

Question from Mr J Baker, Much Marcle, Herefordshire.

The Council has stated in its summary presentation to Head Teachers on the 10 January 2008 that 39 schools should close (slide 7 and 8).

Given the: -

- flawed statistical analysis on which the closures are based;
- unreasonable and unworkable timescales for both the consultation and the proposed closures;
- devastating impact that these closures will have for current and future generations of children in Herefordshire;
- detrimental impact that these proposals will have on hard working and committed teaching staff; and
- complete absence of any reference to the school closures in the May 2007 Conservative Party election campaign manifesto;

Would the Council please stop the current consultation process and commit itself to a more robust assessment of the needs of the children of Herefordshire?