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Fwd: proposal for education in West Northumberland

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Dear Mr Jackson,

I am extremely disappointed that we are told that you have listened to local people in the recent schools consultation, when your latest proposal does not take into account any of the points relevant to the schools serving the communities of the remote rural areas of Upper North Tyne and Redesdale (from Bellingham to the Scottish Border).

Your latest proposal is not viable, as it wiould set up the good First Schools to fail as under-sized

Primary Schools.

Meanwhile the proposal undermines Bellingham Middle School which has improved greatly since the last inspection and is well on the way to being very good. The report on the consultation gives out-of-date figures about entrants in September this year, claiming that only twelve children have applied to enter Bellingham Middle when in fact the number is double that.

The County Council haven't listened to our concerns about the well-being of eleven-year-olds travelling eighty miles a day plus extra time taken to access the school buses from remote rural areas. That is bad enough for thirteen-year-olds but would be seriously detrimental to eleven-year-olds. I have been told that the NSPCC would object to this.

The report now proposes to bring forward changes by a year -- when 2020 was the date proposed in the consultation.

The timing of the consultation has been impossibly difficult for communities in hill-farming country only just coming to the end of a terrible lambing season in winter conditions.

I hope you will take these points seriously and think again.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Ramsaran

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