

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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PROPOSALS TO ESTABLISH PRIMARY EDUCATION PROVISION FOR THE LLANILID HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND INCLUSION SERVICES IN DISCUSSION WITH THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION (COUNCILLOR MRS J ROSSER)

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise Members of the outcome of the recent consultation in respect of proposals to establish new primary education provision to serve the new housing development at Llanilid, Llanharan.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Note the information contained within the attached Consultation Report, which includes details of correspondence received during the consultation exercise, and notes of the various meetings held.
- 2.2 Agree to progress the proposals to the next stage of the consultation process by firstly agreeing to publish the Consultation Report, and secondly issuing an appropriate Statutory Notice two weeks after the Consultation Report is published.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To progress the proposal in accordance with the process outlined in Welsh Government legislative guidance (the School Organisation Code).

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Members will recall that, at the meeting of the Cabinet held on 20th September 2018, approval was given to begin a process to formally consult on a proposal to establish new primary education provision to

serve the new housing development at Llanilid, Llanharan. This will be achieved in the first instance, by treating the new building that will be provided by the housing developers as an extension to the dual-language provision at the existing Dolau Primary School.

5 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Welsh Language, Equality and Community Impact Assessments were prepared in respect of this proposal and were published on the Council's website together with the consultation document that outlines the proposal in detail. Copies of these reports are attached as Appendix A to this report.

6 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The consultation process in respect of this proposal has been undertaken under the arrangements outlined in the Welsh Government's School Organisation Code, which was introduced on 1st October 2013 and recently updated in November 2018. These arrangements stipulate that a Consultation Report must be prepared and published prior to the publication of any Statutory Notices which will progress the proposal. It further states that this Report must be published within 26 weeks of the end of the consultation period, which is 1st July 2019 in this instance.
- 6.2 The Consultation Report prepared in respect of this particular proposal is attached at Appendix B for your attention. It contains information in respect of meetings held to discuss the proposal, with copies of the notes taken at these meetings. It also contains details of correspondence received together with the responses given to the points raised in this correspondence.
- 6.3 It must be noted that there has been a limited response to this particular consultation process with only 6 responses received. Approximately 25 people attended the open evening held to provide further information on 18th October 2018.

7. THE STATUTORY PROCESS

- 7.1 The Statutory Notice for this proposal will refer to:
- Creating new Primary education provision to serve the new housing development at Llanilid, Llanharan.
 - This will be achieved, in the first instance, by treating the new building that will be provided by the housing

developers as an extension to the dual-language provision at the existing Dolau Primary School.

- 7.2 If agreed, and subject to the matter not being called in for consideration by Scrutiny, the Consultation Report will be published on January 30th 2019, and following a 2 week period the Statutory Notice will be published on 13th February 2019 and will allow for a 28 day period for objections, ending on 12th March 2019.
- 7.3 If any objections are received during this period, in accordance with the aforementioned Code, an Objections Report will be prepared. This matter will then be reported to a future meeting of Cabinet, probably in April 2019, for Members to receive and consider the Objections Report and to make a final decision on this proposal.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The capital cost of constructing the new school will be met by the housing developers (Persimmon Homes) as part of their Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) responsibilities.

9 LINKS TO THE COUNCIL'S CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND THE WELL BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT

- 9.1 The Council's Corporate Plan commits to "Continue to invest in improving school buildings, to ensure the County Borough's pupils have the learning environment fit for the 21st Century." The proposals considered in the report contribute to all 7 well-being goals in the Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

10 CONCLUSION

- 10.1 Members are asked to consider the contents of the attached Consultation Report, to agree to its immediate publication, and to give officers approval to publish an appropriate Statutory Notice on February 13th 2019 to progress this proposal.

Appendices to the report are:

- **Equality Impact Assessment**
- **Community Impact Assessment**
- **Welsh Language Impact Assessment**
- **Consultation Report**

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RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CONSULTATION REPORT

Proposal : To establish new Primary Education provision to serve the new housing development at Llanilid, Llanharan.

1. Purpose of the Consultation Report

This report is prepared in accordance with the Welsh Government's School Organisation Code, statutory document 011/2018. Its purpose is to inform the outcome of the consultation held during the period 1st October 2018 and 31st December 2018 between all stakeholders and interested parties listed below.

2. Who did we consult with?

A copy of a consultation document which fully outlined and explained our proposal was sent to the following stakeholders. The document was also published on the Council website at www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schoolconsultations

- The governing body of Dolau Primary School
- Pupils of Dolau Primary School
- Parents, carers, and staff members of Dolau Primary School
- The governors, pupils, parents, carers and staff members of Ysgol Llanhari and Y Pant Comprehensive School
- Other governing bodies of neighbouring primary schools, including those in adjacent local authority areas
- The governing body of Pencoed Comprehensive School
- The Church in Wales and Roman Catholic Diocesan Authorities
- Welsh Minister for Education & Skills
- Assembly Members for the Rhondda
- Members of Parliament for the Rhondda Cynon Taf constituencies
- Estyn
- Teaching and staff trade unions
- Central South Education Consortium
- South East Wales Transport Association
- South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner
- Cwm Taf Local Health Board
- The Early Years and Childcare Partnership
- Llanharan Community Council
- Llanharry Community Council
- The Welsh Language Commissioner
- Menter Iaith
- Mudiad Meithrin
- Neighbouring local authorities

Cynon Taf constituencies and regional Assembly Members for the area

Copies were also sent to all local authorities that share a boundary with Rhondda Cynon Taf.

3. The Proposal

Outline planning consent for the construction of up to 1,850 homes at the former Llanilid Opencast Site, Llanharan, was granted by the Council's Development Control Committee in January 2016.

As part of the planning process, the Council will collect a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) on each dwelling constructed, which will be utilised to provide the essential infrastructure that is required to support a housing development of this size. A new Primary school building, of 540 places in total (including Nursery provision) will form part of the essential infrastructure.

The Council has undertaken a full assessment of the potential impact of this large development on existing school provision in this area and has also calculated the numbers of children that are likely to reside on this development. To ensure that the demand for school places can be met in future years, through the preferred language medium of the parents' choice, it is proposed that the new school building be established, in the first instance, as an extension to the dual language school provision of Dolau Primary School.

The developers are proposing to construct the new school building in a single phase, so when it opens in 2021 it will initially have considerable surplus capacity. This capacity will be filled as and when the new homes are constructed and become occupied, but in order to avoid the unacceptable scenario of a new school opening with very few pupils on day 1, we have instead decided to treat the new building as an extension to an already well established school in the first instance. The Headteacher of Dolau will be able to utilise the new building to accommodate classes between the two buildings as he sees fit, to make the best use of all available resources. The school will then 'grow' as more houses are constructed.

The construction of 1,850 dwellings is considered to be the first phase of what is likely to be a much larger development in forthcoming years. The new school building will form part of the education provision that will serve this wider area and by this time, its provision will be firmly established under the management and guidance of Dolau Primary School. At this point in time, the Council will make an assessment of the requirements and demand for school places, including the likely language medium choices being expressed by parents, and will consider establishing the Llanilid primary school building as a new school in its own right.

Details of the proposal and the rationale behind it are fully outlined in the consultation document that was circulated to all the stakeholders listed overleaf which is attached as Appendix 1.

4. The Consultation Process

All stakeholders identified in Section 2 overleaf were sent paper or electronic copies of our consultation documentation. The following meetings were also convened:

School Affected	Group	Time/Date	Venue
Dolau Primary School	Governing Body and Staff Meeting	Thursday, 18 th October 2018, 3.30 – 4.15pm	Dolau Primary School
Dolau Primary School	School Council	Thursday, 18 th October 2018, 2pm	Dolau Primary School
Members of the local community	Parents and public drop in session and exhibition	Thursday, 18 th October 2018, 4.30 – 6pm	Dolau Primary School

Notes of all of the above meetings were taken and are attached as Appendix 2. These notes record questions raised, comments and statements made, with responses provided where appropriate.

An open evening/exhibition was held at Dolau Primary School on 18th October 2018, the purpose of which was to provide further information on the proposal, answer any questions and give people the opportunity to ask questions. Officers from the Education and Inclusion Services Directorate and Persimmon were in attendance. This event was attended by approximately 25 people which included school governors, pupils, parents and local residents.

5. Summary of Responses to Consultation

Responses to the matters raised at the meetings outlined above are, as indicated, summarised in the notes of the meetings attached as Appendix 2. In addition to this 6 written responses were received, and 10 comments were submitted during the public drop-in session on post-it notes via the 'Have your say' board. All comments have been collated and are attached at Appendix 3. No questionnaires or feedback opposing the proposals were received.

A summary of comments raised during the consultation period are below. Where appropriate our responses are included:

- **Concerns were raised in relation to the existing highway infrastructure, and whether it would cope with the increase in traffic that the school could generate**

A further planning application will be submitted specifically for the new school, and as a part of this there will be a Traffic Impact Assessment undertaken focussing on both the immediate and surrounding area. This assessment will not only look at the current capacity of the highway, but also the impact of any increase in traffic flow, on not just the highway but also on pedestrian and cycling routes.

The expectation is that this report will contain recommendations in relation to improving the existing highway infrastructure as well as incorporating pedestrian safety measures which could include traffic calming or additional pedestrian crossing points.

- **The size of the primary school was raised as a concern.**

The exact pupil numbers that will be generated from the housing development are not yet known, nor do we have control of the timescales, but it is likely that as the school grows a decision will be made to split the school and create 2 separate primary schools. If this does occur, then this will be subject to another consultation.

- **The impact upon secondary school places in the area was raised as a concern.**

The Council has a statutory duty to manage the supply and demand for pupil school places. The Council acts in the best interests of all local children and ensures there is sufficient capacity for language and faith choice in the local Community. The Council monitors the situation continually and will ensure that appropriate strategies are in place to manage any future demand from the proposed housing developments in the area and will collaborate cross border with other local authorities should the need arise.

- **Will additional community services and infrastructure be catered for?**

The Council will ensure that it collaborates with all parties who have a vested interest in the community.

Estyn's response to the consultation by Rhondda Cynon Taf Borough Council to establish new primary school provision for the Llanilid housing development, by extending the provision of Dolau primary school, from September 2021.

Introduction

This report has been prepared by Her Majesty's Inspectors of Education and Training in Wales.

Under the terms of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and its associated Code, proposers are required to send consultation documents to Estyn.

However Estyn is not a body which is required to act in accordance with the Code and the Act places no statutory requirements on Estyn in respect of school organisation matters. Therefore as a body being consulted, Estyn will provide their opinion only on the overall merits of school organisation proposals.

Estyn has considered the educational aspects of the proposal and has produced the following response to the information provided by the proposer and other additional information such as data from Welsh Government and the views of the Regional Consortia which deliver school improvement services to the schools within the proposal.

Summary/ Conclusion

The proposal appropriately sets out the need for additional educational provision to accommodate both the planned and potential for further housing development at Llanilid, Llanharan. It is Estyn's opinion that the proposal is likely to at least maintain the current standards of educational provision in the area.

Description and benefits

The proposal sets out clearly the need for additional nursery and pupil places arising from the planned housing developments and the potential for further developments in the area. The proposal appropriately considers the advantages and disadvantages associated with the extension of the current school, through the creative use of a new school build, alongside the construction of a major new housing development.

The proposal usefully explains how the current primary school at Dolau will respond to the increasing population expected within the new housing development, by using the new build as an extension to the existing school. The benefits of this approach are well set out within the proposal, which include the management of an 'ad hoc' demand for new places throughout the school year, associated with the arrivals of new residents. The proposer also explains well the disadvantages associated with the alternative of opening a brand new school immediately without full capacity.

The current primary school at Dolau is a dual stream school, and the expansion will accommodate both language preferences, therefore maintaining parental choice and should provide sufficient places as demand increases in the short term. However, the intended change from an extension to the existing school to the creation of a separate new school, and its language preference remains deferred until an unspecified time in the future.

The proposer sets out well the current local authority practice for the provision of school transport, which is more generous than the statutory minimum. The proposal sets out clearly that the policy will be applied for pupils attending this school, and also takes into account the risk assessments for the walking routes to school, which are considered to be unsuitable for pupil foot traffic. Additionally the proposals sets out clearly the implications for secondary aged pupils who will live on this new housing development, and their options for either the closest school which is in neighbouring local authority, or the nearest English medium and Welsh medium schools in the proposer's local authority. The proposer also

clarifies how the local authority's current policy for home to school transport will apply for these pupils.

The proposer provides detailed past and projected nursery places and pupil numbers for Dolau primary school, which take account of the expected numbers based on the current catchment, and the planned new development.

Educational aspects of the proposal

The construction of the new school, and its initial use as an extension to the current school should not represent a risk to the school and its education provision. The opportunities arising from additional space, state of the art classroom design and new outdoors facilities are likely to enhance the learning opportunities for pupils.

The proposal appropriately considers the likely impact of the new school on standards, provision and leadership by referring to the outcomes of the most recent Estyn inspections, as well as the Regional Consortium's categorisation of the school. In July 2015, Estyn judged the school's performance to be good, and its prospects for improvement also good. The local consortium categorises the school as green.

This information supports the proposer's reasonable claim that Dolau Primary school should be able to maintain its current standards during the expansion.

6. Assessment of Consultation

In view of the responses and comments received during the consultation period, a further assessment of the proposals, which are included within the consultation document, has been undertaken. The proposals have been revisited and the impact of the proposals on the quality and standards of education, the community, and transport arrangements, have been reassessed.

After further consideration, the proposals are deemed to be the most appropriate and as such no amendments have been made.

7. Conclusion

No information that has been presented during the consultation period has been deemed to necessitate a change to the consultation document and so the information remains unchanged. As such it is considered that these proposals should be wholly implemented.

The recommendation is that this report is published, and at the appropriate time a statutory notice be published as consulted upon with no modifications, in order to progress this proposal.

Appendix 1



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

**CONSULTATION ON A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH
NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL PROVISION FOR THE
LLANILID HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, BY EXTENDING
THE PROVISION OF DOLAU PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Introduction to the Proposal

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council wishes to seek the views of a wide range of stakeholders on a proposal to establish new Primary Education provision to serve the new housing development at Llanilid, Llanharan.

Outline planning consent for the construction of up to 1,850 homes at the former Llanilid Opencast Site, Llanharan, was granted by the Council's Development Control Committee in January 2016, following over six years of discussion and consideration of the proposals between Council officers and agents representing the landowners. The delay in applying for and granting planning consent was mainly due to the complex nature and large scale of the proposals, and the fact that the original agents responsible for the planning application went in to administration.

As part of the planning process, the Council will collect a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) on each dwelling constructed, which will be utilised to provide the essential infrastructure that is required to support a housing development of this size. It has already been agreed that a new Primary school building, of 540 places in total (including Nursery provision) will form part of the essential infrastructure. The housing developers have requested that they be allowed to construct the school building and hand it over to the Council at an agreed point in time, as 'part payment' of their CIL obligation; the Council has accepted and agreed to this request. A further planning application for full permission to commence the first phase of house construction has been received and is due to be considered by our Planning and Development Committee in September 2018; if permission is granted, house construction will commence before the end of the year.

The Council has undertaken a full assessment of the potential impact of this large development on existing school provision in this area and has also calculated the numbers of children that are likely to reside on this development. This calculation is outlined and explained in a document entitled 'Supplementary Planning Guidance', which is available to view and download from the Council website at www.rctcbc.gov.uk. The relevant section of this document is 'Planning Obligations'.

To ensure that the demand for school places can be met in future years, through the preferred language medium of the parents' choice, it is proposed that the new school building be established, in the first instance, as an **extension to the dual language school provision of Dolau Primary School**. As part of the Welsh Government initiative to increase the number of people in Wales who can speak the Welsh Language to at least 1 million by 2050, the Council is aiming to increase capacity in the Welsh Language school sector, to encourage more parents to choose this medium of education for their children. Dolau offers provision in both languages, with parents given the freedom to choose which language they wish for their child to be educated in.

The developers are proposing to construct the new school building in a single phase, so when it opens in 2021 it will initially have considerable surplus capacity. This capacity will be filled as and when the new homes are constructed and become occupied, but in order

to avoid the unacceptable scenario of a new school opening with very few pupils on day 1, we have instead decided to treat the new building as an extension to an already well established school in the first instance. Dolau Primary is a very successful school, as is evidenced by the data and information provided in this document and is located a very short distance (approx. 400m) from the site of the new building. Having the new school provision as an extension to this successful school, rather than as a separate entity will allow the senior leadership and governors of Dolau to work with the Council to establish new school provision under their expert guidance. This will also remove the need to appoint a new Headteacher and produce a staffing structure for a new school, which could open with very few pupils in attendance. The Headteacher of Dolau will be able to utilise the new building to accommodate classes between the two buildings as he sees fit, to make the best use of all available resources. The school will then 'grow' as more houses are constructed.

The construction of 1,850 dwellings is considered to be the first phase of what is likely to be a much larger development in forthcoming years. There is sufficient land available in this area to be able to construct a further 3000+ homes and should this be realised, there will be a need to consider the establishment of further education provision, both in the Primary and Secondary school sectors, to serve this expanding community. The new school building will form part of the education provision that will serve this wider area and by this time, its provision will be firmly established under the management and guidance of Dolau Primary School. At this point in time, the Council will make an assessment of the requirements and demand for school places, including the likely language medium choices being expressed by parents, and will consider establishing the Llanilid primary school building as a new school in its own right.

Who will we consult with?

We are seeking the views of the following stakeholders:

- The governing body of Dolau Primary School
- Pupils of Dolau Primary School
- Parents, carers, and staff members of Dolau Primary School
- The governors, pupils, parents, carers and staff members of Ysgol Llanhari and Y Pant Comprehensive School
- Other governing bodies of neighbouring primary schools, including those in adjacent local authority areas
- The governing body of Pencoed Comprehensive School
- The Church in Wales and Roman Catholic Diocesan Authorities
- Members of Parliament for the Rhondda Cynon Taf constituencies
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- The Early Years and Childcare Partnership
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- Mudiad Meithrin
- Neighbouring local authorities

What will the consultation process entail?

The consultation will start on the 1st October 2018 and will be completed at 5pm on 31st December 2018. The feedback from the consultation will be collated and summarised, and a report presented to the Council's Cabinet in January 2019. This consultation report will be available for all persons to view on the Council's internet site and copies can be obtained on request from the addresses detailed on Page 6 of this document.

The Council's Cabinet will consider the report and will decide, based on the feedback, whether to proceed with the proposal, make changes to the proposal or not proceed with the proposal. If the Cabinet decides not to proceed, that will be the end of this proposal.

If the Cabinet decides to proceed with the proposal a statutory notice is published providing a 28 day notice period for objections. The School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 requires that anyone wishing to make objections to a school organisation proposal has the opportunity to do so. To be considered as statutory objections, objections **must** be made in writing or by email, and sent to the Council within 28 days of the date on which the proposal was published.

The Council's Cabinet will consider the outcome of the statutory notice at the next available Cabinet meeting and determine whether to implement the proposal.

If there are objections, the Council's Director of Education will publish an objection report providing a summary of the objections and her response to them within 7 days of the day of the determination of the proposal. This report will also be available for all persons to view on the Council's internet site and copies can be obtained on request from the addresses detailed on Page 6 of this document.

If the Council's Cabinet approve the proposal, the proposal will be implemented in accordance with the date given in the statutory notice or any subsequently modified date. In the case of this proposal the implementation date is **1st September 2021** for the extended school provision at Dolau Primary School. This date is dependent on progress made by the housing developer and may be subject to change therefore.

What do you have to consider?

The remainder of the consultation document sets out the rationale for the extension of dual language Primary school provision at Dolau Primary. We would like you to consider

the information contained within this document and to hear your views as to whether or not you support the proposals as described.

How do you make your views known?

Consultation events will be held and you are welcome to attend the appropriate meeting.

School Affected	Group	Time/Date	Venue
Dolau Primary School	Governing Body and Staff Meeting	Thursday, 18 th October 2018, 3.30 – 4.15pm	Dolau Primary School
Dolau Primary School	School Council	Thursday, 18 th October 2018, 2pm	Dolau Primary School
Members of the local community	Parents and public drop in session and exhibition	Thursday, 18 th October 2018, 4.30 – 6pm	Dolau Primary School

A consultation questionnaire is attached, it will also be available at the drop-in session detailed above and on the Council's internet site at www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schoolconsultations

The questionnaire also enables consultees to register their wish to be notified of the publication of the consultation report to the Council's Cabinet.

You are also welcome to put your views, comments and any questions you may have in writing to:

Director of Education
21st Century Schools Team
Ty Trevithick
Abercynon CF45 4UQ Telephone (01443) 744227 Fax (01443) 744224

E-mail schoolplanning@rctcbc.gov.uk

All correspondence should be received **no later than 5pm Monday, 31st December 2018.**

Please note that responses to the consultation will not be counted as objections to the proposal. Objections can only be forwarded following the publication of the statutory notice.

Background to the proposal

The new proposed school provision for the Llanilid housing development

As outlined previously, the new school provision is required to cater for known and planned housing development at the former Llanilid Opencast Site, Llanharan. The site is identified as a strategic housing site in the Rhondda Cynon Taf Local Development Plan (LDP) 2006 – 2021; a new Primary school building to serve the development is detailed in the LDP as a policy requirement for essential infrastructure necessary to support the development.

It is proposed that the new school building will accommodate up to 480 pupils, plus 60 part time Nursery places, for children aged between 3 and 11 years. It will be created and established as an extension to Dolau Primary School in the first instance, and will thus increase the total available capacity of this dual language school to 921, plus 124 part time Nursery places. The admission number will be 131 per year group and the admissions authority will be Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council. The admissions policy of the LA is outlined in a document entitled 'Starting School', this document is updated annually and contains information on how to apply for a school place, and the criteria used to determine admission applications in the case of oversubscription. The current version of the document (for the academic year 2018 - 2019) can be viewed and downloaded from the Council website at:

<https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Resident/SchoolsandLearning/Applyingforaschoolplace/RelatedDocuments/1819/StartingSchool201819.pdf>.

The site of the new provision that will form the extension will be located at the top right hand sector of the development site, immediately adjacent to the site of the existing Dolau Primary School. An indicative site plan for the housing development, denoting the location of the proposed school building is included in this document for information (see page 15). The school building will comprise 16 general teaching classrooms, a large Nursery unit capable of accommodating 60 children (on a part time basis) and the general ancillary accommodation associated with a primary school, such as a multi-functional assembly hall, kitchen, staff room, offices, toilets, storage and changing rooms. The external areas will include a tarmac playground, car park, MUGA and a sports pitch that will be operated as a joint use facility with the local community. The sports facilities will also be available for use by the existing Dolau Primary School. As the two buildings are located just a short distance from each other, arrangements will be made to create an access between the two sites to ensure a safe and secure walking route between the two buildings that will comprise the extended Dolau Primary School.

The new building will be fully accessible to all and will meet all the requirements and provisions of the Equality Act 2010.

The building will be constructed by Persimmon Homes under the direction and supervision of the local authority and will be handed over to the Council on completion

of construction, which is scheduled to coincide with the construction of the 299th dwelling on the development.

The catchment schools serving the Llanilid housing development will therefore be:

English and Welsh Medium Primary – Dolau Primary School.

The catchment area of Dolau Primary School will therefore be expanded to encompass the new Llanilid housing development for both English and Welsh Medium Primary provision.

The associated Secondary schools to which pupils attending the schools overleaf would ordinarily transfer to (at Year 7), subject to parental preference and a successful application are:

Welsh Medium Secondary – Ysgol Llanhari

English Medium Secondary – Y Pant Comprehensive

Although Y Pant is designated as the catchment school for this development, there is a nearer school that offers Secondary education, namely Pencoed Comprehensive School, which is located in Bridgend County Borough. Any children resident on the Llanilid development who apply for and are successful in obtaining a place at Pencoed will receive free transportation to this school, as it is the nearest school to their home address and is in the main, outside of the two mile ‘qualifying distance’ operated by RCTCBC for school transport provision. The walking route to Pencoed from Llanilid is also classed as ‘unavailable’, so any pupils not receiving transport on distance criteria will still qualify for free transport on these grounds.

It must be noted at this point that catchment areas of all schools are subject to regular review and may be changed as part of this review process. It is a fact that there is likely to be further, extensive housing development in this part of the County Borough in future years, with further school provision being constructed as a necessary element to support this expansion. As a result of this the catchment areas will need to be reviewed regularly as development proceeds, in particular those of the Secondary schools detailed above, and changes to the associations between the Primary and Secondary schools will be inevitable should new Secondary school provision be opened in the future.

As indicated in the introduction to this document, once the housing development is well established and the pupil numbers at Dolau increase to fill the spare capacity that will be created by the new building, consideration will be given to making the new building a separate school in its own right. The language medium of the new school will also be determined at this point in time.

There is a statutory duty placed upon the local authority (LA) to provide learners with free transport to their nearest suitable school if they reside beyond safe “walking distance” to that school. The term suitable school applies to the catchment area English, Welsh or dual language mainstream school or special school/class as appropriate. The law relating to safe “walking distance” is defined as two miles for learners of compulsory

school age receiving primary education and three miles for learners of compulsory school age receiving secondary education.

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council has exercised the discretionary powers afforded to it under the provisions of the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 to make a more generous provision to learners as set out below:

- The eligibility criterion for walking distance for learners receiving compulsory primary education at their nearest suitable school has been set at 1½ miles, instead of 2 miles as required by the Measure;
- Free transport to their nearest suitable school, where places are available, is provided to children who meet the 1½ mile eligibility criterion from the start of the Foundation Phase (the start of the school term after their third birthday), rather than from the start of compulsory education (the start of the school term after their fifth birthday) as required by the Measure.
- The eligibility criterion for walking distance for learners receiving compulsory secondary education at their nearest suitable school has been set at 2 miles instead of 3 miles as required by the Measure.
- Free transport is provided to post 16 learners who meet the 2 mile eligibility criterion for two years after the end of compulsory education, rather than until the end of compulsory education as required by the Measure. This provision applies to full time attendance at the nearest school or college to the learner's home at which the approved course of study that they wish to pursue is offered.
- Free transport to their nearest suitable school is provided to learners (as set out above) in accordance with their preferred religious denomination.
- The term suitable school applies to the catchment area English, Welsh, dual language or voluntary aided (faith) mainstream school or special school/class as appropriate.

The Welsh Government and the Council has adopted the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child which is expressed in seven core aims that all children and young people:

1. have a flying start in life;
2. have a comprehensive range of education and learning opportunities;
3. enjoy the best possible health and are free from abuse, victimisation and exploitation;
4. have access to play, leisure, sporting and cultural activities;
5. are listened to, treated with respect, and have their race and cultural identity recognised;
6. have a safe home and a community which supports physical and emotional wellbeing;
7. are not disadvantaged by poverty.

We consider that this proposal will benefit the children who will attend the new school, and those who will continue to attend Dolau Primary School in accordance with the seven core aims set out above.

Information on Dolau Primary School

Dolau Primary School is a dual language Community Primary School situated at Bridgend Road, Llanharan. The school site comprises a traditional style building, constructed in 1928 (which has Grade II listed building status) and a modern classroom block and hall extension added in 2009. Based on the results of the Welsh Government commissioned building survey of all schools Dolau Primary is graded a B for condition and a B for suitability, where A is the highest and D is the lowest performing building respectively. The current figure for the maintenance work that would be desirable to undertake at this school is £414,000.

The pupil numbers at Dolau Primary over the past four years are shown below and are obtained from the statutory pupil level annual school census (PLASC) which must be undertaken in January each year. All data is split between the respective English (E) and Welsh (W) departments of the school:

School	Age Range	School Capacity (whole school)	Jan 2014	Jan 2015	Jan 2016	Jan 2017	Jan 2018
Dolau Primary (W)	3 - 11	441	188	182	177	176	182
Dolau Primary (E)	3 - 11	441	198	224	235	231	243

Nursery numbers (total numbers of pupils attending)

School	Jan 2014	Jan 2015	Jan 2016	Jan 2017	Jan 2018
Dolau Primary (W)	23	20	24	26	19
Dolau Primary (E)	43	42	38	38	43

Five year forecasts for the school:

School	School capacity (excluding nursery)	Jan 2019	Jan 2020	Jan 2021	Jan 2022	Jan 2023
Dolau Primary (W)	441	163	157	148	146	141
Dolau Primary (E)	441	250	265	262	256	248

Primary School Standards

The tables below set out the performance of the two departments of Dolau Primary School for the key measures of educational performance over the past three years and compare the school to similar schools across Wales based on the numbers of pupils in receipt of free school meals:

Subjects	Foundation Phase Outcomes					
	2015 %		2016 %		2017 %	
	Dolau Primary (W)	Dolau Primary (E)	Dolau Primary (W)	Dolau Primary (E)	Dolau Primary (W)	Dolau Primary (E)
Foundation Phase Indicator	97 (1)	93.1 (2)	96.4 (1)	94.3 (2)	95.2 (2)	92.3 (3)
Personal and social development wellbeing and cultural diversity	100 (1)	96.6 (3)	100 (1)	100 (1)	100 (1)	100 (1)
Language literacy and communication skills English/welsh	97 (2)	93.1 (2)	96.4 (2)	97.1 (1)	95.2 (2)	92.3 (3)
Mathematical development	97.2 (2)	93.1 (2)	96.4 (2)	94.3 (3)	95.2 (2)	92.3 (3)

The figures in brackets in the table above, compare the schools to similar schools across Wales based on free school meals. The performance is compared using benchmarked quartiles, with 1 being the highest and 4 the lowest.

Subjects	Key Stage Two Outcomes					
	2015		2016		2017	
	Dolau Primary (W)	Dolau Primary (E)	Dolau Primary (W)	Dolau Primary (E)	Dolau Primary (W)	Dolau Primary (E)
English	95.8 (2)	92.0 (3)	92.3 (3)	97.2 (2)	100 (1)	100 (1)
Welsh 1 st lang	95.8 (2)	N/A	92.3 (2)	N/A	100 (1)	N/A
Maths	100 (1)	92.0 (3)	100 (1)	94.4 (3)	100 (1)	100 (1)
Science	100 (1)	92.0 (4)	100 (1)	100 (1)	100 (1)	100 (1)
Core Subject Indicator (CSI)	95.8 (2)	92.0 (3)	92.3 (3)	94.4 (2)	100 (1)	100 (1)

The figures in brackets in the table above, compare the schools to similar schools across Wales based on free school meals. The performance is compared using benchmarked quartiles, with 1 being the highest and 4 the lowest.

The attendance of the pupils of the school over the past three years is set out overleaf, please note that this data is for the whole school:

Percentage of half-day sessions attended by pupils of statutory school age during the academic year						
School	2015	2015 Benchmark Quartile	2016	2016 Benchmark Quartile	2017	2017 Benchmark Quartile
Dolau Primary	95.5	2	95.1	3	95.6	2

Dolau Primary School was last inspected by Estyn in July 2015. The school's current performance was deemed to be good, and its prospects for improvement also good.

Estyn also set out that, in order to build upon the progress made to date, the school should:

- Provide more opportunities for pupils to develop their numeracy skills across the curriculum, especially in key stage 2
- Ensure consistency in marking so that pupils have a better understanding of what they need to do to improve their work

The Council's School Improvement Services are provided by the Central South Consortium, a regional school improvement services for the five local authorities of Bridgend, Cardiff, Merthyr Tydfil, Rhondda Cynon Taf and the Vale of Glamorgan. Schools are rated as either Green, Yellow, Amber or Red in respect of their standards. The Consortium categorises the performance of each school in the region and considers that:

Dolau Primary School has been categorised as a 'Green' school, the highest level it can achieve. This rating means that the school has a track record of sustaining a high level of learner outcomes, it demonstrates resilience at all levels and is challenged to move forward towards, or sustaining excellence.

Future Forecasts for the extended Dolau Primary School

It is intended that this proposal be implemented in September 2021. The housing developer has advised us of the number of housing units that are likely to be completed each year from 2019 onwards. We have therefore recalculated our future forecasts from 2021 to 2023 (the end of our current forecasting period), for Dolau Primary with the new building as an extension to its provision, to include the impact of housing development as follows:

School	2021	2022	2023
Dolau Primary	534	566	596

The housing construction works will be on going until the full planned complement of 1,850 houses are completed, pupil numbers at the school will therefore continue to rise

steadily in subsequent years. This is likely to take at least 10 years, based on the estimated rate of completion of houses provided by the developers.

Governance, Staffing and Admission Arrangements

As this new provision is being created as an extension to Dolau Primary School, rather than a new school in its own right, the current governing body and leadership of Dolau Primary will remain in place. As the pupil numbers rise on completion of the new houses, there will be a need for the governing body to continually review their staffing structure and to appoint more staff as and when they are required. Parents will apply for places as they do at present. The new building, which will be classed as an extension is located just 5 minutes walk from the existing Dolau Primary buildings, so there will be no changes to school journeys, travelling times or transport eligibility.

It will be a matter for the Headteacher and governing body to manage the use of the accommodation that will be provided at the new building, but we would expect them to make full use of the new accommodation and facilities by transferring some of the existing classes at the school to the new building when it opens.

Financial Details

As this is the creation of new school provision, by means of an extension to existing provision, with no other schools closing as a consequence, there will be no financial savings achieved by these proposals. The capital costs of the new building will be met by the housing developers as part of their required contributions to provide the necessary infrastructure to service their development. This will be paid as part of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) that they have an obligation to meet.

The Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP)

All local authorities in Wales now have to produce a Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP). This document indicates how the local authority intends to promote the teaching of the Welsh Language, how it intends working towards increasing the number of children taught through the medium of Welsh and how it can assist achieving the Welsh Government's target of having one million people in Wales speaking Welsh by 2050. The WESP for RCT can be viewed and downloaded from the Council website via this link

<https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Council/WelshServices/Relateddocs/WelshinEducationStrategicPlan201720.pdf>.

Included among the list of actions and outcomes the Council will undertake to help achieve the targets set out in the WESP, by increasing the number of seven year-old children being taught through the medium of Welsh are the following:

- New and improved school buildings with appropriate capacity levels to fully meet forecasted demand for Welsh Medium provision in their catchment areas

The extension to the dual language provision of Dolau Primary School will make more Welsh Medium school places available, and will give parents the total freedom of choice and flexibility to have their children taught in the language medium of their choice.

What is the statutory process to extend provision at an existing school?

The Code on School Organisation (“The Code”) is made under Sections 38 and 39 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013. The Code came into force on 1 October 2013 and applies in respect of all school proposals published by way of a statutory notice after that date. The current Code is due to be revised on 1st November 2018 and the process we will undertake will follow the guidance contained within this updated document. Proposals to make regulated alterations to schools, by increasing their capacity by more than 25% of their existing levels have to follow the following process:

1. The Council’s Cabinet considers the Code and authorises a consultation process to commence;
2. At the start of the consultation period the Council **must** provide consultees with access to a consultation document and give them at least 42 days in which to respond, with at least 20 of these days being school days. If the Council considers it appropriate meetings are held with stakeholders during the consultation period;
3. Consultation comments are collated and summarised by the Council. This summary together with the Council’s officers own responses is published in a consultation report within 13 weeks of the end of the consultation period, and two weeks prior to the publication of any statutory notice, and presented to the Council’s Cabinet for consideration;
4. The Council’s Cabinet decide whether to proceed with the changes within 26 weeks of the end of the consultation period. If the decision is to proceed, Step 5 is taken. If a new option emerges during the consultation which the Council’s Cabinet wish to consider, then Steps 1-3 are repeated;
5. Statutory notice is published providing a 28 day notice period for objections. The notice **must** be published on a school day and with 15 school days (not including the day of publication) in the notice period;
6. If objections are received, the Council **must** publish an objection report providing a summary of the objections and their responses to them before the end of 7 days beginning with the day of the local authority’s determination as to whether to proceed with the proposals;
7. The Council’s Cabinet must decide to issue its decision on the proposals within 16 weeks of the end of the objection period;
8. If the proposals receive approval they should be implemented in accordance with the date given in the statutory notice, or any subsequent modified date.



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 - Primary School
 - LEAP

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Consultation Response Pro-forma

In order to comply with its legal duty under the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and help the Council reach a decision on the proposal below, it would be very helpful if you could answer the following questions. Please note, any personal information given by you will not be shared and only used to provide you with feedback, should you request it. Any comments that could identify you will be anonymised in the consultation report produced. Completed questionnaires should be returned to:

Director of Education

21st Century Schools Team

Ty Trevithick

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or by fax to 01443 744224, or e-mail schoolplanning@rctcbc.gov.uk

The proposal

The proposal is to create new, dual language Primary education provision to serve the Llanilid housing development, by constructing a new school building on the development site and then establishing its provision, in the first instance, as an extension to Dolau Primary School.

1. Do you agree with the proposal? Yes No Not sure

Please let us know the reasons for your choice

2. Please state any additional views or points which you would like to be taken into account (attach additional sheets if necessary)

3. Please indicate who you are (eg parent of a pupil at named school, governor at named school, member of the community etc.)

4. Name (optional)

5. Please provide contact details if you wish to be notified of publication of the consultation report

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

Please forward completed questionnaires to the above address no later than 31st December 2018.

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Proposal to extend Dolau Primary School (to provide for the Llanilid housing development)

Community Impact Assessment

This assessment is prepared in accordance with guidance contained within Annex D of statutory guidance circular 006/2013, the School Organisation Code.

This proposal is to be consulted on between 1st October and 31st December 2018. A detailed consultation document has been circulated to all prescribed consultees. Copies have already been forwarded to the WG in compliance with consultation and publication guidelines. This document clearly focuses on the reasons for the need for additional Primary education provision in this area, this Impact Assessment is not included in the consultation document as we are mindful that the document needs to be as concise and informative as possible, whilst at the same time being readable and 'user-friendly'. The free availability of this document is however stressed; in addition, it is available for any person to view or download from the Council website.

It has to be emphasised at this point that the community impact of this proposal will be negligible, indeed if any impact is realised at all. Dolau Primary School will remain and no provision whatsoever is being removed. A new school building is to be constructed by housing developers on a site that is immediately adjacent to Dolau, and in the first instance, this provision will be established as an extension to Dolau Primary School. It is therefore considered that the overall impact of these proposals will be neutral on the local community, there will be no change to the level of services and provision that are offered at present at Dolau, but there will instead be opportunities for it to be extended and enhanced.

At the current time, the percentage of pupils attending Dolau Primary that reside within the catchment area is 76% for the English stream and 64% for the Welsh stream. This is of the total number of pupils on roll in January 2018 (date of the PLASC return), including non-statutory Nursery and pre-Nursery pupils.

Dolau Primary offers a breakfast club to all pupils; this provision will continue should this proposal be agreed. The school also offers after school clubs and sessional care for pupils (run by Menter Iaith) and these too will continue.

The school has several organisations that use their facilities on a regular basis outside of school hours, as detailed below. The provision of a new building will enhance and expand the opportunities for community groups to access the facilities available:

Drop in Centre Activity Club – 1 evening per week

Starfish Swimming Club – 1 evening per week

Welsh for Beginners class – 1 evening per week

RCT Community Dance Group – 1 evening per week

This proposal seeks to enhance the accommodation and facilities of Dolau Primary, to benefit all children who may attend the school in the future from its catchment area (which will be extended to encompass the Llanilid housing development site). This is not a rural area, and the existence of so many other schools and other community facilities within a short distance means that it is not deemed necessary to consider the enhancement of other community facilities that may exist in the local area. However, as part of the facilities the housing developer is obligated to provide, the new school site will benefit from sports pitches and a Multi use Games Area (MUGA), which will be available to the whole school to use, and the community outside of school hours (under the agreement of the school).

It must also be noted that the site of the new building is located just a short distance away from the current school. A dedicated and safe footpath will be created to physically link the both sites. No additional transportation will be required and walking distances and travel times to the new site will be negligible.

As children are going to attend the same school, albeit with two separate buildings that are located within a short distance of each other, is not considered that there will be any changes to their mode or method or transportation to school and there will be no extra distance involved in respect of this journey.

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EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Directorate: Education
Service Area: 21st Century Schools
Responsible officer: Julie Hadley
Date: 1st October 2018

1. Name of policy/procedure/practice/project: The establishment of Primary education provision to serve the Llanilid housing development

The Project is to:
Create new Primary school provision for the Llanilid housing development

2. Policy Aims, you need to consider why is the policy needed? What does the Council hope to achieve by it?
How will the Council ensure it works as intended?

New school provision is required to cater for known and planned housing development at the former Llanilid Opencast Site, Llanharan. The site is identified as a strategic housing site in the Rhondda Cynon Taf Local Development Plan (LDP) 2006 – 2021; a new Primary school building to serve the development is detailed in the LDP as a policy requirement for essential infrastructure necessary to support the development.

It is proposed that the new school building will accommodate up to 480 pupils, plus 60 part time Nursery places, for children aged between 3 and 11 years. It will be created and established as an extension to Dolau Primary School in the first instance, and will thus increase the total available capacity of

this dual language school to 921, plus 124 part time Nursery places. The admission number will be 131 per year group and the admissions authority will be Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council.

The site of the new provision that will form the extension will be located immediately adjacent to the site of the existing Dolau Primary School. The school building will comprise 16 general teaching classrooms, a large Nursery unit capable of accommodating 60 children (on a part time basis) and the general ancillary accommodation associated with a primary school, such as a multi-functional assembly hall, kitchen, staff room, offices, toilets, storage and changing rooms. The external areas will include a tarmac playground, car park, MUGA and a sports pitch that will be operated as a joint use facility with the local community. The sports facilities will also be available for use by the existing Dolau Primary School. As the two buildings are located just a short distance from each other, arrangements will be made to create an access between the two sites to ensure a safe and secure walking route between the two buildings that will comprise the extended Dolau Primary School.

The new building will be fully accessible to all and will meet all the requirements and provisions of the Equality Act 2010.

The building will be constructed by Persimmon Homes under the direction and supervision of the local authority and will be handed over to the Council on completion of construction, which is scheduled to coincide with the construction of the 299th dwelling on the development.

Once the housing development is well established and the pupil numbers at Dolau increase to fill the spare capacity that will be created by the new building, consideration will be given to making the new building a separate school in its own right. The language medium of the new school will also be determined at this point in time.

3. Who does it apply to? Please indicate by highlighting or deleting as appropriate

Members of the public Staff Both Other Please state: children aged 3-11 years resident in the existing catchment area of Dolau Primary School, and the new housing development at Llanilid

4. Indicate whether this is a new proposal, a review or a proposed cessation:

New

5. Identifying Impacts – Please choose whether the policy/practice will have a positive, negative or neutral effect on **each** issue below: Think about the key questions included in the manager’s guidelines.

People / issues to consider	Impact policy / practice will have			If a positive or negative impact is identified, explain why:
	Positive	Negative	Neutral (No impact)	
Age (young and old)	Young – Yes		Old – no impact	<p>Better learning facilities for all and sufficient school capacity to cater for all children who will reside within the catchment area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make the learning environments comfortable and attractive for all children who access them, to 21st Century Schools standards. • access services to improve the lives of children and their families. • Improved facilities will enable the pupils to access learning and cultural activities which can help develop relationships within communities. • The changing curriculum, life long learning opportunities and use of ICT will provide the opportunity to enable all learners to reach their potential. • Facilities at Primary schools, in particular the Infant teaching areas are geared towards the needs of young children and are, as such not suitable for use by older persons.
Disability (remember to consider the different types of disability)	Yes			<p>As this will be a brand new building, it will comply with all of the requirements of planning and building control legislation and will also fully comply with the provisions of the Equality Act 2010, being fully accessible to all.</p>

People / issues to consider	Impact policy / practice will have			If a positive or negative impact is identified, explain why:
	Positive	Negative	Neutral (No impact)	
Gender			Yes	
Gender Reassignment			Yes	
Race			Yes	
Religion or Belief			Yes	
Sexual Orientation			Yes	
Welsh Language	Yes			The school will offer education provision in both English and Welsh Mediums, subject to parental preference and choice.
Carers			Yes	

EVIDENCE

6. What evidence is there to support your conclusions? Please indicate below

Reports of the Director of Education to Cabinet - September 2018.
Public Consultation Document on the Proposal

7. In areas where a negative impact has been identified are there any ways that the negative effect could be reduced or removed? Please indicate below and include the evidence on which you have based your conclusion.

None

INVOLVEMENT & CONSULTATION

9. What involvement and consultation has been done in relation to this (or similar) policy and what are the results?

The following consultation meetings/ open events are to be held

School Affected	Group	Time/Date	Venue
Dolau Primary School	Governing Body and Staff Meeting	Thursday, 18 th October 2018, 3.30 – 4.15pm	Dolau Primary School
Dolau Primary School	School Council	Thursday, 18 th October 2018, 2pm	Dolau Primary School
Members of the local community	Parents and public drop in session and exhibition	Thursday, 18 th October 2018, 4.30 – 6pm	Dolau Primary School

A consultation questionnaire was also available in the consultation document and on the Council's internet site at www.rctcbc.gov.uk

Interested parties were also welcome to put their views in writing to:

Director of Education
Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council

Ty Trevithick
Abercynon CF45 4UQ

e-mail schoolplanning@rctcbc.gov.uk

MONITORING AND REVIEW

10. What arrangements have you put in place to review the actual impact of the policy once it has been implemented?

The Council's school improvement, governor support and HR teams will be fully engaged in supporting the governing body to establish the new provision, and to enable the school to 'grow' in size as new houses are constructed. This support will continue for as long as it is required.

ADDRESSING THE IMPACT

11. What option have you chosen as a result of your impact assessment?

- Continue the Policy

Please indicate and provide reasons for your decision.

The evidence outlined in our consultation document clearly recommends that this is the right approach.

12. ACTION PLAN

You now need to complete the EIA action plan to outline how you will act on any impacts identified. You may need to prioritise in terms of what actions you choose to take and the timescales to complete them in. In general terms, you should try to act on all negative impacts unless there is a clear reason as to why this is not possible. You could also identify actions for positive or neutral impacts where appropriate i.e. to outline and further promote a positive impact or to outline how to make something have a positive impact instead of a neutral one.

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT ACTION PLAN

Action	Responsible Officer	Timescale for Actions	Timescale and actions for Review	Measures to be taken to evaluate effects of actions
To monitor and supervise the construction of the new school building, which will be constructed by Persimmon Homes and delivered to the Council upon completion of the 299 th house on the development	Colin Atyeo Director of Corporate Estates	By September 2020 (or whichever date the construction of the 299 th dwelling falls on)		

13. Please outline below any negative impacts that have been identified in the EIA questionnaire but not addressed in the action plan. You will need to explain your reasons for not addressing them.

None.

Please keep a copy of the questionnaire and action plan and send copies to:

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Tel: 01443 424075

Signed: Gaynor Davies Date: 1/10/18

Job Title: Director of Education & Inclusion Services

Proposals to Establish Primary Education Provision for the Llanilid Housing Development, Llanharan

Welsh Language Impact Assessment

This assessment has been undertaken in accordance with the guidelines outlined in Annex C of the School Organisation Code.

Outline planning consent for the construction of up to 1,850 homes at the former Llanilid Opencast Site, Llanharan, was granted by the Council's Development Control Committee in January 2016, following over six years of discussion and consideration of the proposals between Council officers and agents representing the landowners. As part of the planning process, the Council will collect a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) on each dwelling constructed, which will be utilised to provide the essential infrastructure that is required to support a housing development of this size. It has already been agreed that a new Primary school building, of 540 places in total (including Nursery provision) will form part of the essential infrastructure.

To ensure that the demand for school places can be met in future years, through the preferred language medium of the parents' choice, it is proposed that the new school building be established, in the first instance, as an **extension to the dual language school provision of Dolau Primary School**. As part of the Welsh Government initiative to increase the number of people in Wales who can speak the Welsh Language to at least 1 million by 2050, the Council is aiming to increase capacity in the Welsh Language school sector, to encourage more parents to choose this medium of education for their children. Dolau offers provision in both languages, with parents given the freedom to choose which language they wish for their child to be educated in.

It is proposed that the new school building will accommodate up to 480 pupils, plus 60 part time Nursery places, for children aged between 3 and 11 years. It will be created and established as an extension to Dolau Primary School in the first instance, and will thus increase the total available capacity of this dual language school to 921, plus 124 part time Nursery places. We consider that this capacity will be sufficient to cater for current and forecasted pupil demand and it will also allow for growth in the Welsh Medium sector.

All services provided by Dolau Primary School outside of school hours, such as breakfast clubs, after school clubs and other community facilities will continue in the new, extended school campus. Any links with outside organisations such as the Urdd, Menter Iaith etc will be maintained and hopefully strengthened and expanded. The new and existing school buildings will have spare capacity initially that can be utilised by community groups and organisations and the headteacher will be encouraged to consider using these facilities to increase participation in the Welsh Language. This may

include offering opportunities to parents and other community members to learn Welsh, and possibly providing the potential to invite outside organisations to provide childcare and 'wrap around' care provision on the school site if requested and if there is recognised demand for such facilities .

Information on the standards of provision at Dolau Primary School is again contained within the consultation document. It must be stressed that this proposal is to treat the new school building as an extension to Dolau Primary School; it is not creating a brand new school and as such we have not outlined how an alternative school provision will improve on current standards, which are recognised as being of a high quality.

One of the main targets outlined in the Council's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) is to increase the number of children receiving education through the medium of Welsh, which will assist the local authority in working towards the Welsh Government target of having 1 million people in Wales able to speak Welsh by 2050. We consider that this proposal will provide extra pupil capacity through the medium of Welsh in a new, state of the art building and will hopefully encourage more parents to choose a Welsh Medium education for their children.

Appendix 2

Notes of a meeting held with school council and year 6 pupils of Dolau Primary School Thursday 18th October 2018 at 2:00pm Meeting to discuss the Council's proposals to establish Primary education provision for the Llanilud housing development

Present

Julie Hadley, School Organisation Manager
Nicola Goodman, Senior 21st Century Schools Officer
Sophie Nicholls, 21st Century Schools Graduate Officer
72 pupils present (14 from school council and year 6 classes from English and Welsh medium streams).

Julie Hadley (JH) set out the proposals and asked pupils if they knew what the proposal was about. The meeting was open for pupils to pose questions.

Question

We know there will be a new building and they are discussing it tonight.

JH explained the consultation process. If the decision is passed by Cabinet then the building will be designed and built.

Question

Will any buildings be removed from the site?

JH

No

Question

What will happen to this building?

JH

There are no plans to alter this building. We are trying to build the school big enough to cope with all of the new houses, and it will be a separate building on site.

Question

Will the old building be forgotten?

JH

No, the Council and Governors will look after and protect it. It will still be part of the school.

Question

How long will it take to build?

JH

It will probably take a year.

Question

Will they have dinners here or there?

JH

They will be able to have dinners in the new building.

Question

When will you start building?

JH

Hopefully, next summer.

Question

What will happen to the animals in the woods?

JH

We will make sure the animals have a home and we will protect and enhance their habitats with the school council.

Question

Will we have new wifi boxes for our new mega school?

JH

We will improve the IT to deliver the new curriculum.

Question

How will we pay for the new teachers?

JH

The budget for the staff depends on the number of pupils in the school and the Council provide the funding to the governors to pay for your teachers.

Question

How much will it cost to build?

JH

It will probably cost more than £5m.

Question

Will there be a path connecting the school building?

JH

Yes there will be a path connecting the buildings.

Question

Will we get a new PE hall?

JH

There will be a hall included in the new building.

Question

Will the fire alarms be linked between the buildings?

JH

The fire systems will be in place for all the buildings.

Question

How many classes will be taught in the new building?

JH

I'm not sure. That would be up to Mr Evans to decide.

Question

What are the pink buildings on the map?

JH

Those are groups of houses. These are not the official plans for the school yet. These are just to show you what might be able to happen if this is passed by Cabinet.

Question

Where will we all go break time?

JH

There will be a larger play area between both buildings. There may be a new grass pitch and maybe a MUGA.

Question

Will the new building be for foundation phase or juniors?

JH

The building will be suitable for both.

Question

There will be more traffic.

JH

Yes, we will ask for a large drop off facility for the school and make sure it is safe for you to walk and cycle to school.

Question

What will happen to the nature area?

JH

Some of it may have to be moved elsewhere to make way for a path that connects both buildings. We wouldn't get rid of it all as we know how important the green space is to the school.

Question

Would this turn into a comp?

JH

No. Over a few years there will be more pupils filling this school, and the spare places will be filled. Eventually both buildings will be full of primary aged pupils.

Question

Will there be a new head for that school?

JH

No. It will be Mr Evans as head for both buildings under the one school of Dolau Primary.

Question

Will year 6 be able to visit?

JH

Of course, it will be your new school building.

Question

Will there be storage for outside play equipment.

JH

Yes we will make sure there is storage.

Question

Will they teach different subjects there?

JH

No, it will still be part of Dolau like your classes are now.

Question

How will the buses get there?

JH

That will depend on how the housing estate is designed. There will be a bus drop off area on the school site though.

Question

Will the English and Welsh be separate in the buildings?

JH

That is up to Mr Evans and the Governors to decide.

Question

How will the local comprehensive schools cope with the increased capacity of Dolau?

JH

The Welsh stream will be fine as there is plenty of room in Ysgol Llanhari. We will need to look at the English stream and see what the best solution is to ensure there is enough space for everyone.

Question

Will you change the school logo or mascot?

JH

No, that will not be affected by this. That is for the school to decide at any point.

Question

Will there be a new pool?

JH

No. We don't put pools in our schools anymore because they are expensive for the schools to run.

Question

What about disabled children that move in?

JH

The new building will be suitable for anyone with additional learning needs.

Question

How many children will there be in the school?

JH

There will be 540 new school places.

Question 3

Where will we have the summer and Halloween fates?

JH

That is up to the school to decide.

Question 3

Will the school be a more modern design?

JH

The new block we are currently sat in is very modern and we build new 21st Century modern school buildings.

Question

Will pupils have to pay more for school trips?

JH

No

Question

How many builders will there be?

JH

Hopefully lots of them.

Question

Llanharan will turn big. Will there be extra police and fire stations?

JH

That will be up to those services to decide.

Question

How big will the new housing area be?

JH

You can look at the map on the board to see some ideas about designs and how many houses.

Question

Why won't it be a comp?

JH

There is room elsewhere for children to go to secondary school. We need to make sure there is enough space for primary age pupils.

Question

How many new houses will there be?

JH

1800

Question

Will we share yards?

JH

Yes. There will be a much bigger external space for you to share.

Question

Will it be locked so people can't come into school?

JH

Yes the whole site will be secure and your safeguarding is essential to the council.

Question

What if there are too many pupils there?

JH

The site will be bigger and there will be enough space in the buildings and on the yard for all pupils to learn and play.

Question

How will the cars get there?

JH

There will be new roads built as part of the wider housing development.

Question

How long will design take?

JH

Hopefully they will start building next summer, but it takes about 6-8 months to design a school.

Question

Will there be enough buses and car parks?

JH

There will be a pick up/drop off area and safety is our main concern. You will be able to get on and off your buses safely.

Question

Will there be a bike park?

JH

There will likely be a bike shelter as we put them in most schools, and maybe a path to cycle on.

Question

Will there be a new field?

JH

Yes there will be a MUGA and a grass pitch for all pupils to use.

Question

Will there be two nurseries? There are already two for each class.

JH

Possibly, that is for Mr Evans to decide.

Question

How many trees will there be?

JH

I'm not sure how many but we won't get rid of them all and hopefully plant some new ones.

Question

Will there be a running track?

JH

Probably not.

Question

Is Persimmon building it?

JH

Yes, and the houses around it.

Question

What happens if there is an emergency in one building?

JH

The building will be evacuated and the emergency services will be called.

Question

Did you build this school?

JH

Yes the Council arranged for the building of this extension we are sat in.

JH

Thank you all for your questions and comments.

Notes of a meeting held with staff and governors of Dolau Primary School

Thursday 18th October 2018 at 3:45pm

Meeting to discuss the Council's proposals to establish Primary education provision for the Llanilud housing development

Present

Andrea Richards, Head of 21st Century Schools
Julie Hadley, School Organisation Manager
Nicola Goodman, Senior 21st Century Schools Officer
Sophie Nicholls, 21st Century Schools Graduate Officer
28 members of school staff and the governing body

Introductions from Council officers.

Andrea Richards (AR) welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the proposal, the reasons for the proposal, the purpose of the meeting, the consultation process and timescales relating to the consultation process and the proposals themselves should they be implemented.

AR referred to the detailed consultation documents which outline the precise reasons for this consultation process, and provide further information regarding the school, such as pupil numbers, building condition information etc. The consultation document also provides information regarding where written comments should be sent and includes a questionnaire should people wish to complete this.

AR explained that the questions / comments / responses would be recorded for inclusion in the consultation report which would be fed back to Cabinet in January 2019, as would the feedback from pupils. AR stressed that this was a period of consultation and should the proposals proceed to the next stage (statutory notice), objections would be received and recorded at that stage.

AR outlined the full consultation process as:-

- This initial consultation;
- A further report to elected members and production of a consultation report, which is also published;
- If elected members agree to proceed, a statutory notice is issued. This allows for a statutory 28 days period of consultation, during which any interested person may comment, or raise objections;
- Following the 28 day period, a further report will be presented to elected members, together with an objections report which again has to be published.
- The Council's Cabinet will then make the final determination of the proposal.

It is anticipated that, subject to the outcome of this consultation process and progress with the construction of the new homes, the new school building would be provided by September, 2021; the exact date is not known at this stage as it is subject to house construction schedules that are outside of the Council's control.

In the case of staff, it is expected that there will be no impact whatsoever on the existing staff employed at Dolau; as the school grows in size in subsequent years additional staff will be required, so the staffing structure of the school will require continuous review by the Headteacher and governing body.

AR explained that the purpose of the meeting was to seek views on the proposal being put forward.

The meeting was then opened for questions.

Comment

The consultation document states that consideration is being given regarding two separate schools. What if the Council decides to make it a 'super school'?

Response

The intention is to use Dolau Primary School as an exemplar primary school, as it is a very good school. Staff and governors can shape the school in the future. There are a large number of houses proposed to be built and there will be a need for even more school places should further projected homes materialise. A through school (3-16 years or 3-19 years) would need another consultation.

Comment

Concern expressed regarding the school having 1,000 pupils. Primary schools are about community / smaller schools where teachers know the pupils' names.

Response

The intention is, once the schools are established, to split them. This is subject to further consultation at the relevant time. At the moment, it is not known how many pupils will be generated by the new housing development and what language medium education they will require, therefore, the proposal is to open the new building under the umbrella of Dolau Primary School in the first instance.

Comment

If the school is running okay, the Council may not want to split the school and spend money on a new / extra Headteacher.

Response

The school will be funded appropriately as numbers grow. The governing body will determine the staffing structure going forward. Dolau Primary School is currently a big school. There are other primary schools within Rhondda Cynon Taf which also have over 500 pupils. There is better financial management in larger schools, but the concerns expressed regarding larger schools are noted.

Comment

The current proposal (to open as an extension to Dolau Primary School) is understood as the numbers of pupils are clearly not known at present and separation in the future could be foreseen – it is good to have the choice.

Comment

One point of clarification was made in relation to the opening statements - the houses and investment in the area are coming because of the Council, not the M4.

Question

There is a 3G pitch at the new school in Pencoed. Could this be negotiated with the developers?

Response

This cannot be promised, but it could be discussed with the developers. Two pitches are being provided as part of the new build – the surfaces of these has not been determined at present.

Question

The reference made to the demographic of the school (i.e. Welsh or English medium) into the future being made by governors – will the Council or Welsh Government provide guidance on this?

Response

Ultimately it is the governors' decision, however, the governing body would be suitably supported by the Council. The current building will also continue to receive investment going forward.

Question

Will school staff be consulted regarding the new building?

Response

Persimmon (the housing developer) have already been provided with an accommodation schedule of required spaces in a school of this size. Once their proposals are received, the Council will review them and consult with the school. Planning permission is being requested imminently for the house construction. If the application is successful, the house construction is due to start in the new year. This is the first time that the Council has had a school provided by a developer. The Council will consult with school staff in due course, as they are the practitioners.

Comment

The new building provides an opportunity for new initiatives, for example, a radio station, specialist rooms to put the school on the map in terms of the new curriculum.

Response

The building needs to be future-proofed and innovative. There is a need to ensure that the building can deliver the new curriculum.

Question

Are there any plans for development of any of the Comprehensive schools in the area?

Response

The Council continually monitors the position and are also collaborating with Pencoed in Bridgend. There is space for secondary school age pupils requiring

Welsh medium education at Ysgol Llanhari; however, English medium capacity at secondary school age is an issue.

Comment

The majority of people moving into the new development may want English medium education.

Response

The Council continually monitors the situation and applies the management of school places. There is also the Welsh Government target of over one million Welsh speakers by 2050 which may impact. However, ultimately, parental choice determines the language choice for a child's education.

Comment

The buildings at Ysgol Llanhari need to be looked at to attract further Welsh medium pupils.

Response

The Council are passionate about investment and have invested over £200 million in school buildings over the last five years. We are aware of Ysgol Llanhari (secondary department) and we will continue to work with the school. The primary department has received substantial investment and is now of a 21st Century Schools standard.

Comment

Some parents may prefer bilingual / dual language and other parents may prefer all Welsh, but this cannot be predicted.

Comment

Nursery applications – may these be considered across the border?

Response

There is no cross-border provision for nursery education as nursery education is paid for by Rhondda Cynon Taf Council, not by the Welsh Government, hence, is only available to Rhondda Cynon Taf residents. This was part of the budget cuts implemented and it is not fair for residents from across the border to benefit from Rhondda Cynon Taf Council's budgets.

Bridgend Council are currently reviewing their nursery provision and there are similar border issues elsewhere in RCT.

Secondary school pupils attending schools across the border are funded by Welsh Government.

Question

299 houses will be built before the school building opens – where will these children go?

Response

There may be a need to provide temporary / mobile classroom accommodation for a short period and increase the school's admission number accordingly.

Question

One problem to take into account is parking issues. Aware that it is an issue in all schools, but could drop off points be included?

Response

The Council has authorised traffic impact assessments. These can then input into the discussions / negotiations with Persimmon.

Traffic will be reviewed on the proposed new and existing school sites and any recommendations following the Traffic Impact Assessment will be undertaken.

Question

Would the new building have a separate kitchen and ancillary spaces etc?

Response

This will be included.

Question

Would there be more provision for Special Educational Needs?

Response

All new school buildings are fully accessible and available to pupils with Additional Learning Needs.

Comment

With two school buildings, there needs to be a space for all staff to come together.

Response

There will be large enough spaces to accommodate staff meetings.

Comment

The Headteacher commented that the staff and governors of Dolau Primary School would ensure that this is the best school in the UK (not just RCT) and are really excited by the next phase.

AR thanked all for their attendance and inputs and encouraged all present to contact the Council with any further comments or concerns and emphasised that the Council aims to provide a fantastic new facility.

Two short video clips were played showing new schools recently constructed as part of the 21st Century Schools Programme at Cwmaman and Tonyrefail.

The meeting closed at 4:35pm

Estyn's response to the consultation by Rhondda Cynon Taf Borough Council to establish new primary school provision for the Llanilid housing development, by extending the provision of Dolau primary school, from September 2021.

Introduction

This report has been prepared by Her Majesty's Inspectors of Education and Training in Wales.

Under the terms of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and its associated Code, proposers are required to send consultation documents to Estyn. However Estyn is not a body which is required to act in accordance with the Code and the Act places no statutory requirements on Estyn in respect of school organisation matters. Therefore as a body being consulted, Estyn will provide their opinion only on the overall merits of school organisation proposals.

Estyn has considered the educational aspects of the proposal and has produced the following response to the information provided by the proposer and other additional information such as data from Welsh Government and the views of the Regional Consortia which deliver school improvement services to the schools within the proposal.

Summary/ Conclusion

The proposal appropriately sets out the need for additional educational provision to accommodate both the planned and potential for further housing development at Llanilid, Llanharan. It is Estyn's opinion that the proposal is likely to at least maintain the current standards of educational provision in the area.

Description and benefits

The proposal sets out clearly the need for additional nursery and pupil places arising from the planned housing developments and the potential for further developments in the area. The proposal appropriately considers the advantages and disadvantages associated with the extension of the current school, through the creative use of a new school build, alongside the construction of a major new housing development.

The proposal usefully explains how the current primary school at Dolau will respond to the increasing population expected within the new housing development, by using

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the new build as an extension to the existing school. The benefits of this approach are well set out within the proposal, which include the management of an 'ad hoc' demand for new places throughout the school year, associated with the arrivals of new residents. The proposer also explains well the disadvantages associated with the alternative of opening a brand new school immediately without full capacity.

The current primary school at Dolau is a dual stream school, and the expansion will accommodate both language preferences, therefore maintaining parental choice and should provide sufficient places as demand increases in the short term. However, the intended change from an extension to the existing school to the creation of a separate new school, and its language preference remains deferred until an unspecified time in the future.

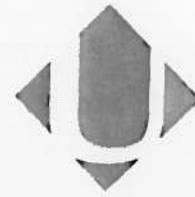
The proposer sets out well the current local authority practice for the provision of school transport, which is more generous than the statutory minimum. The proposal sets out clearly that the policy will be applied for pupils attending this school, and also takes into account the risk assessments for the walking routes to school, which are considered to be unsuitable for pupil foot traffic. Additionally the proposals sets out clearly the implications for secondary aged pupils who will live on this new housing development, and their options for either the closest school which is in neighbouring local authority, or the nearest English medium and Welsh medium schools in the proposer's local authority. The proposer also clarifies how the local authority's current policy for home to school transport will apply for these pupils.

The proposer provides detailed past and projected nursery places and pupil numbers for Dolau primary school, which take account of the expected numbers based on the current catchment, and the planned new development.

Educational aspects of the proposal

The construction of the new school, and its initial use as an extension to the current school should not represent a risk to the school and its education provision. The opportunities arising from additional space, state of the art classroom design and new outdoors facilities are likely to enhance the learning opportunities for pupils.

The proposal appropriately considers the likely impact of the new school on standards, provision and leadership by referring to the outcomes of the most recent Estyn inspections, as well as the Regional Consortium's categorisation of the school. In July 2015, Estyn judged the school's performance to be good, and its prospects for improvement also good. The local consortium categorises the school as green. This information supports the proposer's reasonable claim that Dolau Primary school should be able to maintain its current standards during the expansion.



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WRITTEN FEEDBACK FOR THE PROPOSAL TO EXTEND DOLAU PRIAMRY SCHOOL

Agree with proposal	Comments	Additional Views
Yes	For quality education you need to ensure you have the classroom sizes to cater for the population of the community.	<p>I would like to see Community Services taken into account and infrastructure of informed educational opportunities to be catered for - ensuring sufficient play and youth support services for the growing population of our community.</p> <p>I would like to see a joined up collaborative approach to this development involving local youth and community charity Llanharan Community Development Project (LCDP), with Persimmon Homes and Education working together to provide better community services outside of school hours.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -After school clubs - Outdoor play space - Open natural play space - Community building to support further education classes as well as informal education opportunities for all ages.
Not sure	<p>I agree that a large increase in the population of Llanharan will necessitate additional capacity within Dolau Primary School and longer term a new secondary school. My main concern is what changes will be made to the existing infrastructure to accommodate the increase in the population of Llanharan. The existing road through Llanharan struggles to cope with the volume of traffic using it at non rush hour period, especially at the railway bridge when larger vehicles or even vans pass each other. The situation outside the school during morning and evening drop off/pick up times is particularly bad, especially during the winter months when the weather is poor. Parents struggle to park their vehicles and park wherever they can – on verges, within the neighbouring estate or the Greggs car park. Will there be a drop off/pick up collection points for parents? It would be preferable for the students of Dolau to walk/cycle to school if possible which would reduce the requirement for parents to drive their children to school but the existing infrastructure doesn't encourage this.</p>	<p>Will Active Travel initiatives be included as part of the development scheme? The current road through Llanharan is unlit for the majority of the route which would be used by school children coming from the west of the new school building. The footpaths are narrow and not suitable for walking or cycling safely. The existing carriageway is narrow and does not lend itself to safe cycling, especially for young children. Cars pass along his section very quickly. Would a 20mph speed limit be introduced with crossing points for residents on the north side of the road to commute to school? The footpaths could be widened and a shared segregated cycle/pedestrian route introduced along the length of the A473. This road is well used by runners and dog walkers through the lighter summer months but in the dark evenings is hardly used due to the poor lighting etc mentioned previously. Also, the residents of the new Llanilid developments and existing residents at Enterprise Way may benefit from using the section of carriageway, currently not in use, being opened to remove additional vehicles off the A473. It will still be used as a rat run by large delivery vehicles etc. The new development will need as many access points as possible to reduce the volume of traffic using the roundabouts on the A473 thereby maintaining the flow of traffic on the A473. I look forward to seeing how the project develops.</p>
Yes	The extension to Dolau and further proposals will provide appropriate Primary Education	We would wish to support any choices made by residents who wish to select Pencoed

	<p>provision for the Housing Development at Llanilid</p>	<p>Comprehensive School (including the Penybont 6th Form College) as a school and 6th Form provision for their children. Our current capacity will allow residents of the development to opt for our school should they choose. The school currently has some 900 pupils on roll with a capacity of 1137. However, projections made by Bridgend County Borough Council (in its consultation document on the potential re-organisation of post-16 provision across Bridgend suggests that the school will be over capacity by 2022 taking account of new build programmes within the Local Authority boundaries. We note the commitment, in the consultation document, of the local authority to provide free transportation to this school, as it is the nearest English Medium Comprehensive School to the development.</p>
<p>Not sure</p>	<p>Y Pant School is already full. Pencoed has space for another 150/200 or so pupils. When the new secondary is built how will this affect the existing schools? Will they see a fall in numbers? Will the secondary school have a sixth form? If so how will this affect the current provision in both Pencoed and Y Pant. If the new school English medium is should be beneficial to Llanharri which is under-capacity.</p>	<p>Road, both main and side roads, are already congested to excess in this area. The motorway is also congested at peak times going into Cardiff. What effect will this have on existing housing in the immediate and wider vicinity?</p>

Appendix 3

Llanilid consultation – public event 18.10.18

Comments left on 'Have your say' boards:

- Great progress, but please consider 'play opportunities' for out of school times all year around. After school clubs, early years services – Llanharan community development project.
- Good opportunity for new changes
- Can you ensure that the green space isn't lost and the forest area isn't built on as this is great for the children's education?
- As a parent and teacher I feel this extension is too big for a primary school and am worried this would impact on the education my children would receive and the security.
- Can you ensure there will be sufficient childcare (including Welsh childcare) in the area for working parents?
- How will you deal with the 299 homes with children before the new school is ready? Parking is a major issue. How will this be dealt with? I'm worried such a big extension to a primary would affect quality.
- Can you please ensure that we promote benefits of raising your child bilingually with families in the area so they will consider Welsh language education?
- Please consider traffic access and parking spaces for school drop off/pick up. It is already extremely busy on Bridgend Road and surrounding areas.
- If the school is split into an English and Welsh site, can you ensure that all children will be given the same opportunities e.g choir, sport, eisteddfod regardless of their language medium.
- Woodland!

