

If you feel cheated by the consultation process and want to express your rejection of all three options in the questionnaire then join the march on Saturday 15th and . . .

DEMAND A REFERENDUM NOW!

Tell your County Councillor to vote for Option 4 on the 19th March

Email them at members@iow.gov.uk Telephone 01983 821000

Write to them at County Hall, High Street, Newport, PO30 1UD

Please ensure you include your name, address and postcode when you write or email

If possible, please copy your message to everychildmatters@btconnect.com

**Or if you prefer then use the letter we have prepared below...
please remember to include your own address
and your councillor's details, available on: www.yourschoolneedsyou.com**

The full council is to vote on 19th March to decide the future of schools on the Isle of Wight. This affects EVERYONE on the Island, not just families. Option 3 will result in primary school closures and much bigger secondary schools, some as large as 1800 places or more. This will have a massive knock-on effect on surrounding communities and the rural economy.

Option 4 is being tabled on March 19th as a sensible way forward for education reform that saves schools and keeps them within communities (see p.2 of the County Press dated 7th March for more details).

The main pressure groups, political opposition and many others have agreed that if the existing three options are rejected and option 4 is chosen instead, then they will support the outcome.

That will settle the matter once and for all.

March to County Hall:

Sat 15TH MARCH



**WALL OF
PROTEST!**

Departing
Church Litten Park
Newport 10.30am

Date:

Your Name and Address:

Your Councillor's Name and Address:

Dear Councillor,

Re. Forthcoming vote on educational options

I understand that you are planning to support one of the three options that involve large-scale disruption to the educational system on the Island, including the closure of many primary schools.

I urge you to consider the fourth option tabled by Cllr. Melanie Swan that calls for a referendum on the subject, to settle the 2-tier/3-tier debate and to decide alternative proposals that safeguard small schools.

Option 4 demands an immediate referendum (as offered in the Conservative election manifesto) to be called by the end of April, to decide between:

- *Continuing to raise standards within the current three tier system retaining small schools and avoiding a major reorganisation*

or

- *A Reorganisation to a two-tier system which emphasises the importance of small schools and community based learning.*

Please vote for Option 4 on the 19th March!

Yours truly,

