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Ms Amanda Bresnan MHA

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Dear Ms Bresnan

I am writing this submission to protest against the closure of Flynn school.

Whilst I do not have any children affected by the closure I still feel strongly about the effects on the Flynn community. My children have left school & I am a grandparent.

I live in close proximity to the school & it is sad to see it in such a dilapidated condition.

Flynn has not been blessed with any local shops and the school is the main gathering place for a lot of people. Of particular concern is the lack of support of young mothers who may not have transport & are unable to meet with other mothers of their children's playmates.

Another consideration would be the valuable asset older Flynn residents would be to the school. It is possible, if they have spare time, the children would benefit from their knowledge & expertise and they in turn would benefit from contact with young children. They could help with reading recovery, craft etc.

The benefits of walking to school have long been advocated. Where do the former children of Flynn school go now? Do they have to be driven in a car? The cost of petrol & pollution from exhausts should be considered.

Children like to feel safe and having a sense of belonging to a community (family)

I urge you to consider very carefully the impact of continued closure will have on our and our children's future. Put children first. They are our present and our future.

Yours sincerely
Joan Johnson