

Name of consultation: Discontinue provision of education at Duror Primary School

Your comments: Dear Mr. Jackson,

I apologise that I was unable to attend the meeting on 16th April, but I have read the summary, and am in agreement with the observations made.

Both my children attended Duror Primary School - the eldest was the only child in her year, and her younger sister was one of 8 in hers. They were extremely privileged to receive the best education - both academically, and - importantly - as active members of the wider Duror community and within the surrounding environment.

If we have no school, we can't attract families - if we have no families we have no school...and Duror will become a retirement village with no transport network or nearby shops. We need more affordable housing and we need a school that is attractive to families who want to come to live in a rural environment - with, for instance, a feeder nursery like eg Stramash.

I appreciate this is not in any way an easy fix - certainly not one that is achievable in the short term - and that finances are tight; also that the housing issue is a UK wide one - although possibly magnified in rural areas because of its direct effect on all other aspects of village life. However, we do have several babies and toddlers in the village and it would be fantastic if a local nursery could be made attractive enough for them to continue their education here - with plenty of interaction with other schools that feed into Kinlochleven, as has always been the case. The new "Stay and Play" initiative (photo uploaded) is a really lovely idea and simple things like this would surely create good foundations for carrying on into a local Primary School.

If the school closes now, I fear it will never reopen and that would sound the death knell for our village.

I remain hopeful that the decision made will not be based on short term, possibly short-sighted thinking - rather, a future vision for a thriving, multi-generational rural community.

Yours Sincerely.

Jane Hartnell-Beavis

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I am commenting on behalf of: Parent of former pupils at the school

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