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Dear MP (insert name),

We write to you as members of the wider community around Perranporth. Some of us are parents with school-age children, some of us have children who will be growing up to go to school, and some of us are part of the wider community. We all share the understanding of the huge benefits that Perranporth Academy could have to our community and our children in the future.

It is devastating to hear that the plans to build a secondary school in Perranporth have been put on hold, and a huge blow to the local community.

There has been significant investment in the project to date, and planning permission secured with the project due to begin imminently.
Current options for secondary schools are very limited. Plans were made for the new secondary school because of the need for places for the increasing number of school-age children in our community. Pupils in the area feed into four secondary schools, each of which involve around 1.5 hours spent on the bus daily.

Instead many pupils could walk or cycle, use the Saints Trail, or take a short bus journey. This would have a positive environmental impact and reduce the students carbon footprint, in line with the government’s Green ambitions.

The reliance on school buses means pupils are unable to access extra-curricular activities, without parents/carers driving them, which is not a possibility for all families due to limited transport and work commitments. This disadvantages the students who have most to gain from these opportunities, worsening inequality.

Pupils cannot attend their school of choice, which can lead to a difficult transition. It is challenging for school teachers to support pupils at this crucial time in their education and they cannot rely on the support of their peers as they are separated. A local secondary school would allow our students to thrive during this difficult period.
Perranporth is already a fantastic community and a local secondary school would enhance that further. Local jobs would increase. The economic benefits would be felt year round, allowing business to move away from seasonal trade.

We urge you to push for Perranporth Academy to be reviewed immediately in the Freeschool projects review. Future opportunities for our children are at stake, especially for those most in need. There is huge demand locally, and investment in our children's future is value for money.

As a member of the community, I would be grateful for you representing our views, and urge the re-review of the decision to pause the building of Perranporth Academy.

Yours sincerely