



To: Parents of Pupils attending
Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar
(including nursery parents)

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Dear Parent

PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A GAELIC MEDIUM CATCHMENT AREA FOR BUN-SGOIL GHÀIDHLIG LOCH ABAR

I write to advise you that The Highland Council has issued a consultative paper in connection with the above proposal. The consultation will begin on 29th January 2018 and finish on 16th March 2018.

The proposal paper and appendices are available online at:

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/schoolconsultations>

Copies are also available for inspection at Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar, Fort William Public Library, and Caol Public Library. You can also request that a copy be posted. If you wish to have a paper copy posted to you, please contact the Area Care and Learning Service, Camaghael Hostel, Fort William PH33 7NE, telephone 01397 707530.

You are invited to discuss the implications of this at a public meeting with Highland Council officials. The time, date and venue for the meeting are noted below.

BUN-SGOIL GHÀIDHLIG LOCH ABAR – TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2018 at 6.30PM

A note of the meeting will be taken, and the meeting will be recorded as an aide-memoir for the note taker.

You are also invited to forward any written comments you may wish to make on the consultative paper to Mr Ian Jackson, Area Care & Learning Office, Camaghael Hostel, Fort William PH33 7NE, email Education.Consultations@highland.gov.uk

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Alternatively, you may submit comments via an online form accessible from the website page <http://www.highland.gov.uk/schoolconsultations>

All comments must arrive **no later than Friday 16th March 2018**.

Your comments, along with any others received, will be presented in due course to the Highland Council's People Committee for consideration. Those sending in a response, whether by letter or electronically, should know that their response will be open to public scrutiny and published on the Highland Council's website with signatures, telephone numbers and email addresses removed. If you do not wish your response to be made publicly available, you should clearly write on the document: "I wish my response to be considered as confidential with access restricted to Councillors and Council Officers of Highland Council". Otherwise, it will be assumed that the person making the response agrees to it being made publicly available. All written responses must be received by the last day of the consultation period, Friday, 16th March 2018.

As part of the consultation, we intend to seek views directly from the school pupils. I have therefore arranged for staff at Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar to discuss the proposal with pupils and provide advice about their views. This will form part of the advice that is eventually submitted to the People Committee. Views will not be attributed to individual pupils.

Lastly, I would draw your attention to advice to parents published by the Scottish Government, about changes to schools. This can be found at:

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Education/Schools/Buildings/changestoschoolestate/SchoolsConsultationScotlandAct2010Leaflet>

Yours sincerely



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