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From: School consultation [<mailto:donotreply@highland.gov.uk>]

Sent: 26 August 2018 20:32

To: Education Consultations

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Name of consultation: New 3 18 Campus

Your comments: I think the best site for the new proposed high school in tain would be on the current tain royal academy site as it is central to the town and has the sports facilities of track right next door

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Your comments: Sounds like a bizarre idea. Why not fix the schools that we currently have instead of chucking everyone together? I don't want my 5 year old anywhere near the drug dealing teenagers from TRA. The children from the st duthus school will be mocked and picked on. It's a disaster waiting to happen

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Your comments: I believe Craighill would be a much better option. It's larger, will be easier to access and is just the most logical option

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Subject: FW: Tain 3-18 Campus survey for Pupils - Important

Hi
Despite every registration class receiving the survey, we had little over 50% response.
Anyway the findings are surprising!
Craighill site – 98
TRA site – 154

Comments:
Nearer the town for lunchtime – TRA
too far away from everything - Craighill
Just get it done
Aint going to happen!
Wont affect me, so why ask??

Might not be the results that people expect or want, but its what the young people are saying based on what they had informed of so far.
Cheers



RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON TAIN 3-18 SCHOOL SITE SELECTION

We supports the use of the Craighill site for the proposed new 3-18 school campus, but is strongly opposed to the use of the existing Tain Royal Academy site and does not believe that it should feature even as a second choice. We are surprised that, even after overwhelming public opposition to this site, it should be considered at all. We suggest that it should be acknowledged that a mistake was made and the TRA site should be dumped. If an alternative, or second choice, to Craighill is required it should be the Burgage site.

Our objections to the TRA site have been put forward on previous occasions. Most of them relate to the small size of the site. In brief they are as follows:-

1. The site leaves no room for future expansion.
2. There is inadequate play space.
3. The ability to provide outdoor sports is severely restricted.
4. The plans show no provision for spectators at swimming events.
5. Because of the constraints of space the plans show tall, ugly buildings more appropriate to terminals at a second-rate airport. An ancient Royal Burgh like Tain deserves better than this.
6. Because of their positioning the proposed tall and ugly buildings would dominate the skyline, including that of the nearby Tain Conservation Area.
7. There are likely to be severe traffic and parking problems.
8. Construction on a site already in use is likely to be more expensive than on a greenfield site. It would also distract pupils.

All of these problems could be avoided by using a larger greenfield site such as the Craighill and Burgage ones. It has been demonstrated that these could have huge cost advantages if modular building techniques were used.

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Your comments: We are both hugely supportive of the new campus. We previously lived near a school redevelopment in Edinburgh and witnessed the enormous benefits of a new school both to the children and the community.

We have three children of primary school age and we strongly feel that progress should be made as soon as possible. Our children's previous school had very little outdoor space so we are not particular concerned by the location. However, the Craighill campus looks excellent.

Of course, there will always be some compromises but having seen the upsides of a new school, in our opinion, the benefits far outweigh the down sides.

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Your comments: I believe craighill would be the best site for the 3-18 campus. There is plenty of space, various parking options and it's nearby the a9, minimising traffic through the town. The health centre nearby also adds an added benefit in case of a medical emergency.

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Your comments: I really don't think that the school should be built on the current TRA site, if at all. I appreciate that it's central to the town, but the impact of having a campus that large is going to be a nightmare for homes and businesses. I currently work on Victoria road, and I can't imagine the amount of traffic, both on foot and vehicular, that could end up using our road in order to access the campus. I really do feel that each school could be updated and retained rather than moving everyone on to one site. The roads in the town are not that great, I can only imagine how bad they will be with the congestion typically found around schools. Knockbreck Primary school in particular is such a beautiful building and it would be a real shame for that to be lost. Is there no chance that the existing buildings could be retained, updated/extended? I'm also concerned that having children aged between 3-18 on one campus is not ideal. As someone who has worked with children of different ages, I wouldn't want a three year old subjected to the language and behavior of a much older child. Teens and young adults explore language, different words and behavior etc, and it's part of growing up and being that age. But there's no way the same behavior/language is appropriate for a child of three or four. I don't think there's any way that the different aged children could be kept separate enough that these types of behaviors wouldn't be witnessed by much younger children. We need to do something about the state of our schools (all of them), but I'm really not convinced that a 3-18 campus is a better option for Tain than just doing works/extensions on our existing buildings. There's a lot of history attached to our schools and it would be a shame to lose it.

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Your comments: I support the site proposal of the new 3-18 Tain Campus being at Craighill. I feel this gives the community a great opportunity to create a school for the future, in the right location. It will create a hub for all of the community. I would ask that the council take into consideration the separation of the age and abilities of the pupils who would attend. If the road speed could be reduced on the A9 between the two junctions turning into Tain this would allow a second entrance from the A9 into the school, thus relieving traffic concerns for Craighill Terrace.

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I am commenting on behalf of:

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Your comments: We understand that the result of recent surveys, reveal that the majority of parents, teachers, and residents are in favour of the Craighill Site. The negatives for the existing Tain Royal Academy site design remain. Is it wise to educate our children in a building site environment for at least 2 years., Increased traffic would be a major problem for the safety of the children., Hartfield Road is at present very busy during School hours.. Parking is limited at present and could only become worse.

The TRA site has no room for future expansion.

The Craighill site is spacious compared with TRA proposed design.

It is very important that children must have ample areas for play and exercise, bearing in mind how concerned the Government is regarding obesity .Our students deserve the best.

We feel that this is such an important decision that will affect lives for many decades to come.

Democracy is representative Government

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I am commenting as: Local resident

I am commenting on behalf of: Local resident (Husband and Wife)

Name:



Proposed sites for 3 - 18 Campus in Tain

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I feel the TRA site is far too small for purpose in terms of space within the school and the playground.

It also did not (in the previous plans) take into account the needs of Gaelic medium pupils, which classes should be isolated physically, from English medium classes in order to protect the Gaelic environment. As the Gaelic Dept also has its own core reading & maths schemes, as well as topic resources, adequate storage provision must ~~also~~ also be made outside the classroom to store these items. Ideally a separate building would be best.

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After looking at an ariel view of both sites, the Craighill site looks far bigger and better for the purpose of a school.

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a beautiful view.
More potential for car
parking -

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My preferred site is definitely Craighill. It is a much better space with beautiful views over the Dornoch Firth. I also think there would be more potential for future development at this site.

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30th August 2018-08-30

I feel that the site at Craighill would be the most suitable as pupils will be able to stay at the existing school until work is completed.

The Craighill site is larger & a complex build there would have a lot less impact on existing housing.

There are a number of major disadvantages to using the existing Tain Academy Site:

There is not enough space for the amount of amenities to be included.

How are students supposed to study effectively & safely while building & demolition work is in progress?

It would appear from the plans that, due to lack of space the new complex is situated very close to the boundary with Scotsburn Road & as the building is of some length this would create a corridor effect, overlooking the houses opposite.



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Your comments *

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That leaves Craighill as the most suitable site for the proposed 3-18 Campus. If, after the Consultation process, Craighill is deemed to be the best site for development the Highland Council should prevail upon the Scottish Government to create a roundabout on the A9 to allow access to the Campus without creating a traffic management problem for the Ancient and Royal Burgh of Tain.

However, I believe the best solution would be a split Campus, using the existing TRA site AND Craighill site, both already in HC ownership. As SSFTF funding does not demand that a 3-18 Campus be provided for educational facilities in the town, the HC could choose to have a split Campus, thus solving many of the anticipated problems. The town functions at the moment with the two main centres of education being at TRA and Craighill.

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Area & Learning Manager (Mid)

Society Buildings

Singwall

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Dear Sir,

Lain Royal Academy Replacement.

As near neighbours of the current T.K.A we consider that to rebuild on the present site would be too restricted to encompass the proposed four school campus.

We therefore are strongly of ^{the} opinion that the Braighill site would be a much more appropriate site on which to build the new campus.

Yours faithfully

Craighill**[10.62Ha]**

The largest site. Some problems with construction and demolition work close to Craighill Primary. However the site is large enough to make this considerably less of a problem than at the TRA site. This could be ameliorated by placing the primary departments as far as possible from existing buildings and by delaying the entry of the secondary into the new build until after the present Craighill school is demolished. Large enough to permit spacing of Primary, Secondary, Gaelic, St.Duthus and Nursery School.

We have some concern about the traffic flow around the site however it would not be as severe as at the present TRA site.

In conclusion

If, as seemed to be the case at the site options presentation, that the Highland Council is only keeping the present TRA site and the Craighill site in contention the only one acceptable would be Craighill. As stated above we very strongly believe that the Highland Council should rule out the present TRA site from consideration at the first available opportunity.

Proposal to Replace Tain Royal Academy, Craighill Primary School, Knockbreck Primary School and St. Duthus School with a new 3-18 Campus

We have been very annoyed by the unprofessional organisation and the very poor quality of the **Tain site options presentation** on 18th June and the earlier “drop-in session” on 10th May 2018 and in all the previous “consultation” events. The 18th June presentation was only attended by 35 local people, mostly of the older generation, and was held in an entirely unsuitable venue, the large gym of the academy. Presentations were poorly structured and the speakers, who lacked public speaking skills, had considerable difficulty making themselves heard in the terrible acoustics of the hall.

Comments on Sites:

Present TRA [6.35Ha]

We were incensed that this option was still on the table, the reasons given on 18th June being very weak. Building on the TRA site beside an existing functioning secondary school is totally unacceptable. There were many local objections when the previous plans were brought forward and the reasons for these are still valid:

- Small size of the site.
- Lack of room for future expansion.
- Lack of play areas.
- Lack of adequate external sports facilities.
- Lack of viable assembly/performance areas for a multi-age school.
- Impossibility of proper separation of different age groups and language groups.
- Chaos of first building and then demolishing beside an existing functioning school.
 - Dust
 - Asbestos
 - Noise
 - Children’s urge to explore
 - etc., etc.

Full details of our objection were submitted after the previous planning application and nothing heard on 18th June would persuade us to change those objections should the council again propose developing on this site.

Kirksheaf [10.56Ha]

This is not viable due to difficulty of access and risk of flooding.

Knockbreck Road (adjacent to ASDA) [9.50Ha]

Large site with existing roundabout for vehicular access. Easy multiple pedestrian access. No disturbance of any of the existing schools during construction. Suitable area for car parking at the NE end of the site, with the remainder large enough to permit spacing of Primary, Secondary, Gaelic, St.Duthus and Nursery School areas.

We would consider this to be the best site in the town despite the minor electrical and drainage considerations raised in the presentation. However it appears to have been ruled out by the un-elected and self-selected Stakeholders Group.

hearing and seeing inappropriate language and behaviour and that becoming their norm. Children who maybe haven't managed to have a great start in primary school or know it's time to move on are not going to have the opportunity of a fresh start. I wonder what studies show that a 3- 18 campus would be beneficial to the children. I love the staff, parent council and our community and my concerns are certainly not about them in any way, I feel they are doing an amazing job with the terrible facilities and working conditions that they have been expected to teach our children in. I completely agree with having to have new facilities for our children in Tain and the surrounding areas as the buildings are not fit for purpose, I am 100% behind whatever we get but wanted to respond to you with my concerns.

Feedback 3

I understand that Craighill is the larger site and if this is the case then this is my preferred choice. I feel that TRA is not big enough and would have no scope for expansion or adapting. I also like the idea that it is next to health centre. It also has better link to a9 for buses etc and does not involve clogging up town centre.

Feedback 4

I didn't feel the last site was correct as the school was too small. I understand that there are rules around classroom sizes (for example science classes) where pupils each have to have a certain amount of room (I'm sure it's a meter space for science) and the classrooms weren't big enough to accommodate this. My feeling is if they do it do it properly. Logically I suppose near the health centre. After seeing the site appraisals, Craighill would be my number one choice and the Knockbreck Rd site would be my number two.

Feedback 5

'Definitely not TRA site, too small.' Parent concerned re young ones being in shared playground, very cramped conditions with older ones. Also concerned re what older pupils could be bringing to school. Overall parent was very positive about 3-18 campus concept but just not at TRA site.

Feedback 6

I'm against the TRA site. It is too small and I don't think the infrastructure around it is suitable. The disruption for the pupils during exams etc will be too noisy/disruptive etc. Craighill is better as there is more space. TBH my preference is for massive investment in the present 3 sites. I also think the community have a lot to say on this matter, which is fine and we have a teacher rep, but I know the rep doesn't represent my views or those of many other staff members. A staff questionnaire would I'd say it's vital we move forward on whatever site is deemed most viable, together as a community. It's difficult to choose one without seeing the proposals in detail (I realise they were available). However my feeling is to go with the craighill site, based on size and access. And causing least disruption to those children sitting vital exams in the middle of a building site. I do wonder tho if two schools would be a better fit...a new academy/community complex on its current site, and new bigger primary/ Nursery/SEN school on craighill site? That would offer more room for expansion? Personally, I'm not overly keen on the idea of a 4 yr old sharing the same space (or within earshot of) an 18 yr old! Wishful thinking I guess given the money constraints., But don't want to find ourselves bursting at the seams in 10 years time.

Feedback 1

For the principal of the short listing of the sites I feel that it was a good idea to save both money and time and getting ourselves into more strategic position in a short space of time. Unfortunately I do have an issue as to how this was conducted, I feel that the site selection is the most important aspect of process and stakeholder group members should have been given all the information to take back to their respective groups in order to gauge the opinion of their groups before going back to vote on a short list. I personally feel that with technology etc this could have been quickly achieved. Nevertheless, I am hugely disappointed to see that the Tain Royal Academy site is back on the table, I always felt that this site was not fit for purpose given it's size. I was very much under the impression following the previous planning stage there was not a huge amount of play in this site and the plans that the Highland Council submitted were the best and fullest use of the site therefore there really is not much that they can change this time around! My preferred site would be the land at Craighill, I know that it is not without it's faults with poor site access but I am sure that architects could come up with a suitable solution. The site is considerably larger, it will provide much more playground space, the school could be positioned a lot better therefore allowing it to be built bigger reducing the possible need for expansion, and, the fact that the site is largely bare it will make any build safer and less disruptive which could also provide a faster build.

Feedback 2

My main concerns at the moment is the lack of toilet facilities, it is my understanding that by law there should be a certain amount of toilets available depending on numbers of girls and boys. I am pretty sure the school does not have the correct amount. TRACC or the swimming pool toilets would surely not be able to be counted due to the public usage of these areas. If they are then I wouldn't be happy with my teenage daughter being expected to use toilets that are available to the public. I know a site has to be decided on and my main concern for the TRA site is that having a building site/ big heavy machinery which will be noisy will be detrimental to the children's learning especially during exam and study times. I also feel as though it could be an accident waiting to happen, would the school grounds be sectioned off would the workers have PVG's if they were having regular access into the school grounds and working over such a long period? It certainly won't be conducive to their Health and Wellbeing having a building site as their learning domain. I know the plans were to be looked at again but creating smaller class rooms and packing in more children should NOT be an option. In Scotland there is a huge push on outdoor play provision and the impact on outdoor learning yet the site at TRA seems to only be providing an adequate amount of outdoor space not an area that would provide opportunities for outdoor learning that would encourage the children to use natural resources and loose parts to build on creativity, sharing and turn taking skills, negotiation with others and innovative working throughout the three schools/nursery, primary and academy. Would a two campus be an option? One for academy and one for pre-school and primaries or is it one huge building. I fear for the children of the future that being in one institute and not having to move or transition to another setting could be detrimental, there is no evidence yet that this will be beneficial to the children as those being built in rural areas are still at early stages and the children have not gone through the whole process yet, when it comes to moving to college/ uni or even getting a job as they are no longer in the safety net of their cocoon that they have been in since pre-school. Will there be enough space provided for children moving into the area and for the erection of more houses in and around Tain ASG? A big worry would be the younger children

Feedback 7

It's hard to know how to respond to what is an update. Which site is best? Neither is ideal for such a large project that's the problem. Personally I have no preference. If the new campus can be fit for purpose on one those sites then great. I feel the most important part of the consultation will come when the community can have some input into the actual project. This is really important going forward. I fully support you, Wendy and the other PTA chairs in acting as this important communication link. Let me know if I can do anything to aid you, having missed the first round of consultations as we only moved here in August I find the whole thing baffling.

Feedback 8

Space all the way. Craighill best. TRA too small. No playing field ridiculous for school in countryside with all the space. No room for expansion.. crazy. Bigger space to play with means that build will be easier and more options for architect planners etc. What would they do with all the students at TRA??

Impossible???. TRA is pretty grim building to me and will just end up with horrible extensions on it and far too small. Why oh why when struggling with obesity on rise would they build a superschool without adequate/generous exercising space? Madness as school will be used/enjoyed by whole communities. Easier to start from scratch with new site with adequate space than try and cobble something on cheap with existing building.

Feedback 9

I'd say it's vital we move forward on whatever site is deemed most viable, together as a community.

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Feedback 10

Firstly I'm not sure why TRA site is being considered again after it was deemed unsuitable last time for many reasons...i worry though if we make too much noise again we get nothing. But is that right or fair? The location is central in the town therefore the traffic issues could be a major problem, this is a built up housing area.... I also think to spend more money on investigating a site that was already looked at (and I can only imagine how much money was spent on this already) is crazy. What has actually changed to have this site in the running again?...I really don't know much about the Craighill site but I do believe access would be better and the site is possibly bigger than the TRA site.

Feedback 11

Having moved from London to Tain it is with dismay that I hear that the Highland Council is considering building the new SuperSchool on the TRAC campus. Using the playing fields for the extra building. Tory cuts are forcing many schools in London to sell off their exercise spaces with the consequent rise in obesity that is so well documented. That a Highland Council, with sites available that would give children space to play, would consider creating the same misery as the Tories have in London out of laziness and simple political expediency beggars belief.

Feedback 12

I agree that it's important to limit the consultation to as few options as possible as this should reduce 1)time used and 2)money spent. It's vital that the consultation should be wide reaching and include as many interested parties as possible. However, I know there will be plenty people with opinions but they will not actively engage with the process. Limiting the options to the two sites I believe is wise as there has already been some consultation about the TRA site. That being said I think the Craighill site is the better option as it leads to a wider community base including health centre/dentist, library, sports facilities etc in one area. I attended the Community council drop-in and felt that out of the 4 proposals they put forward there was nothing about the Asda/Kirksheaf options that made me think they were better alternatives. Let's just go with the stakeholders proposals and move forward. Please!

Feedback 13

TRA site def not big enough for new school. To me Craighill is an ideal site. New school must be big enough to take into account expansion of Tain and surrounding areas. Must have lots of disabled access / lifts for students like my son. Plus a proper sized swim pool (25m length with decent depth to allow for diving off blocks).

Feedback 14

Before we moved to Tain we lived in Edinburgh near Broughton High School. We saw first hand the benefit of a new high school building replacing an aging one. We can also see the detrimental impact of the continuing delays in the decision making process for choosing the new site. This is most obvious in the conditions of the primary schools and high school where years of under investment in the buildings have taken their toll. We have no strong feelings as to the site that is chosen just that one is chosen quickly.

Feedback 15

My only thoughts on the new school is that any site they pick in the town will be a total nightmare for dropping off and picking up. Somewhere on the very edge of town would be better for access and to give enough space to make sure the different stages (nursery, primary and secondary) can be separate with comfortable outdoor space for each. I don't know if my comments are relevant for the stage the process is in at the moment, but they're my initial concerns for if/when it goes ahead.

Feedback 16

I just wanted to write to support the PC's in their work trying to get Tain back on the agenda. I agree with the shortlisting by the stakeholder group, I am more than happy for the representatives to make decisions on my behalf as I am confident that everything is transparent. My own view is that the current TRA site is not suitable. I drive in daily with my daughter to tra and regularly have to stop at the top of scotsburn road to let buses out as the road isn't wide enough. With more traffic going to the centre of the town I can only see this getting worse. Several mornings I have seen young people almost being hit by cars on scotsburn road and I would be very concerned about an increase in traffic in this area. My main concern and area of interest though is what goes into the school and how this improves their education. The sooner we get a site agreed the sooner we can start discussing the important details.

Feedback 17

I'm the mother of an 11.5 yr old girl & 6.5 yr old boy both at Knockbreck. Regarding the new campus I'm totally against the TRA site as it's not a vacant site & quite central so think disruption could not be avoided if it were to be the site. I'm all for Craighill site.

Feedback 18

As a parent at TRA I wanted to let you know my views on the current situation. Firstly I am very happy for you to represent my views on the new campus and agree that a consultation should only be undertaken on the two most attractive sites. Too much time has been spent going around in circles and it now needs a decision and to move forwards. My own opinion is that the current TRA site in the middle of the town is not the right place for a new school. I drive my daughter to school from Fearn each morning and regularly find myself reversing back up Scotsburn road to allow the buses to leave. If a car is parked on Scotsburn road at this time in the morning the traffic comes to a complete standstill. The roads in Tain were built many years ago when cars and buses were smaller and less frequent. Unless significant investment is made into the road network with the assurances of a one way system through the town I cannot see that this will improve. However my main drive is to get the site selected quickly and concentrate on the facilities provision and what will go IN the school. It is as important if not more important to ensure that the finance is available to ensure the

learning environment and sports facilities are of the best standard available - our children have put up with sub standard for too long and it simply isn't good enough in this competitive world we live in. Please select the site and lets get on with the business of designing the new school for the benefit of all.

Feedback 19

Craighill would be my preference- less disruption to education if that site was used and there's more room on the site for potential growth in the future. Also, it would mean having the doctor surgery close by and it would all be in one little community- library, pool, school, surgery etc. I think traffic flow would work better for that site also as no disruption to main streets.

Feedback 20

I wonder if it is worth revisiting the idea of a stand-alone Gaelic Medium school in the Knockbreck building. I have always favour this option, and there are some really strong advantages for the Gaeliceducated kids in a stand-alone environment. My understanding is that the GME unit is currently growing in pupil numbers and is expected to continue to do so in coming years, requiring additional classroom space (which would reduce playground space) and may well pull in extra children from out with the Tain area. (I'm aware of kids currently travelling from the catchment areas of Dornoch, Bonar Bridge, Fearn, Hilton and Invergordon primaries to GME at Craighill). I understand not all current GME parents currently see the benefits of a stand-alone Gaelic language school, but I think it could be a really strong thing for the kids and for Tain to have this school, and I am making my preference known at this point because I think adopting a Gaelic school in the Knockbreck building will ease the lack of space/number of kids/classroom footprint at the TRA site. I understand the Highland Council has given this option consideration in the past, and I would fully support it if they looked at it again.

Yesterday, 07:42

Education Consultations

I believe the craighill site would better meet the needs of the pupils of Tain

RESIDENTS' SURVEY held over 2 days 5+6 Jan. 2018
in the Brownie Hall, Sutherland Street, Tain.
17 FEBRUARY 2018

REFERENCE: 3-18 CAMPUS PROPOSAL/SCHOOLS AND SCHOOLING
IN TAIN, ROSS-SHIRE.

Please find enclosed:

- ① BRIEF OVERVIEW
- ② PERSONAL COMMENT (~~on reverse~~)
- ③ COMPILED 10 PAGE OF RESIDENTS SURVEY
HELD IN TAIN 5-6 JANUARY 2018
- ④ COPY NEWSPAPER ARTICLE
- ⑤ RESPONSE LETTER (~~front and reverse~~)
SENT TO ROSS-SHIRE JOURNAL, NORTH STAR, AND
PRESS AND JOURNAL. (Not printed so far or have
missed)

The article and letter are sent out of concern that matters
are in danger of becoming acrimonious, with blame and
name calling.

I apologise for the presentation. I do not have other
facilities

TAIN 3 – 18 CAMPUS

Drop in survey 5-6 Jan 2018

The Highland Council has resumed its process on a proposed 3-18 school campus for Tain and the surrounding catchment area.

This survey is organised by members of Tain's community to provide opportunity for COMMUNITY WISHES AND COMMENTS to be made. Please complete as fully as possible. More paper is available.

What should be the priority concerning schools in Tain?

What benefits or concerns would a single site 3 – 18 campus have for Tain and its catchment area?

What benefits or problems do the existing spread of schools have?

What are your comments concerning leisure and sports facilities?

Currently the Highland Council is considering FOUR site options. A number of people wish for a SPREAD SITE OPTION. THAT IS SCHOOLS ON TWO OR MORE SITES. Please complete overleaf concerning options.

This was the questionnaire used for the residents' survey: both sides.

TAIN COMMUNITY DROP-IN SURVEY 5-6 JAN: 2018

BRIEF OVERVIEW REPORT ON COLLECTED COMMENTS.

There are 195 listed comments.

Following is a brief breakdown of the major concerns. Single and two word comments are not here included. The breakdown is approximate with some overlap.

195 COMMENTS IN TOTAL

- 43 were to do with educational quality and experience; with concern how to achieve best and that high quality education and school experience is important.
- 22 concerned interaction between pupils, staff and people; with wish for high quality experience, and with disquiet about the effect of 12/13 years upward pupils upon those of younger years.
- 33 were about architectural/build quality; with concern that it support and provide education, and also, that it be sympathetic to the historic character of Tain.
- 28 expressed concerns about site organisation, design and layout; with points made about schools, nursery, primary, secondary on a single site being clearly separate, and also requiring attention to provide adequate space areas and access areas.
- 30 were about the relationship of school/s and site/s to the town and its day to day function.

This latter point was a discussion concern of some importance in the Highland Council's Charette consultation of 2013 or 14.

PERSONEL COMMENT

My concern in the matter of the 3-18 Campus proposal has been threefold:

- That the benefit of education, how to gain best possible education for Tain and the area be thoroughly researched.
- That all Tain and the area be given opportunity to be consulted.
- That consideration of and research be made into the effect of the schools, pupils, staff, traffic upon the town. The 2013 or 2014 Charette consultation for the town's prosperity and well-being established clear concerns about this matter.

I will quote again the point made by the leader of the Charette Consultation; "A whole town has to be right and workable, in all its areas for it to be prosperous, comfortable and sought out."

The Highland Council and the people of Tain now have much positive material and information upon which to plan and build for the future. This is so whether progress results in a single sited campus or upgraded schools and facilities across the town.

But there is an important factor. The whole of Tain and the area needs to be involved in school improvement in Tain. Comments make evident that the circumstance of the town upon schooling and that of schooling upon the town, are completely entwined. I also think that if there were full open discussion with the people of Tain, from pupils to business people, that a deal of resentment and confusion could be healed, and a lot of local interest, support and useful information gained.

D. Williams
Tain.

14 February 2018.

COMMUNITY DROP-IN SURVEY - COLLATION
Concerning Tain 3-18 Campus and Schooling
Held 5-6 January 2018

1 of 10

10 January 2018

This small survey was held in response to comments made by people in Tain wishing to know more about the Campus issue and have a say. The survey was organised by residents for the residents of the town and area. It was unfortunately held too close to Christmas and New Year, but had the purpose to gain information for the planned Highland Council Stakeholder meeting of 16 January. This was cancelled subsequently.

Circumstances have changed since the survey in that the structures of budget have become more pressing bringing need to reassess. The Highland Council is to have a major budget meeting on 15 Feb: 2018.

16 respondents answered questionnaires. About 22-26 people attended. The following lists of comments confirmed many of the concerns made around the town.

First question

WHAT SHOULD BE THE PRIORITY CONCERNING SCHOOLS IN TAIN?

The questionnaire was on two sides of one page: 4 open-ended questions on one side with site criteria evaluation on the other. The latter followed the format of the Community Council Survey of December 2017 to support.

The following comments are quoted as written with some paraphrasing where respondents in effect said the same thing. Bracketed words are to clarify using the rest of the questionnaire so to do.

Number

- 2 That children of all age range receive full and proper education.
- 2 Excellent educational experience.
- 1 Excellence of pupil/school experience.
- 1 Academic excellence
- 2 Excellent facilities for learning.
- 2 An environment that is bright, comfortable and inspires young people to learn.
- 1 Facilities to be up to date with current vocational and academic technology and materials so that staff and students are proud to work and learn.
- 1 Excellence of teaching
- 2 Excellent facilities for teaching
- 1 To have buildings that support excellence of teaching and the

COMMUNITY DROP-IN SURVEY - COLLATION cont'd: 2 of 10

First question cont'd:

- Number and the provision of excellent pupil school experience.
- 2 That teachers have working space (to teach properly).
- 1 That teachers have proper materials with which to teach.
- 1 A new modern facility which will help recruitment of quality teachers
- 1 Buildings that allow a sense of beauty and quality to be developed for the users, in the users.

These comments were to do with site organisation and architecture

- 5 To be able to grow/expand if/as numbers increase.
- 2. To have enough space to allow for future growth over 40-50 years.
- 2. Enough parking space.
- 1 Play areas of sufficient size.
- 1 Enough space outside.
- 1 To locate any new school to achieve space enough to house safely the current needs of Tain and the catchment area.
- 1 Safe access areas/points for staff, pupils and residents.
- 1 To have buildings that are sympathetic to the high quality of architecture in the town
- 1 A building that is fit for purpose, that can be individual and reflect the character of Tain: not current B+Q architecture, that could be anywhere.
- 1 Modern architecture can and should be inspiring.

A number of single, or few words, comments did not develop further or give clear meaning.

- 1 Healthy environment
- 1 Family oriented.
- 1 Pastoral care
- 1 Provision
- 1 Good infrastructure
- 1 Facilities
- 1 Correct build
- 3 Location
- 1 Access
- 1 Access to all - single storey.
- 1 No answer given

COMMUNITY DROP-IN SURVEY - COLLATION cont'd: 3 of 10

Second question:

WHAT BENEFITS OR CONCERNS WOULD A SINGLE SITE 3-18 CAMPUS HAVE FOR TAIN AND ITS CATCHMENT AREA?

The following responses concern pupils.

Number

- 2. Bad idea/concern to have a whole generation placed in one area at one time: target for evil or disaster.
- 1 Negative influence of older pupils on very much younger pupils
- 1 Firmly believe there should not be a 3-18 Campus as Primary/Nursery children should not be in the vicinity or enroute of secondary children.
- 1 Learning may be compromised. ï
- 1 Children will not experience going to a new school at 12/13 - may make going to uni(versity) more difficult. ï
- 1 Have not heard much favourable comment for 3-18 Campuses or high number schools and schooling.
- 1 Small is beautiful - big is not.
- 1 More difficult to achieve healthy environment, family orientation, pastoral care, academic excellence.
- 3 Ease of transition/move between schools
- 1 Benefit all age groups to integrate
- 1 Facilities could provide best education for future generations.
- 1 Have proved beneficial in use of shared facilities in Scotland.
- 1 Better playground
- 1 Community hub.
- 1 Community feel.

These comments concern the buildings, the site, the access.

- 1 Have a campus with 3-4 separate individual buildings for each school with a central hub.
- 1 Huge building project - require to be carried out safely
- 1 Site must be big enough
- 1 Lack of play/green space
- 1 Parking
- 1 Separate parking
- 1 landscaped
- 1 Access to facilities, centralised.
- 1 Access to facilities may be better
- 1 Access to leisure facilities
- 1 Onsite facilities
- 1 It could provide boost to facilities for all residents.

COMMUNITY DROP-IN SURVEY - COLLATION cont'd: 4 of 10

Second question cont'd:

Access cont'd:

Number

1 Parents with children of different ages have a single drop/collect point.

1 Why don't we invest and improve what we have?

The following concerns are about the effect of a single site campus upon the town.

1 Better parking, pick-up etc: with spread (of schools) around the town.

1 Concern that a single site campus would disrupt the functioning of the town.

1 The traffic flow and quirky nature of Tain's streets need respecting and accommodating

1 The town businesses - the pupils bring much income to a wide range of businesses.

Third question

WHAT BENEFITS OR PROBLEMS DOES THE EXISTING SPREAD OF SCHOOLS HAVE?

The majority of comments concerned build state and provision.

Number

7 They are run down / in great need of repair.

1 Buildings not fit for purpose, concerns over safety

1 Problems - elderly buildings need more upkeep.

1 Lack of space in Primary schools.

1 No scope for expansion due to lack of finance.

1 Poor outside space.

1 T.R.R - lack of parking

1 Lack of suitable amenities.

1 Not eco-friendly

1 Drainage problems.

1 Do not see particular benefit in separate sites

1 Disagree that a split, two or more sites is financially viable or desirable.

1 None (Just the one word - not clear - no benefits or no problems?)

COMMUNITY DROP-IN SURVEY - COLLATION cont'd: 5 of 10

Third question cont'd:

Many comments were to do with buildings within and in relation to the town.

Number

- 2 As a (spread) 3-18 campus IF done well, could be a template for other towns/imaginative planning and landscaping - tourist attraction.
- 1 The town has evolved with (the spread of) schools allowing it to function reasonably well.
- 1 A building like Knock Knock should be preserved, kept in use, and not become "mottoballed".
- 1 Elderly buildings could be reused and have a new lease of life.
- 1 A major single site development would need to take into account the town function: it inevitably would have many unknown effects.
- 1 Spreads footfall.
- 1 They cause traffic congestion in parts of town at collect/drop times.
- 1 (Traffic) Problem areas in the town need attention.
- 1 Could the deamorable St Duthus unit be moved to another site?
- 1 Would not be against a split campus with primary and special schools on one site and secondary separate, however, single site campus seems to work well in e.g. Alford.
- 1 Spreads traffic.

These comments concern people and education.

- 1 Teaching and learning (in the main) have been found to be of a higher standard in smaller schools Respondents brackets.
- 1 Move to secondary presents new challenges, opportunity to learn.
😊
- 1 Different styles of Primary provide choice
- 1 Do not inspire learning.
- 1 Parents with several children have several stops.
- 1 Craighilly is on the edge of town, not walkable for Primary population of wider town. ñ

COMMUNITY DROP-IN SURVEY - COLLATION cont'd: 6 of 10

Fourth question

WHAT ARE YOUR COMMENTS CONCERNING LEISURE AND SPORTS FACILITIES?

Most comments concerned the community.

Number

- 2. The library could/should stay where it is/a dedicated historic building.
- 2. Excellence of teaching and learning experience, high quality architecture sympathetic to the town, beauty/respect for the town's function and businesses (all should be integrated) as for the school buildings.
- 1. Leisure and sports (facilities) should be affordable - health of young children is of concern.
- 1. Opportunity for improving health and wellbeing through fit for purpose facilities for the community.
- 1. Need to be accessible for all the community; a focal point.
- 1. They are important to have available.
- 1. School should have use of facilities.
- 1. More enquiry and exploration into town wishes and requirement needs to be made.
- 1. Greater provision is required.
- 1. A chance to get decent sports facilities that were a potential 25 years ago when money was available from the mussel beds - but evaporated.
- 1. Modern sports facilities for the community.
- 1. Hope for badminton courts and swimming to be available in the evenings and at weekends for the community.
- 1. A 25m swimming pool with viewing area would allow clubs to hold events.
- 1. There is a lack of decent 25m swimming pool with viewing area.
- 1. A 25m swimming pool would generate income.

The following comments relate to build and construction.

- 1. Build a state-of-the-art sports centre on Craighill, maybe in collaboration with a private company.
- 1. Build should not be cheapest available.
- 1. Building and facilities at present are very dated.
- 1. Building and facilities are in need of complete upgrade.
- 1. Leisure and sports facilities should be at one end. (of single site.)
- 1. Keep/remain at secondary campus.
- 1. T.R.R - parking restricted by size and location - busy area.
- 1. Have few comments as too little experience.

COMMUNITY DROP-IN SURVEY - COLLATION cont'd: 8 of 10

SITE CRITERIA

5 OPTIONS: TAIN ROYAL ACADEMY,
CRAIGHILL, ASDA,
KIRKSHEAF, AND SPREAD
(2 or more sites)

The format of questions on this page was the same as that of the Community Council Drop-in of December 2017 - to support. A 5th sitting option was added as there was significant interest for this. The other 4 were those in consideration by the Highland and Community Councils.

SITE ORDER OF PREFERENCE was asked: 1 as first preference to 5 as last.

Graph follows below which includes NO OPTION as respondents made this a clear choice.

EVALUATION OF LOCATION, DESIGN AND LAYOUT was asked:
1 low - 5 high

This brought unclear results so overall ratings are not given.
(There was evidence that the site criteria page caused confusion.)

1 respondent did not complete this page - had done so at Community Council Drop-in.
6 respondents added no comments to their score evaluations.
9 respondents completed this page with comments.

NUMBER TAIN ROYAL ACADEMY

5 Too small

CRAIGHILL

2 Looks like a better site/is larger

1 Could have roundabout access to A9

1 Has inadequate pick-up/drop - blocks road (unless that were to change).

ASDA

3 Looks a better site i.e. larger/spacious

1 Could have roundabout access to A9.

KIRKSHEAF

1 Unsuitable for a single site campus, too major access problems.

1 (3rd choice) Roads and access would be an issue.

COMMUNITY DROP-IN SURVEY - COLLATION cont'd: 9 of 10

Site Criteria cont'd:

NUMBER SPREAD

- 1 The town works at the moment with two main centres.
- 1 Think a 'spread' campus would benefit Tain most.
- 1 Spread - good for older kids doing exams that there are no younger children screaming and running about at breaktimes.
- 1 (3 other sites preferred before...) Spread is preferable to T.R.A site.

DESIGN: COMMENTS

- 3 (Rated 5 high importance) Absolutely vital/where and how you learn is very important/a top priority.
- 1 Building design and quality should be part of the teaching/learning experience.
- 1 Should contribute to teaching/learning positively and well.
- 1 Depending on where halls are for exams; gym, music etc: could disturb classes.
- 2 Design and layout must be fit for purpose as well as aesthetically in line with the style of the town.

LAYOUT: COMMENTS

- 3 (Rated 5 high importance) Absolutely vital/where and how you learn is very important/a top priority
- 1 Obviously hugely important for the environment of studying and access for all.
- 1 If a single site is chosen then each part, primary, secondary, nursery should have its own area and space.
- 1 (Each school) should have attention to access, parking, playground areas.
- 1 If (have) 3-18 campus (single site) the younger ones should be at one side of schools and the older, the other side to avoid disruption by older ones.
- 1 The location (must have) adequate pick-up/drop-off - important.
- 1 The location (must) not disrupt local surroundings.

COMMUNITY DROP-IN SURVEY - COLLATION CONT'D: 10

SITE CRITERIA

5 OPTIONS ORDER OF PREFERENCE

1 as first to 5 as last

NO OPTION is included in the graph as this choice was indicated

DIAGONAL indicates no score given

(SPREAD option covered 2 or more sites).

	CRAIGHILL	SPREAD	ASDA	KIRKSHEAF	TRA
1ST	9	6	/	/	/
2ND	4	1	8	/	1
3RD	1	2	5	5	1
4TH	1	3	1	3	3
5TH	/	2	/	3	5
NO OPTION	/	1	1	4	5

GRAPH FOR INTEREST

YOUR INTEREST	Pupil	Parent	Teacher	Resident	High Life Highland	Other
				3		1
Nursery				2		
Primary		1		2	1	
St Duthus				2		
Gaelic				2		
TRA vicinity		4	1	7	3	1
ASDA Vicinity				1		
Kirkshaeaf				1		

1 respondent did not complete this page; already done at the Community Council drop-in (December 2017)

1 respondent did not complete this graph for INTEREST

Privacy notice:

Confirmation
Ticking this box indicates that you have read the privacy notice

Name of consultation: New 3 18 Campus

Your comments: School site preferred - CRAIGHILL
not Tain Royal Academy site

Upload documents or letters :

I am commenting as: Parent

I am commenting on behalf of:

Name:

Title	First name	Last name

Address:

postcode_search	Did you find the address on the list above?	Address line 1	Address line 2	Town	Postcode

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New 3 18 Campus consultation comments

SC

School consultation <donotreply@highland.gov.uk>

Reply all

Yesterday, 12:11

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TAIN 3-18 CAMPUS

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1. **Please provide any GENERAL Views, Comments or Ideas you have concerning this proposed 3-18 CAMPUS which would include Leisure and Public Library facilities.**

Excellent idea.

2. **Highland Council are presenting TWO Site Options, however some within the community favour a SPREAD option.
Please note order of preference with 1 - 3, ONE your preferred option to THREE your least preferred.**

TAIN ROYAL ACADEMY

CRAIGHILL

SPREAD

3. **What Views, Comments or Ideas do you have concerning these site locations?**

Better access to Craighill in construction - less congested.
However single access to school would pose problems for school buses.

4. What views, Comments or Ideas do you have regarding the CONSULTATION / DECISION MAKING PROCESS?

Great that consultation has been taken out of Tain.

Needs of district should also be considered.

• Hope outlying schools are not left in dark ages when Super School is complete.

5. YOUR INTEREST....

	PUPIL	PARENT	TEACHER	RESIDENT	*HL	OTHER
Nursery						
Primary						
St Duthus						
Gaelic Unit						
Secondary		✓				
Community		✓				

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I THINK, IN GENERAL, HAVING EVERYTHING ON ONE SITE IS A GOOD IDEA, ESPECIALLY IF THE SITE IS CRAIGHILL & SO NEAR THE HEALTH CENTRE. I DO HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE AGE RANGE AND HOW ACCESS & OUTDOOR SPACE WOULD BE ORGANISED AND ABOUT HOW THE NEEDS OF SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS WILL BE MET IN TERMS OF QUIET SPACES ETC

IT WOULD BE GREAT HAVING THE LIBRARY BESIDE THE SCHOOL ASSUMING IT WOULD BE OPEN AT TIMES COMPATIBLE WITH SCHOOL HOURS & PLenty PARKING IS MADE AVAILABLE

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TAIN ROYAL ACADEMY	CRAIGHILL	SPREAD
3	1	2

3. *What Views, Comments or Ideas do you have concerning these site locations?*

I DO NOT SUPPORT THE OPTION TO BUILD ³⁻¹⁸ ON THE EXISTING SITE, I THINK ENOUGH MONEY HAS ALREADY BEEN SPENT TRYING TO MAKE THIS OPTION WORK TO NO AVAL - TIME TO MOVE ON.

DEPENDING ON WHAT WAS PROPOSED, I ~~WOULD~~ MIGHT SUPPORT A SPREAD SITE WITH ONE LAKEBURGH PRIMARY SCHOOL BUILT ON THE CRAIGHILL SITE & TRA "REPLACED" IN PLACE

4. What views, Comments or Ideas do you have regarding the CONSULTATION/ DECISION MAKING PROCESS?

I AM HAPPY WITH THE PROCESS SO FAR ALTHOUGH I THINK THE INFORMATION SHOULD BE MUCH MORE AVAILABLE ONLINE. ALL OF THE INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE TO DATE SHOULD BE PRESENTED CLEARLY ON A DEDICATED WEBSITE THAT IS EASY TO FIND & DOESN'T INVOLVE DOWNLOADING MULTIPLE PDFS WITH DRAWINGS THAT DON'T SCALE & BARELY LEGIBLE NOTES WRITTEN IN A TINY FONT (I AM REFERRING TO DOCUMENTS I DOWNLOADED BEFORE THE LAST PUBLIC MEETING), TIMETABLES & A REPRESENTATION OF PUBLIC OPINION SO FAR WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL.

~~MY~~ MY BIGGEST CONCERN IS HOW LONG THIS IS GOING TO TAKE - THE BUILDINGS ARE DILAPIDATED NOW AND, IF THE TRAC CHANGING FACILITIES ARE REPRESENTATIVE, BARELY ACCEPTABLE. WHAT ON EARTH WILL IT BE LIKE IN ANOTHER 4/5 YEARS. WHAT IS THE PLAN FOR THE CHILDREN & TEACHERS IN THE MEANTIME.

5. YOUR INTEREST....

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All in one? too many children under one roof. Fires? Terrorism, harm?
Transitions Nursery - Primary - secondary will be lost as one campus... whats the big deal if work school, + transitions as they're already be in same building.

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3-18? what happens in 2020 with more funded hours come available and for 2-year olds? 2-18 would it be? what area have you got for outdoor play / space for ALL age ranges. library open to public? Public wi scho

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TAIN ROYAL ACADEMY

CRAIGHILL

SPREAD

3

1

2

3. **What Views, Comments or Ideas do you have concerning these site locations?**

Depends what they want in these sites? location is great a Craighill, easier access from A9. Im not living in these areas so difficult to comment.

4.

What views, Comments or Ideas do you have regarding the CONSULTATION / DECISION MAKING PROCESS?

[Empty response area for question 4]

5. YOUR INTEREST....

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1) 3-18 YR OLDS SHOULD NOT BE EDUCATED IN SAME BUILDING, LOCATION ETC.

2) FOR THOUGHT:- CHILD AT 3 ENTERS EDUCATION INTO BUILDING AND COULD VERY EASILY SPEND THE NEXT 15 YRS IN THAT FACILITY - SURELY THIS HAS HIGH CHANCES OF BEING NEGATIVE FOR THAT CHILD?

3) LEISURE FACILITIES SHOULD BE SEPARATE FROM AN EDUCATIONAL FACILITY.

4) TAIN HAS A PERFECTLY GOOD LIBRARY ALREADY.

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TAIN ROYAL ACADEMY	CRAIGHILL	SPREAD
3	2	1

3. **What Views, Comments or Ideas do you have concerning these site locations?**

AS MOST OPINIONS ARE, TRA IS NOT A VIABLE LOCATION. CRAIGHILL MAKES BETTER SENSE THAN TRA GIVEN BETTER ROAD ACCESS ETC.

SPREAD IS BEST OPTION.

4.

What views, Comments or Ideas do you have regarding the CONSULTATION / DECISION MAKING PROCESS?

THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN POORLY PUT TOGETHER AND HAS NOT ALLOWED LOCALS WITH KIDS TO GIVE THEIR HONEST VIEW.

THERE SHOULD NOT BE A 3-18 CAMPUS. WHY IS THERE NOT ALREADY ONE? IS THERE ANY EVIDENCE OF THIS BEING A SUCCESS?

THERE MUST BE FURTHER COMMUNITY DROP-IN TYPE MEETINGS IN ORDER + PRIOR TO MAKING A FINAL DECISION.

REPAIR WHAT WE HAVE WITH THIS GOVERNMENT MONEY + USE OTHER EMPTY PUBLIC BUILDINGS BEFORE GOING DOWN 3-18 CAMPUIS!

PLEASE →

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I agree that our Community needs a new campus for our children. However the proposed 3-18 campus is not the best for our children. I would support a split campus option where we keep primary and secondary schools separate.

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I feel strongly that TRA is not a viable option and should be removed from the list to be considered.

4. What views, Comments or Ideas do you have regarding the CONSULTATION / DECISION MAKING PROCESS?

The consultation has been a great disappointment. The main issue for my family is the 3-18 Campus with all children together. Nobody has allowed this discussion to take place because they are limiting the scope to actual location.

The facts are as follows:

- ① We need new facilities
- ② Our children should not be put into a 3-18 campus situation
- ③ We should be exploring all options instead of pushing one predetermined agenda.

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Tain 3-18 Campus Site Consultation – 4 Sep 2018

The fact that Highland Council (HC) sisted their pre-planning application to build a 3-18 Campus on the existing TRA site following community concerns, and considering subsequent HC drop-ins have shown no apparent shift in public opinion, it's difficult to understand why TRA remains on the table!

Unfortunately, TRA does remain on the table. I would therefore like to refer HC to my previous communications outlining my objections to the TRA site which remain valid:

- Objection to HC Planning 17/01502/FUL dated 4th May 2017
- Feedback following 10th May Drop-In submitted 14th May 2018

It was a positive step for HC to sist the previous pre-planning application and embark on this additional consultation, however it is unfortunate the consultation wasn't opened up to address the issues raised at the subsequent drop-ins held on Thursday 10th May or the Communication Meeting held on Thursday 7th June:

- 1) Concern has been raised regarding the consequential increase in traffic expected should HC's current proposal of a single site 3-18 Campus be implemented. It's disappointing HC appear to be showing no incentive to consider either of the two paths highlighted that could alleviate this issue:
 - a. Consider a 'spread campus' that would spread the traffic
 - b. Push for direct access from the A9 to the Craighill site
- 2) HC's proposal document for this consultation informs us the principle of a 3-18 campus for Tain was decided in November 2012. At HC's evening drop-in on 10th May 2018 one mum pointed out that she 'didn't even have children when that decision was made'. Today's younger children will be the ones most affected by that decision taken **six years ago**, before they were even born:
 - a. how can HC deem it appropriate not to consult the parents of these young children on what will be a significant change to the educational environment available for their children?
 - b. during this 'consultation process' HC's refusal to embrace concerns raised, outside their pre-determined 'site selection' boundary could surely leave their process open to criticism?
- 3) Tain already has more than its fair share of beautiful historic empty buildings (Duthac House; Clydesdale Bank and the Royal Bank):
 - a. is it really necessary to move the Public Library from its current location in the centre of town? Could HC make public any consultation feedback / survey results showing support from library users, particularly those adults who will not necessarily be daily users of the school facilities?
 - b. Knockbreck is a perfectly good building, is it appropriate during times of budget deficits for HC to vacate it, whilst spending significant sums of money to build an equivalent floor-area elsewhere? Duthac House has lay empty and deteriorating over the last four years, unless HC have a confirmed purchaser or alternative planned use for Knockbreck surely it should be utilised within their education estate?

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It has been intimated that a 3-18 Campus is essential to secure Scottish Government funding for the much-needed new educational facilities in Tain, however responding to a Freedom Of Information request, the Commercial Director of Scottish Future's Trust clarified their position as follows:

'...regardless of the how the school is funded, either directly by the Council or as part of the Scottish Government's Scotland's Schools for the Future (SSFTF) Programme, it is up to the Council to determine what facilities are required as part of their learning estate. The SSFTF Programme funding has been used to support primary, secondary, ASN, community and campus facilities.'

There is no doubt Craighill does offer adequate space to accommodate a 3-18 campus. I'm sure that by providing direct access from the A9 and a carefully planned layout an effective outcome could be achieved, however to facilitate this HC must surely engage in a more open and inclusive dialogue to alleviate the very real concerns being raised!

Although there are differing views on what site, whether a single 3-18 Campus or a spread 3-18 Campus will provide the best solution for the children / community, all are agreed Tain is in desperate need of new schools. This in mind, I very much hope HC expedite the appropriate and necessary consultation to ensure the best solution for both the children and the community is achieved.