

Freagairt Bhòrd na Gàidhlig do Cho-chomhairle Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd air sgìrean-sgoile FtG airson Bun-sgoil Chnoc na Creige / Àrainn 3-18 Baile Dhubhthaich	Bòrd na Gàidhlig's Response on the Highland Council Consultation on GME Catchment Area for Craighill Primary School / Tain 3-18 Campus
1. Ro-ràdh Tha Bòrd na Gàidhlig a’ cur fàilte ann am prionnsapal, air an iomairt gus sgìrean-sgoile airson Foghlam tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig (FtG) a stèidheachadh anns na sgoiltean a tha air an liostadh gu h-àrd. Tha am Bòrd ag aithneachadh gu bheil Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd a’ gluasad a dh’ionnsaigh a bhith a’ stèidheachadh sgìrean-sgoile far a bheil solar FtG ann an sgìre na Comhairle. Tha an Stiùireadh Reachdail air Foghlam Gàidhlig agus Plana Nàiseanta na Gàidhlig airson 2018-23 mar bhunait airson freagairt a’ Bhùird dhan cho-chomhairle seo. Tha e mar bhunait dhan Stiùireadh Reachdail, gum bu chòir FtG a leasachadh agus gum bu chòir fàs a thoirt air agus tha barrachd mion-fhiosrachaidh air seo san stiùireadh.	1. Introduction Bòrd na Gàidhlig welcomes in principle, the initiative to establish school catchment areas for Gaelic Medium Education (GME) in the above listed schools. The Bòrd recognises that Highland Council is moving to the establishment of catchment areas where there does exist GME provision in the Council’s area. The Statutory Guidance on Gaelic Education and the National Gaelic Language Plan 2018-23 form the basis for the Bòrd’s response to this consultation. The Statutory Guidance, where there is further detail on the steps involved, has as its basis that GME should develop and grow.
2. Fiosrachadh Co-chomhairleachaidh Tha Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd ag ràdh gu bheil iad airson sgìrean-sgoile a stèidheachadh air na h-adhbharan a leanas: • Tha an Stiùireadh Reachdail air Foghlam Gàidhlig a’ moladh gun stèidhich Ùghdarrasan	2. Consultation Information The Highland Council say they want to establish catchment areas for the following reasons: • The Statutory Guidance on Gaelic Education recommends that Local

Ionadail sgìrean-sgoile airson FtG. • Tha dìth soilleireachd ann an-dràsta do phàrantan agus luchd-cùraim a tha ag iarraidh FtG dhan chuid chloinne anns na coimhearsnachdan a tha air am frithealadh leis an t-solar FtG a tha air a liostadh. Tha an t-Ùghdarras Ionadail a' dèanamh na h-eacarsaich a rèir an dleistanais a bhith a' toirt seachad Luach as Fheàrr ann an libhrigeadh sheirbheisean. • Tha an t-Ùghdarras Ionadail air an cleachdadh a chur an sàs de bhith a' toirt seachad còmh-dhail taobh a-staigh astar siubhail reusanta, a thathar a' mìneachadh sa chumantas mar taobh a-staigh 15 mìle bho sgoil a tha a' libhrigeadh FtG.	Authorities establish catchment areas for GME. • There is currently a lack of clarity for parents and carers seeking to access GME in the communities served by the GME provision listed. The Local Authority is undertaking the exercise in line with the duty to provide Best Value in service delivery. • The Local Authority has used the practice of providing transport within a reasonable travelling distance, which has generally been understood to mean within 15 miles of a school delivering GME.
2. Molaidhean na Comhairle Solarachadh FtG aig Bun-sgoil Chnoc na Creige / Àrainn 3-18 Baile Dhubhthaich Ann am prionnsapal tha Bòrd na Gàidhlig a' toirt taic do stèidheachadh sgìre-sgoile soilleir airson solar FtG ann am Bun-sgoil Chnoc na Creige / Àrainn 3-18 Bhaile Dhubhthaich, an dà chuid solar Àrd-sgoile agus Bun-sgoile, mar a mhol Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd. • Tha Bòrd na Gàidhlig mothachail gu bheil pàrantan air draghan a thogail nach eil Buidheann Sgoiltean Co-	3. Council recommendations GME Provision in Craighill Primary School / Tain 3-18 Campus In principle Bòrd na Gàidhlig supports the establishment of a clear catchment area for the GME provision in Craighill Primary School / Tain 3-18 Campus, both Secondary and Primary provision, as proposed by the Highland Council. • Bòrd na Gàidhlig note that parents have raised concerns that Golspie ASG has not been

cheangailte (BSC) Ghoillspidh mar phàirt dhan sgìre-sgoile, nuair a tha teaghlaichean bhon BSC seo air FtG a fhrithéaladh aig Bun-sgoil Chnoc na Creige roimhe. • Tha sinn a' toirt fa-near gu bheil am pàipear co-chomhairleachaidh ag ràdh gu bheil teaghlaichean à Inbhir Sin, a tha ann an sgìre-sgoile Bun-sgoil Luirg is na pàirt de BSC Ghoillspidh, a' frithealadh FtG an-dràsta. Tha sinn a' cur fàilte air a' mholadh gum faigh na teaghlaichean seo taic siubhail gus an cuir iad crìoch air FtG. • Bu chòir do Chomhairle na Gàidhealtachd a bhith a' beachdachadh air a bheil e iomchaidh taic siubhail a thoirt air falbh bho theaghlaichean sam bith a tha a' fuireach taobh a-staigh BSC Ghoillspidh san àm ri teachd. Ged a tha sinn a' tuigsinn gum faodadh ùine siubhail bho chuid de sgìrean taobh a-staigh ASG Ghoillspidh a bhith dùbhlach, tha e soilleir gu bheil sgìrean eile ruigsinneach le pàrantan a' taghadh FtG an-dràsta agus roimhe. • Tha sinn a' cur fàilte air a' mholadh ma dh'fhosglas an t-solair FtG aig Drochaid a' Bhannath a-rithist ri linn barrachd iarrtais, gum	included in the catchment area when historically, families from this ASG have previously accessed GME at Craighill Primary School. • We note that the consultation document indicated families are currently accessing GME from Invershin, which is in the Lairg Primary School catchment area and part of Golspie ASG. The proposal that these families will continue to receive transport, until they complete GME, is welcome. • Highland Council should give due consideration on whether it is appropriate to remove transport to GME from any future families living within the Golspie ASG. While we appreciate that travel time from some areas within the Golspie ASG may be prohibative, other areas are accessible with parents opting for GME currently and in the past. • We welcome the proposal that should the mothballed GME provision at Bonar Bridge re-open due to increased demand, that the GME catchment for Tain would require to be amended, and new GME catchment published for Bonar Bridge Primary School.
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feumadh sgìre FtG Bhaile Dhubhthaich atharrachadh, agus sgìre-sgoile ùr FtG fhoillseachadh airson Bun-sgoil Drochaid a' Bhannath.	
4. Stiùireadh Reachdail airson Foghlam Gàidhlig Tha an Stiùireadh Reachdail airson Foghlam Gàidhlig a' moladh gun tèid sgìrean-sgoile a stèidheachadh airson sgoiltean far a bheil Foghlam tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig (FtG) ri fhaighinn (Earrann 2.53 is 2.54). Sgìrean-sgoile is Stiùireadh airson Àiteachan a Ghleidheadh do Sgoilearan Bu chòir do dh'ùghdarrasan foghlaim sgìrean-sgoile a stèidheachadh airson FtG, agus dh'fhaodadh gum bi iad ag iarraidh beachdachadh air an iarrtas a th' ann airson FtG nuair a tha iad a' stèidheachadh stiùireadh airson nan àiteachan a thèid a ghleidheadh do sgoilearan ann am FtG. A rèir 2.54: Bu chòir do sgìre-sgoile airson sgoil le FtG a bhith na sgìre far a bheil an t-ùghdarras foghlaim den bheachd gu bheil e reusanta do chloinn san sgìre sin, a tha airson a dhol gu FtG, siubhal dhan sgoil, agus bu chòir gum bi cothrom ann pàrantan a thàladh gu bhith cur an cuid chloinne gu FtG.	4. Statutory Guidance on Gaelic Education The Statutory Guidance on Gaelic Education recommends that catchment areas be established for schools where Gaelic-medium education (GME) is provided (Section 2.53 & 2.54). Catchment Areas and Placing Guidelines Education authorities should establish catchment areas for GME provision and may wish to consider demand for GME when setting guidelines for placing pupils in GME provision. 2.54 states: A catchment area of GME provision should be an area in which the education authority thinks it is reasonable for pupils wishing to receive GME provision to travel to school and should have the potential to attract parents to choose GME provision for their children.

Mar sin, tha Bòrd na Gàidhlig a' cur fàilte ann am prionnsapal, air a' mholadh gun tèid sgìre-sgoile a stèidheachadh airson Foghlam tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig san sgoil air a liostadh sa cho-chomhairle phoblaich seo.

Therefore, Bòrd na Gàidhlig welcomes in principle, the recommendation that a catchment area be established for Gaelic Medium Education in the listed school in this public consultation.