

Inveravon Primary School consultation  
Online survey responses report

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1	Aberlour	Parent/carer	No	Yes	Aberlour	Option 3	Yes		No preference	Not answered	Not answered
2	Aberlour	Parent/carer	Yes	No	Not answered	Option 1	No	I don't support the closure of any school	Option 3	The children should be kept together if relocated and not split up.	Not answered
3	Knockando	Parent/carer	Yes	No	Not answered	Option 1	Yes		No preference	Not answered	Not answered
4	Aberlour	Parent/carer	No	No	Not answered	No preference	Yes		No preference	Not answered	Not answered
5	Knockando	Parent/carer	Yes	No	Not answered	Option 3	No		Option 1,2,3	N/A	N/A
6	Inveravon	Parent/carer	Yes	Yes	Knockando	Option 1	Yes		No preference	Not answered	Not answered
7	Inveravon	Community member	No	No	Not answered	Option 3	No	It would seem better to keep mothballed in case the potential pupil numbers increase in the next decade.	No preference	Not answered	Not answered
8	Aberlour	Community member	N/A	No	Not answered	Option 3	Yes		No preference	Not answered	Not answered
9	Inveravon	Parent/carer	Yes	No	Not answered	Not answered	Not answered		Not answered	Not answered	Not answered

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10	Inveravon	Community member	No	No	Not answered	No preference	No		No preference	No preference	Parents should be allowed to choose which schools they put their child to if in Inveravon area - whether that be Glenlivet, Knockando or Aberlour - they should not be restricted and should have the option of the 3 schools.
11	Knockando	Parent/carer	Yes	No	Not answered	Option 1	Yes		Option 2 and 3	Knockando is a great size of school and within a good distance of our home. My children are settled in Knockando and I would not relocate them to another school.	Not answered
12	Glenlivet	Community member	N/A	No	Not answered	Option 3	Yes		No preference	Not answered	Not answered
13	Aberlour	Community member	No	No	Not answered	Not answered	Not answered		Not answered	Not answered	Not answered

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14	Glenlivet	Community member	No	No	Not answered	Not answered	Not answered		Not answered	Not answered	Not answered
15	Glenlivet	Parent/carer & community member	No	No	Not answered	Option 3	No		No preference	Not answered	Not answered
16	Inveravon	Community member	No	No	Not answered	Option 2	No	It is a tragedy for the Ballindalloch community that Inveravon Primary school has effectively been closed already. Such a school is the centre of the community and now we no longer have it. I very much hope that the lessons of the past 5 years have been understood by the Moray Council and that lessons will be learnt for the future.	Option 3	It seems totally irrelevant, the area concerned appears to be a bit of hill side.	Until the reasons for the pupil roll at Inveravon dropping so suddenly within a 3-week period are admitted, analysed and assessed, it seems that lessons cannot be learnt about how to keep our current rural primary schools.
17	Aberlour	Parent/carer	Yes	No	Not answered	Option 3	No	See comment <sup>i</sup>	Option 3	See comment <sup>ii</sup>	See comment <sup>iii</sup>
18	Knockando	Parent/carer	Yes	Yes	Knockando	Option 1	Yes		Option 2 and 3	Knockando Primary benefits from the larger numbers and has the capacity.	Children from Inveravon would have an overall safer journey to school by taking the quieter road to Knockando.

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19	Inveravon	Community organisation	N/A	No	Not answered	Option 3	No	As a scattered rural parish, the school was the essential centre of the community without this key establishment the likelihood of the area supporting or attracting young families to live is drastically reduced.	Option 1,2,3	Inveravon is a joint parish with Glenlivet in community and association terms. The rezoning to Knockando and Aberlour means that the children will not meet others in their own community (except on a bus) and due to the distance from their homes after-school activities would be difficult to say the least. The road to Knockando from Inveravon can be extremely hazardous in winter with drifting snow due to its exposure, whereas the road to Glenlivet is a B road and kept reasonably clear.	The whole process of mothballing has been very painful. The schools outside equipment was removed within months of the decision to mothball as were most of the teaching aids. The building and grounds have been completely neglected - a sad reflection on Moray Council.

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21	Glenlivet	Other - granparents	N/A	No	Not answered	Option 3	No		Option 1,2,3	Not enough choice	Not answered
22	Inveravon	Community member	NA	No	Not answered	No preference	No	School should be maintained and used as a community resource	No preference	Not answered	As said above, the school should be maintained and kept as a community resource, with a view perhaps to re-opening as a school if the young population increases, but if not as a workshops, meeting centre.

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23	Aberlour	Other - grandparent	N/A	No	Not answered	No preference	No	Moray Council lied. Parents had been told by them that the school was closing in August. That is why 'no pupils attended in August 2017'. Am disgusted by the pretence by the Council that the decision to close is based on parents taking their children away resulting in there being no roll in August 2017. Moray Council is only too aware of why there were no pupils: it was because the parents were given no choice. Am angry and distressed by the closure of this rural school. It had an exemplary track record, provided an outstanding educational experience for the children and was at the very centre of the community which will be devastated by its closure. But you know all this. Shame on you, Moray Council.	No	Not answered	There is no point. I attended the consultation meetings. I said my piece - as many others have and much more eloquently than I. It just saddens me that our collective voice will be ignored. You know what you are going to do. Tell yourself whatever you need to keep your job and to feel no guilt or shame for lying.

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24	Inveravon	Parent/carer	Yes	No	Not answered	Option 1	Yes		Option 3	I would not like to send my children to Glenlivet Primary School	
25	Inveravon	Parent/carer	Yes	No	Not answered	Option 1	Yes	School unsuitable due to small numbers	Option 3	I don't think Glenlivet Primary will be sustainable in the future.	I am very happy with the size of school and interaction at Knockando Primary. Both my children attend the school and with some investment in indoor sports space, the school would be perfect.
26	Inveravon	Community member	N/A	No	Not answered	Option 3	No	If Moray Council has shown due commitment to an excellent school, it would never have imploded.	Option 1 and 2	Glenlivet needs an enlarged catchment area if it is to be sustainable. Glenlivet/Inveravon is an established community.	If Inveravon catchment children do not go to Glenlivet then Glenlivet will be next on Moray Council's target list for closure - this must not happen.
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28	Glenlivet	Parent/carer	No	No	Not answered	Option 3	Yes	I understand the building is in disrepair and can't be fixed but I believe more of the catchment should be sent to Glenlivet as closer and increases school roll there.	Option 1 and 2	Pupils should go to Glenlivet	Not answered
29	Glenlivet	Parent/carer	No	Yes	Glenlivet	Option 3	Yes	If it is currently not in use.	Option 1 and 2	The fairest way to ensure the sustainability of the smaller schools such as Glenlivet would be for an even split regarding catchment areas. Also Glenlivet is the closest to Inveravon and so surely from a geographical concept pupils and families would benefit from Glenlivet being included option 3	Glenlivet currently is deemed to be a very good school achieving good results. Allegedly if numbers fall below 15 then this school will also come under scrutiny for closer. Aberlour and Knockando are some way away from the Glenlivet catchment area

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30	Glenlivet	Parent/carer	No	No	Not answered	Option 3	Yes		Option 1	No practical for all families and prevents representative schools	Not answered
31	Glenlivet	Parent/carer	No	No	Not answered	Option 3	No		No preference	N/A	The closure of rural primary schools contributes to the depopulation of rural areas and further reduction in rural services. I understand the financial constraints, but I do not believe this is helpful for revitalising rural areas.
32	Inveravon	Community organisation	Yes	Yes	Not answered	Not answered	Not answered		Not answered	Not answered	Not answered
33	Aberlour	Parent/carer staff member	No	No	Not answered	Not answered	Not answered		Not answered	Not answered	Not answered

**Legend:**

Option 1 - Close Inveravon Primary School and rezone to Knockando Primary School.

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Option 2 - Close Inveravon Primary School and split catchment between Knockando and Aberlour Primary School.

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