



Rezone of Hillside School

Pupil Focus Group Discussion



Hillside School, August 2020

SUMMARY PROPOSAL

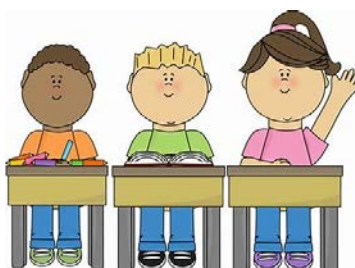
It is proposed that:

The Hillside School Catchment area be amended to remove the Leathan Fields, Portlethen, with this new housing being zoned to either Portlethen Primary School or Fishermoss School from the completion of the consultation process.

The proposals will only affect new pupils in the network, moving into the new houses in the Leathan Fields development.

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There would be new children so we could make new friends. • The children in that development would feel more part of the community if they went to Hillside. • The children could walk to school easily instead of sometimes having to drive, driving isn't very eco-friendly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There wouldn't be enough room for everyone. We are already having to get an extension for the children we have, where would any others go? • It would cost the school lots of money, they would have to buy more tables, chairs, pencils, textbooks, and clever touch boards. • Class sizes would be really big. • There wouldn't be room in the lunch hall. • We'd need to have really staggered breaks and lunches to make room for everyone. • Not all classes would get 2 PE slots a week. • There wouldn't be enough toilets.

'No matter which school the children go to, we will need to get lots more teachers.' J P7



'We need to all think of the academy in this too, they will be really full and there's only one academy.' E P7

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Portlethen Primary School
28 August 2020**

Four Primary 7 pupils had a discussion with the Head Teacher. The map was shared to show the location of the potential housing in relation to all of the primary schools in Portlethen. The proposals were explained and a discussion took place.

Option 1 - Portlethen

All four children felt this was the best option.

Option 2 – All four children thought this was not an option at all as they felt Fishermoss was too far to travel.

Option 3 – Hillside

All four children thought this would be a good option if there was space.

Comments

I would be really mad if I moved into a house next to a school and I wasn't allowed to go to that school.

The only thing with Hillside kids coming to Portlethen is that there is some bad feeling between the boys about football. That might cause a bit of trouble but I wouldn't get involved.

I also think that it should only be a few kids that come so that we still have space. Could the huts be used? (responded that huts are being taken away in October)

Could children who live nearest to Portlethen School come here instead of them that live next to Hillside School?

Hillside are already getting an extension so is there not enough room to take them? I would like to make some new friends so it would be good to have other people at Portlethen.

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Fishermoss School
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The upper stage classes were asked to vote on the proposal and their votes have been included within the table below.

Class	Hillside	Fishermoss	Portlethen
P4	8	3	9
P4/5	1	10	5
P5	2	16	5
P6	20	5	2
P6/7	0	11	11
P7	1	6	11
Totals	32	51	43

Comments for Fishermoss were based around the pupils thinking this is a great school to come to and they'll have more friends.

Comments re Portlethen relate to it being closer and easier to walk to than Fishermoss.