

## Trafford Children and Young People's Service

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#### **Comments**

**Any proposal to withdraw transport support was not declared when I choose to send my child to a Catholic Grammar School. My child passed all exams that he sat and could have secured a place at his local Grammar School which is not Catholic this being the reason that I did not apply for a place.**

**If this support is withdrawn I would like Trafford Borough Council to confirm that they can offer my child and the many like him who passed the entrance exam for their local school a place in 2012 to which he is entitled.**

**As a parent who pays taxes and rates I already contribute to the school transport fund for all eligible pupils in this authority.**

**This is discrimination against Catholic School children and their parents.**

**Denominational and Single Sex schools**

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**Comments**

I feel that as a parent of a pupil attending a Catholic School I create additional savings for the council by contributing to the schools building and maintenance fund. I also contribute to the cost of transport and feel that I should not be faced with further charges for "free" Catholic education through the imposition of additional financial burden.

This proposals will undermine successful Church Schools and will encourage discriminatory practices.



**Special Educational Needs**

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What are your views on this?

**Comments**

**Implementation**

If implemented the new home to school policy will commence from September 2012 for all pupils.

What are your views?

**Comments**

**Any other comment**

Do you have any other comments on the proposed changes to the home to school transport provision.

**Comments**

This policy should not be introduced in 2012.

If this policy is to be introduced then it should only be applied to any children that have not started their education at a Catholic Grammar School.

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I strongly disagree with this proposition.

I believe children who have qualified to attend a Grammar have the right to attend the most appropriate Grammar school based on religious beliefs and should be able to attend the school without the need to pay to travel to and from the school to home.

If the school is located at such a distance from the child's home whereby bus travel is required, it would be discriminatory to withdraw the free school bus service as children living nearby can get to the school without cost.



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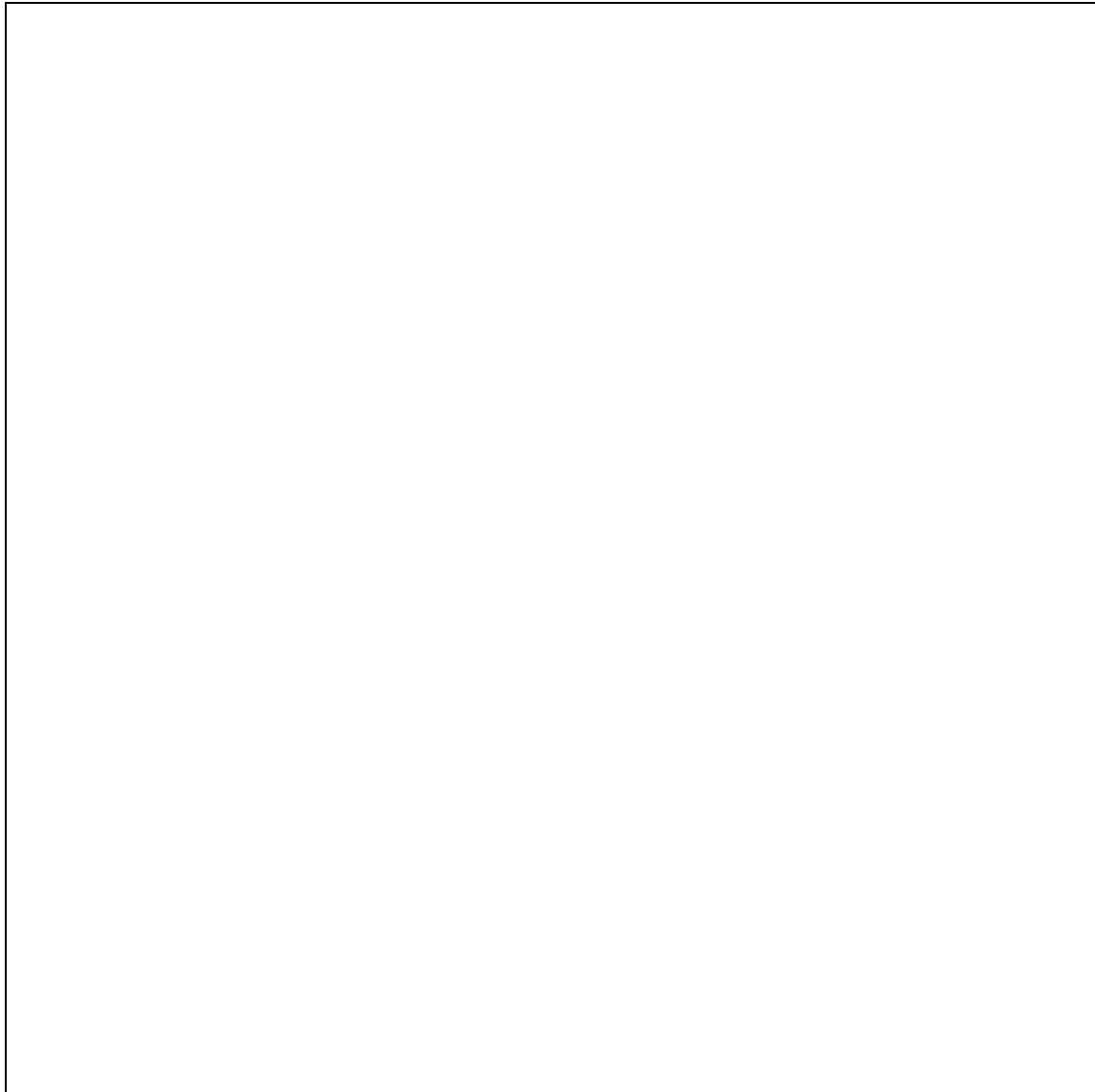
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As the council presumably would not wish to disrupt the education of children already at Catholic schools I would have expected an option maintaining transport support for them until they left school or college.

The proposals will impact on my family life as my children may have to move school owing to financial constraints. I, like public sector workers, have had pay freezes imposed by employers. This will disrupt their education, break friendships, mean additional expense for school uniforms etc and some children may still be required to be bussed to the receiving school.

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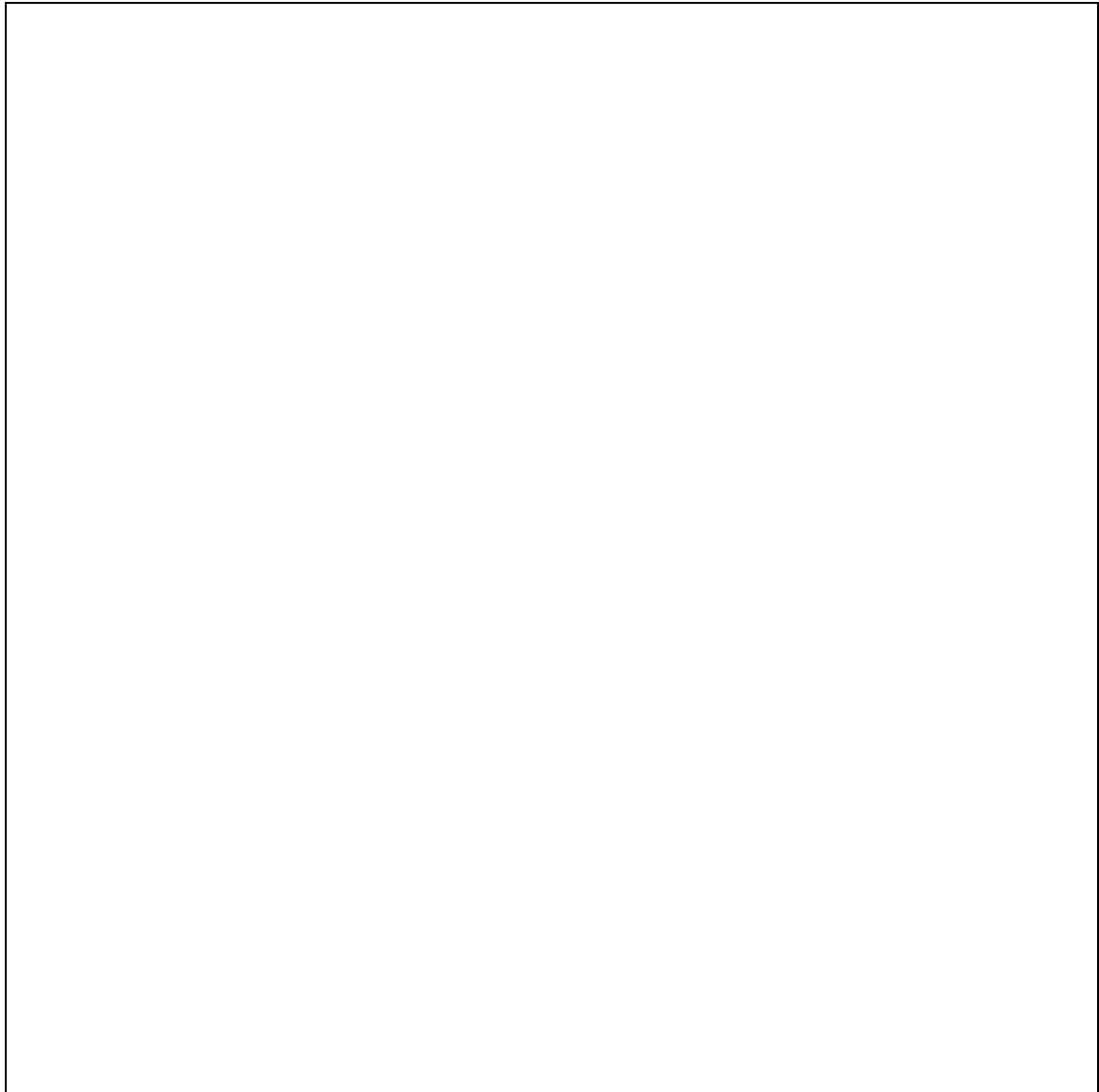
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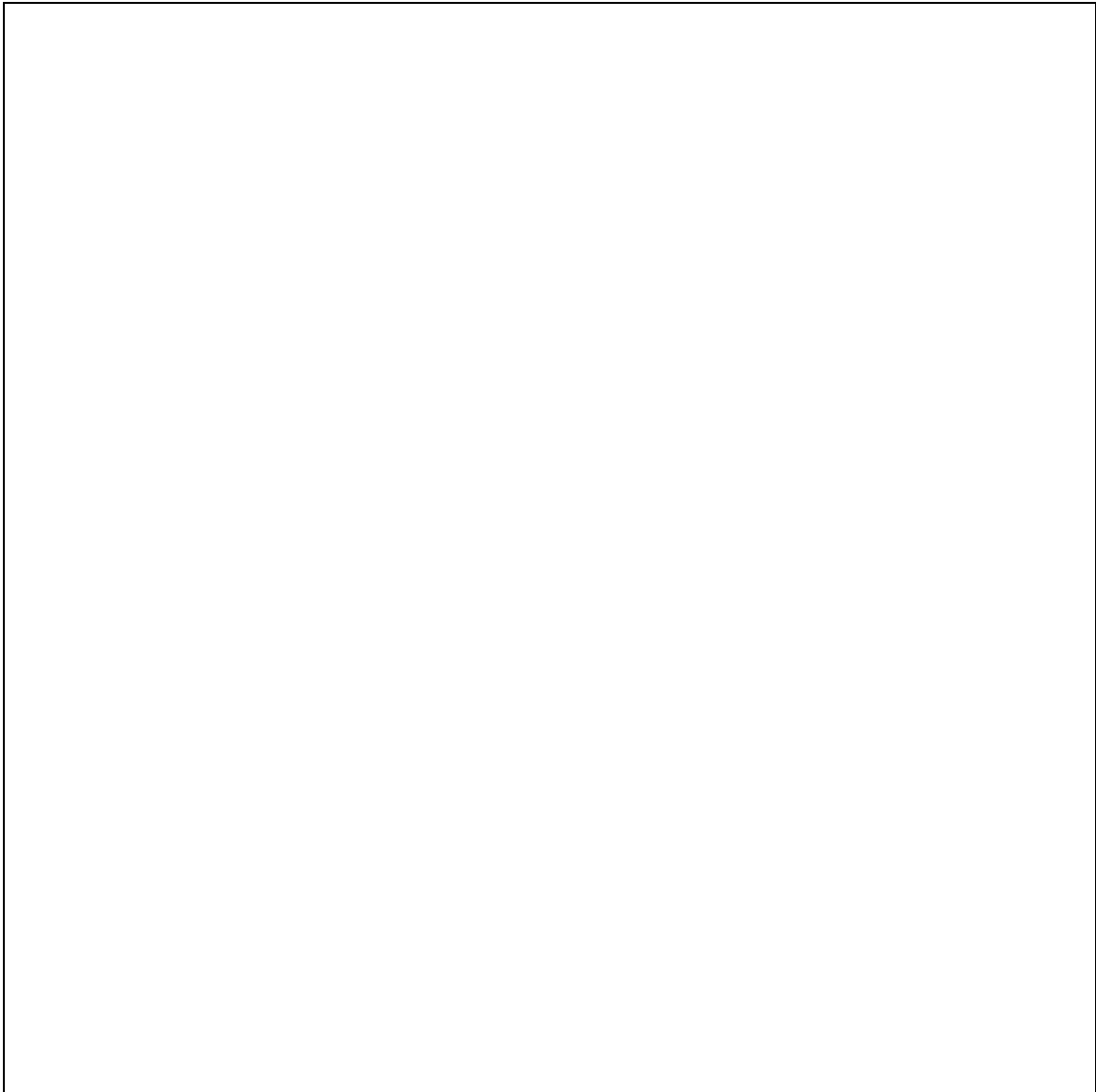
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Please see above - this is discriminatory in practice and is detrimental to the life choices of faith based communities. Parents sending their children to the nearest Catholic school deserve to maintain their existing rights to transport support and should not have an additional financial burden placed upon them. I and other parents had no idea this support would be withdrawn when we accepted a place to our nearest suitable Catholic school.

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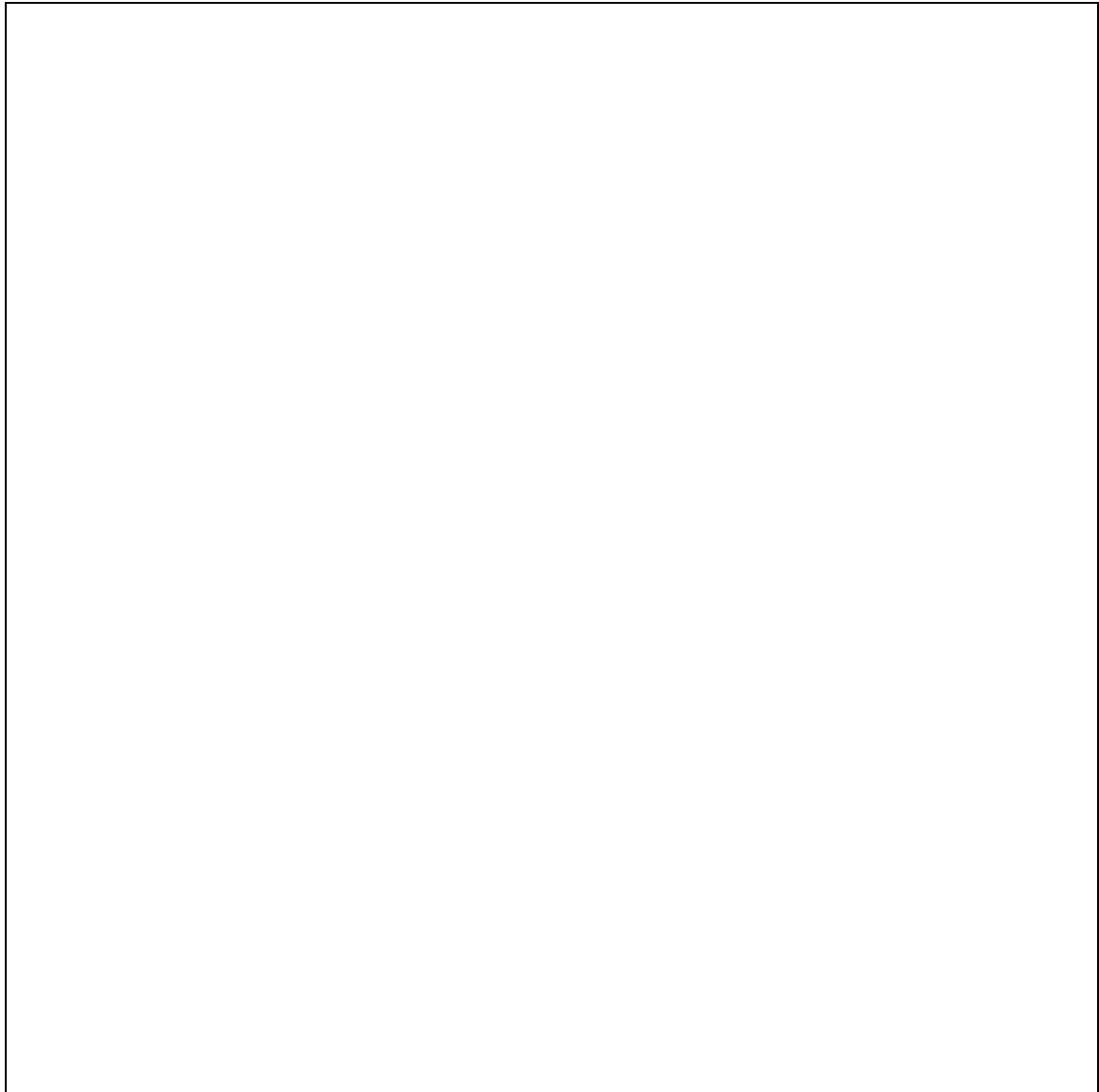
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Firstly we applied to two Grammar schools which were closet to our home, along with Loreto Grammar (which is the furthest away but accessible via metrolink). We also applied to several of the local comprehensive schools.

Out of all the schools we applied for the only one that offered us a place was Loreto. We were happy with this especially as the Grammar school nearest to us had recently been in the newspapers because of problems within the school and underachieving.

However we don't feel that we should be penalised for accepting this offer as firstly we had no other choices and secondly our daughter worked hard passing the entrance exam to be able to receive a place here and thirdly out of all the schools we applied for we deemed this to be of the higher standard.

We live in Old Trafford and the obvious means of transport for us to use is the metrolink. It would prove expensive if we had to pay for our daughter's transport to school each day especially in the current financial climate and with the recent increase in fares, it would be a great shame if people were put off sending their children to such an excellent school because of travel costs.

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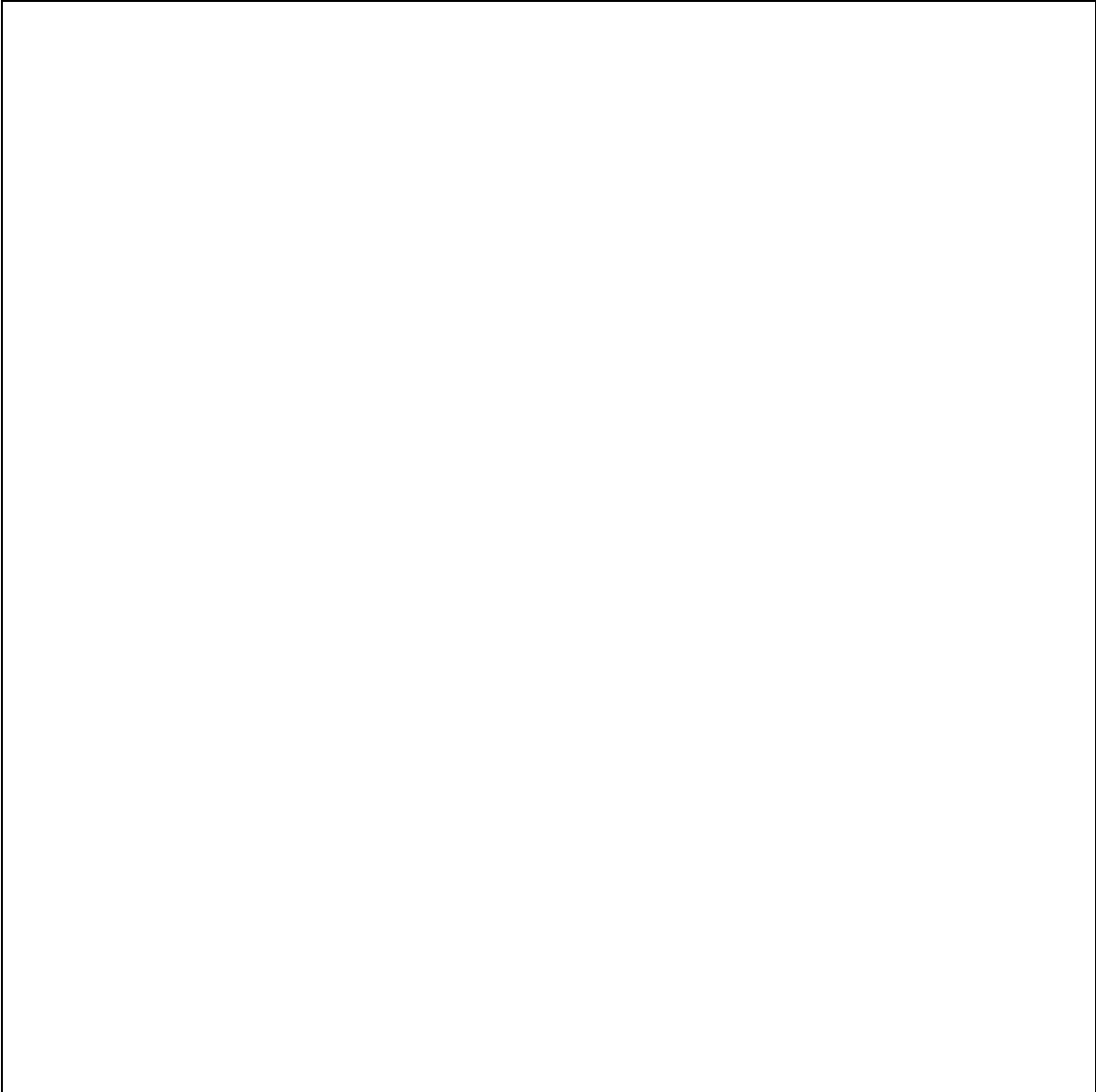
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I pay approximately £30.00 per week alone for school meals and with increases to most food, household bills etc etc this additional burden of transportation is extremely concerning.

Families are being hit hard enough,ie this includes funding nursery school places beyond 15 hours.

Please don't forget the bracket of families who may not be deemed low income, yet working to extremely tight budgets

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**This proposal discriminates against pupils from less prosperous families in the north of the borough which do not qualify for "free school dinners". These pupils will effectively be denied access to the 2 grammar schools in Altrincham, nationally acknowledged as first class. Likewise it discriminates against Catholic parents as the 2 Catholic grammar schools are in the south of the borough.**

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This policy discriminates against pupils (eg Muslim) whose religious and moral convictions prescribe single sex education.

These convictions are not, as one ignorant councillor has said, "life choices" which could be changes on a whim.

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What are your views on this?

**Comments**

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If families in the north of the borough have 3 or 4 children at grammar schools in the south, they may be unable to pay transport. Will the council re-distribute affected pupils already in the grammar schools to other schools nearer home? Has the council investigated possible numbers and costs of this? Does it have an action plan to implement the changes? Has it prepared its justification in terms the pupils will understand and appreciate?

**Any other comment**

Do you have any other comments on the proposed changes to the home to school transport provision.

**Comments**

Please explain clearly how these changes "improve outcomes for children, young people their families and schools" (see foot of page)

(As opposed to saving money)

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Other (please specify)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Former member of staff at an affected school. Trafford tax and Council tax payer who has no objection to taxes being used for school transport.

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#### **Comments**

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**Comments**

Children should be able to travel to the school of their choice free of charge irrespective of whether this is the closest school or not. Not every child will be able to pass the exam of the nearest grammar school - but if they pass the exam of a grammar school further away should they be penalised for this? Do you want to discourage them from going to a grammar school. Some children will be happier at a single sex school, some children will want to attend a faith school - to not allow them free transport is to discriminate against the right to choose one of these types of school.



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**Comments**

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**Comments**

How will this affect children who currently have the free pass? How will parents be able to budget for the sudden increase in bus fares for one or more children? This policy should not be implemented.

**Any other comment**

Do you have any other comments on the proposed changes to the home to school transport provision.

**Comments**

Support the children of our community - don't deny them the right to affordable transport to the school of their choice. Not every child can obtain a place at the nearest school - don't penalise them for finding a place at a school which is further away.

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<p><b>Catholic schools do not have catchment areas but serve individual parishes or groups of parishes so if a Baptised Catholic pupil is able to attend their nearest Catholic Grammar school should that not be defined as their nearest qualifying school? Catholic parents want and have a right Catholic education.</b></p> <p><b>This proposal cannot be viewed in any way other than discriminatory.</b></p>

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I refer to Section 55 of the 1944 Education and to the rights of parents to choose Catholic Education. This proposal is discriminatory.

I also refer to the success of Catholic schools who support the excellent education provision in Trafford. This WILL be damaged should such proposals go ahead. In relation to my school, the postcode evidence supports the fact that Loreto meets the educational needs of a broad socio - economic context from across Trafford. Should this proposal ahead, the potential for change in intake is there and this influx of those from out of the borough will increase.



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These changes should not be introduced in 2012. Consultation has been limited. The Admissions Forum have noted their concern in a minutes at their most recent meeting that they have not been consulted and that there are real concerns about this process.

Admissions Policies for 2012 are set and Entrance Examinations for Grammar Schools take place in September 2011. The timeframe is inadequate.

The "consultation" of Secondary Heads took place at a Heads meeting. We were not given formal notification of this consultation and as one Head who was unavailable to attend, had FORMAL notification been given - and not merely an agenda item - I would have sent representation.

**Any other comment**

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**Comments**

Whilst the figure referred to as potential amount saved is significant, the actual amount saved in removing discretionary passes is minimal in comparison and should be considered against the rights of parents to choose Catholic Education AND the benefits of our schools to the Local Authority.

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