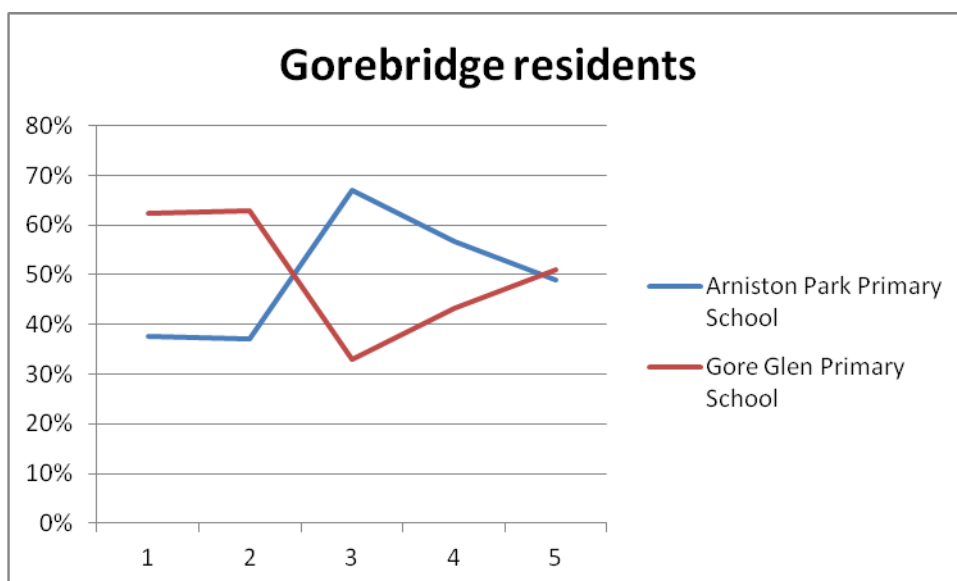
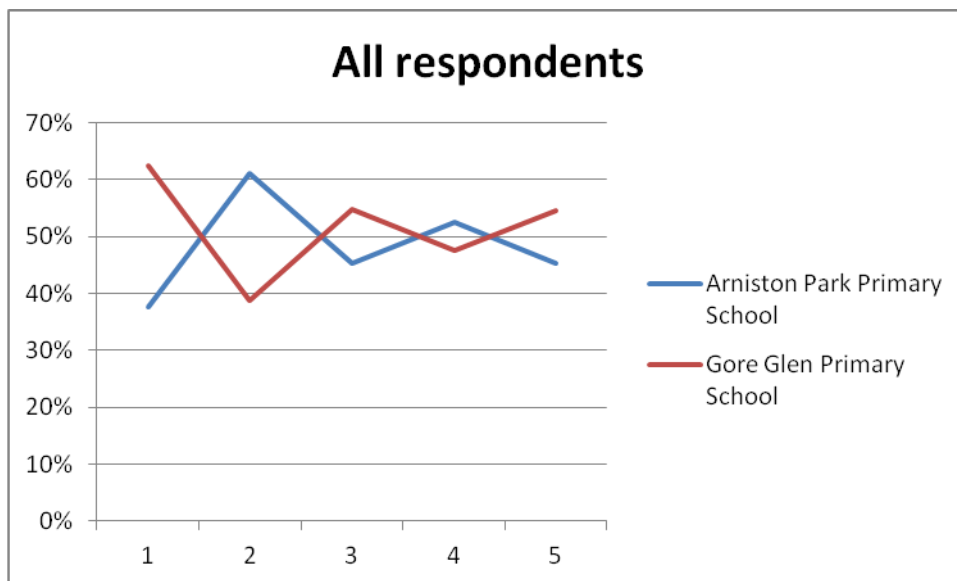
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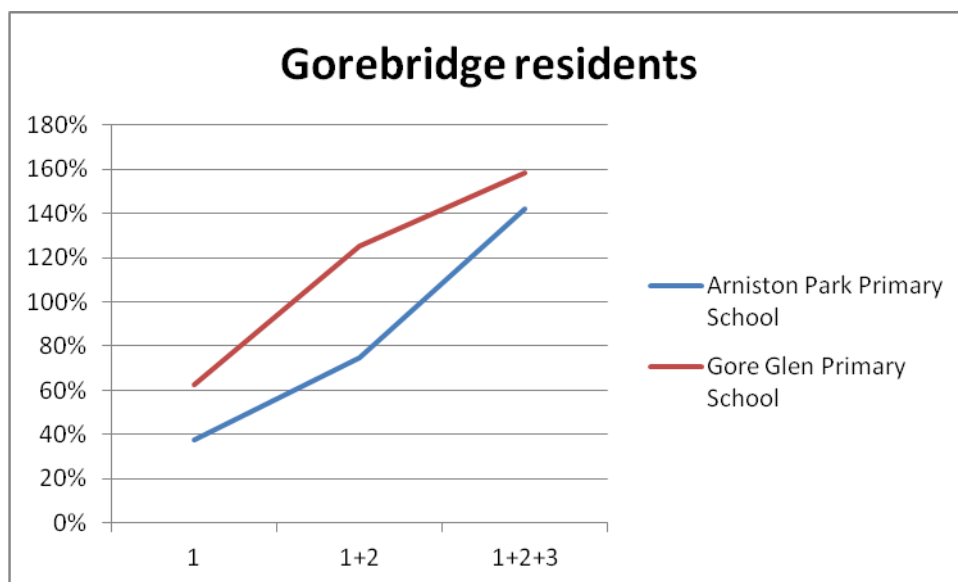
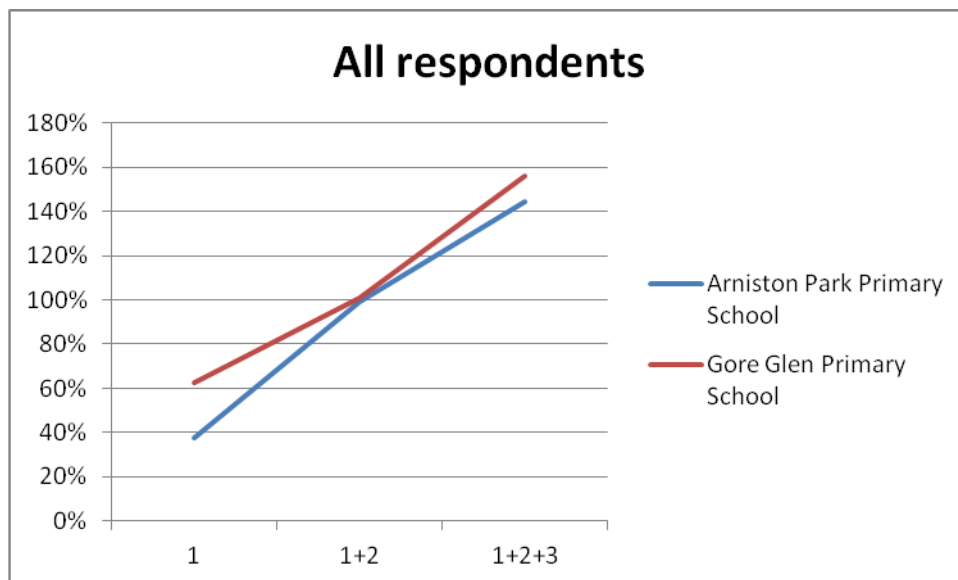
Following the re-evaluation Arniston is highest rated by all respondents and Pentland View is highest rated by Gorebridge residents. Pentland View, however, received the highest proportion of least favourite ratings from both groups and is therefore removed from the shortlist.



Fourth Stage – Whitehouse, Pentland View and Arniston Removed

Although Arniston was highly rated by the all respondents group it was not the most highly rated by local residents and received the highest number of 4 and 5 ratings from both groups, it is therefore removed from the shortlist leaving two names: Arniston Park and Gore Glen.





At this fourth stage Gore Glen has the highest most favourite, 1+2 and 1+2+3 rating by both all respondents and Gorebridge residents. Although it has more 5 ratings it has fewer 4 ratings, plus at this point the number of 4 and 5 ratings is considerably fewer than 2 and 3 ratings therefore less weight should be accorded to them. At this stage Gore Glen emerges as the balanced favourite name for local residents and all respondents.