Northumberland County Council

Jacqui Pearson <jacqui.pearson@northumberland.gov.uk>

Re: Closure of Bellingham middle school

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Lorraine Fife <lorraine.fife@northumberland.gov.uk> 5 June 2018 at 13:23
To: Jacqui Pearson <jacqui.pearson@northumberland.gov.uk>
Cc: "Aviston, Sue" <Sue.Aviston@northumberland.gov.uk>, Andy Johnson GCSX <andy.johnson@northumberland.gov.uk>

HI Jacqui

CAn you please send Mathew Henderson below the standard response and save his representation please?

Thanks

Lorraine

On 4 June 2018 at 18:32, Andy Johnson GCSX <andy.johnson@northumberland.gov.uk> wrote:

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From: Mathew Henderson <mathendyhenderson@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, 4 Jun 2018, 18:28
Subject: Closure of Bellingham middle school
To: <peter.jackson@northumberland.gov.uk>, <wayne.daley@northumberland.gov.uk>, <nick.oliver@northumberland.gov.uk>, <richard.wearmouth@northumberland.gov.uk>, <glen.sanderson@northumberland.gov.uk>, <john.riddle@northumberland.gov.uk>, <cath.homer@northumberland.gov.uk>, <veronica.jones@northumberland.gov.uk>, <andy.johnson@northumberland.gov.uk>, <cath.mcevoy@northumberland.gov.uk>, <guy.opperman.mp@parliament.uk>, <teamoppy@gmail.com>

Dear sirs/madams
I am writing to you all to express my disgust and confusion on the decision to close Bellingham middle school and to end the three tier system. I would really appreciate a response the following questions / concerns.

1. Why are you favouring Hexham over Bellingham / Haydon Bridge. If three tier is OK for Hexham WHY NOT Bellingham?
2. How do you expect the new primary schools to reach teaching standard for years 5 and 6 without extra staff at all locations? (some with under 10 pupils in could see the same teacher for nearly every lesson and have to share year groups from age 5-11)
3. How do you plan to create two extra year groups (classrooms) at the first schools where they are at capacity already?
4. How is it more financially viable? all the new primary are going to need more money.Could this not be used to upkeep Bellingham middle

> 5. My big concern is safe guarding of the children we will have 11 year old children traveling with up to 18 year olds. not only the travel but transfers from bus to bus. journey times of up to 4 hours a day
> 6. Local serv will suffer I am a retained fire fighter for Bellingham and it is hard enough to get new recruits this makes it less likely for anyone to commit to the area when your children are having to get on a bus and travel at 11 years old I for one will consider moving and I know plenty others talking about moving closer to a three tier system. This will have a knock on effect to shops and fuel stations which already struggle with the rural discrimination we already face.
> Please Consider the children involved they are all going through a very stressful transition as it is having to go to a in measures high school.
> Thank you for your time
> Mathew Henderson

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