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School
Modernisation Team

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Dear Stakeholder/Consultee

Increasing the capacity of Ysgol Penyffordd from its current provision of 315 full time school places to 375 full time school places, an overall increase of 60 full time places from 1 September 2023.

On Tuesday 20 December 2022, Flintshire County Council's Cabinet determined the proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol Penyffordd from its current provision of 315 full time school places to 375 full time school places, an overall increase of 60 full time places from 1 September 2023.

The Cabinet considered the Proposal, the statutory objection received, and have responded in accordance with requirements of the School Organisation Code – Second Edition, 2018. The Cabinet decided to approve the proposal.

In determining the proposal, in accordance with the School Organisation Code, Cabinet were satisfied that it will:

- Maintain the current standard of education in the area and is expected to have a positive impact on standards at the school.
- Increase the capacity at the school, which since 2019 increased pupil demand and availability of capital investment under Section 106 planning contributions has created opportunity to further invest and expand the school.
- Provide sufficient capacity to meet the expected demand from local families for the foreseeable future.

The proposal has considered any equality issues identified through the completion of the equality impact assessment.

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Admission arrangements will be dealt with in line with the Local Authorities Admission Policy.

Transport of pupils shall be dealt with by reference to the Local Authorities Home to School Transport Policy.

Under section 54 of the 2013 Act where proposals have been approved by a Local Authority the following bodies may within 28 days refer the proposal to the Welsh Ministers for consideration;

- Another Local Authority affected by the proposal
- The appropriate religious body for any school affected by the proposal
- The Governing Body of a voluntary or foundation school subject to the proposal
- A trust holding property on behalf of a voluntary or foundation school subject to the proposal
- A further education institution affected by the proposal

It was noted that one Statutory Objection was received from Stakeholders during the formal Objection.

The Objector raised the following concerns during the objection period:

- Lack of foresight on the original build
- The increase in capacity leading the way to further housing development in Penyffordd
- Lack of investment in other vital local services and amenities

The concerns raised have been directly addressed in the Council's Objection Report which is available on the Flintshire County Council website via the following link <https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/School-Modernisation-Related/Home.aspx>

(should hard copies be required in either Welsh or English please email 21stcenturyschools@flintshire.gov.uk with the postal address).

Following the determination, the Council is committed to working with families, staff and Governors of Ysgol Penyffordd to ensure minimal disruption to pupils during expansion works.

Yours sincerely



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