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3-16 Catholic School Site Consultation

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Consultation on revised options for 3-16 Voluntary Aided Catholic school

Residents and other stakeholders are being asked for their views on revised options for Merthyr Tydfil's new single all through 3-16 Voluntary Aided (VA) Catholic school.

Following consultation, the County Borough Council approved in January this year, the land south of the Greenie, west of Galon Uchaf Road as the site for the school development.

Leading schools builder Willmott Dixon Construction was appointed to design and develop the school. The team has carried additional 'scoping work' to meet the Council's aims of presenting an alternative choice for the positioning of the school on the site, addressing concerns that were raised during the initial consultation and the potential to enhance the existing community facilities.

As a result, the two options below are now being put forward:

- Option 1 (a development of the approved option A from the initial consultation in November 2020) – now with all car parking and drop-off facilities on the same side of the road as the school building. There would also be shared use of one of the community playing fields, enhanced to an all-weather facility, and with car parking provided for community access out of school hours.

- Option 2 (an alternative configuration of the whole site) - the school building now being located on the current Greenie playing fields with both playing fields relocated to the southern end of the site. One of the playing fields would be a shared all-weather facility, and the other field would be accessible to the community at all times.

The Council is running a two-week consultation exercise from April 23rd - May 7th

Please find links to the survey and site pans here:
https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/rcschoolnewoptions/

Stakeholder consultation events are also being planned online so that the views of residents, community users of the Greenie playing fields, schools/governors, and other key stakeholders are considered and help inform the decision taken.

The new school is expected to open on the new site in September 2023 and its construction will mean closure of the current Bishop Hedley High School, St Aloysius RC Primary, and the Federation of St Illtyd's and St Mary's RC Primary Schools.

This provision is a partnership between the County Borough Council and the Archdiocese of Cardiff. The Most Reverend George Stack, Archbishop of Cardiff has said *"The new provision will put us in an advantageous position to deliver the new curriculum and give our children the benefits of an uninterrupted journey"* he added. *"it will allow us to continue to build upon the very good education currently offered in a state-of-the-art campus."*

Chief Officer, Learning, Sue Walker said: *"We're asking the community to support us in considering the amended options and choosing the best possible site for the school, the community and all stakeholders."*

For further media information, please contact Jackie Huybs on 01656 725515

Consultation on Revised Options for the 3-16 Voluntary Aided Catholic school

Following the initial consultation on the proposed siting of the 3-16 school and the additional scoping work undertaken with Willmott Dixon and the project team engaged to design and develop the school, Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council is consulting again with residents, local community stakeholders, schools, parishes and the wider community on two options for the siting of the all through 3-16 Voluntary Aided Catholic school.

We would be very grateful if you could take a short time to fill in our survey.

Please find links to the site plans here and here. *these are attached

1. Are you:
(please select one only that best describes you)

- ☐ a resident
- ☐ local community representative
- ☐ school pupil
- ☐ parent of pupil
- ☐ teacher/member of staff
- ☐ member of a local parish
- ☐ Other (please specify)

2. What is your view of Option 1?

3. **What is your view of Option 2?**

4. **Please rank the options out of 5.**

	Unfavourable 1	2	Satisfactory 3	4	Favourable 5
Option 1:	○	○	○	○	○
Option 2:	○	○	○	○	○

5. **What is your preferred option?**

☐ 1

☐ 2

6. **Are there any general comments which you wish to make?**

7. **How would you like to be kept informed on the development of the new school?**

☐ Email

☐ Letter

☐ Facebook/Twitter

☐ Other (please specify):

Option 1

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OPTION 1

PROS
The area identified for development is based on original Council approval for the location of the school
School building can be integrated within the woodland belt
Maintains the existing designated area of open space to north of site
Allows existing community sports pitches to remain in situ although there will be some relocation works due to the parking provided.
Enhances one community pitch to All-weather surface with floodlight provision shared with school
All parking and drop off located on the same side of road as school and so no pedestrians required to cross Galon Uchaf Road from parked vehicles/drop off.
One way loop road onto site will ease congestion if used properly due to long stack lengths / queue length capacity from the Junction.
Intuitive vehicle circulation on site with one way drop-off.
Passengers alighting on footpath not carriageway.
Good segregation of drop off facilities from the remainder of the parking provision
Compact and local visitor/accessible parking
CONS
Close proximity of school building to the residents living in the immediate vicinity of the school
All-weather surface pitch with floodlight provision will be located in close proximity to residential properties.
Staff parking and drop off located some distance from the school building.
The site does not allow good surveillance of the school grounds.
Requires community changing rooms to be relocated or shared use of school changing rooms
If the one-way road onto site is abused e.g. stopping without using a parking space, this could cause congestion.

School/ Community Facilities

A. All through school with separate entrances for primary and secondary pupils
B. Drop-off parking with safe route to school
C. Shared school/ community 3G football pitch (90x50m)
D. Grass Pitches (Senior + Junior Rugby)
E. Multi Use Hard Surface Sports Court
F. Pedestrian and Emergency Vehicle Access
G. Traffic calming measures to be confirmed during design stage
H. Gated Access
I. Community Grass Pitch (90x50m)
J. Existing Community MUGA
K. Relocated Community Playground
L. Pedestrian Access

Option 2

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OPTION 2

PROS
School building is set back further from residential properties
Promotes connection with neighbouring residential areas to north, west and east
Potential to use existing, safe pedestrian routes into the site from all directions
Improved facilities for community use will be relocated at the southern end of the existing site
Elevated position maximises daylight and increases visible presence of the school building within the community.
Maximises views for surveillance from the school building to the school grounds to the south.
All parking and drop off located on the same side of road as school and so no pedestrians required to cross Galon Uchaf Road from parked vehicles/drop off.
One way access/egress onto site will ease congestion if used properly due to long stack lengths / queue length capacity from the Junction.
Safer access / egress junctions with better visibility
Intuitive vehicle circulation on site with one way drop-off.
Passengers alighting on footpath not carriageway
More efficient use of land for road access/egress and so larger area available for sports and outdoor play facilities circa 3,000m2.

CONS
Requires existing sports pitches, changing areas and small playground to be relocated although existing MUGA is retained.
Community sports pitches/fields will be located in close proximity to residential properties including floodlight provision on all-weather surface.
Requires community changing rooms to be relocated or shared use of school changing rooms
The elevated location means the building will be prominent on site from the surrounding residential areas. This can also be a positive in respect of providing a visible community building.
Whilst they will be larger than the minimum size required, there is not enough space for 2 nr 100 x 64 m pitches to be provided.
If the one-way road onto site is abused e.g. stopping without using a parking space, this could cause congestion.

OPSIWN 2

MANTEISION
Adeilad yr ysgol wedi ei osod ym mhellach i ffwrdd o eiddo preswyl.
Hybu’r cyswllt gydag ardaloedd preswyl cymdogol i’r gogledd, gorllewin a’r dwyrain.
Potensial i ddefnyddio llwybrau cerdded cyfredol, diogel i mewn i’r safle o bob cyfeiriad.
Gwell cyfleusterau i’r gymuned eu defnyddio i’w adleoli ar ben deheuol y safle presennol.
Mae’r safle dyrchafedig yn gwneud y mwyaf o olau dydd ac yn cynyddu presenoldeb gweladwy adeilad yr ysgol yn y gymuned.
Gwneud y mwyaf o’r gallu i oruchwylio o adeilad yr ysgol i diroedd yr ysgol tua’r de.
Yr holl barcio a mannau gollwng wedi eu lleoli ar yr un ochr o’r ffordd â’r ysgol ac felly nid yw’n ofynnol i gerddwyr groesi Heol Galon Uchaf o gerbydau wedi eu parcio / ar ôl cael eu gollwng.
Bydd mynediad / allanfa un ffordd i’r safle’n lleddfu tagfa os yw’n cael ei ddefnyddio’n gywir yn sgil capasiti ciw hir o’r gyffordd.
Cyffyrdd mynediad / allanfa yn fwy diogel gyda gwell gwelededd.
Cylched cerbydau hawdd ei ddeall ar y safle gydag un man gollwng un ffordd.
Teithwyr yn disgyn i’r llwybr troed nid i’r ffordd gerbydau.
Defnydd mwy effeithiol o’r tir ar gyfer mynediad / allanfa o’r ffordd ac felly mwy o arwynebedd ar gael ar gyfer chwaraeon a chyfleusterau chwarae awyr agored, tua 3,000m2.
ANFANTEISION
Mae’n gofyn bod y meysydd chwaraeon presennol, mannau newid ac iard chwarae gyfredol yn cael eu hadleoli er y byddai’r MUGA presennol yn cael ei gadw.
Caiff meysydd/caeau chwaraeon cymunedol eu lleoli’n agos at eiddo preswyl yn cynnwys darpariaeth llif oleuadau ar arwyneb pob tywydd.
Mae’n gofyn bod ystafelloedd newid cymunedol yn cael eu hadleoli neu fod rhannu defnydd o ystafelloedd newid yr ysgol yn digwydd.
Mae’r lleoliad dyrchafedig yn golygu bydd yr adeilad yn amlwg ar y safle o’r ardaloedd preswyl amgylchynol. Gall hyn hefyd fod yn gadarnhaol o ran darparu adeilad cymunedol gweledol.
Tra y byddant yn fwy na’r maint lleiaf gofynnol, does dim digon o le i ddarparu 2 faes 100 x 64m.
Os gaiff yr heol un ffordd i’r safle ei chamddefnyddio e.e. stopio heb ddefnyddio man parcio, gallai hyn achosi tagfa.

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OPSIWN 1

MANTEISION
Mae’r ardal a ddynodwyd ar gyfer datblygu yn seiliedig ar gymeradwyaeth wreiddiol y Cyngor am leoliad yr ysgol.
Gall adeilad yr ysgol gael ei integreiddio o fewn llain coetir.
Cadw’r ardal ddynodedig bresennol o wagle agored i’r gogledd o’r safle.
Caniatáu meysydd chwaraeon cymunedol cyfredol i aros ble maen nhw er y bydd peth gwaith adleoli yn sgil y parcio a ddarperir.
Gwella un maes cymunedol i fod yn arwyneb pob tywydd gyda llif oleuadau i’w rannu gyda’r ysgol.
Yr holl barcio a gollwng i’w lleoli ar yr un ochr o’r ffordd â’r ysgol ac felly nid yw’n ofynnol i unrhyw gerddwyr groesi Heol Galon Uchaf o gerbydau wedi eu parcio / ar ôl gollwng.
Bydd lŵp un ffordd i’r heol yn lleddfu tagfeydd os gaiff ei ddefnyddio’n gywir yn sgil capasiti hyd y ciw o’r gyffordd.
Cylched cerbydau hawdd ei ddeall ar y safle gyda man gollwng un ffordd.
Teithwyr yn disgyn i’r llwybr troed, nid i’r ffordd gerbydau.
Gwahaniad da o ran cyfleusterau gollwng oddi wrth weddill y ddarpariaeth parcio.
Ychydig o le i barcio lleol/hygyrch.
ANFANTEISION
Adeilad yr ysgol yn agos at y preswylwyr sy’n byw yng nghyffiniau agos yr ysgol.
Bydd llain arwyneb pob tywydd gyda darpariaeth golau llifogydd wedi’i lleoli’n agos at eiddo preswyl.
Man parcio’r staff a man gollwng wedi eu lleoli peth pellter o adeilad yr ysgol.
Nid yw’r safle’n caniatáu goruchwyliaeth dda o diroedd yr ysgol.
Ystafelloedd newid cymunedol yn ofynnol i’w hadleoli neu rannu’r defnydd o ystafelloedd newid yr ysgol.
Os gaiff yr heol un ffordd i mewn i’r safle yn cael ei chamddefnyddio e.e. stopio heb ddefnyddio man parcio, gallai hyn achosi tagfa.

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3. Beth yw eich safbwynt am Opsiwn 2?

4. Gosodwch yr opsiynau rhwng 1 a 5.

	Anffafriol 1	2	Boddhaol 3	4	Ffafriol 5
Opsiwn 1:	○	○	○	○	○
Opsiwn 2:	○	○	○	○	○

5. Pa opsiwn sydd orau gennych?

☐ 1

☐ 2

6. Oes yna unrhyw sylwadau cyffredinol yr ydych am eu gwneud?

7. Sut hoffech gael gwybod y diweddaraf am ddatblygiad yr ysgol newydd?

☐ E-bost

☐ Llythyr

☐ Facebook/Twitter

☐ Arall (nodwch beth):

Ymgynghoriad ar yr Opsiynau Diwygiedig ar gyfer Ysgol Gatholig Wirfoddol a Gynorthwyir 3-16

Yn dilyn yr ymgynghoriad gwreiddiol am leoliad arfaethedig yr ysgol 3-16 a'r gwaith cwmpasu ychwanegol a wnaed gyda Willmott Dixon a thîm y prosiect a ymgysylltwyd i ddylunio a datblygu'r ysgol, mae Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Merthyr Tudful yn ymgynghori eto gyda phreswylwyr, rhanddeiliaid y gymuned leol, ysgolion, plwyfi a'r gymuned ehangach ar ddau opsiwn ar gyfer lleoli ysgol pob oed 3-16 Gatholig Wirfoddol a Gynorthwyir.

Byddem yn ddiolchgar iawn pe byddech yn treulio peth amser i gwblhau ein harolwg.

Mae dolenni i gynlluniau'r safle *mae'r rhain ynghlwm

1. **Ydych chi'n un o'r canlynol:**
(dewiswch un yn unig i'ch disgrifio chi orau)

☐ Preswyliwr

☐ Rhaddeiliad cymunedol lleol

☐ Disgybl ysgol

☐ Rhiant i ddisgybl

☐ Athro / aelod o'r staff

☐ Aelod o'r plwyf lleol

☐ Arall (nodwch beth)

2. **Beth yw eich safbwynt am Opsiwn 1?**

Ymgynghoriad ar opsiynau diwygiedig ar gyfer Ysgol Gatholig Wirfoddol a Gynorthwyir 3-16

Gofynnir am safbwyntiau preswylwyr a rhanddeiliaid eraill ynghylch opsiynau diwygiedig ar gyfer ysgol newydd pob oed 3-16 Gatholig Wirfoddol a Gynorthwyir (GG) i Ferthyr Tudful.

Yn dilyn ymgynghori, cymeradwyodd y Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol ym mis Ionawr eleni, dir i'r de o'r Greenie, sef i'r gorllewin o Heol Galon Uchaf, fel y safle ar gyfer datblygiad yr ysgol.

Penodwyd cwmni adeiladu arweiniol, Willmott Dixon Construction, i ddylunio a datblygu'r ysgol. Gwnaeth y tîm gyflawni 'gwaith cwmpasu' ychwanegol i fodloni nodau'r Cyngor o gyflwyno dewis amgen o ran lleoli'r ysgol ar y safle, gan fynd i'r afael â phryderon a godwyd yn ystod yr ymgynghoriad gwreiddiol a'r potensial i wella'r cyfleusterau cymunedol presennol.

O ganlyniad, mae'r ddau opsiwn isod yn cael eu gosod ger bron:

- Opsiwn 1 (datblygu opsiwn A a gymeradwywyd, o'r ymgynghoriad gwreiddiol ym mis Tachwedd 2020) – bellach gyda'r holl barcio ceir a chyfleusterau gollwng ar yr un ochr o'r ffordd ag adeilad yr ysgol. Byddai'r defnydd o un o'r caeau chwarae hefyd yn cael ei rannu a'i wella i fod yn gyfleuster pob tywydd, gyda pharcio ceir wedi ei ddarparu ar gyfer mynediad i'r gymuned y tu allan i oriau ysgol.
- Opsiwn 2 (ffurfweddiad amgen i'r safle cyfan) – lleoli adeilad yr ysgol ar gaeau chwarae cyfredol y Greenie, gyda'r ddau gae chwarae yn cael eu hadleoli i ben deheuol y safle. Byddai un o'r caeau chwarae yn gyfleuster pob tywydd sy'n cael ei rannu, a byddai'r cae arall yn hygyrch i'r gymuned ar bob adeg.

Mae'r Cyngor yn rhedeg ymarfer ymgynghori pythefnos o hyd o Ebrill 23 – 7 Mai.
Mae dolenni i'r arolwg a chynlluniau'r safle fan hyn:
https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/rcschoolnewoptions/

Mae digwyddiadau ymgynghori rhanddeiliaid hefyd yn cael eu cynllunio ar-lein fel bod safbwyntiau'r preswylwyr, defnyddwyr cymunedol am gaeau chwarae Greenie, ysgolion / llywodraethwyr, a rhanddeiliaid allweddol eraill yn cael eu hystyried ac yn helpu i lywio'r penderfyniad a gafwyd.

Disgwylir i'r ysgol newydd agor ar y safle newydd ym mis Medi 2023, a bydd ei hadeiladu yn golygu cau ysgol gyfredol Ysgol Uwchradd Esgob Hedley, Ysgol Gynradd Gatholig Sant Aloysius a Ffederasiwn Ysgolion Cynradd Gatholig Sant Illtyd a'r Santes Fair.

Mae'r ddarpariaeth hon yn bartneriaeth rhwng Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Merthyr Tudful ac Archesgobaeth Caerdydd. Dywedodd y Gwir Barchedig George Stack, Archesgob Caerdydd '*Bydd y ddarpariaeth newydd yn ein gosod mewn sefyllfa fanteisiol i ddarparu'r cwricwlwm newydd a rhoi buddion taith ddi-dor i'n plant'* ychwanegodd *'bydd yn ein galluogi ni i barhau i adeiladu ar yr addysg dda iawn a gaiff ei chynnig ar hyn o bryd mewn campws sydd ar flaen y gad.'*

Dywedodd y Prif Swyddog, Dysgu, Sue Walker: '*Rydym yn gofyn i'r gymuned ein cefnogi wrth ystyried yr opsiynau diwygiedig a dewis y safle gorau posibl i'r ysgol, y gymuned a rhanddeiliaid.*'

Am wybodaeth bellach i'r cyfryngau, cysylltwch â Jackie Huybs ar 01656 725515

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