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To the Children & Young People involved in the consultation process

Firstly can I thank you for the opportunity to read your comments in the consultation document 'Are we there yet? - A way to go.' The open and honest answers you provided to the questions certainly shows that the children and young people of Highland have a lot to contribute to the debate on how services for children and young people should be developed in the future.

As the Chief Constable for Northern Constabulary I was particularly interested in your comments regarding improving your safety and the important part the police have in this. I can say that Northern Constabulary is currently recruiting additional police officers to increase our visible presence in communities, which I trust will assist in making all children & young people across Highland feel safer.

I also note your concerns about feeling safe when you are out walking or cycling near the road due to the speed of cars. Your suggestions to try and improve this problem are very good. As you will know the speed limits around schools have been lowered to 20 miles per hour, there has been some discussion to impose similar restrictions around play parks. If you feel that this would be a help to your area, I would suggest that through the Pupil Council at your school you write to your local Councillor to ask them to try and get this done for you.

In closing I would like to thank you again for being so open and honest with your views and concerns in relation to being a child or young person, growing up in Highland. The title of the report states that we have 'A way to go', I can assure you that Northern Constabulary is committed to ensuring that the children and young people of Highland are safe, nurtured, healthy, achieving, active, respected, responsible and included.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely



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