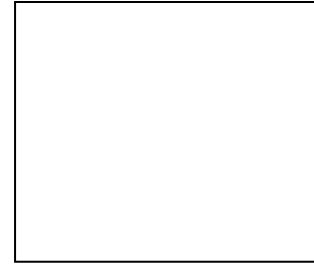


Appendix A



Argyll and Bute Council

Education

CONSULTATION REPORT

Report on the outcome of the consultation relating to the proposal to rezone the catchment area of St Joseph's Primary School.

August 2023

This document has been issued by Argyll and Bute Council in regard to a proposal in terms of the *Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010* as amended.

1. Summary of the Proposal

- 1.1 The proposal is to rezone the catchment area for St Joseph's Primary School so that it is extended to the whole of the Helensburgh and Lomond area, with effect from 24th August 2023.

2. Introduction

- 2.1 This is a Consultation Report prepared in compliance with the *Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010*, as amended (the 2010 Act), on the above proposal.

- 2.2 The purpose of this report is to:

Provide a record of the total number of written responses made during the statutory consultation period;

Provide a summary of the written responses;

Provide a summary of oral representations made at the public meeting, held on 25th April 2023.

Provide a statement of the Council's response to those written and oral representations;

Police Scotland;
NHS Highland;
Argyll and Bute Council's School Transport Team;
Scottish Fire and Rescue Services; and
Care Inspectorate.

5.4 The Proposal Paper was also available at the following locations:

Council Offices
All libraries in Helensburgh and Lomond
All Helensburgh and Lomond area/locality offices
The schools affected by the proposal

5.5 The steps listed below were also taken to ensure that the proposal was made widely available:

Notice of the proposal and of publication of the Proposal Paper was placed within local newspapers;
The Proposal Paper was published on the Argyll and Bute Council website;

6. Pupil Engagement

- 6.1 Officers from the Education Service invited engagement on the proposal from children, staff and parents (and all other relevant consultees) from St Joseph's Primary School and the other affected schools.
- 6.2 The proposal, could have an impact on pupils, parents, communities and

meeting on 25th April 2023 and visited the affected schools to meet with pupils and gather their views.

10.3 Education Scotland thereafter produced their report on the educational aspects of the proposal. This report is produced in full at **Appendix 4**.

10.4 Education Scotland's report supports the proposal and is summarised below:

Education Scotland note that the Council have set out a clear rationale for the proposal. All stakeholders who met with HM Inspectors were in favour of the proposal.

Education Scotland's view is that implementation of the proposal would decrease the need for placing requests, and reduce the need for parents to pay for school transport.

Education Scotland agree that the proposal has potential educational benefits, and will offer greater parental choice.

If the proposal is to be implemented, Education Scotland recommends that the Council works with schools and communities to mitigate any likely negative impact.

As part of any implementation of the proposal, Education Scotland recommend that the Council would benefit from working with stakeholders to consider solutions which may alleviate accessibility concerns at Luss Primary School. This could enhance the sustainability of schools in the area.

11. Education Authority Response to Education Scotland Report

11.1 The Council welcomes the report from Education Scotland and accepts its findings.

11.2 However, the Council notes Education Scotland's recommendation (as per the final bullet point at Paragraph 10.4, above) that the Council would benefit from working with stakeholders to consider solutions which may alleviate concerns raised about accessibility at Luss Primary School (one of the affected schools). Officers agree that addressing any issues which may be identified could enhance the sustainability of schools in the area.

12. Compliance with Section 9(1) of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010

12.1 After the Education Authority received Education Scotland's report, officers carried out a further review of the proposal

