

Dear Ian,

I was sorry not to make the consultation in September and see the consultation process is open until tomorrow (the 11th).

I see in the Ross-shire journal Emma Roddicks comments about the impact of affordable housing on rural communities. It is my understanding there are proposals to seek funding for affordable housing in Dundonnell/ Badcaul area. If the school were to close it would mean the end of any chance of young families (with the obvious financial constraints that mean they would need to apply for affordable housing) being able to move there. Placing Badcaul in the Ullapool catchment would mean the need for 2 vehicles per house hold one for the dropping off and collection of children as well as another for the person going to work tradespeople most likely. Also the road over the Feign is treacherous in winter with many fearing driving conditions just doing the journey once let alone twice a day when weather is bad.

I would urge that the process of closure is reconsidered until plans for affordable housing in the area is fully explored giving the chance of 'halting rural depopulation'.

Scoraig has recently seen an increase in young families as a result of plans to make land affordable to them (ongoing) and I think that the same would be true in Badcaul if plans for affordable housing were realised.

Best regards

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