

Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council

Site for the new 3-16 Voluntary Aided Catholic School - consultation notice

The local authority has been developing proposals for building a new single all-through 3-16 Voluntary Aided Catholic School either on the Greenie playing fields, or on the existing Bishop Hedley High School Site with use of one of the Buttercup Fields as a school grass rugby pitch.

Following feedback from residents as part of the public consultation completed in September 2021, the Council has agreed to carry out a further consultation on updated proposals.

This consultation, which includes a new site option, is being undertaken to give all stakeholders an opportunity to comment on the proposals and help support a final Council decision on the location.

Once all the responses have been received, a report will be taken to Full Council for a decision on the site.

The two options proposed are:

- **Option A** - the school building, car parking and drop-off located on the Greenie playing fields, with both playing pitches including community changing rooms relocated to the Buttercup fields. One of the new playing pitches would be a shared school/community all- weather facility, and the other would be accessible to the community at all times. An additional community facility on Phase 2 of the current Bishop Hedley High School site is also included.
- **Option B** – the school building, primary drop off and primary play areas located on Phase 2 of the current Bishop Hedley High School site, with car parking, sports hall and sports pitches on Phase 1 of the current Bishop Hedley High School Site. The Buttercup Fields would accommodate a school rugby pitch on plateau 2.

The consultation is running from Thursday 6th January 2022 to Thursday 17th February 2022 and the survey and proposal details, including site plans, can be accessed online via the following link <https://www.merthyr.gov.uk/vaschool>

Alternatively, paper copies can be requested from the Council, either by telephoning 01685 725000 or emailing 3-16vaschool@merthyr.gov.uk.

To ensure your views are captured, please complete the survey using the link above or via hard copy and return to the Council marked 'FAO 3-16 School Project' by Thursday 17th February 2022.

The above notice is compliant with the regulations set out in the Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions) (Wales) Measure 2010.