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### **Planning Report 3<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

During the above period 12 planning and 2 tree applications were examined, none required further attention.

#### **Expansion of the Catchment Area for Grove Academy from August 2024 to Embrace the Current Cragiebarns Primary School Catchment Area**

A circular dated 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 was received from Paul Clancy, Executive Director of Children and Families Service to all Community Councils within Dundee City inviting written representations regarding, among other things, the above proposal. The consultation closes on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

In order to provide a representation from BFCC I consulted with a high-level representative from Grove Academy in order to form an opinion. This resulted in the draft letter of representation attached to this report. Should members agree its content I propose that the Secretary send it to Paul Clancy under the hand of the Chair of BFCC.



Mr Paul Clancy  
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Dear Paul Clancy,

**Consultation Braeview Academy etc. – Expansion of Catchment Area for Grove Academy from August 2024 to Embrace the Current Craigiebarns Primary School Catchment Area**

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the above consultation exercise.

Our starting point is that Broughty Ferry Community Council recognises how imperative it is for a new Craigie/Braeview school to be built. Although both are outwith The Ferry it has an impact on Grove Academy as there are many placing requests to Grove from these schools. It is a fact that some pupils who live in West Ferry at the moment do not have the right to go to a local Ferry school, as they live outside the catchment area. Should the catchment area be expanded they would then have the right to come to Grove.

The new school will ensure more pupils from its catchment area will go there and this will have the effect of reducing the number coming to Grove through a placing request. The capacity of the new school would probably become over-run if all the current feeders for Craigie and Braeview fed into it. It therefore makes sense to send the Craigiebarns pupils to Grove.

Finally, the statistics suggest that the role in Grove will not rise above the current year cap of 240 although it may do so in the early years. With a role higher than 240 per year Grove would operate at a total of over 1,300, and thus at capacity. It would then be highly efficient from a cost per pupil point of view, although it probably is in its current state.

After due consideration **Broughty Ferry Community Council SUPPORT the proposal to expand the catchment area for Grove Academy from August 2024 to embrace the current Craigiebarns Primary School catchment area.**

