

1.0 THE PROPOSAL AND CONSULTATION PROCESS

1.1 **The Proposal** being consulted on is as follows:

“To re-zone the catchment area for Dalmally Primary School so that it is extended to include the whole catchment area of the former Bridge of Orchy Primary School.”

1.2 **Decision to Undertake the Consultation**

The Education Service has reviewed the historic decisions in relation to the closure of Bridge of Orchy Primary School in 2004. In particular, the decision taken at that time in respect of its catchment area – namely, that families in that area were given the option for pupils to attend either Dalmally Primary School or Crianl()TjEMC 0.00-1.10.002 Tw (i37 0 Td#2)1 (er)7 (c)-5.1(ar)iri6cc6cc2 (6c)c (m)-2l)ie

- x Hear about the Proposal;
- x Ask questions about the Proposal, and
- x Express views about the Proposal.

A note will be taken of any views expressed and/or questions asked at the public meeting so that they can be taken into account as part of the consultation process. In addition to the public meeting, written representations will be able to be made during the consultation period. A copy of the Consultation Response Form can be found at **Appendix 6**.

1.5 **Pupil Views**

Pupils at the affected schools will be invited to comment during the consultation process, through a session facilitated by a Council Officer, ensuring that they have an opportunity to contribute their views.

1.6 **Education Scotland (HM Inspectorate of Education, HMIE)**

At the start of the consultation period, the Council will provide Education Scotland with this Proposal Paper. When the consultation period has ended, the Council will collate all of the written and oral representations. Thereafter, this information will be provided to Education Scotland and include;

- x A copy of written representations y ~~AMC2x9.90.088~~ [t]2MC2x9.9C (i)5.90 (unc)4 (i)6

with pupils residing within the Bridge of Orchy catchment area to be re-zoned to a choice between either Dalmally or Crianlarich Primary Schools.¹

- 3.5 Following a recent review, the Education Service has identified a number of potential issues with the Council's earlier decision (in 2004) which effectively makes arrangements to place pupils in a school outwith the Argyll and Bute area, if families were to choose Crianlarich Primary School over Dalmally Primary School. Whilst that arrangement was agreed with Stirling Council at the time, a number of concerns have been identified by the Education Service as to how sustainable such an arrangement could be in the future, as well as concerns about how such an arrangement could be managed and fulfilled. In order to rectify this historic issue, the Council is now undertaking a consultation exercise on the Proposal to re-align the catchment area of Dalmally Primary School to subsume the entire previous catchment area of Bridge of Orchy Primary school.
- 3.6 In the development of all proposals to re-align catchment areas, the Council must have due regard to its specific statutory duties as laid out in the 2010 Act, as amended.
- 3.7 The existing catchment area of Dalmally Primary School is shown in **Appendix 2** and the previous catchment area of Bridge of Orchy Primary School is shown in **Appendix 3**.
- 3.8 The decision by the Council, following the closure of Bridge of Orchy Primary School in 2004, allowed for families living within the Bridge of Orchy Primary School catchment area to choose to send children to either Dalmally Primary School or Crianlarich Primary School – which is in the Stirling Council area. The catchment area of Crianlarich Primary School is shown in **Appendix 4**.
- 3.9 The Education Service considers that its broad arrangements should be such that all pupils living within the Argyll and Bute Council area should generally be placed within Argyll and Bute Council schools. Argyll and Bute Council is not generally empowered to make arrangements which place pupils in schools outwith the local authority area as their catchment area schools. The current catchment area split/choice for those families within the previous catchment area of Bridge of Orchy Primary School is a historic boundary legacy. It was agreed with Stirling Council at the time, but could raise issues for the Education Authority going forward if the circumstances of Crianlarich Primary School are to change. It is the intention of the Education Service that all new pupils living within previous Bridge of Orchy Primary School catchment area should be automatically zoned to Dalmally Primary School, therefore rectifying the historic catchment area anomaly arising from the 2004 decision.

¹ A typographical error in the minute of the decision of this meeting reports pupils attending Crianlarich Primary School instead of the agreed parental choice between Crianlarich or Dalmally Primary Schools.

4.3 **Effects on Other Users of the School's Facilities**

Effects on any other users of the School's facilities would be negligible.

4.4 **Effects on Pupils of Crianlarich Primary School**

Currently, families with children who live in the proposed rezoning area are able to choose for their children to attend either Dalmally Primary School or Crianlarich Primary School, with the cost of transport being met by Argyll and Bute Council. If the Proposal was to be implemented, then the children of families who reside in the previous Bridge of Orchy Primary School catchment area, who are new to the area or have

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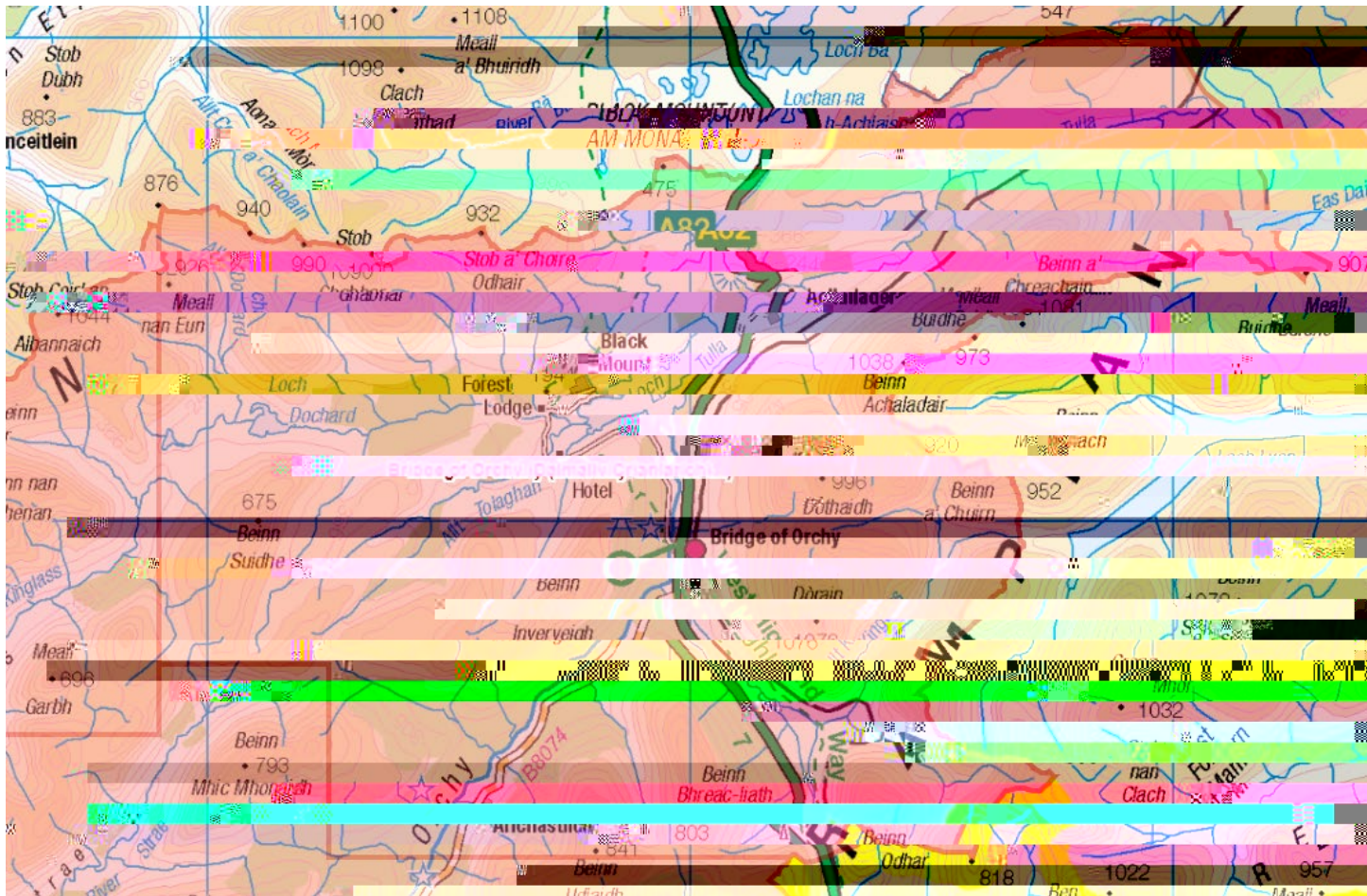
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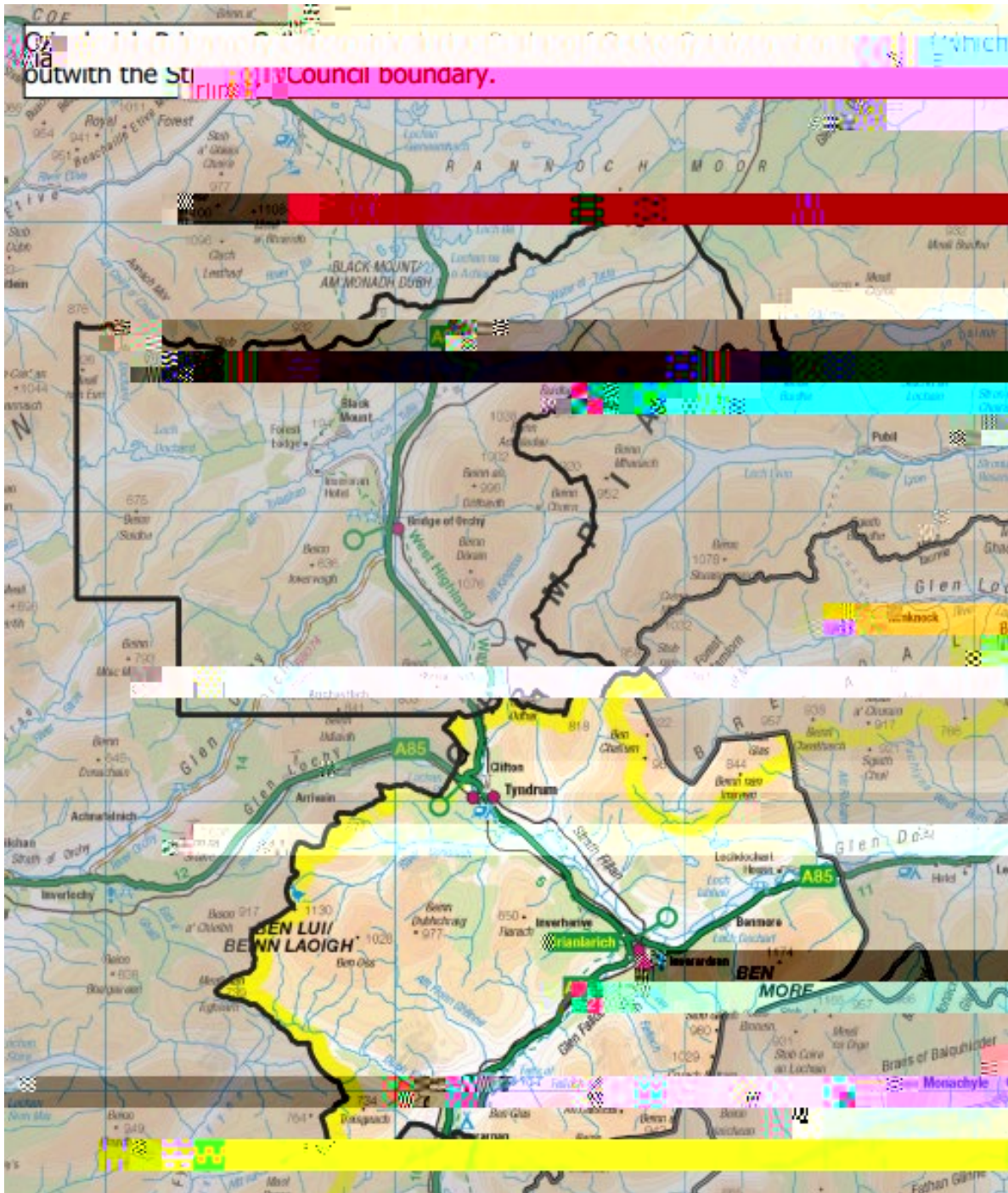
5.0 ASSESSING THE IMPACT ON THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AFFECTED BY THIS PROPOSAL

5.1 There may be implications for the local communities of the affected schools. Potentially, children who live in the rezoning area who may have chosen to enrol at Crianlarich Primary School, would attend Dalmally Primary School. This may lead to a reduction in school roll for Crianlarich Primary School. Currently the school roll at Crianlarich Primary School is 23 with historic numbers of pupils at Crianlarich Primary school not t49 scri s r(ons) (enr h D) 27 (es) 0.1 96

Appendix 3 - Map of Previous Bridge of Orchy Primary School Catchment Area



Appendix 4 - Map of Crianlarich Primary School Catchment Area



Appendix 6 – Response Form

CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM

Education Service



Please use this form to let us know what you think about the proposal

You can complete this feedback form in Adobe Acrobat and print it out, or print and complete it by hand, using block capital letters. Return the form to: Customer Services: Education, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon, PA23 8AJ
Or as an e-mail to argyllhouse@argyll-bute.gov.uk.

The closing date for comments is **4th October 2024**.

Proposal

Argyll and Bute Council is seeking the views on the following proposal, namely:

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I am responding in my capacity as a (please indicate by ticking the appropriate box)

Parent/ carer of child at Dalmally Primary School	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trade Union	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parent/ carer of child at affected primary school (Criarlarich Primary School)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Elected representative	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pupil	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Council	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dalmally PS Parent Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	Member of the public/ community	<input type="checkbox"/>
Criarlarich PS Parent Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	Member of staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Handling your response - Please note that:
