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Dear Sir

I would like to submit the following questions to The General Overview and Scrutiny Committee at their meeting on 15 January.

1. I took the time, along with many other people to submit my opinions during the consultation period and would like to know what the outcome of that process was?

2. How much will be saved by introducing this change and how will the money be saved?

3. What alternatives have been explored and rejected and why?

4. Is it acceptable that those that can afford it can choose which school to send their children to whilst those that can't afford it do not have the choice?

5. How much money has been spent by Herefordshire Council during the consultation period? and now that the process has been "called in" I assume further costs will be incurred!!!

6. If this goes ahead and you discover in the future that in fact you have not made a saving by changing the transport to nearest school rather than catchment will you then change your policy back, costing more money for consultations etc etc!!

7. Have you even considered the huge impact this is going to have on children's education?

The knock on effect of this change will be huge, schools could become unviable all for the sake of potentially a few miles difference on transporting children to their nearest school rather than their catchment school, roads will become congested if parents drive their children to school, more traffic on roads can only mean more wear and tear on roads, so your road repair bill will surely increase.

Yours Faithfully