

The Highland Council
Communities and Partnerships Committee
9 February 2017

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Report No	CP 06/17

**Review of Polling Places,
Local Government Elections to Highland Council, May 4 2017**

Report by the Chief Executive

Summary

This Report advises the Committee of the interim review of the current Scheme of Polling Places. Responses received during the 2nd stage of the consultative process are set out in Appendix 1 along with the final recommendations from the Returning Officer for a new Polling Scheme to come into effect for the Election to Highland Council on the 4 May 2017 which forms Appendix 2.

1. Background

- 1.1 Between compulsory reviews, all polling places and polling stations used should be kept under consideration, and an evaluation of their suitability carried out after each election. Cost of polling stations is one element that the Returning Officer is required to monitor along with suitability of the Polling Place. The Returning Officer is required to balance these considerations when responding to the review.
- 1.2 The Returning Officer is entitled to use, free of charge, schools maintained or assisted by a local authority. The current scheme uses 17 schools as Polling Places. The schools affected are mainly in the Inverness area. The Returning Officer has received representation regarding disruption to the education of pupils from parents at those schools following previous elections.
- 1.3 To enable the Council to review all of its schools as potential Polling Places the Director of Care and Learning has designated the 4 May 2017 as one of the fixed school In-Service days. This enables the Council full use, where possible and practicable, of schools throughout Highland for polling and consequently avoids disruption to the schools previously affected. Further it was agreed only to consider using Primary Schools as Polling Places to avoid any disruption to pupils sitting national exams scheduled at this time within secondary schools.
- 1.4 The cost of hiring external venues as Polling Places, based on the Polling Scheme used at the 2016 Scottish Parliamentary Elections, was £44,084. This cost was recovered from the Scottish Government. For the Highland Council Elections in May 2017 this cost is met entirely by the Council.

- 1.5 Polling Places mostly have one Polling Station however in some of the larger areas Polling Places may have multiple Polling Stations covering different Polling Districts.
- 1.6 Postal votes have increased significantly over the course of the past number of elections and current postal vote registration for Highland stands at just under 35,000, representing a 7,500 increase from the 2012 total.

2. Review

- 2.1 The review is a four stage process. This report is the third stage prior to the implementation of the new scheme.

2.2 Stage 1 – Notification of the review

The First Stage invited comments on the current and proposed Polling Places and ran from Monday 12 December 2016 until Friday 6 January 2017. Copies of the notice were circulated to interested parties including Councillors, MPs, MSPs, Community Councils, disability groups and to the existing halls used as Polling Stations.

- 2.3 The Stage 1 representations were published on the Council's web site along with the Returning Officer's comments. The Returning Officer requested access surveys to be carried out on the properties potentially affected by the proposed changes. These surveys were carried out by Inspectors from the Development and Infrastructure Service and by Ward Managers.

2.4 Stage 2 – Consultation

The Second Stage of consultation invited representations and comments to be made on the existing and proposed arrangements for Polling Districts and Polling Places. There are two aspects to this stage:

- i. A compulsory submission from the Returning Officer which must, in turn, be published by the local authority.
- ii. Submissions from electors and other interested persons and bodies, including elected representatives and those with expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for disabled people.

- 2.5 Stage 2 was completed on 20th January 2017. The submissions from interested persons are reproduced in Appendix 1.

- 2.6 The Returning Officer considered all of the representations made in conjunction with the access surveys carried out by Ward Managers. Following consideration, the Returning Officer has determined that 40 of the initial proposals were unsuitable and has recommended no change thus leaving existing provision in place at those 40 sites.

The Returning Officer has concluded that

- 119 schools are suitable as Polling Places consisting of 140 Polling Stations.
- 112 Polling Places consisting of 114 Polling Stations would be unchanged.

2.7 Stage 3 – Concluding the review

After considering all of the representations, the Council must decide on the most appropriate Polling Places.

2.8 The Returning Officer's final proposals are contained in Appendix 2. The cost to the Council of this revised scheme is estimated to be £20,000 representing a saving of approximately £24,000 on the equivalent expenditure on the 2016 Scottish Parliamentary Election.

2.9 Stage 4 – Publishing the Conclusions of the Review

After members have considered and agreed upon the Polling Scheme the Council will be required to publish details of the new scheme along with any representations made by interested persons. In the event of agreement to the changes proposed electors will be made aware of the changes to Polling Stations and/or Polling Places by the following means:-

- Poll Cards. These will contain a highlighted section indicating where Polling Places have changed from the last Election.
- Signs will be erected at previous Polling Places to indicate the Polling Place has moved with details of the new venue.
- Social Media will be used by the Election team to highlight the changes.
- Press releases will be made by Corporate Communications at key times to highlight the changes.

3. Future Reviews

3.1 The Returning Officer will review the performance of the new Polling Scheme after the election and there could be scope to return to some of the external facilities for future national elections.

4. Implications

4.1 There will be a saving to the Council of £24,000 by implementing this new Polling Scheme.

4.2 Legal Implications – The Council will meet all its statutory requirements.

4.3 There are no known specific equality; climate change/carbon clever; rural; risk or Gaelic implications arising from this Report.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 Members are asked to consider the representations made in conjunction with the proposed Polling Scheme.
- 5.2 Members are asked to approve the new Polling Scheme for the May 2017 Highland Council Election.

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Designation: Chief Executive.

Date:

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Appendix 1- Stage two consultation comments received.

Appendix 2- Proposed revised Scheme of Polling Places.

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Stage 2				
REF	DATE RECEIVED	POLLING PLACE	REPRESENTATION MADE BY WHOM	REPRESENTATION / COMMENTS MADE
008-17 (2)	11-Jan-17	Acharacle	Ann Macleod - Coigach CC Secretary	No particular reason to oppose the move of the polling place from Shielbridge Hall to the Acharacle Primary School. There are no difficulties in access for either location. The ACC was of the view that this should not lead to an increase in school in se
010-17 (2)	12-Jan-17	Acharacle	David Ogg - Acharacle Community Council Chair	No particular reason to oppose the move of the polling place from Shielbridge Hall to the Acharacle Primary School. There are no difficulties in access for either location. The ACC was of the view that this should not lead to an increase in school in service days and the issue of income for the Shielbridge Hall was noted, but within the context of Highland Council having to find budget savings to provide essential services. It would be helpful if HC was to confirm that there actually would be a saving from this proposal in respect of the village of Acharacle.
042-17 (2)	19-Jan-17	Arisaig	Susan Carstairs - Secretary at Aridaig and District CC	current review proposes moving the polling station at Arisaig from the Astley Hall to the primary school. A strong view in favour of retaining the hall as the polling place. The Astley Hall is positioned centrally in the village, in walking distance for many electors. There is parking space across the road for those who drive. The Primary School is on the edge of the village up a one track road with less opportunity for parking. We believe that continuing to use the hall will give the best participation in voting opportunities. Appreciate that the Council is obliged to seek financial savings but would point out that school closures also have costs in staff absences among parents, many of whom work for the Council in other areas.
037-17 (2)	18-Jan-17	Aultbea	Stephanie Kendall - Aultbea Hall Chairman	reference to the change of polling station from Aultbea Village Hall to Bualnaluib School. This decision has not taken into account the area and that Bualnaluib School is outside of Aultbea village. Entrance to the School is up a steep track on a sharp bend in the road whilst the Village Hall is easily accessible to everyone, there is ample parking whilst the School has limited parking. At the present time we assist the returning officer in putting up the booths the night before and provide him with a key to open up for 7 am. We also provide the storage of the polling booths which the school is unable to do due to lack of storage space and if the Hall is no longer the venue for voting then somewhere else will have to be found to store them. If you wish we can store them at a charge but you will need to transport them to the School.
011-17 (2)	12-Jan-17	Avoch	Stuart Smyth	Objection regarding relocating the polling station in Avoch. The Parish Church Hall is currently used for elections and is ideal, it is located centrally in the village, easily accessible for disabled and infirm, has excellent catering and toilet facilities and car parking very close by, there is a bus stop just one minute's walk away. Using the Primary School would result in great inconvenience for staff, parents and children, there is also a steep hill to climb to the school from the car park located in the Community Centre and it is a considerable distance from the bus stops in the village. Urging to reconsider the proposal to relocate from the Church Hall to the School, the Church Hall serves the village very well and is used by many groups in the village which brings much needed income for the Parish Church.

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021-17 (2)	16-Jan-17	Balnain	Pam Lucas - Glen Urquhart Community Council Chairman	<p>there is a proposal is to relocate the Balnain Polling Station to Balnain Primary School. I am not certain about the accessibility situation at the PS, but the parking is chaotic. The current site is Balnain Hall where the accessibility is good as is the parking. The preference of the CC is that Balnain Hall continues to be used as a polling station.</p> <p>The CC also prefers that Blairbeg Hall continues to be the polling station in Drumnadrochit. Again, access is excellent and parking is manageable.</p>
014-17 (2)	12-Jan-17	Bettyhill	Susan Malone	Bettyhill Village Hall has disabled access and toilet facilities and there are a small number of parking spaces close to the hall to allow less mobile users to access the facility. As far as I am aware, cars are not allowed on the school site during the school day. The primary school is in the same building as the secondary school.
034-17 (2)	18-Jan-17	Boys Brigade, Thurso	Amy Walker	Is it a misprint that both the Free Church Hall and the Boy's Brigade Hall are BOTH going to Mount Pleasant? This will not go down well with a lot of the general public. Why is Pennyland School not on the list? It used to be utilised in the past so why can't one of the above halls be changed to go there?
028-17 (2)	16-Jan-17	Braes	Catherine Atkins - Braes Hall Committee Secretary	Braes Hall Committee have canvassed opinion from the residents of Braes about the proposed moving of Braes polling station from Braes Hall to Portree Primary school. Polling Stations should be central to the community they serve; Braes has no bus service on non school days apart from Friday; the suggestion that money saved is arbitrary; and Braes Hall has adequate facilities for polling day requirements.
063-17 (2)	20-Jan-17	Broadford	Doctor Caroline Gauld	As a wheelchair user I am unable to gain access to Broadford Primary School as it is on a steep hill and is not suitable for wheelchair users and no level parking. Concerns about less accessible venues (Schools) being used and majority do not have toilet facilities for disabled people.
035-17 (2)	18-Jan-17	Caithness	Paul Hagan	Note that there is a move to use local primary schools as polling stations in the Caithness area instead of their present venues to save money. While superficially it may sound good to children to have a day off school when an election takes place, the message it gives out to the general population is that primary school education does not really matter and is not of great value - It is only a baby-sitting service. Try using secondary schools for polling stations in the weeks before the highers! It saddens me that our councillors undervalue primary education so much that they would consider this! Primary teachers take note! Another effect of closing schools to children would be the extra burden on working parents to find and pay for child-minding arrangements on polling days- just to save the council some money. If such arrangements were to go ahead, it should not be to the detriment of the good education of the children.
015-17 (2)	13-Jan-17	Central	The Right Reverend Mark Strange, Bishop of Moray, Ross & Caithness	The Old Boys School has disabled access and parking available next door. It is a shame to disrupt the education of Central School pupils if this is a financial exercise when there are good facilities close by.
039-17 (2)	18-Jan-17	Central	Alex Graham - Member	confirm my request that for the new polling district I13D should be at Central Primary School, which is quite centrally located within the actual polling district.

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012-17 (2)	12-Jan-17	Culbokie	James Hayward	Do not think a move from Findon Hall, Culbokie is sensible and oppose it. It would interfere with schooling, elections are held when needed and would not necessarily be on in service days.
041-17 (2)	18-Jan-17	Culbokie	Bruce Morrison - Ferintosh Community Council Chair	support the general policy to move polling stations to schools to save money but with one major caveat. In the case of Culbokie Primary School, for example, need to be convinced that the cost savings are genuinely available to a school that was part of a PPI contract. On the face of it, it is possible that the PPI contract could lead to higher not lower costs.
038-17 (2)	18-Jan-17	Dornoch	Joan Bishop - The Dornoch Area Community Interest Company Chair	Concern at the planned change of Polling Place from the West Church Hall to the school in Dornoch. The West Church Hall is already a fair walk for many elderly residents (e.g. 950 metres from Bishopfield) and a further 620 metres to the school would be a burden on these residents. Dornoch has an unusually high percentage of residents aged 65 & over, so this is of particular concern. (According to the 2011 census figures Dornoch has 682 residents 65 and over, compared to 1426 of 16 to 64 year olds, whereas the equivalent Highland figures are 43,040 65 and over and 147,694 16 to 64 year olds).
051-17 (2)	19-Jan-17	Dornoch	Yvonne Ross - Dornoch Community Council Chair	representations from members of the community on the relocation to the primary school which is on the outskirts of Dornoch with a walk of over a mile with hills to get to it. Residents prefer the West Church Hall which has good parking, on level ground, with enhanced disabled access and most of all its in a central location. We would like you to take these points in to consideration at your final decision making.
043-17 (2)	19-Jan-17	Dunbeath	John A Gunn - Berriedale and Dunbeath CC Secretary	OBJECT on the following grounds: 1/ The Community Hall would loose from the income from the hire of the hall. 2/ The Community Hall has a Disabled ramp and adequate parking. 3/ Moving the Polling Station to the school means a loss of education for election days. 4/ We would suggest a set fee for the hire of such premises for elections would be a more sensible approach than disrupting children's education as the school get closed enough with inclement weather and various other disruptions. 5/ We cannot see where the savings are to be made as the council will still have to pay the teachers and axillary staff for their days' holiday as they will not be allowed in side the school when it is to be used as a Polling station (Not a in service day)
020-17 (2)	16-Jan-17	East Sutherland	Deirdre Mackay - Member	Checked the list of submissions to the Stage 1 part of the proposal. In committee I spoke in response to the report and made clear, that in Ward 5, 4 of the 6 primary schools are located outside the villages and up hills. Currently the polling stations are central to the villages and convenient to voters. These are Helmsdale, Rogart, Dornoch and Edderton.

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048-17 (2)	19-Jan-17	East Sutherland	Graham Philips - Member	<p>Rogart: although Rogart is a scattered crofting community requiring many voters to drive regardless of location, moving from Pittentrail Hall to Rogart Primary School takes voters miles away from the village centre, and is not walkable for those village residents who do not drive. There is a concentration of older voters living in the village centre.</p> <p>Golspie: move from Fountain Rd Hall to Golspie Primary School is probably neutral</p> <p>Kinbrace: move from the hall to Kinbrace School. The school is currently shut and undergoing a formal closure process, unlikely to be available beyond 2017. Why bother?</p> <p>Helmsdale: move from Community Centre to Helmsdale Primary School. The Community Centre is central to the village and reasonably equidistant for those walking from either side of the A9. The school is more to the western side of the village, and a more difficult walk for those living on the east side of the A9</p> <p>Brora: no change</p> <p>Portgower: no change</p> <p>Embo: no change</p> <p>Dornoch: move from West Church Hall (fairly central) to Dornoch Primary (less so and less walkable from the eastern end of the village)</p> <p>Edderton: moving from the village hall to Edderton Primary School means approaching up a steep hill, difficult on foot for older people and those with restricted mobility. The school has scant parking. Voting booths are stored in the village hall and there will be additional costs in moving them to and from the school, offsetting the trivial saving in hall rental.</p>
001-17 (2)	11-Jan-17	Glenelg	Tina Martin - Glenelg and Arnisdale Village Hall	Glenelg & Arnisdale Village Hall has served the public well as a Polling Station for many years. It has wheelchair access, has adequate parking, is well heated ,has good toilet and kitchen facilities for the Polling officials. Using the Village hall will not disrupt the children's education with the school being closed
055-17 (2)	19-Jan-17	Golspie	Iain Miller - Golspie Community Council	I do not know what savings it is thought would be achieved by moving from village halls to schools but the extra janitorial costs would probably knock a hole in it, would making the returning officer a HC employee instead of being a member of the public save a bit .
059-17 (2)	20-Jan-17	Golspie	Shirley Sutherland	<p>suggest that if the polling station in Golspie is to be moved from the Fountain Road Hall, then the High School would be a better option than the primary school.</p> <p>There is much more parking at the High School with less congestion caused by traffic.</p>
025-17 (2)	16-Jan-17	Green Drive Hall	Alasdair Christie - Member	The current Polling Place is used by many elderly people who walk there to vote. Moving the location of voting from Green Drive Hall to Bun-Sgoil Ghaidhlig Inverness will be disadvantageous for them. He, therefore, considers that Green Drive Hall should continue to be used.
026-17 (2)	16-Jan-17	Green Drive Hall	Norrie Donald - Member	Voters in the Inverness Ness-side Ward from the Lochardil area currently use the Green Drive Hall for voting in elections. Not supportive of the proposal to change this Polling Place to Bun-Sgoil Ghaidhlig Inverness. This is because many of the voters are older people who walk to the Polling Place and moving would make it difficult for them to get there.

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027-17 (2)	16-Jan-17	Green Drive Hall	Jean Slater - Member	Voters in the Inverness Ness-side Ward from the Lochardil area currently use the Green Drive Hall for voting in elections. Not supportive of the proposal to change this Polling Place to Bun-Sgoil Ghaidhlig Inverness. This is because many of the voters are older people who walk to the Polling Place and moving would make it difficult for them to get there.
017-17 (2)	13-Jan-17	Helmsdale	Penny Kane - Helmsdale and District Council Secretary	Helmsdale and District Community Council feel very strongly that the polling stations for this area should stay exactly as they are, in the Community Centres. People from Portgower should not have to come into Helmsdale particularly in view of the rising age of the villagers there. The present polling station in Helmsdale is easily accessible by disabled people, (there is sparse parking at the school) and near the shops so that those who have to take a taxi do not waste money on extra fares. The school is not easily accessible as there is quite a long drive up to the building, which is only wide enough for one vehicle and little room to turn round at the top. It would be extremely difficult to vote during the times pupils are going to school in the morning and leaving in the evening. This would put voters and children at risk
032-17 (2)	18-Jan-17	Helmsdale	Jean Sargent - Helmsdale and District Development Trust Secretary	review has been brought to the attention of the Helmsdale and District Development Trust and they would like to submit support for the Polling Station remaining in the Community Centre. The use of the primary school on Polling day would lead to a reduced turn out within the village for the following accessibility reasons. Firstly, the school is located on the outskirts of the village and secondly, it is up a steep hill. There is limited parking within the school grounds so necessitating a long walk from the nearest road. The Community Centre, however, is located right in the centre of the village and being designed as such, is fully accessible for all. There is suitable parking all around it.
019-17 (2)	14-Jan-17	Kilmuir	Sally Phelps - Kilmuir	prefer to see village halls retained as polling stations as this would be far less disruptive than having to close schools for the day.
016-17 (2)	13-Jan-17	Kiltarlity	Lucinda Spicer - Kiltarlity CC Secretary	Regarding the draft proposal, which is to use Tomnacross Primary instead of Kiltarlity Hall, note the following: 1. The polling areas are far flung rural areas surrounding the central village and most people have to use cars to get in to vote. Tomnacross has extremely restricted parking and is bounded by single track roads. This is likely to cause significant congestion at peak times when people leave their cars to walk to the school to vote. 2. The school is some way out of the village centre, along a single track road (although there is a footway) and some distance from a bus stop. This will cause an increase in traffic and may also deter some voters who are less mobile and who cannot get lifts with others or from carers. 3. Kiltarlity Village Hall, the current venue, is a purpose built village hall with good access, plentiful car parking, disabled ramps into the front door and down into the main hall, and conveniently located toilets and refreshment facilities all on hand. A defibrillator is located outside by the main door. It is in the centre of the village on a two way road by the bus stop, giving the best opportunity for voters of all physical abilities to participate. Overall, bearing in mind the nature of the polling areas, the differing level of facilities between the two venues and the issues that would be introduced as a result of moving, there is likely to be a detrimental effect on the democratic process and it does not seem to answer the objectives of the Review. Please regard this as an initial response. The Community Council will be discussing the Stage 2 response in general meeting

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003-17 (2)	11-Jan-17	Kilmuir	Stephen Varwell	urging to reconsider proposal to use Kilmuir school as a polling station rather than the village hall. The village hall costs £75/election (which is less than Plockton seem to receive!!) and surely it would cost more than that to use the school - when you factor in the inconvenience to pupils, teachers, staff, parents and contractors as well as the additional heating/ lighting costs. If there was a specific reason that the Hall was not suitable, I'd be keen to hear. The Hall is well known as the polling station in our community,, and i can't see any reason to change that.
002-17 (2)	11-Jan-17	Lochinver	Alex Dickson	The present location of the Lochinver Polling Station is at Lochinver Village Hall which is in a central location within the Village and has a disabled friendly access. The proposed move to the school is a backward step as it is outside the village and not disabled friendly. This move should be resisted at all costs.
005-17 (2)	11-Jan-17	Lochinver	David Jones and Gita Erram - Residents	The proposed change of venue (from the Public Hall to the school) of Lochinver's polling station would make voting considerably less convenient for the community - as the school is outside of the main village confines.
006-17 (2)	11-Jan-17	Lochinver	Jess Thomas - Editor - Assynt News	objection to the proposed move of the Polling Station in Lochinver from the Village Hall to the Primary School. Not only has the Polling Station been on the same location for many years without any problems, now that the Hall has been refurbished, it has excellent disabled facilities and is in a central place in the Village so isn't too much of a problem to get to even without transport. However, if the move to the School takes place, it will add to the distance considerably that folk without transport will have to walk and that could be a tipping point as to whether or not they bother to vote which is something to be avoided. The other concern is that the children would have to have yet another day off and with all the half days and in-service days they already have, why create a situation leading to more time off when it's totally unnecessary? I'm a great believer in " Why fix it if it ain't broke?" That's what I feel about this proposal. Leave the Polling Station in the Village Hall and apart from all the above, enable the Hall to make a bit of much needed income.
007-17 (2)	11-Jan-17	Lochinver	Tina Roney	The accessibility of the school is terrible, a fair walk out of the village, way to far for someone with mobility issues, no close by transport links, terrible disabled access, all in all a terrible idea. Not so wheelchair friendly Primary school
030-17 (2)	16-Jan-17	Lochinver	Angus McEwan	Regarding the relocating of the Polling Station in Lochinver from the Village Hall to the Primary School, see this first and foremost driven by cost considerations. The children presumably lose a day's schooling, but money is saved in the process. The Village Hall is bang in the middle of the village and anyone as absent minded as this 79 year old might be reminded to vote as he passes it by on several occasions. The school is out on the mad road south. Parking more problematic at first sight. The Village Hall is the better, more obvious choice of location, but that is perhaps not the issue here.

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031-17 (2)	16-Jan-17	Lochinver	Paul Adrian	<p>proposing to relocate the polling station for polling district C01B from Lochinver Village Hall to Lochinver Primary School. Strongly against this proposed move for the following reasons: The school is located half a mile outside of the village, up a hill - this may deter less mobile voters who can't get a lift or who don't have a car. The hall is in the center of the village where there are no hills.</p> <p>The central location of the hall helps to advertise any election and prompt people to vote. The school is tucked away outside of the village and only few people pass it during the course of their business.</p>
004-17 (2)	11-Jan-17	Marybank	Judith Wallace - Fairburn Memorial Hall	<p>The access at Fairburn Memorial Hall, which is currently used as a polling station for the village of Marybank and surrounding areas, is much better than the access at the school. There is proper parking at the hall, off the road, whereas parking at the school is on the road up the brae. The parking spaces are very limited as well, given that it is a public road, not wide enough to have a white line down the middle. The hall has a disabled parking bay close to the building and has access suitable for wheel chair users and other disabled people. Access at the school is much less user friendly. The hall is also ensuring it has a working hearing loop for those with hearing difficulties.</p>
060-17 (2)	20-Jan-17	Mercat	Tom Anderson - Kilmuir and Logie Easter CC Chair	<p>Disappointed that you propose to stop using the Mercat Centre as a polling Station and plan to use the School. Believe that on polling days the Mercat Centre provides a community service as well as being a polling station with a separate area for folk to chat and have a cup of tea. Use as a polling station also provides a small but useful income to the Mercat Centre and in the overall cost of elections we question if there is a value for money benefit in these proposals. We are also concerned about an open plan area school being used due to security issues. KALECC are against the proposed change in our area.</p>
033-17 (2)	18-Jan-17	Minginish	David Hammond	<p>Register my view that my current polling station at the Minginish village hall should be retained. Schools should not be used if it means the loss of a days education when more than adequate accommodation is available in the hall.</p> <p>In addition removal of stations from local communities forcing people to travel should be rejected.</p>

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054-17 (2)	19-Jan-17	Raasay	Jill Westgarth - Raasay Community Council Secretary	<p>The proposal for Raasay is to cease the use of the Raasay Community Hall ("the hall") and instead to use the school. We are completely opposed to this proposal, on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We fail to understand the RO's comments " Use good access and parking " in relation to the school and wonder whether in fact anyone has actually had a close look at the site layout; • the hall is a much more convenient location for all parts of the island; the turning into School Park involves turning back on oneself, on quite a steep hill, with two road junctions (one each side) to watch; • on the approach drive to the school, it is not possible for two cars to pass each other; • vehicular access to the school itself is more difficult than to the hall: the closed end of School Park, outside Acarsaid Ùr, means all vehicles have to turn round, in limited space, at this point if they can't use the school path to get down to the school buildings; • There is already a considerable amount of parking and traffic movements along the length of School Park between the road junction and the school gate, on plenty of occasions there is little or no available parking space on School Park; • It is impossible to see, while stopped at the school gate, whether or not there is parking space available down by the school buildings; • This means that, for those cars who can't/don't get down to park by the school buildings, voters will have first to try and find somewhere to park and then walk down the school path to the school building; this will cause problems and inconvenience to elderly or disabled voters, or those for whom walking may be a problem - and especially in bad weather; • We are concerned about the level of lighting on the school path in the event that an election runs on until after dark; the nearest light is at the end of the building, and there is no lighting on the path itself; the hall on the other hand, being recently constructed, is fully disabled accessible and its parking arrangements are much more straightforward; • the above was one of the many reasons Highland Council made a financial contribution to the building cost of the hall; • whilst the amount is relatively small, moving the venue to the school will deprive the hall of valuable income, and represents yet another cut to financial support by HC to village halls, which are such a crucial amenity in rural areas. • Lastly, we should add that, in view of the importance of encouraging as many people as possible to vote, it seems completely unnecessary to hold the review in such haste period. Surely an issue of this importance is deserving of a bit more time to allow for properly considered responses.
061-17 (2)	20-Jan-17	Raasay	Ann Oliphant - Raasay Community Association Chair	<p>Board of Raasay Community Association strongly oppose to the proposal to relocate the polling station from Raasay Community Hall to the Primary School. There are many reasons for this, however as it is a cost saving exercise for the council. Has the costs been factored for cost of the ferry to deliver and collect polling booths, and the wages for that person to deliver. The Hall charges £200. The other reasons are that the Hall is a modern building designed for easy access, with adequate parking and well situated for access by car or foot. One of the reasons the HC contributed to the building cost of the hall that it was far better suited to act as the polling place than the school which had been previously used. You are now reversing that decision despite the fact that the hall has been successfully used. Another cut to the financial support available to village halls. The Primary schools has issues with parking, access to the school, no adequate lighting, facilities within the school are not well laid out, no hall and a classroom would need to be used. Aside it will provide child care problems for those who work at the Polling Places and who have children of school age, especially in rural locations where there is no formal child care available.</p>

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022-17 (2)	16-Jan-17	Rogart	Alasdair Waddell - Chairman of Rogart Community Council	the proposed use of Rogart Primary School as a polling station instead of the Village Hall. We do not believe this change is sensible. The school has limited parking facilities, is two miles from the village centre, and is accessed by a steep brae with no steps. In addition to the disruption to pupils, utilising the school would inevitably lead to a reduced voting turnout as older or infirm people would not be able to climb the brae, assuming they were even able to park a vehicle nearby. The Village Hall has ample parking, good disabled access and is situated centrally.
050-17 (2)	19-Jan-17	Rogart	Gary Sutherland	<p>Following on from the initial phase of the consultation I see it is still Highland Council's plan to relocate the principle polling place for Kinlochbervie from the village hall to the primary school.</p> <p>I have the following additional comments to make on this proposal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The village hall has its own car park. The primary school has very limited on-street parking available. There is no capacity for additional parking in the adjacent high school. 2. The village hall is wheelchair friendly, apart from a very low step to the outside doors. Access to the primary school from the street is via a kissing-gate which will not accommodate wheelchairs. Alternative access *could* be made via a corridor from the adjacent high school but this could cause disruption to the high school pupils having members of the public passing through it.
052-17 (2)	19-Jan-17	Scourie	Peter Tuck	<p>I sometimes wonder if the locations are actually visited before these schemes are thought up, and whether they have been fully thought through. Firstly, the school in Scourie has flights of steps to reach the classrooms, something that it would be impossible to manage for wheelchair users.</p> <p>Secondly, there is the impact on parents, who would have to take a day off work to look after their children on this enforced inset day.</p> <p>Thirdly, there is the loss of income to the village hall, the current polling station, and the impact that will have on this fragile isolated community.</p> <p>And lastly, there is the storage of the polling booths. If the village hall is no longer used, you would have to find another storage area.</p> <p>None of these problems affect me, but will have an impact in other members of this small community.</p>

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024-17 (2)	16-Jan-17	Sleat	Mark Wringe - Camuscross & Duisdale Initiative Chair	<p>proposal to change polling arrangements in Sleat - specifically to move a polling station from Talla Duisdeal (sic) [properly Talla Dhùisdeil] to Bun-sgoil Shlèite. It is widely recognised that although Talla Dhùisdeil (the old church in Duisdale) was an improvement on the old school building in Duisdale it is not ideal. Talla Dhùisdeil is difficult to heat, has no kitchen facilities (for polling staff to make themselves a hot drink), has just one very basic and difficult to access toilet, and disabled access does not meet current standards. On the other hand, until now there has been no effective alternative in the locality. There is now an excellent alternative facility in the same township. An Crùbh Community Hub comprises a warm and pleasant hall, small meeting room, toilets, showers, cafe, shop and post office, with a small community kitchen available out of cafe hours. There is parking, including designated disabled spaces near the main door. As a new build it complies with the latest access requirements. All areas of the building are accessible step-free and with wide doors. Like Talla Dhùisdeil, An Crùbh is beside the main A851 road, in Duisdalebeg. It would seem ideal as a polling station, and I would suggest that it be viewed and assessed. If the polling station is moved to Bun-sgoil Shlèite, voters in Camuscross, Cruard, Isleornsay, Duisdalemore, Duisdalebeg, Drumfearn and Kinloch will be between 6 and 10 miles from their polling station, with a long gap of about 15 miles between polling stations at Bun-sgoil Shlèite in Kilbeg and Broadford - but with less than two miles between the stations in Ardvasar Hall and the primary school. Of the communities listed above, only Duisdale has (very limited) public transport. There would also be a concomitant reduction in the numbers using the polling station in Ardvasar Hall, as presumably voters in Kilmore, Ferrindonald, and students resident at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig would be reallocated to Bun-sgoil Shlèite. The logical next step would be that if it is accepted that voters should travel 10 miles to a polling station, then the stations in Ardvasar and Tarskavaig would be dispensed with too.</p> <p>Retention of a polling station in Duisdale, at An Crùbh community hub would also allow the school to remain open on polling days, and save working parents from making childcare arrangements.</p>
044-17 (2)	19-Jan-17	Sleat	Rory Flyn	<p>response to the public consultation on the proposed change of polling place in Duisdale, Sleat, Skye.</p> <p>Currently the polling station is in Talla Dhuisdeil, a former church used intermittently for community events. As identified this has poor facilities and accessibility issues. I think most people in the community welcome a change from this location.</p> <p>The proposed new location is Sleat Primary School. This is some 4 miles away and will require a part of the school to be closed for the day.</p> <p>I would urge the Highland Council to look at relocating the polling station to the recently completed An Crùbh Community Hub Building which is around 800m along the road from the current location. This is a new build facility partly funded by Highland Council and conforms to all accessibility and WC requirements.</p>
045-17 (2)	19-Jan-17	Sleat	David Ashford	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why the apparent failure to inform voters as highlighted below? 2. Will you please move the polling station to An Crùbh?

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046-17 (2)	19-Jan-17	Sleat	Susan Walker	proposal to move the polling station for Camuscross, Isle Ornsay, Duisdale, Drumfearn and Kinloch from its current location in Duisdale Hall to Sleat Primary School, considerable concern that this will make voting harder for many, particularly those without access to a car, or who do not work in Sabhal Mor Ostaig or other employers in south Sleat. This proposal is therefore undemocratic and will undoubtedly result in reduced voting levels because it will involve people in our community having to make more time and effort to travel to Sleat Primary School to vote. For people from Camuscross this will mean a round trip of 12 miles, from Drumfearn it will be a round trip of over 18 miles. It will add an additional total of 10 miles round trip for every voter in our area on top of the distance they already have to travel to vote at the current location in Duisdale Hall. We now have a community hub - An Crùbh - a brand new fully accessible venue in Camuscross/Duisdale, built by the community and part funded by Highland Council through the Eilean a Cheo Ward Discretionary grant (£16,000 in total over 3 years). We would be extremely concerned if Highland Council did not use this new facility for polling and instead force us all to travel further to vote.
047-17 (2)	19-Jan-17	Sleat	Claire Wylie	It is proposed that Talla Duisdeil is no longer used as a polling station, and that voters use the Sleat Primary School instead. Duisdeil now has a community centre (An Crubh) which is going to be open in the next few months. It is fully accessible, and likely to be a focus for all the communities round about. As such it would be an ideal place to be used as a polling station. The Primary School is some distance away, and the limited public transport available would make it difficult to reach for many.
049-17 (2)	19-Jan-17	Sleat	David Collins	I understand that it is proposed to stop using Talla Dhùisdeil (Duisdale Hall) as a polling station due to its lack of accessibility. That is perfectly understandable however the proposal to move the polling station to Sleat Primary School is baffling given that the Council has enabled the construction of An Crùbh - the new community hub serving Camuscross and Duisdale and the wider Sleat community which is now built and available and fully accessible and only a few hundred meters down the road from Talla Dhùisdeil. The council have been extremely supportive of this new facility for Sleat and it would surely be appropriate for this very important official function to pass to An Crùbh thereby ensuring continuity and avoiding any disruption to the children's education.

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056-17 (2)	19-Jan-17	Sleat	Dr Iain MacKinnon	<p>In particular, I wish to give my view on the proposal made in the council's stage 2 proposal to relinquish the use of Talla Dhùisdeil in Sleat as a polling place (reference R10T) and to transfer its operations to Sleat Primary School.</p> <p>The stated aim of the council's consultation is 'to make sure every elector in the Highland Council area has such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances and so far as is reasonable and practicable, the polling places are accessible for all electors including those who are disabled'.</p> <p>This implies that the specific proposal, namely to move the present polling place at Duisdale some five miles away to the school in Kilbeg, is because Talla Dhùisdeil does not meet current access requirements. The issue of access requirements is, of course, of great importance. It is interesting in this regard that a Highland Council review of polling districts and polling places in March 2014 (Report. number: CPE 11/14 - 26th March), with the same remit as the present review, did not consider Talla Dhùisdeil problematic as a polling station and, in fact, concluded 'the building is suitably located and accessible to electors'.</p>
057-17 (2)	19-Jan-17	Sleat	Pat Walsh	<p>Disturbed and disappointed to hear the proposal to move the polling station from Duisdale Hall to Sleat Primary School. Has consideration been given to using the new superb community building the Crubh at Isle Ornsay? This building has plenty of parking, excellent access for people with limited mobility: voting for some could be a useful and social occasion, using the cafe, shop and post office.</p> <p>Plus factors would be keeping the school open so that there would be no problems of child care for working parents, and an opportunity for people to see the new building.</p>
058-17 (2)	20-Jan-17	Sleat	Emma Dallorzo-Hanley	<p>in relation to the Sleat area of Skye, concerns about the following points:</p> <p>There is a reduction in the number of polling stations from 3 to one over quite a significant geographical area.</p> <p>In terms of accessibility, and public transport being as sparse as it is the proposed changes would make general accessibility more difficult for working parents, parents of young children, older and frail people due to the travelling distances involved.</p> <p>In Duisdale the current build of a brand new purpose built community hub would seem to offer a possible additional venue for the locals of Camus Cross and Duisdale.</p> <p>Conversely I was pleased to see that consideration had been given as to how to minimising disruption to schooling by making this change.</p> <p>I also wondered if the proposals have considered the future growth of population to the area, particularly in respect of the new distillery and additional housing planned for Kilmore.</p>

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062-17 (2)	20-Jan-17	Sleat	Donnie & Colleen MacKinnon	<p>It has just come to our attention that there is a possibility that polling will no longer take place in Duisdale Hall because of access problems. Could we suggest that you look at the new hall/shop building recently completed along the main road about 1/2 a mile from the Duisdale Hall. It is a community space known as 'An Crubh' and has all the access and parking that is needed for any occasion.</p> <p>We understand the local school is being considered as a possibility, but this would mean the school having to close every time there is an election and is much further for voters to travel. This might well put some people off from voting. More people need to be encouraged to vote not discouraged!</p>
029-17 (2)	16-Jan-17	Ullapool	Sarah Mackenzie	<p>Disagree with moving the Ullapool district polling station from the Village Hall to the Primary School.</p> <p>The village hall is ideally placed for pedestrian and vehicle access, is flat and safe for disabled access, has toilet facilities, and is cheap to hire.</p> <p>The primary school has restricted access for pedestrians and cars, and it would mean closing the school for term-time elections.</p>
018-17 (2)	14-Jan-17	Waternish	Judith Hodgkin - Waternish Community Hall	<p>I write as a member of Waternish Community Hall (SCIO) Committee about the proposed change of location of Polling Station from the Village Hall to the local school.</p> <p>I have only just heard about this proposal and find that your consultation timetable happened over Christmas and New Year when our local committee was busy organising local events. Clearly we have missed the deadline to respond and I wish to express my concern about this.</p> <p>Now that I have read the responses you did receive (all apparently from the mainland?) I wish to add my comments to those already made.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our Village Hall is in a central location passed by anyone coming onto or off the Waternish peninsular for shopping/ GP/ dentist/ appointments etc. The Village School however is around three miles away and accessible to most people only by personal transport. 2. We have an ageing population many of whom do not own their own transport. What arrangement would be made to assist such individuals to reach the Polling Station at their convenience? 3. Our Village Hall has disabled and other parking right next to the Hall whereas to reach the school from the parking place requires you to cross the road. 4. Our Village Hall survives against the odds in a tiny community and the income we receive from the hire of the Hall for elections contributes hugely towards the running costs. We have limited opportunities to raise funds and the loss of this income will impact considerably on our ability to continue to run the Hall.
009-17 (2)	12-Jan-17		Richard Day	<p>The School is for School use and not a community centre. School business needs to and must come first, and we already have a community hall which is ideal for this purpose. This proposal should be rejected on grounds of: wear and tear on the school, disruption to the school calendar, bigger and better car parking at the village hall where the polling station is currently sited which is better suited for the arrival and departure of public looking to vote.</p>

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013-17 (2)	12-Jan-17		Deirdre Roberts - Morar Community Council Secretary	Happy with the arrangements.
023-17 (2)	16-Jan-17		Chairperson - Inverness Access Panel	Not aware of any problems or had any complaints or queries.
036-17 (2)	18-Jan-17		Sue Tate	objection to the plan to change polling stations from village halls to school premises. It seems a very retrograde step to disrupt schools and schooling when perfectly good premises are available elsewhere, and could be used with no disruption involved.
040-17 (2)	18-Jan-17		Catherine Allan	noted the proposal to change the venues to schools from using various local village halls etc as a budget saving measure. Recall in years gone by that schools were used for elections but that was before we had the number of elections which seem to be occurring now. If schools require to be closed to accommodate polling stations then against the move for the following reasons:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact on children's education due to days lost; • Impact on childcare arrangements for working parents when schools are closed If the schools do not require to be closed then this would indeed be a means of saving the Highland council money although you will need to pay staff to open schools early and there will be additional heating costs etc for the long hours the polling stations are open.
053-17 (2)	19-Jan-17		Douglas J. Sutherland	(Can someone arrange to have some elderly / infirm / wheelchair user constituents carry out a test journey to those locations which are at the top of steep braes.) It would add weight to the arguments to have factual first hand information instead of just some ones' personal opinion. Why are the Council considering all those changes anyway?

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SKERRAY VILLAGE HALL	No Change	1	NORTH, WEST AND CENTRAL SUTHERLAND	C01Q
LOCHINVER VILLAGE HALL	No Change	1	NORTH, WEST AND CENTRAL SUTHERLAND	C01B
KINLOCHBERVIE VILLAGE HALL	No Change	1	NORTH, WEST AND CENTRAL SUTHERLAND	C01G
DURNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	1	NORTH, WEST AND CENTRAL SUTHERLAND	C01H
TONGUE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	1	NORTH, WEST AND CENTRAL SUTHERLAND	C01L
LAIRG PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	1	NORTH, WEST AND CENTRAL SUTHERLAND	C01O
BETTYHILL VILLAGE HALL	No Change	1	NORTH, WEST AND CENTRAL SUTHERLAND	C01K
GLEDFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	1	NORTH, WEST AND CENTRAL SUTHERLAND	C01R
BONAR BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL	No Change	1	NORTH, WEST AND CENTRAL SUTHERLAND	C01S
COIGACH COMMUNITY HALL, ACHILTIBUIE **	No Change	1	NORTH, WEST AND CENTRAL SUTHERLAND	R01A
DRUMBEG VILLAGE HALL	No Change	1	NORTH, WEST AND CENTRAL SUTHERLAND	C01D
ELPHIN COMMUNITY HALL	No Change	1	NORTH, WEST AND CENTRAL SUTHERLAND	C01A
KINBRACE HALL*	No Change	1	NORTH, WEST AND CENTRAL SUTHERLAND	C01J
MELNESS COMMUNITY CENTRE	No Change	1	NORTH, WEST AND CENTRAL SUTHERLAND	C01M
ROSEHALL VILLAGE HALL	No Change	1	NORTH, WEST AND CENTRAL SUTHERLAND	C01P
SCOURIE VILLAGE HALL	No Change	1	NORTH, WEST AND CENTRAL SUTHERLAND	C01F
STOER VILLAGE HALL	No Change	1	NORTH, WEST AND CENTRAL SUTHERLAND	C01C
STRATHNAVER VILLAGE HALL	No Change	1	NORTH, WEST AND CENTRAL SUTHERLAND	C01N
STRATHY VILLAGE HALL	No Change	1	NORTH, WEST AND CENTRAL SUTHERLAND	C01I
UNAPOOL FORMER PRIMARY SCHOOL	No Change	1	NORTH, WEST AND CENTRAL SUTHERLAND	C01E
BOWER COMMUNITY HALL	No Change	2	THURSO AND NORTHWEST CAITHNESS	C02G
MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	2	THURSO AND NORTHWEST CAITHNESS	C02A
PENNYLAND PRIMARY	Propose School	2	THURSO AND NORTHWEST CAITHNESS	C02B
PENNYLAND PRIMARY	Propose School	2	THURSO AND NORTHWEST CAITHNESS	C02C
CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	2	THURSO AND NORTHWEST CAITHNESS	C02D
REAY PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	2	THURSO AND NORTHWEST CAITHNESS	C02E
HALKIRK PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	2	THURSO AND NORTHWEST CAITHNESS	C02F
BRITANNIA HALL, DUNNET	No Change	2	THURSO AND NORTHWEST CAITHNESS	C02H
MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	2	THURSO AND NORTHWEST CAITHNESS	C02I
NOSS PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	3	WICK AND EAST CAITHNESS	C03A
NOSS PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	3	WICK AND EAST CAITHNESS	C03B
NEWTON PARK PRIMARY	Propose School	3	WICK AND EAST CAITHNESS	C03C
NEWTON PARK PRIMARY	Propose School	3	WICK AND EAST CAITHNESS	C03D
WATTEN PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	3	WICK AND EAST CAITHNESS	C03E
CANISBAY PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	3	WICK AND EAST CAITHNESS	C03F
NEWTON PARK PRIMARY	Propose School	3	WICK AND EAST CAITHNESS	C03I, C03J
LYBSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	3	WICK AND EAST CAITHNESS	C03K
DUNBEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	3	WICK AND EAST CAITHNESS	C03L
KEISS AMENITIES HALL	No Change	3	WICK AND EAST CAITHNESS	C03G
REISS HALL	No Change	3	WICK AND EAST CAITHNESS	C03H

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BRORA COMMUNITY CENTRE	No Change	4	EAST SUTHERLAND AND EDDERTON	C04F
ROGART VILLAGE HALL	No Change	4	EAST SUTHERLAND AND EDDERTON	C04A
GOLSPIE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	4	EAST SUTHERLAND AND EDDERTON	C04B
HELMSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	4	EAST SUTHERLAND AND EDDERTON	C04D
DORNOCH PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	4	EAST SUTHERLAND AND EDDERTON	C04H
EDDERTON VILLAGE HALL	No change	4	EAST SUTHERLAND AND EDDERTON	C04I
EMBO COMMUNITY CENTRE	No Change	4	EAST SUTHERLAND AND EDDERTON	C04G
KINBRACE HALL*	No Change	4	EAST SUTHERLAND AND EDDERTON	C04C
PORTGOWER HALL, HELMSDALE	No Change	4	EAST SUTHERLAND AND EDDERTON	C04E
ACHMORE VILLAGE HALL	No Change	5	WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH	R05U
ACHNASHEEN HALL	No Change	5	WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH	R05O
AUCHTERTYRE COMMUNITY CENTRE	No Change	5	WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH	R05W
BADCAUL PRIMARY SCHOOL, DUNDONNELL	No Change	5	WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH	R05C
COIGACH COMMUNITY HALL, ACHILTIBUIE **	No Change	5	WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH	R05A
CONTIN COMMUNITY CENTRE	No Change	5	WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH	R05R
ULLAPOOL PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	5	WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH	R05B
BUALNALUIB PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	5	WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH	R05D
GAIRLOCH PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	5	WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH	R05F
KINLOCHEWE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	5	WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH	R05H
APPLECROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	5	WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH	R05I
DORNIE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY HALL	No Change	5	WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH	R05X
STRATHGARVE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	5	WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH	R05P
STRATHPEFFER PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	5	WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH	R05Q
MARYBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	5	WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH	R05S
GLENELG PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	5	WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH	R05Z
KYLE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	5	WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH	R5ZB
GLENGARRY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY HALL *	No Change	5	WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH	R5ZD
INVERINATE & LOCH DUICH COMMUNITY CENTRE	No Change	5	WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH	R05Y
LOHCARRON COMMUNITY HALL	No Change	5	WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH	R05L, R05M, R05N
No.1, OPINAN	No Change	5	WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH	R05G
PLOCKTON PUBLIC HALL	No Change	5	WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH	R05V
POOLEWE VILLAGE HALL	No Change	5	WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH	R05E
SHIELDAIG VILLAGE HALL	No Change	5	WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH	R05J
STRATHCONON VILLAGE HALL	No Change	5	WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH	R05T
THE CEILIDH HOUSE & HERITAGE CENTRE, ARNISDALE	No Change	5	WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH	R5ZA, R5ZC
TORRIDON COMMUNITY HALL	No Change	5	WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH	R05K
ARDROSS COMMUNITY CENTRE	No Change	6	CROMARTY FIRTH	C06A
COULHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	6	CROMARTY FIRTH	C06B
BRIDGEND PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	6	CROMARTY FIRTH	C06C
KILTEARN PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	6	CROMARTY FIRTH	C06D

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COULHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	6	CROMARTY FIRTH	C06E
SOUTH LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	6	CROMARTY FIRTH	C06G
PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	6	CROMARTY FIRTH	C06H
OBSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL	No Change	6	CROMARTY FIRTH	C06F
KNOCKBRECK PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	7	TAIN AND EASTER ROSS	C07A
INVER PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	7	TAIN AND EASTER ROSS	C07B
TARBART PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	7	TAIN AND EASTER ROSS	C07C
HILL OF FEARN PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	7	TAIN AND EASTER ROSS	C07D
MERCAT CENTRE, MILTON	No Change	7	TAIN AND EASTER ROSS	C07E, C07H
NIGG VILLAGE HALL	No Change	7	TAIN AND EASTER ROSS	C07F
SEABOARD MEMORIAL HALL, BALINTORE	No Change	7	TAIN AND EASTER ROSS	C07G
DINGWALL COMMUNITY CENTRE	No Change	8	DINGWALL AND SEAFORTH	R08A
DINGWALL LEISURE CENTRE	No Change	8	DINGWALL AND SEAFORTH	C08A, R08C
TARRADALE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	8	DINGWALL AND SEAFORTH	R08E
TORE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	8	DINGWALL AND SEAFORTH	R08F
LEANAIG CENTRE, BEN WYVIS PRIMARY SCHOOL, CONON BRIDGE	No Change	8	DINGWALL AND SEAFORTH	R08D
MARYBURGH AMENITIES CENTRE	No Change	8	DINGWALL AND SEAFORTH	R08B
CROMARTY VICTORIA HALL	No Change	9	BLACK ISLE	R09D
FORTROSE TOWN HALL	No Change	9	BLACK ISLE	R09H
TORE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	9	BLACK ISLE	R09A
NORTH KESSOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	9	BLACK ISLE	R09C
RESOLIS PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	9	BLACK ISLE	R09E
CULBOKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	9	BLACK ISLE	R09F
GORDON MEMORIAL HALL, ROSEMARKIE	No Change	9	BLACK ISLE	R09G
AVOCH PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	9	BLACK ISLE	R09I
MUNLOCHY HALL	No Change	9	BLACK ISLE	R09B
ARDVASAR HALL	No Change	10	EILEAN A' CHEO	R10V
BRAES COMMUNITY HALL, PORTREE	No Change	10	EILEAN A' CHEO	R10N
CAFETERIA, BROADFORD VILLAGE HALL	No Change	10	EILEAN A' CHEO	R10P
EDINBANE COMMUNITY HALL	No Change	10	EILEAN A' CHEO	R10D
GLENDALE HALL	No Change	10	EILEAN A' CHEO	R10H
KILMUIR PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	10	EILEAN A' CHEO	R10A
STAFFIN PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	10	EILEAN A' CHEO	R10C
MEMORIAL HALL, SKEABOST BRIDGE	No Change	10	EILEAN A' CHEO	R10E
DUNVEGAN PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	10	EILEAN A' CHEO	R10G
CARRABOST PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	10	EILEAN A' CHEO	R10J, R10K
ISLE OF SKYE GOLF CLUB CLUBHOUSE	No Change	10	EILEAN A' CHEO	R10O
ELGOL VILLAGE HALL	No change	10	EILEAN A' CHEO	R10Q
KYLEAKIN PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	10	EILEAN A' CHEO	R10S
RAASAY COMMUNITY HALL	No Change	10	EILEAN A' CHEO	R10M

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STRUAN PRIMARY SCHOOL	No Change	10	EILEAN A' CHEO	R10I
TALLA DUISDEAL, DUISDALE, SLEAT	No Change	10	EILEAN A' CHEO	R10T
TARSKAVAIG COMMUNITIES HALL	No Change	10	EILEAN A' CHEO	R10U
TIGH NA SGIRE, PARK ROAD, PORTREE	No Change	10	EILEAN A' CHEO	R10L
TORRIN OUTDOOR CENTRE	No Change	10	EILEAN A' CHEO	R10R
UIG VILLAGE HALL	No Change	10	EILEAN A' CHEO	R10B
WATERNISH VILLAGE HALL	No Change	10	EILEAN A' CHEO	R10F
ACHNACARRY VILLAGE HALL	No Change	11	CAOL AND MALLAIG	R11I
COMMUNITY LEARNING ROOM, EIGG PRIMARY SCHOOL	No Change	11	CAOL AND MALLAIG	R11F
GLENFINNAN HOUSE HOTEL	No Change	11	CAOL AND MALLAIG	R11A
GLENGARRY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY HALL *	No Change	11	CAOL AND MALLAIG	R11J
KINLOCHEIL OUTDOOR CENTRE	No Change	11	CAOL AND MALLAIG	R11G
LADY LOVAT PRIMARY SCHOOL	No Change	11	CAOL AND MALLAIG	R11C
BANAVIE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	11	CAOL AND MALLAIG	R11H
ASTLEY HALL, ARISAIG	No Change	11	CAOL AND MALLAIG	R11B
MALLAIG PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	11	CAOL AND MALLAIG	R11D
INVERIE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	11	CAOL AND MALLAIG	R11E
SPEAN BRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	11	CAOL AND MALLAIG	R11K
ROY BRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	11	CAOL AND MALLAIG	R11L
CAOL PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	11	CAOL AND MALLAIG	R11M
KILCHUIMEN PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	11	CAOL AND MALLAIG	I11B
GERGASK PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	11	CAOL AND MALLAIG	I11A
ABRIACHAN VILLAGE HALL	No Change	12	AIRD AND LOCH NESS	I12C
FOYERS PRIMARY SCHOOL	No Change	12	AIRD AND LOCH NESS	I12K
GLENMORISTON MILLENNIUM VILLAGE HALL	No Change	12	AIRD AND LOCH NESS	I12F
BEAULY PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	12	AIRD AND LOCH NESS	R12A
TEANASSIE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	12	AIRD AND LOCH NESS	R12B
CANNICH PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	12	AIRD AND LOCH NESS	R12C
TOMNACROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	12	AIRD AND LOCH NESS	R12D, I12A
KIRKHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	12	AIRD AND LOCH NESS	I12B
GLEN URQUHART PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	12	AIRD AND LOCH NESS	I12D
BALNAIN PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	12	AIRD AND LOCH NESS	I12E
KILCHUIMEN PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	12	AIRD AND LOCH NESS	I12G
DOCHGARROCH PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	12	AIRD AND LOCH NESS	I12H, I12I
ALDOURIE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	12	AIRD AND LOCH NESS	I12J
STRATHERRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	12	AIRD AND LOCH NESS	I12L
FARR PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	12	AIRD AND LOCH NESS	I12M
KINMYLIES PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	13	INVERNESS WEST	I13A
CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	13	INVERNESS WEST	I13B
MUIRTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL	No Change	13	INVERNESS WEST	I13C

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CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	13	INVERNESS WEST	113D
HAUGH COURT HALL	No Change	14	INVERNESS CENTRAL	114E
HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	No Change	14	INVERNESS CENTRAL	114G
MERKINCH PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	14	INVERNESS CENTRAL	114A
MERKINCH PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	14	INVERNESS CENTRAL	114B
DALNEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	14	INVERNESS CENTRAL	114C
MERKINCH PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	14	INVERNESS CENTRAL	114H
SPECTRUM CENTRE	No Change	14	INVERNESS CENTRAL	114D
ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH HALL	No Change	14	INVERNESS CENTRAL	114F
CAULDEEN PRIMARY SCHOOL	No Change	15	INVERNESS NESS-SIDE	115B
HOLM PRIMARY SCHOOL	No Change	15	INVERNESS NESS-SIDE	115D
LOCHARDIL PRIMARY SCHOOL	No Change	15	INVERNESS NESS-SIDE	115A
LOCHARDIL PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	15	INVERNESS NESS-SIDE	115C
DRAKIES PRIMARY SCHOOL	No Change	16	INVERNESS MILLBURN	116E
HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL No.2	No Change	16	INVERNESS MILLBURN	116A
CROWN PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	16	INVERNESS MILLBURN	116B
CROWN PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	16	INVERNESS MILLBURN	116C
RAIGMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	16	INVERNESS MILLBURN	116D
SMITHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	16	INVERNESS MILLBURN	116F
DUNCAN FORBES PRIMARY SCHOOL	No Change	17	CULLODEN AND ARDELSIER	117B
DUNCAN FORBES PRIMARY SCHOOL No.2	No Change	17	CULLODEN AND ARDELSIER	117B
SMITHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	17	CULLODEN AND ARDELSIER	117A
BALLOCH PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	17	CULLODEN AND ARDELSIER	117C, 117D
CROY PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	17	CULLODEN AND ARDELSIER	117E
ARDELSIER PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	17	CULLODEN AND ARDELSIER	117F
FORNIGHTY PUBLIC HALL	No Change	18	NAIRN AND CAWDOR	118G
GLENFERNESS VILLAGE HALL	No Change	18	NAIRN AND CAWDOR	118H
MILLBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL	No Change	18	NAIRN AND CAWDOR	118A
MILLBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL No.3	No Change	18	NAIRN AND CAWDOR	118C
NAIRN COMMUNITY CENTRE	No Change	18	NAIRN AND CAWDOR	118E
SEAMAN'S VICTORIA HALL	No Change	18	NAIRN AND CAWDOR	118B
SEAMAN'S VICTORIA HALL No.3	No Change	18	NAIRN AND CAWDOR	118F
CAWDOR PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	18	NAIRN AND CAWDOR	118I
AULDEARN PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	18	NAIRN AND CAWDOR	118D
CRADLEHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL	No Change	19	INVERNESS SOUTH	119D
CRADLEHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL No.3	No Change	19	INVERNESS SOUTH	119G
INSHES PRIMARY SCHOOL	No Change	19	INVERNESS SOUTH	119A
MILTON OF LEYS SCHOOL (New)	Propose School	19	INVERNESS SOUTH	119B
BUN-SGOIL GHAIHLIG INBHIR NIS	Propose School	19	INVERNESS SOUTH	119C
DAVIOT PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	19	INVERNESS SOUTH	119E

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STRATHDEARN PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	19	INVERNESS SOUTH	I19F
BALLOCH PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	19	INVERNESS SOUTH	I19H
ADVIE HALL	No Change	20	BADENOCH AND STRATHSPEY	I20Q
CROMDALE PUBLIC HALL	No Change	20	BADENOCH AND STRATHSPEY	I20O
DALWHINNIE VILLAGE HALL	No Change	20	BADENOCH AND STRATHSPEY	I20C, I20S
DULNAIN BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL	No Change	20	BADENOCH AND STRATHSPEY	I20L
GERGASK PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	20	BADENOCH AND STRATHSPEY	I20A, I20B
NEWTONMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	20	BADENOCH AND STRATHSPEY	I20E
KINGUSSIE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	20	BADENOCH AND STRATHSPEY	I20F
ALVIE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	20	BADENOCH AND STRATHSPEY	I20D, I20G, I20H
AVIEMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	20	BADENOCH AND STRATHSPEY	I20I
DESHAR PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	20	BADENOCH AND STRATHSPEY	I20J
CARRBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	20	BADENOCH AND STRATHSPEY	I20K
NETHY BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE	No Change	20	BADENOCH AND STRATHSPEY	I20M
GRANTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	20	BADENOCH AND STRATHSPEY	I20N, I20P
GRANTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	20	BADENOCH AND STRATHSPEY	I20P, I20R
BALLACHULISH VILLAGE HALL	No Change	21	FORT WILLIAM & ARDNAMURCHAN	R21R
DRIMNIN HALL	No Change	21	FORT WILLIAM & ARDNAMURCHAN	R21I
FORT WILLIAM SHINTY SOCIAL CLUB	No Change	21	FORT WILLIAM & ARDNAMURCHAN	R21K
GLENUIG HALL	No Change	21	FORT WILLIAM & ARDNAMURCHAN	R21A
KENTALLEN & DUROR COMMUNITY CENTRE	No Change	21	FORT WILLIAM & ARDNAMURCHAN	R21S
KILCHOAN COMMUNITY CENTRE	No Change	21	FORT WILLIAM & ARDNAMURCHAN	R21C
LUNDAVRA PRIMARY SCHOOL	No Change	21	FORT WILLIAM & ARDNAMURCHAN	R21M
LUNDAVRA PRIMARY SCHOOL No.2	No Change	21	FORT WILLIAM & ARDNAMURCHAN	R21N
PLANTATION HALL, FORT WILLIAM	No Change	21	FORT WILLIAM & ARDNAMURCHAN	R21L
TRESLAIG HALL	No Change	21	FORT WILLIAM & ARDNAMURCHAN	R21E
ACHARACLE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	21	FORT WILLIAM & ARDNAMURCHAN	R21B
STRONTIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	21	FORT WILLIAM & ARDNAMURCHAN	R21D, R21G
ARDGOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	21	FORT WILLIAM & ARDNAMURCHAN	R21F
LOCHALINE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	21	FORT WILLIAM & ARDNAMURCHAN	R21H
INVERLOCHY PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	21	FORT WILLIAM & ARDNAMURCHAN	R21J
ST BRIDES PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	21	FORT WILLIAM & ARDNAMURCHAN	R21O
KINLOCHLEVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	21	FORT WILLIAM & ARDNAMURCHAN	R21P
GLENCOE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	21	FORT WILLIAM & ARDNAMURCHAN	R21Q
INVERLOCHY PRIMARY SCHOOL	Propose School	21	FORT WILLIAM & ARDNAMURCHAN	R21T