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Dear Ms Robertson,

**SCHOOLS (CONSULTATION) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010: EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL – PRESTONPANS INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL AND PRESTONPANS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

I refer to your email of 11 December 2018 notifying Scottish Ministers of East Lothian Council's decision of 11 December 2018 to implement the proposal to Prestonpans Infant and Nursery School and Prestonpans Primary School.

A three week period began on 11 December 2018 for any person to make a representation to Scottish Ministers requesting that the decision should (or should not) be called in by them for further investigation (as provided for by section 15(4) of the 2010 Act). That period expired on 31 December 2018 and no representations were received.

Under section 17 of the 2010 Act, the Scottish Ministers may only issue a call-in notice if it appears to them that the education authority may have failed:

- (a) in a significant regard to comply with the requirements imposed on it by (or under) this Act so far as they are relevant in relation to the closure proposal, or
- (b) to take proper account of a material consideration relevant to its decision to implement the proposal.

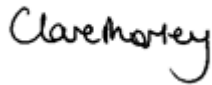
Having reviewed East Lothian Council's Proposal Paper and Consultation Report, the Scottish Ministers consider that East Lothian Council has fulfilled its obligations under the 2010 Act and consequently have decided not to issue a call-in notice for this proposal.

Education Scotland's Report noted that the Council would need to establish an effective communication strategy and an action plan based on the needs of the establishments affected to keep all stakeholders informed and engaged. The Council indicated in its Consultation Report that it would take forward the establishment of the new school in partnership with

a Transition Action Group which would comprise of a newly recruited headteacher, staff and parent representatives from both schools. It will be important, given the concerns raised by the community, that this work is continued and developed as part of the Council's transition planning.

East Lothian Council may now implement its decision to close Prestonpans Infant and Nursery School and Prestonpans Primary School in line with the timescales set out in its proposal paper.

Yours sincerely



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