

FUTURE OPTIONS FOR CROY AND NEW SCHOOL AT TORNAGRAIN

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STATUS OF DISCUSSION

- ▶ This discussion is part of what we term Informal or Pre-Consultation
- ▶ The establishment of a new school is subject to statutory consultation
- ▶ Requires approval of Education Committee – we have not yet approached them
- ▶ Must be over a minimum of 30 school days and must include a public meeting.
- ▶ Also involves Education Scotland – School Inspectors

FUNDING

- ▶ The Council is currently updating its school roll forecasts, but we anticipate that that future numbers will significantly exceed the available capacity at Croy Primary
- ▶ New primary school for Tornagrain has been agreed as part of the revised HC Capital Plan for the next 5 years.

OPTIONS

- ▶ 1. Close Croy PS – Incorporate Croy into new Tornagrain
- ▶ 2. Retain Croy PS and build new standalone Tornagrain PS – Need to define catchment of new school

Option 1 Pros and Cons

▶ PROS

- ▶ Would promote morale and ethos of new school community
- ▶ Economies of scale
- ▶ Existing Croy PS could take on new purpose – community benefits?
- ▶ Modern facilities

▶ CONS

- ▶ Extra Capital Cost from larger build
- ▶ Would lose existing reasonable quality building, along with its capacity
- ▶ Would require stat cons on closure of Croy with Ministerial decision

OPTION 2 PROS AND CONS

▶ PROS

- ▶ Would allow for additional school capacity locally at lower capital costs than Option 1
- ▶ Would retain current morale and ethos of Croy PS
- ▶ Stat Cons would be Council only decision
- ▶ Less disruption to existing pupils

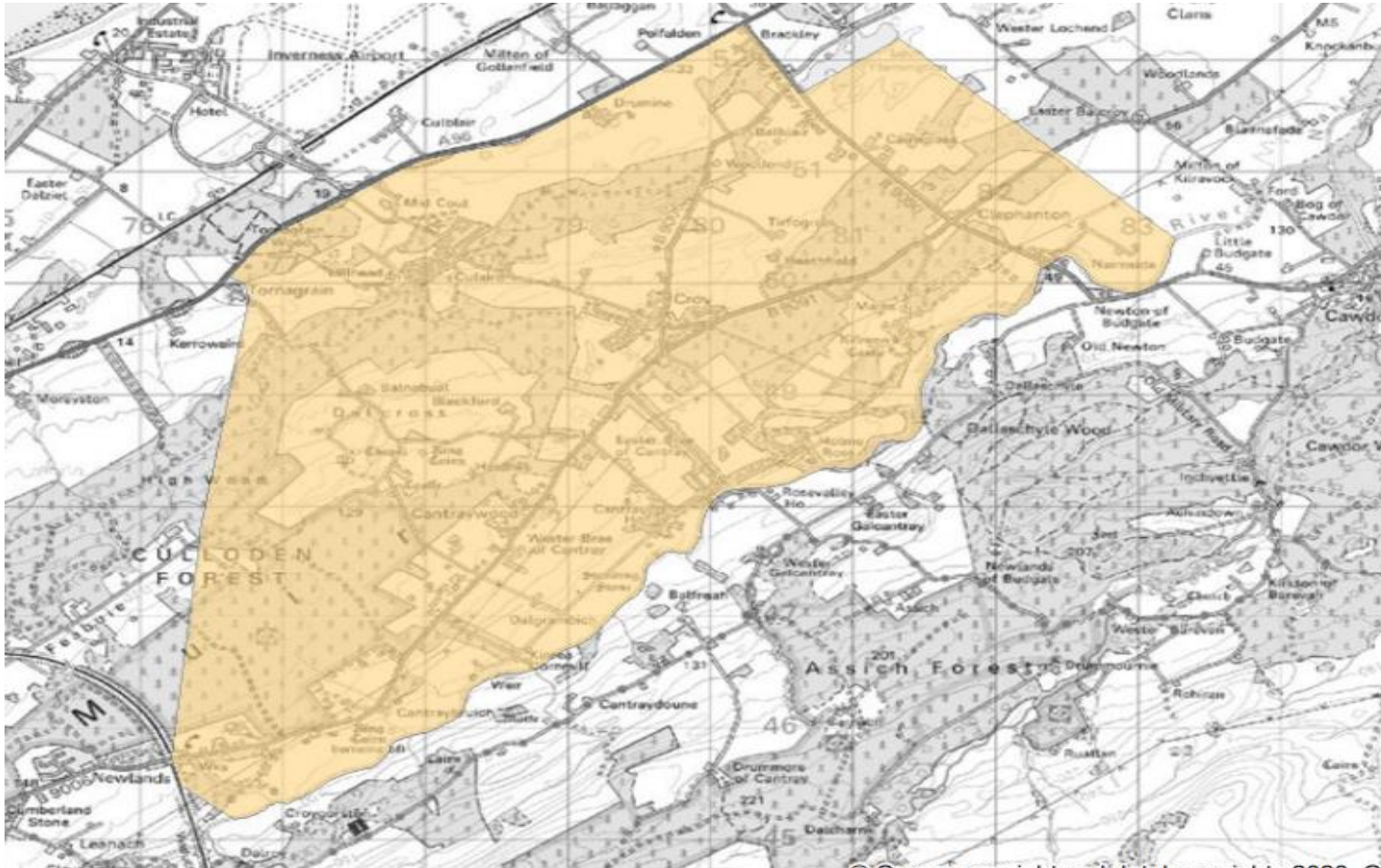
▶ CONS

- ▶ May engender divisions between Croy and Tornagrain
- ▶ Modular units may have to be retained for medium term
- ▶ Higher revenue costs to running two schools

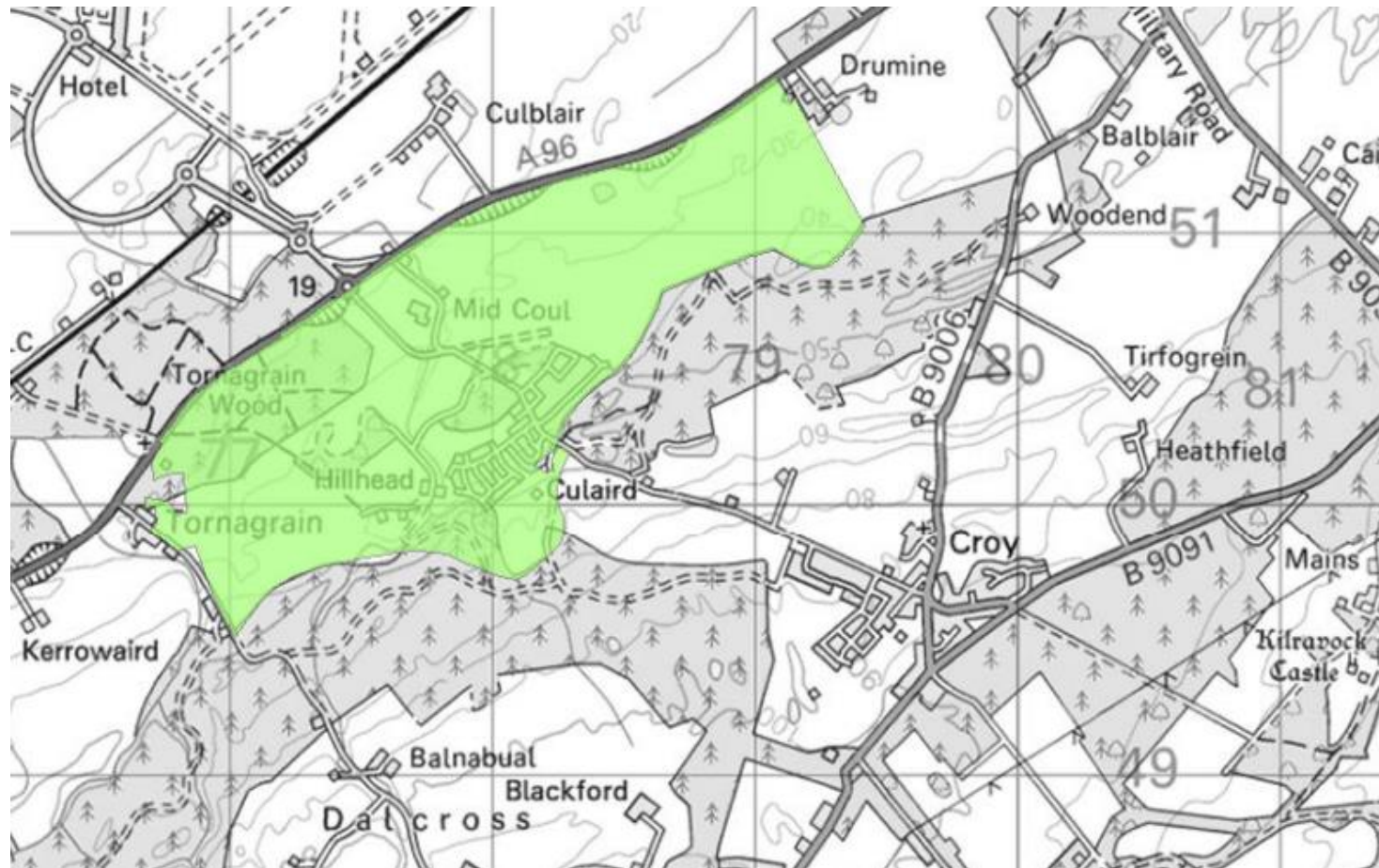
OPTION 2 CATCHMENT CHOICES

- ▶ If Croy PS were to be retained, we would need to define the new catchment area for Tornagrain, to be created from current Croy catchment.
- ▶ Options to follow
- ▶ Paper Survey will also issue

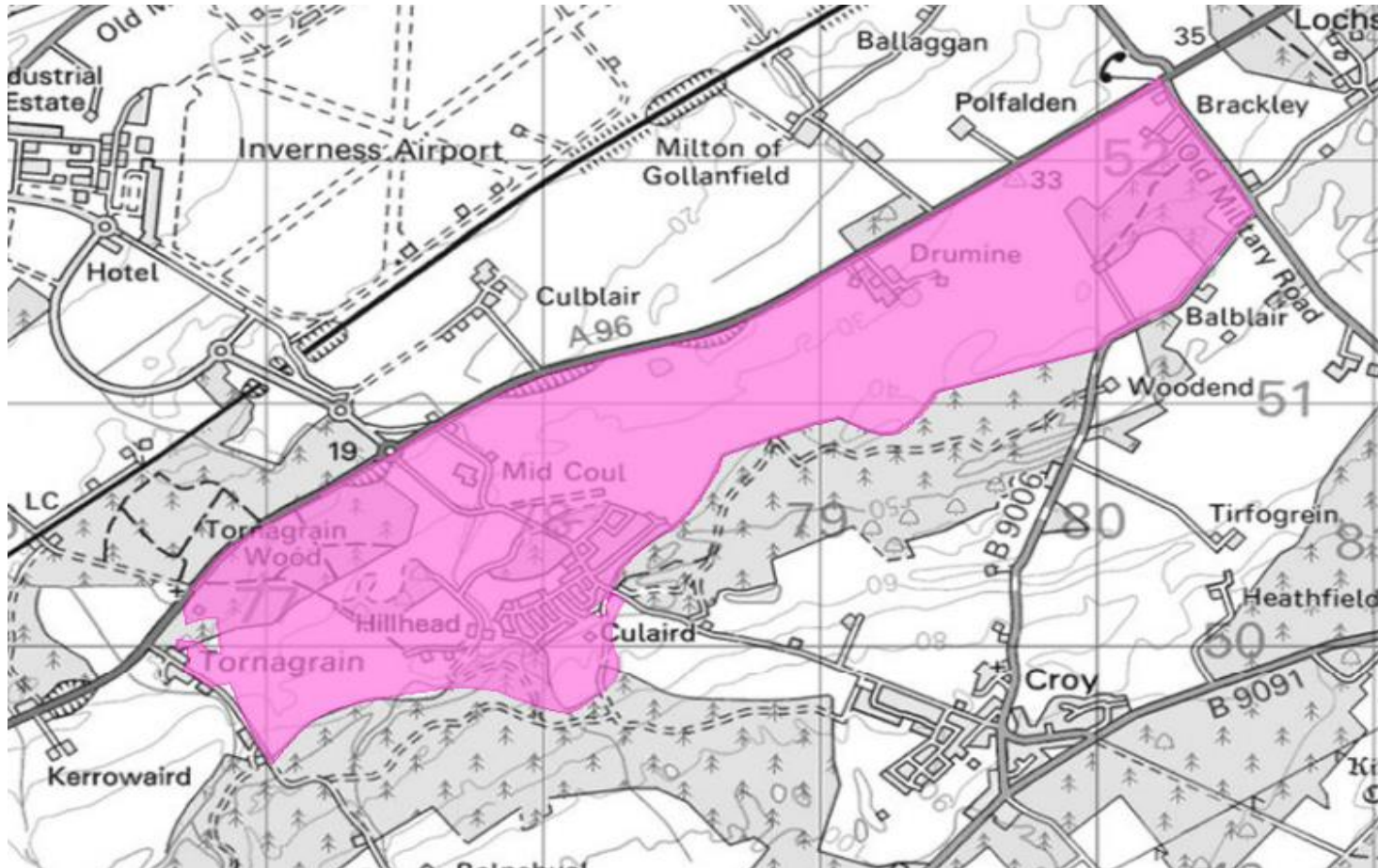
Current Croy PS catchment



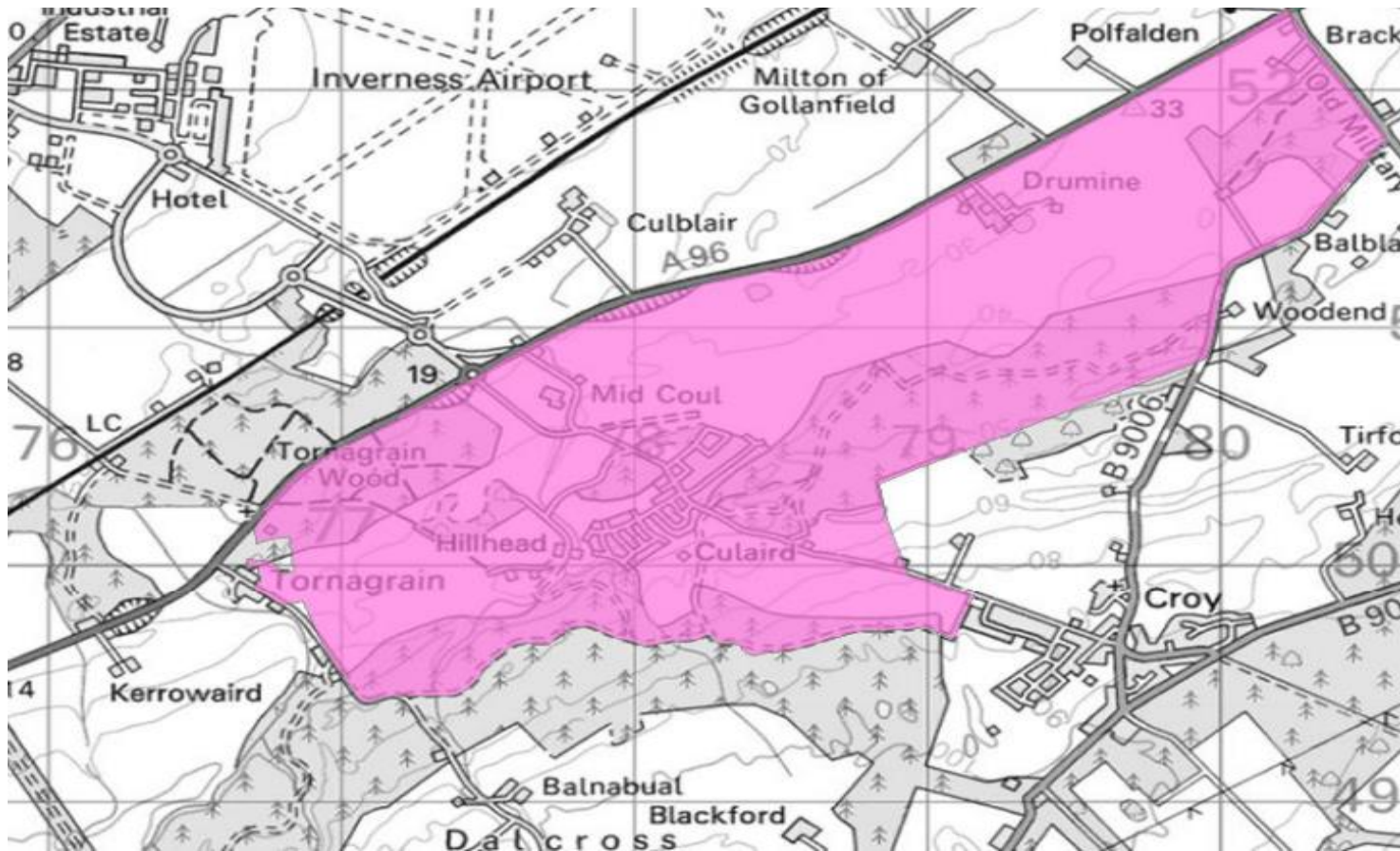
Tornagrain Catchment Option 1



Tornagrain Catchment Option 2



Tornagrain Catchment Option 3



CONCLUSION

- ▶ We will be issuing a survey via the web as well
- ▶ VIEWS?