

Question from Mrs L Goode, Belmont, Hereford.

1. How was a proposal with such far reaching consequences as the schools review had, allowed to be published with no provisions put in place to support the people most affected by them? My children attend Clehonger School and as such had been threatened with closure. The upset and distress this has caused them is beyond compare, as it was for the staff and parents. No counselling has been offered to these children, that has been left to a demoralised set of teachers and supporters.
2. How were the council allowed to disrupt so many rural communities and devalue all parents by removing their choices? Many parents have felt the need to move their children to other schools already so they are not forced to disrupt them in more critical years in their education. This has left many schools with increasing rolls looking at a decreasing one now.
3. Following reports on the news today that the government are writing to councils reminding them that by law they should not be closing rural schools are Herefordshire Council planning to stand by this law and leave our rural schools alone?