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Dear Sir,

**Limavady High School and St Marys High School, Limavady**  
**Request to extinguish or divert Blackburn Path**

Thank you for meeting with the Education Authority (EA) and representatives from Limavady High School and St Mary's High School on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 to discuss the above.

The construction of the Limavady Shared Education Campus (LSEC) is due to be completed by May 2023. This project will see the first Shared Campus in Northern Ireland and is being delivered as Part of One of the strategic headline actions, from the Executive's Together, Building a United Community initiative. Capital funding for the programme was secured under the Fresh Start programme to the Stormont House Agreement. This project, at a cost of 11 million pounds, will see two schools from different backgrounds, collaborating together to improve, not only the resources which all pupils will avail of, but also long term community relations in the council area and more specifically, Limavady town.

In between the two school sites lies Blackburn Path, which is a public right of way that physically separates and divides the schools (map 1 refers). This path has attracted anti-social behaviour for many years which causes safe-guarding issues and ongoing vandalism at the school sites. This divide which is not in keeping with the ethos of the Shared Campus has been the subject of many conversations with the Council.

At the meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> January the EA were asked to put a request in writing and I would formally request that the Council considers an application to either extinguish or divert Blackburn Path via the next shortest route through Benevenagh Drive (map 2 refers). The path has been closed since May 2022 due to construction works at the Shared Campus. Both schools have received support from parents, police, the local community, and some local Councillors to have the path extinguished or diverted.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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Atts

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