



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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To all members of the Select Committee on Children's Services

I am writing to add my own comments, which, I hope, will be seen as helpful to the Select Committee meeting this evening.

I am fully aware that the future of Pensnett High School has not yet been decided; however I have been contacted by a large number of constituents who have raised many questions not only about the future of their own children but also about the future role of the site.

I realise that the consultation period that has been announced precludes officers of the Council from taking certain actions. I do believe, however, that it is particularly in the interests of current pupils that as much as possible is put into the public arena and questions are answered as soon as possible, these include:

- What plans are there for increases in school admission numbers in the area?
- How will additional funds be made available to those schools?
- What mechanism will there be for children/parents to make an informed choice about the future school?
- What information will be available to the children and parents about the effects of such moves?
- Is there a draft timetable available outlining the process of movement?
- How will this be publicised to parents and how will they be involved in the process?

In addition it may be helpful if the Chief Officer could give some insight into the Building Schools for the Future 'bid' and how this might utilise the current site.

Thank you for your time

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Pearson'.

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