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Council urged to help find alternatives for former Head Teacher's House



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The decision to demolish an enterprise and community hub to make way for a new school in North Uist has been called into question by a local development company.

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar approved the demolition of the former Head Teacher's House in Bayhead as part of the £8.1 million Sgoil Uibhist a Tuath project at the site of Paible School last week.

It was estimated that retaining the building, home to the North Uist Develop-

ment Company (NUDC), a hairdresser, a fortnightly GP service, a senior citizens group and used as a polling station and for public meetings, would add £37.7k to the cost of the new school.

NUDC is now calling on the Comhairle to engage with the community and

discuss how best to replace what will be lost when the building is closed.

Local resident and a Director on the board of the NUDC, Ada Campbell said: "It would be a huge loss to the village [if the building is demolished]. A real shame."

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