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Fwd: Bellingham Middle School

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To: Education Consultations <educationconsultation@northumberland.gov.uk>

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Dear Mrs McEvoy
I am writing regarding the proposed closure of Bellingham Middle School. As a parent, former member of staff and part of this widespread rural community, I am extremely concerned.
The school has pupils from a widespread rural community. Travelling distance and time for pupils are reasonable and manageable. This would not be the case if the closure went ahead with travel times extending to a round trip of 2 to 4 hours. This is unacceptable for children of this age, in my

opinion.
A three tier system is to be maintained in Hexham, why not at Bellingham ?
The school has very good facilities and dedicated staff. The children can learn at school and still have time at each end of the day to unwind and just be kids. Quite frankly, they will be robbed of a life outside of school during the week if this goes ahead.
Rural communities should not be judged the same as suburban ones. There are specific needs that should be considered. One size does not fit all !
Thank you for your time.
Yours Sincerely,
Debra Jackson.

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