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Hetton-le-Hole,
HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING,
Tyne & Wear,
DH5 9HG.

Tel. 5268759.

17th May, 2009.

The Head-teacher,
Gillas Lane School,
Houghton-le-Spring.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I hope that I am not too late in putting in my 'tuppence' worth with regards to the school closure plans put forward by Sunderland council. Below is a copy of a letter that I wrote many weeks ago to the letters page of the Sunderland Echo. Unfortunately it was never published; maybe it was a bit 'near the mark' so to speak. Please feel free to use this letter in any campaign that you may still be running. You are also welcome to copy it for use in school closures campaigns being organized by other schools.

Yours faithfully,
Mr. George Parkin.

For many years one of the reasons given for the poor performance/under achievement of children in 'state' schools compared to children in 'fee-paying'/'public' schools was that state schools had much larger 'class sizes' (the number of pupils per class), therefore pupils in state schools did not receive the same 'individual attention' as their colleagues in fee-paying/public schools.

Now that pupil numbers are falling there is a golden opportunity to 'reduce' class sizes in state schools and therefore improve the teacher/pupil ratio to a level enjoyed by those 'higher achieving' pupils in fee-paying/public schools. But what is Sunderland council planning to do? That's right; instead of reducing class sizes Sunderland council has a better idea – let's close half the schools. Not only will this 'economic' approach fail to provide children with the greater individual attention they need to improve their performance and achievement it will also mean a longer trip to school for many of them (and increased traffic probably). What next from Sunderland's Labour? Council – charge children a fee to attend school, as in my father's day.

G. Parkin
Wear Independent.

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dated 17.6.09**SAVE**
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OBJECTION FORM

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Yes ☒No ☐Other (please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments I think option 3 should be taken. Gillas Lane is a small but friendly school, everyone knows each other & cares for each other. Bernard Gilpin would become overcrowded and pupils would not receive attention individually as they would if at Gillas Lane. B. Gilpin has not enough classrooms for more children and would lose amenities e.g. computer room to accommodate Gillas Lane children. There is no kitchen on site & I know as cook Fresh is best. Everyone has a good relationship with staff & children alike. Please Please Please Keep Gillas Lane Open.

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature..... J. A. Hall Date..... 21/5/09

Address..... 20, Hillview Rd., New Balle Houghlin - do Steve Taylor Blair 014465

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Comments

Gillas Lane is a lovely friendly school. Everybody knows each other. There are ways to use ANY SPARE ROOMS Pupils are really happy here. The upheaval this will cause could have devastating consequences for some pupils. Bernard Gilpin school does not have a kitchen where meals are freshly prepared, as they are transported in. also they do not have a nursery on site. AS DO GILLAS have primary please please keep us open.

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Address 28 HILLVIEW RD Newbottle, Houghton, 20-2000 Tynewydd, Merthyr

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Comments

1) CLASS SIZE (

2) KITCHEN

3) NURSERY

4) ROAD CONSTRUCTION

5) COST

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature C. Cheney Date 10-5-09

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Comments

Gillas Lane School is of a very High standard and should remain remain open. Why have a overcrowded school when there are two Perfect schools with plenty of room with facilities second to none why deprive the children of these facilities it does not make sense also the number of children will increase when the new estate is built. at Gillas Lane all children are known by the first name by all the staff and children and staff have a good relationship. No one wants Gillas Lane to close!

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Signature..... M. P. Green..... Date..... 3 June 2009.....

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Comments

I think the combination of increased numbers in classrooms, coupled with the reduction in teaching staff can only have a detrimental affect upon the children. It is the children, who are ~~per~~ priority here, not the reduction in expenditure.
An additional side effect would be increased strain upon parents, who are having to accompany their children a longer distance, in order for them to arrive at school safely.
Keep Gillas Lane School open - we need it !!!

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature..... A. Donaldson Date..... 22.05.09

Address..... 59, Cottleigh, Houghton-le-Spring Tyne and Wear, DH5 8JE

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Comments I WORK AT GILLAS LANE AS A S/N AND CLEANER (I've BEEN AT THE SCHOOL FOR 28 YR SO I THINK I KNOW THE WAY THE SCHOOL IS RUN AND HOW THE PUPILS & STAFF ARE TREATED. IT REALLY HAS A FAMILY FEEL TO IT EVERY ONE KNOWS EVERYONE, AND THE CHILDREN FEEL VERY SAFE. (SOME CHILDREN NEED THIS EXTRA CARE AND FEELING OF BELONGING.) ALSO I THINK SOME CHILDREN WOULD MISS OUT ON TEACHING STANDARDS. OUR STAFF ARE VERY AWARE OF WHO NEEDS THAT EXTRA PUSH. SO I THINK THIS MAY BE LOST IN A LARGER CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT. I DO HOPE THAT COUNCILLORS WILL LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF THOSE MOST CONCERNED ABOUT CLOSING GILLAS LANE PRIMARY.
THANK YOU.

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Signature J. Freeman Date 20.05.09

Address 17 SHAKESPEARE ST. HOUGHTON D45 8JH

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Comments
I am against the displacement of pupils to Bernard Gilpin. I feel that pupils are provided with better opportunities in the smaller classes we have at Gillas Lane. Bernard Gilpin does not have a nursery unit, again Gillas Lane can provide children with this facility. Gillas Lane Primary is an important part of the Community and our views should be considered.

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Comments New houses have been built at Gillas Lane and in due course further development will be made at Racecourse Estate. What happens to the new influx of children from these new properties and tenants? There is room and necessity for both schools therefore we object to both proposals and wish the Status Quo is maintained

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature Malcolm B. Fletcher Date 20 May 2009

Address 3 Wood-lea Warden Grove Houghton & Spring DHS. 8HT

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Comments Option 3 is a much better option for everyone. The children will be able to stay in a well managed school that achieves a good OFSTED, with teachers they trust. The teachers get to keep their jobs.
The council will be able to reduce the budget therefore saving money but also have the option of increasing PAN in the future as required.
Bernard Gilpin is not a new school and is not big enough to accommodate large class numbers. PFE FABs are not part of a school they are an after thought which should not even be considered.
Reduce the pan of both schools and review the options at a later date when development is complete in the area and actual future numbers are known.
Easington Lane primary and Hetton Lyons primary have both been built to small for the number of children in the area, don't make a similar mistake with these schools

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Signature A. Caven Date 15/6/09

Address 12 WOOLEA, HOUGHTON LE SPRING, TYNE & WEAR. DH5 8HT

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Comments I believe the consultation process gave no answers to questions. I attended every meeting and written response forms and a separate letter requesting the reasons behind the decision but still do not know why closing Gillas Lane is better for the children. There is no sense in closing a well performing school to put the children into a school which isn't ~~performing~~ giving the same standards. What is the point of having an Ofsted report if the council aren't going to consider it when closing a school?
I feel the best decision would be to reduce PAN of

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Signature K. Craven Date 15-6-09

Address 12 Woodlea, Moughton - Le - Spring, Tyne & Wear, DH5 8HT

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Comments (continued)

both schools and review the situation in future years. The numbers in both schools will increase after the housing development planned in the area is completed. The birthrate is also currently increasing rapidly these children will eventually need school places.

I am aware that there is a school in ~~the~~ Sunderland with a higher surplus place percentage than Gillas Lane but this school is not being closed (Seaburn Dene). Why?

Why was option 2 not considered? This would have been a much fairer decision both for the children and the teachers. I have seen the proposed financial costing for the implementation of option 1 (approx £750,000), this figure does not include redundancy costs. It does include a sum for the alterations to the Bemand Gilpin Site, however there are no plans for the alterations so where has the figure come from?

At the meetings the officers were unable to give any educational benefits of closing the school and said that ofsted reports were not being considered therefore the decision must have been made for financial reasons. I have read the statutory guidance for closure of schools and believe the officers have not followed their own procedures. The best decision would be to start the consultation period again. The officers should then set out the pros and cons of all three options which could then be discussed.

I feel we have been dictated to not consulted with.



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RESIDENT, FORMER PARENT.

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Comments

Traffic in Hall Lane is already congested, dangerous. New housing will make this worse.
New houses will bring more children and Bernard Gilpin will then be over capacity.
Closing this school is classic overconnection to temporary drop in births, recent trend is upward in this area, leading to a shortage of capacity in five years.
Eppleton School is also closing reducing further the parental choice and making the above situation worse.
Traffic control measures on Gillas Lane mean there is little effect in that area from school traffic.

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Signature..... AMG R. Giam Date..... 25/5/09

Address..... 16, Woodlea, Houghton-le-Spring, Tyne & Wear. DA15 8HT

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Comments

Gillas Lane is a truly family school caring and nurturing our children to become good citizens. Closing our school takes away the parental choice which this government supposedly offers to parents.

It would be detrimental to both Bernard Gilpin and Gillas Lane to carry through the closure. Sunderland authority have acted with arrogance and lack of care to the children of this community. They should re-think their decision and act with dignity, keeping our school open.

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature A. Stafford (Mrs) Date 19-05-09

Address 17, Woodlea Houghton-le-Spring DH5 8HT

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Comments

I object to the proposed closure of Gillas Lane Primary School. I believe that due consideration was not given to Option 3 during the consultation process and that proposals that could reduce the PAN at Gillas Lane were ignored. I felt that the decision to close Gillas Lane had been made and that the consultation process was just a case of going through the formalities. My children feel happy and safe at Gillas Lane Primary and I am more than happy with the standard of education they are receiving. Concerns over the resulting larger class sizes at Bernard Gilpin with the possibility of temporary buildings have not been addressed. Neither has the loss of the Nursery Unit at Gillas Lane.

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Signature G. Hughes MR G. HUGHES Date 2/6/09

Address 19, WOOD LEA, HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, TYNE AND WEAR, D15 8HT

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Comments

My children are very happy at Gillas lane School. I am very happy with the education and individual attention they receive. The attention would be less so if Gillas lane and Bernard Gilpin were to amalgamate. I feel there are too many negative reasons for the closure of Gillas lane and not enough positive research has been done by the council for option 3. The idea of extra traffic, larger classrooms, portable ones even worse!! , why would any parent whose child is currently safe, well educated and happy consider a move to Bernard Gilpin a good thing??

->PTO.

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Signature.....RH Hughes (Mrs RH Hughes).....Date 2/6/09.....

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At the moment, it has been proved that there are errors in the Council's Research.

We were misguided that a new nursery would be built at Bernard Gilpin, only to be told at the next Consultation Meeting that this is not the case.

If a simple mistake like this has been made, how can we believe that the Council have thoroughly investigated all viable options.

Option 3 is viable and the Council need to address that.

I look forward to a response from yourselves.

(No not just a letter acknowledging mine, a detailed explanation of why you think taking my children out of a school they love into one twice as big is a positive move. /

Thank you.

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Comments

I think option 3 would have been viable for both schools as I don't think it would be a good idea to merge two schools together. They are two completely different schools in more ways than one and I chose Gillas Lane so why do you have the right to take that choice away unless you can give me a valid reason and so far I haven't had one. My children are very settled in the school both with the surroundings and the teachers and are performing really well both academically and educationally. Gillas Lane School has proved in the past to be a good school and has operated well above average financially. I really think this should be reconsidered properly.

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Signature..... L. Lello Date..... 17/5/09

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Comments

There has been no consultation properly carried out for this matter, parents and teachers feelings and expressions have not at all been taken into consideration. As for the council meeting - total joke!, no thought or educational matters have been taken into account. The school results for exams are at a high standard which leads me to believe this is all been done for financial reasons. Therefore my main concerns are my children's education I feel this will suffer considerably and this is a precious issue which they only get one shot at. Why ruin this good, close community based school for money????

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Comments

My 2 children are now grown, but both attended Gillas Lane before it became a full Primary School. My younger child is in the process of buying a house nearby and would hope that any future children would have the opportunity to attend the excellent Gillas Lane Primary. If the school is closed, I believe in a short while there will be a huge shortfall of places for primary school children. In addition, if a new school then had to be built, what a waste of Council taxpayers money when

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Signature M. Howthe Date 20.5.2009

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there is a perfectly good school already in use.

As councillors, you are elected by us and you are privileged in being asked to look after our city. Please listen to what your electors are saying & keep Gillies Lane open.

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Comments The closure of Gillas Lane Primary is not a forward thinking measure. If children transfer to Bernard Gilpin it will cause untold problems.
eg. 1. School too small causing loss of library and computer suit and in all probability portable classrooms would have to be used,
2. No kitchen facilities - all meals brought in -
3. No nursery, government highlights the importance of nursery education
4. Parental choice, another government request.

Have decision makers opened their eyes to the number of pregnant women and mothers with babies around the Houghton area, I have never seen so many. These children will be of nursery / school age at time of closure, where are they going to be accommodated???, I seen ri

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Signature..... S. Smith Date..... 19.5.09

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See Sunderland Council having to build more schools
in future if all the schools proposed for closure are closed,
You asked the parents and residents ect. for an opinion but
have not taken this into account or ? ever looked at opinions,
You are supposed to have been elected as our voice
but I am afraid you only hear your own. By using option
3 both schools will be able to continue to give a first
class education to the children of Haughton-le-Spring



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Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pupil	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

I support original Option 3 (Reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for both Gillas Lane and Bernard Gilpin schools and remodel in line with net capacity to reduce surplus places)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Other(please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments

The L.E.A proposals show, once again, a disregard for the needs of the communities 'served', and (more pressing in the short term) of the risks to education of pupils already in the system. They indicate to any observer that elected representatives have once again (over)

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature.....

Date.....

Address.....

37 WOODLEA, HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, CO. DURHAM.

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taken instruction from officers, and needs
in the education sector, ^{have better} subordinated to
sterile interpretations of a balance sheet.

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I am responding as a:	
Parent/ Carer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resident ✓	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pupil	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

I support original Option 3 (Reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for both Gillas Lane and Bernard Gilpin schools and remodel in line with net capacity to reduce surplus places)

Yes ☒ No ☐ Other (please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments

WE OBJECT MOST STRONGLY TO THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF GILLAS LANE SCHOOL. APART FROM THE DISRUPTION TO THE CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS, IF THE SCHOOL CLOSES AND HOUSES ARE BUILT ON THE SITE, WHICH SCHOOL WOULD THE NEW HOME OWNERS CHILDREN GO TO, THE NUMBERS OF CHILDREN IN THESE NEW HOUSES ~~HAS~~ BEEN GREATLY UNDERESTIMATED.
HAVE

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature..... J. Dore Date..... 25-5-09

Address..... 55, SEATON AVENUE

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Parent/ Carer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resident	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pupil	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

I support original Option 3 (Reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for both Gillas Lane and Bernard Gilpin schools and remodel in line with net capacity to reduce surplus places)

Yes ☒

No ☐

Other (please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments

I can see no positive benefits for our children or their education in closing Gillas Lane School and moving our children to Bernard Gilpin. I have no idea how anyone can believe that it is a good idea. It is obvious that children in ~~smaller~~ smaller schools will learn and develop better in a smaller school where they are bound to receive more individual attention and any extra help needed. There is no way this will happen as well in a much larger school.

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature A. W. [Signature] Date 11-05-09

Address 12 Coptleigh Houghton - Le-Spring DHS 83D

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This whole idea is very unfair on our children. They love their school and their teachers and are achieving very well where they are. Gillas Lane is a very good school and OFSTED proves this. Why have an OFSTED if the results will mean nothing in something as big as closing a school? We know Gillas Lane can reduce its surplus places so it seems we are just being used to reduce surplus places in other parts of Sunderland, especially Bernard Gilpin School and Houghton Nursery! We need both Gillas Lane and Bernard Gilpin Schools in our area. It concerns me to think that if we move to Bernard Gilpin it will be overcrowded as although, it was built as a two form entry school, it was however not built big enough and children from both schools will therefore be squashed in - this is obviously not good. Traffic is also a problem and even though parents at Bernard Gilpin were told that those coming from Gillas Lane would not be using cars and I know this is not true, our parents will be using cars. The thought of my children being in danger at the school gates worries me!

The whole consultation process has been rubbish. We have not been listened to at all which has been very upsetting for all parents and staff.

Option 1 (close our school) was the worst option that could have been chosen. We are the only school to have a full closure so our children are the only children to have everything familiar taken away from them completely. -- How can this be seen as fair?? Children, parents and staff are already worrying. Children should not have to think about in their early years education, they should be given the best start possible and uprooting them at this stage will be very detrimental. I hope Sunderland Council put this matter to rest and don't make a huge mistake!!



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Parent/ Carer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resident	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pupil	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

I support original Option 3 (Reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for both Gillas Lane and Bernard Gilpin schools and remodel in line with net capacity to reduce surplus places)

Yes ☒ No ☐ Other (please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments MY TWO CHILDREN ATTEND GILLAS LANE & ARE BOTH ACHIEVING VERY WELL. THE SMALLER SCHOOL IS A GREAT START TO THEIR EDUCATION ESPECIALLY AS THEY WERE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE THE NURSERY ATTACHED TO SCHOOL WHICH MEANT THEY WERE ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH THE SCHOOL AND TEACHERS. THIS WAS ALSO BENEFICIAL IN MY SON'S CASE AS HE WAS FOUND TO HAVE SOME LEARNING DIFFICULTIES AT SUCH AN EARLY AGE. THE EXCELLENT HELP HE RECEIVED IN NURSERY WAS PASSED ON TO PEOPLE WHO ALREADY KNEW HIM & WHO HE WAS ALREADY COMFORTABLE WITH MOVING MY CHILDREN AT THIS STAGE IN THEIR EDUCATION WOULD BE VERY DETRIMENTAL TO THEM (ESPECIALLY MY SON). THEY ARE ALREADY WORRYING ABOUT THE MOVE & THE CHANGES FROM EVERYTHING THEY KNOW.

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature..... *[Signature]* Date..... 15/6/09

Address..... 12 COPTLEIGH, MOUNTON LE SPRING, SUNDERLAND

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WE CHOSE GILLAS LANE AS OUR CHILDRENS SCHOOL & ARE NOW BEING LEFT WITH NO CHOICE OTHER THAN BERNARD GILPIN. ITS WRONG TO TAKE OUR CHOICE AWAY FROM US! WHY HAVE OFSTED IF IT MEANS NOTHING.

GILLAS LANE IS A BETTER SCHOOL AND IS ACHIEVING VERY WELL, THIS SHOULD COUNT FOR SOMETHING! MY CHILDRENS SCHOOL IS BEING USED TO SOLVE OTHER SCHOOLS PROBLEMS & TO MAKE THE COUNCIL LOOK LIKE THEY ARE DOING A GOOD JOB.

HAVE THE PEOPLE MAKING THE FINAL DECISION EVEN BEEN GIVEN ALL OF THE RELEVANT INFORMATION? OR HAVE THEY ONLY BEEN TOLD WHAT THE PEOPLE MAKING THE RECOMMENDATION WANT THEM TO KNOW? ITS OBVIOUS BERNARD GILPIN IS NOT BIG ENOUGH IN ANY WAY & I WORRY THAT MY CHILDREN ARE GOING TO BE IN OVERCROWDED CLASSROOMS!

"LEAVE GILLAS LANE OPEN"



OBJECTION FORM

IN RESPONSE TO THE STATUTORY NOTICE SEEKING THE CLOSURE OF GILLAS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL (MAY/JUNE 2009)

I am responding as a:	
School staff + Parent of past children	
Parent/ Carer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resident	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pupil	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Staff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

I support original Option 3 (Reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for both Gillas Lane and Bernard Gilpin schools and remodel in line with net capacity to reduce surplus places)

Yes ☒ No ☐ Other (please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments

I disagree with the proposals put forward as I don't feel we were giving a fair hearing.
① If this goes ahead the classes will be oversized and there will be no room for any children moving into the area. ② When the new houses are rebuilt where will these children go.
Bernard Gilpin don't have a nursery, where

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature..... SMcG Date..... 15-6-09

Address..... 59, Lawnswood, Houghton-le Spring, DH5-8J

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will the children go.

③. Bernard Gilpin don't have a kitchen, so all meals are brought in from another school, here ours are cooked fresh on the premises, that is why the majority of our children have cooked dinners.

I feel if these two schools are amalgamated the children with special needs will suffer as they are used to having small classes with 1-1 tuition.



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IN RESPONSE TO THE STATUTORY NOTICE SEEKING THE CLOSURE OF GILLAS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL (MAY/JUNE 2009)

I am responding as a:	
Parent/ Carer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grandparent
Resident	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pupil	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

I support original Option 3 (Reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for both Gillas Lane and Bernard Gilpin schools and remodel in line with net capacity to reduce surplus places)

Yes ☒

No ☐

Other (please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments How far are grandparents (over pensionable age) expected to travel?
 Gillas Lane School is a local school where local people attend to be educated, this includes socialising with local people. If parents want to travel and take their children further afield then that's up to them, but for those of us who have planned our caring responsibilities and wish our children to remain locally with neighbours + family then we should have the right to. The school is not old and meets the needs so why close it - Is the local authority trying to make money from the land rather than developing our children? What are your priorities?

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature A. Thompson Date 22/5/09

Address 'VALHALLA' MEADOW CLOSE, HAVERTHALL SPRING, DHS 8HU.

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Parent/ Carer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resident	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pupil	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

I support original Option 3 (Reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for both Gillas Lane and Bernard Gilpin schools and remodel in line with net capacity to reduce surplus places)

Yes ☒ No ☐ Other(please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments

MY TWO CHILDREN ARE LEARNING AND ACHIEVING WELL AT GILLAS LANE SCHOOL. THEY ARE VERY HAPPY THERE AND FIND THE TEACHERS EASILY APPROACHABLE IF THEY HAVE ANY WORRIES OR CONCERNS. THIS IS OBVIOUSLY VERY BENEFICIAL. MY TWO SONS DO VERY WELL IN THEIR SMALL SCHOOL AND I AM VERY CONCERNED THAT IF THEY ARE MOVED TO A MUCH LARGER SCHOOL THEY WILL FALL BEHIND DUE TO UPHEAVAL. AS A CHILD I WAS MOVED SCHOOLS NO FEWER THAN FOUR TIMES FROM PRIMARY THROUGH TO SENIORS SO I KNOW FIRST HAND THIS DID NOT HELP

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Signature D. Mould Date 10/6/09

Address 41 MEADOW CLOSE, HOUGHTON LE SPRING

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Comments (continued)

MY SCHOOL LIFE. MAKING NEW FRIENDS AND NOT KNOWING TEACHERS ALL HAD AN UNSETTLING EFFECT. I DO NOT WANT THE SAME FOR MY TWO SONS.

WE ARE ALL AWARE THAT THAT CLASSROOMS ARE NOT BIG ENOUGH DUE TO THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN AT BERNARD GILPIN AND THEY WILL ALSO LOSE FACILITIES TO FIT OUR CHILDREN IN. TRAFFIC IS ALREADY A PROBLEM AT THE SCHOOL, AND WILL OBVIOUSLY GET WORSE.

I CHOSE GILLAS LANE SCHOOL FOR MY CHILDREN AND IT IS WRONG TO HAVE THAT TAKEN AWAY FROM ME.



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I am responding as a:	
Parent/ Carer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resident	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pupil	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

I support original Option 3 (Reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for both Gillas Lane and Bernard Gilpin schools and remodel in line with net capacity to reduce surplus places)

Yes ☒ No ☐ Other (please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments

I chose Gillas Lane School for my children as it is close to my home + is easier to get to. It also has a nursery attached which I found to be very beneficial, especially for my oldest child who has learning difficulties. His problems were picked up very quickly + the excellent help he received was continued up into school. Ofsted reports prove this is a very good school.

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature..... *[Signature]* Date..... 10.6.09

Address..... 41 Meadow Close, Houghton-le-Spring.

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Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>
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School Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

I support original Option 3 (Reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for both Gillas Lane and Bernard Gilpin schools and remodel in line with net capacity to reduce surplus places)

Yes ☒ No ☐ Other(please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments

As an ex-student at Gillas Lane I can safely say that I couldn't have enjoyed my time there more. The relationships between students and teachers was at an intimate level and I know that it gave me the best possible start to life. I know many people who went to larger schools who didn't enjoy their time in primary and this reflects in their attitudes towards school and work in later life. This is why I am so disappointed in the closure

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature Charlotte Hirst Date 13/6/09

Address 42 meadow Close, Houghton-le-spring-Tyne and wear

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Resident	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pupil	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

I support original Option 3 (Reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for both Gillas Lane and Bernard Gilpin schools and remodel in line with net capacity to reduce surplus places)

Yes ☒ No ☐ Other (please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments

We have already written a letter explaining our feelings re overcrowding, Bernard Gilpin, extra traffic aggravating an existing problem and we believe parents should have a choice. Gillas Lane parents should have the option of using Gillas Lane School.

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature..... B. B. B. B. B. Date..... 20.04.09

Address..... 49, MEADOW CLOSE - HOUGHTON-CE-SILING

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Parent/ Carer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resident	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pupil	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

I support original Option 3 (Reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for both Gillas Lane and Bernard Gilpin schools and remodel in line with net capacity to reduce surplus places)

Yes ☒

No ☐

Other(please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments

I believe Gillas Lane Primary School has provided an excellent service to our community and its closure would have a detrimental effect on our childrens education

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature.....*J Harrison*.....Date *20/5/09*.....

Address.....*55 Meadow Close, Gillas Lane East Houghton-le-Spring*.....

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Parent/ Carer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resident	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pupil	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

I support original Option 3 (Reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for both Gillas Lane and Bernard Gilpin schools and remodel in line with net capacity to reduce surplus places)

Yes ☒ No ☐ Other (please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments

One of the most important services provided by an Education Authority is a high standard of quality education. Both Bernard Gilpin and Gillas Lane do so. Over-crowding pupils in one of these schools is to diminish the quality particularly in libraries and computer suites are lost by having to convert them to classrooms. Proposals as the alternative show how rushed a plan this is and how financial considerations are being put above the needs of the children of Houghton-le-Spring. Think again!

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature..... D. Harvey Date..... 20/5/09

Address..... 3, Dene Garden, Houghton-le-Spring

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Parent/ Carer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resident	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pupil	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

I support original Option 3 (Reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for both Gillas Lane and Bernard Gilpin schools and remodel in line with net capacity to reduce surplus places)

Yes ☒

No ☐

Other(please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments

My niece attended Gillas Lane School, the education she received was unmeasurable. This school is first class and deserves to continue supporting the children in our community.

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature J. Crompton Date 6.6.09

Address 5 LUMLEY ST HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING.

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IN RESPONSE TO THE STATUTORY NOTICE SEEKING THE CLOSURE OF GILLAS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL (MAY/JUNE 2009)

I am responding as a: <i>Gymnastics coach</i>	
Parent/ Carer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resident	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pupil	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other <i>Weekly coach</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I support original Option 3 (Reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for both Gillas Lane and Bernard Gilpin schools and remodel in line with net capacity to reduce surplus places)

Yes ☒

No ☐

Other (please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments *I have been teaching gymnastics at Gillas Lane for 9 years as an extra curricular activity in the early bird sessions. Gillas Lane is one of my most successful sessions both in admissions and competitions, being a small school the children do well in competing. I think it will be an awful shame if this school was to close.*

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature *[Signature]* Date *15/6/09*

Address *8 Valley Forge, Dastinger Vile Tyne & Wear.*

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I am responding as a:	
Parent/ Carer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resident	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pupil	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

I support original Option 3 (Reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for both Gillas Lane and Bernard Gilpin schools and remodel in line with net capacity to reduce surplus places)

Yes ☒ No ☐ Other (please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments

I feel the support the children get from the school is excellent due to the small class sizes. The nursery is well attended & is a great start to the children's school life.

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature M. Wilson Date 14/6/09

Address 7 Baysdale, DH4 7SE

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Parent/ Carer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resident	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pupil	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

I support original Option 3 (Reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for both Gillas Lane and Bernard Gilpin schools and remodel in line with net capacity to reduce surplus places)

Yes ☒ No ☐ Other (please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments

Gillas Lane should not be closed following a flawed consultation process when this school has a good/excellent OFSTED report.

It reflects the flaws that have recently become apparent in central government i.e. non transparent processes, 'own nest' feathering and being totally out of touch with those that elected them. These elected people are not in control of council officers who make local decisions - i.e. LA officers in Sunderland.

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature P. Brown Date 6/6/09

Address 4 Orchard House, Belford Close, Sunderland, SR2 7TY

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Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pupil	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

I support original Option 3 (Reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for both Gillas Lane and Bernard Gilpin schools and remodel in line with net capacity to reduce surplus places)

Yes ☒ No ☐ Other (please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments

As an educational professional, I find this pending closure incomprehensible especially after such a good/excellent OFSTED report.

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature [Signature] Date 06/06/09

Address 90 COLCHESTER TCE, SUNDERLAND, SR4 7QE

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Parent/ Carer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resident	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pupil	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> relative OF a pupil.

I support original Option 3 (Reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for both Gillas Lane and Bernard Gilpin schools and remodel in line with net capacity to reduce surplus places)

Yes ☒ No ☐ Other (please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments • The decision did not take the parent's views into consideration at the consultation process.
 • The long term situation has not been taken into consideration. To close the school then means the land will most likely be built on, then the number of people will increase, therefore more money will have to be spent on education.

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature E. Clancy Date 7th June 2009

Address 32 Wycliffe Road, Seaham, SR7 8NP

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School Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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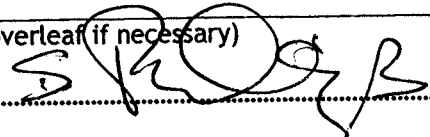
Yes ☒ No ☐ Other (please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments

The birth rate is on the up. in a few years pupil numbers will rise anyway.

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature  Date 20-5-09

Address 8. Hill Rise Washington, NE38-7HS.

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Parent/ Carer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resident	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pupil	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relative of Pupil

I support original Option 3 (Reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for both Gillas Lane and Bernard Gilpin schools and remodel in line with net capacity to reduce surplus places)

Yes ☒ No ☐ Other (please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments

Gillas Lane provides good/excellent education as proved by OFSTED. There is good teacher/pupil rapport which leads to more productive results within the classroom.

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature [Signature] Date 7 Jun 2009

Address 32 Wycliffe Road, Seaham, Co Durham, SR7 8HP

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Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pupil	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

I support original Option 3 (Reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for both Gillas Lane and Bernard Gilpin schools and remodel in line with net capacity to reduce surplus places)

Yes ☒

No ☐

Other (please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments AS Gillas Lane is a smaller school it has proven to have better results & therefore would be beneficial for all pupils if the school stayed open to continue with their excellent progress.

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature N. Ward Date 9 JUN 09

Address 31 TINTAGEL DRIVE, SEAHAM

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I support original Option 3 (Reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for both Gillas Lane and Bernard Gilpin schools and remodel in line with net capacity to reduce surplus places)

Yes ☒ No ☐ Other (please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments

Gillas Lane should not be closed, it has above average performance results (in the top 10%).
 Smaller schools are much better, why should my grandson who attends this school be uprooted
 and his education suffer when the school he attends is more than adequate.

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature..... M. Chatterjee Date..... 9/6/09

Address..... 31 Queens Avenue, Dalton-le-Dale, Seaham, Co Durham, SR7 8EX

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Yes ☒

No ☐

Other (please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments

- Do not see the benefit of an open, mixed year class
- Witnessed the outstanding results obtained by my daughter and currently my son through the dedicated and high standard of teaching at Gillas Lane
- Concerned for the safety in the issue of traffic congestion if amalgamate with Bernard Gilpin

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature [Signature] Date 13/5/09

Address 31 Atherton Drive, Houghton E Spring

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Yes ☒

No ☐

Other (please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments

This is the preferred option for BOTH schools - if our children have to move to Bernard Gilpin they will be running at maximum capacity meaning larger class sizes, which does not benefit either set of children. Keeping Gillas Lane open also means that Nursery provision is kept in the area retaining parental choice - as the Council keep saying this is important! Also why close a school that is offering PTO

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature M. Plant Date 15-6-09

Address 21 Wendleydale Ave, Penshaw

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a good standard of education - as agreed
by Ofsted and the parents.

Standards are more important than
'state of art' buildings!

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I am responding as a:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parent/ Carer <i>Clare Veitch</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Pupil	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Yes ☒ No ☐ Other (please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments

I am hoping to send my child when she is older to Gillas Lane School. I don't think that putting my child in a class with a large amount of pupils will be good for her education as it is impossible to give every pupil the correct attention with such a large amount of children in one class.

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature *C Veitch* Date *28/5/09*

Address *26 DENE AVENUE HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, DHS 8EF*

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Yes ☒ No ☐ Other (please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments

Should we re-locate to the nearest school, I feel the local community would suffer as a direct result of the closure of Gillas Lane Infants School. As a long standing member of the community, and fellow pupil, I feel the best interests of the children's education would not be served at a larger, more impersonal establishment.

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature [Signature] Date 30/5/09

Address 13 Stanley Street, Houghton-le-Spring, Tyne and Wear
DHS 8BB

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No ☐

Other (please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments

THE GOVERNMENT IS FOREVER TRYING TO GET PARENTS TO WALK, THEREFORE WE RELY HEAVILY ON SUPPORT FROM MY PARENTS WHO ARE PENSIONERS BUT LIVE IN THE LOCAL AREA. IF THE SCHOOL CLOSURES THIS WOULD MEAN RELYING UPON TRANSPORTATION TO GET TO SCHOOL. WHICH LEADS ME TO THE QUESTION "WHY HAVE CARBON FOOTPRINTS", ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO WALK TO SCHOOL, INCREASING THE OPPORTUNITY TO SOCIALISE AND KEEP FIT WHEN INSTEAD THERE WILL BE QUE'S OF CARS AT THE SCHOOL GATES. IF SCHOOLS CLOSE, WHAT EFFECT WILL THERE BE ON THE OTHER SCHOOLS WILL CHILDREN GET ACCEPTED OR WHAT TRAVEL DISTANCE IS DEEMED AS ACCEPTABLE TO THIS COUNCIL NOT TO MENTION THE DISRUPTION TO EDUCATION WILL THE GOVERNMENT FIND ALL PUPILS WITH NEW UNIFORMS?

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature

[Signature]

Date

19th May 09

Address

17 ALL SAINTS DRIVE, HERTON DHS 9BL

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Yes ☒ No ☐ Other (please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments
I think children will benefit from staying in an environment they are happy, comfortable and familiar with.

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature S. Nelson Date 11th May 2009

Address 30 Wordsworth Av East, Haughton-le-Spring, DH5 8LH

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Yes ☒

No ☐

Other (please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments

Gillas Lane is an excellent school & I want my son to go there because of the caring environment & the fact it is a small school where the teachers know all of the pupils well. I feel my child will be happiest & learn best in this school. I don't feel any other option should be considered than option 3.

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature Stletherington Date 8-5-09

Address 57 Seaham Rd Houghton - Le-Spring DH58EP

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No ☐

Other (please explain) ☐

(Tick answer applicable)

Comments

As a Grandparent of two children who attend Gillas Lane School, I feel I must register my objection to what I feel is it's totally unnecessary and illogical closure.

I do not see the point of closing a school where the staff know all the pupils and their families just to send them somewhere which will mean increases in classroom sizes but without the benefit of extra staff. I feel this will mean that pupils with special needs will be 'left behind' as teachers concentrate on those who can keep up with the curriculum.

Amalgamation would also necessitate the building of a Nursery

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature.....M. Watson.....Date.....30.5.09.....

Address.....1. Warraton Close East Rannoch, DH5 9RN.....

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and a kitchen to cope with the increased numbers.

After following the campaign by dedicated parents to keep Gillas Lane open, I feel that their concerns ~~are~~ have not been taken into account by Councillors who really do not know the sterling work done by the teachers and staff supported by parents and families.

Listening to these people supposedly answering parents' queries I have yet to hear of one benefit to the pupils themselves, should the amalgamation go ahead.

On that basis, I would request that the Council rethinks the future of Gillas Lane School, making the pupils their top priority and not the finance.

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(Tick answer applicable)

Comments

I feel my childrens education will be greatly impeded by closing Gillas Lane. The class sizes in the new amalgamated school, are far too large, and I do not feel it is a correct or proper solution to close a good school and educate our children in portable classrooms, also what about parental choice for a local school and nursery facilities?? as a poll tax payer and a tax payer I feel totally

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Signature M. Walton Date 21/5/09

Address Deneaside, Gillas Lane East, Houghton-le-Spring
DH5 8LR

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let down by a council, whose motto is supposed to be 'investments in people'. if we can't invest in our childrens future by providing a decent, fair education for them, in a school offering the correct atmosphere and facilities what chance have they got. Both schools should be kept open, because two schools offer the local children with the best facilities for a good education, which is a basic human right!!!!

M Walton. G Walton