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Hi there

I'm writing with respect to the catchment area for Glenurquhart's Gaelic stream. I think there should be consideration given to widening the catchment area to include surrounding villages such as Fort Augustus, Beaully, etc. - ones that don't otherwise have access to a Gaelic education.

This is for two reasons:

1. It will enable children who would otherwise miss out to learn Gaelic (or they'd have to travel to Inverness - which in most cases parents would be unable to accommodate due to travel times, logistics, expense, etc.)
2. It would have the potential to increase the number of children in the Gaelic stream, which, having spoken to a number of parents of current pupils, would be seen as a real positive by all. This would give stability to a small (and thus very fragile) group, which would in itself breed a growth in numbers.

I do appreciate that there are resultant complications from bringing children into our catchment area who would then potentially be entitled to stay for their secondary education, but I am absolutely positive that we are not talking about huge quantities of children, so I don't think this should be enough of a hurdle to prevent it going ahead. Realistically, we'd potentially gain half a dozen children per year, and probably fewer.

Please consider this - I am strongly of the opinion that it would be to everyone's benefit and I will be very disappointed if it is not given significant consideration.

Many thanks

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