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Sent: 10 January 2014 10:19
To: Baugh, Ben
Subject: Transport To Schools Council Decision.

Dear Mr Baugh

As a resident of Cradley and a parent of a child at John Masefield High school I attended a meeting last night at which it was explained that the council's recent decision to alter the free transport to school arrangement has been called into question.

I would wish to ask that the General Overview and Scrutiny Committee ask on my behalf a question relating to **how this proposal will in fact save money and how much money will be saved?** I note that the financial cost benefit analysis is at best unclear, surely the Council would like to know exactly how much can be saved by making such a drastic change to children and their families living in Herefordshire?

There are many issues which remain unclear, including any consideration of the initial consultation process, the facts of whether transport free or otherwise will still be available to children in the village of Cradley, the effect of the loss of pupils to Herefordshire schools, how this decision complies with the sustainable transport policy, the effect of the loss of JMHS as a catchment school on the socio-economic background of Cradley to name but a few.

Whilst I fully understand that the Council does need to make savings I feel that offering our children education based on the bare minimum of a transport service is not the way forward. I do trust that these points along with others will be raised at the meeting

Yours sincerely

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