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Dear Mr Hutchison,

SCHOOLS (CONSULTATION) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010: SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL – CAIRN PRIMARY SCHOOL AND EARLY YEARS CENTRE AND GARDENROSE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND EARLY YEARS CENTRE

I refer to your email of 28 June 2018 notifying Scottish Ministers of South Ayrshire Council's decision of 28 June 2018 to implement the proposal to close Cairn Primary School and Early Years Centre and Gardenrose Primary School and Early Years Centre.

A three week period began on 28 June 2018 for any person to make a representation to Scottish Ministers requesting that the decision should (or should not) be called in by them for further investigation (as provided for by section 15(4) of the 2010 Act). That period expired on 18 July 2018 and no representations were received.

Under section 17 of the 2010 Act, the Scottish Ministers may only issue a call-in notice if it appears to them that the education authority may have failed:

(a) in a significant regard to comply with the requirements imposed on it by (or under) this Act so far as they are relevant in relation to the closure proposal, or

(b) to take proper account of a material consideration relevant to its decision to implement the proposal.

Having reviewed South Ayrshire Council's Proposal Paper and Consultation Report, the Scottish Ministers consider that South Ayrshire Council has fulfilled its obligations under the 2010 Act and consequently have decided not to issue a call-in notice for this proposal.



South Ayrshire Council may now implement its decision to close Cairn Primary School and Early Years Centre and Gardenrose Primary School and Early Years Centre in line with the timescales set out in its proposal paper.

Yours sincerely,



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