

Date	Venue	Attendees	Question	Response
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	Why is Connahs Quay High in the review when it only has 10% surplus places?	The reviews are area based, options were formulated by councillors who looked at neighbouring schools. Connahs Quay High is the only school in this area that could accommodate a Post 16 hub. The hub could cater for other schools in the area.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	Why is Hawarden High not included in the area?	Councillors felt there was little potential for development on the Hawarden site. Connahs Quay High school site has a lot of potential for development and is also close to Deeside College.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	Have traffic issues within the area been taken into consideration?	If the options were progressed the traffic situation would be looked at critically and carefully for alternatives, maybe the Flintshire bridge to be considered as a route.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	Governor Comment:- Wanted parents to know that not all 70 councillors agree with the options and will be protesting against them. Lack of understanding to transport, and that demographic trigger points don't affect C.Quay. Other schools are not being looked at such as Flint High, want these options thrown out asap.	NSM - Development of options was carried out by a working party of entirely local councillors in the area and not by council officers and the opinions are that if the options are not suited then there should be further thought on this. There is funding available for the hub which we don't want to lose. Option 4 is technical matter closing and amalgamating. Decisions will be taken by the council on which option is to be taken forward.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	What is the acceptable level for surplus as a percentage?	National advice is that there should be no more than 10% surplus places overall. A % over 25 should trigger a review in accordance with Flintshire School Modernisation Strategy which also suggests a minimum size of 120 for post-16 provision. National guidelines, however,

				suggest a minimum of 150 students to provide resilient provision. The Strategy also suggests 600 pre 16 to give a sustainable provision.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	How are the options set out to achieve?	Funding from WAG and Flintshire County Council towards the post-16 'hub' in C.Quay. WAG is keen to see more resilient provision and positive development for the future. There are a number of challenges associated with any change in provision, but providers have looked at collaboration for the future. Size of any new provision would be critical to avoid creating additional surplus places.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	How is the hub going to work?	It will be managed by the governors and senior staff. Details of governance would need to be agreed at a future date.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	If John Summers and C.Quay are joined, who will be responsible for the upkeep of the building as there is a primary school, library and youth club still on site?	The Authority would still be responsible for the repairs and maintenance. The schools would still retain their budgets, and library and youth facilities would still be funded as at present.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	Method of keeping children involved?	Consultation with learners is being covered by the Children and Young People's Partnership, covering affected schools and meeting with the pupils. Information provided is similar to the booklet but more age appropriate. Responses referred to members. All will have a chance to have their say.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	Comment - Amalgamation, and the closing of two and opening one school could cause subjects to be split between schools.	
05/03/12	Connah's Quay	Parents/Carers of Connah's	Benefits to pupils if amalgamated?	Positives for C. Quay hosting a post 16 hub, would include new accommodation and

	High School	Quay High School Pupils		anextended curriculum. Refurbishment of the site as well.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	Comment - Closing both to one school is a non starter, still have two big schools and surplus places, back to when had Rowleys drive.	Acknowledgement of the issues with this option. Savings not that big by still maintaining two sites. The only savings would be in leadership and administration.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	Who decides the governors and heads post.	Amalgamation is administered by a temporary governing body made of representatives of the existing two schools. Temporary governors make the appointments of the headteacher and senior management. The temporary governing body will disband after the first term to be replaced by permanent body.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	Does the headteacher apply for the job?	If one head only wants to take on the combined schools this can be implemented by temporary governors. If two existing heads apply then the appointment is made by the temporary governing body.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	Is amalgamation going to affect pass rate? In 1984 two schools went to pieces because of this.	Have to be confident that any change is resilient and if not, then have to rethink. Provides opportunity for improvement.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	C. Quay has a catchment area so could send to Hawarden. Forms have feeder schools written on the form.	Not had catchment areas in a long time, nor feeder schools.

05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	Agree sixth form is a mismatch on travelling around but the hub is a good idea on site. C.Quay only has 10% surplus, shouldn't be tied in the decision, and adequate sixth form. Has Hawarden got sufficient? Why not amalgamate Hawarden and John Summers and not disrupt C.Quay?	There has been a lot of development in Hawarden over the years, there is little space for further expansion. C. Quay is acknowledged as a good school, close to Deeside College. Hawarden has regular appeals due to over subscription. This Option was not taken forward by councillors for Hawarden, but it is not a closed set of options, other options can be suggested and if better and more resilient they will be considered.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	Point – resident mentioned it is murder at the school in the evenings already and they can't get out of their driveways.	
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	C.Quay is a large town how are children going to be protected.	School teams and governors will ensure safeguarding of children before any options are decided. Safer routes to school etc.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	Comment - Driver behind C.Quay is WAG funding, decision taken to bid at early stage before the options were developed. Hawarden must be on the table. Is it politically protected?	
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	How long will it take for the hub to build? Why can't Flintshire CC leave the futures of other schools until built.	Development of for the 'hub' will work with mean working with leadership teams from schools. Building possibly 2013 to 2015 or even later, dependant on timing of funding.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay	Parents/Carers of Connah's	If the Sealand houses build affect John Summers and C.Quay, where does C. Quay stand then?	Significant build taken into account. If all the predicted output did go to John Summers there

	High School	Quay High School Pupils		will still be surplus places.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	C. Quay 10% surplus, has the Wepre 400 homes build took into consideration?	Pupil number projections have taken this into account together with local development plan.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	Point – Keep C.Quay as is but open for discussion on the hub i.e. C.Quay and Deeside College. Feeder schools affected, look at primary feeders. The options are not workable and a no goer.	
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	Point – One area for concern is post 16 travelling to different schools for education, positive to have hub as an advantage. Governors will oppose the options vigorously but hub proposals welcome.	
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	How can Flintshire CC keep two schools that are not fit for 21 st century?	Amalgamations can draw additional funding to improve accommodation. The Welsh Government funding helps with this but other options have no Welsh Government funding.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	Community housing in Wepre and Sealand. Additional primary school places will put pressures on high school future plans.	These developments have been included in the projections, there is more significant impact on Sealand from the Northern Gateway which could affect John Summers but even so will not enable John Summers to meet criterion of 600 11-16 pupils.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High	How many houses?	Anticipated 650 over a number of years, the options have allowed for this increase also.

	School	School Pupils		
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	Why C.Quay included in the review with it being a good school	C.Quay indeed is a good school. The reviews are conducted on an area basis, and C.Quay has the potential to have additional development of a post-16 'hub'. Reviews not conducted on the basis of standards.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	Children are worried and one parent's daughter prepared to sit handcuffed in objection. Wants to go to sixth form at C.Quay then go to college. Want consideration of linking John Summers and Hawarden.	Suggestions prior to the summer did include Hawarden, however, Hawarden is full already and there are few options on how could be expanded. Positive co-working with college and school will consist of shared working with the college such as with sport and science.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	Different views by councillors some who objected to options involving C.Quay. Trigger points of % surplus doesn't affect C.Quay. These are issues of Flint and Saltney and several primary schools. Why is Hawarden not included? Where there are no traffic problems, closer to John Summers. Are you willing to look at Hawarden?	Three secondary schools with over 30% surplus. Options aimed at solving the problems were discussed intensely and redefined the summer options. Councillors for the local areas came up with the new options. Can't cure surplus in John Summers unless the school is closed. Will look at Hawarden on any option, but must focus on John Summers surplus problem.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	Point - Governors unanimously objected the options only interested in Post 16 hub. No benefit for under 16 learners. John Summers will never achieve its numbers, so why not go to Hawarden High? First set of options leaked to press by a member of the Leader Strategy Group? 1 of 9 members	

			possibly leaked this information.	
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	Why was Hawarden not included?	Hawarden not excluded, it was not put forward by Members for consideration due to its limited site.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	Why other solutions to the issues not a possibility for consideration.	Councillors had all necessary information but if any other options put forward that are resilient then these will be considered.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	How are pupil numbers worked out for the areas with new development?	Estimates are obtained from planners for figures of number of units i.e. larger houses etc recognised national formula and methodology applied which allows projections, but time frame for completion unpredictable, could be several years for a large development.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	Does Option 4 offer any views what amalgamation school will look like affecting learners i.e. staff.	The amalgamation of a secondary school on a split site offers a number of challenges relating to travel, curriculum and management. Students well-being is paramount as is the priority to avoid disrupting education. In any amalgamated school, the Vision would be developed by the Head, Governors and staff.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	Views on how amalgamation will work?	Advice given to Councillors on the challenges of managing a split site. This arrangement does work in the primary sector as demonstrated in Mynydd Isa, however, Secondary Schools provide additional challenge.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High	Why option 1 and 2 in the offering, why not increase the numbers of pupils attending?	These options do not address the issue of surplus places. Parental preference dictates number on roll at the schools.

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05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	Point – John Summers have 500 pupils approx, affect on buses, taxis, education, football teams, impact on children, snow implications.	Pupil number in the region of 380. Consideration of transport would need to be made in terms of time, congestion etc.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	Will Flintshire CC consider removing the options?	Councillors will decide on the options.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	How many pupils in Hawarden?	1166 pre-16 and 201 in the sixth form one of the largest in the county.
05/03/12	Connah's Quay High School	Parents/Carers of Connah's Quay High School Pupils	How will option 4 work?	If this was to go forward, a robust plan would be needed to ensure the continuity of provision and safeguards for standards.
06.03.2012	John Summers High School	Parents/Carers of John Summers High School Pupils	Q. In option 3 you say there will be no change to John Summers High but we need it updating – e.g. Wheelchair friendly	All areas of the school needing to be accessible should be updated. However, we only have indicative amounts for capital spend available. A part of any future investment with the option will be new building work.
06.03.2012	John Summers High School	Parents/Carers of John Summers High School Pupils	Q How will you safeguard my nephews education for 5 years at John Summers High.	We will need to take our time over these issues which will mean the changes taking place over a 5 – 10 year period. We understand your anxiety.
06.03.2012	John	Parents/Carers	Q. Can a 16+ Hub next to a college work. Doesn't	There is evidence that this kind of arrangement

	Summers High School	of John Summers High School Pupils	it remove the purpose of a 6 th form.	does work. Any new development would mean a reduction in post-16 capacity in other schools.
06.03.2012	John Summers High School	Parents/Carers of John Summers High School Pupils	Q If we have option 3 do we have a vote what is the procedure? If the decision is put back in to Cardiff, will they realise the strength of feeling locally.	Initial decisions will be for Flintshire Councillors. If there are objections to a future proposal then all evidence, including responses and objections are sent to the Welsh Government.
06.03.2012	John Summers High School	Parents/Carers of John Summers High School Pupils	Q. Do we have enough students post 16 to need a new facility.	Young people travel widely and there are more than enough young people staying on to 6 th form as there are less jobs/ apprenticeship opportunities.
06.03.2012	John Summers High School	Parents/Carers of John Summers High School Pupils	Question from a Young person: The reason I joined the 6 th form was partly because of the very supportive staff. How will this affect their jobs?	You would be guaranteed continuity for your 2 years. We are proud of our pastoral care received here. We always work hard to achieve staff continuity in the event of any changes in schools.
12/03/12	Deeside Leisure Centre	Parents/Carers of Deeside Consortium Schools	John Summers High School has a larger amount of pupils with learning difficulties. How will they mix? Can pupils be placed in solitary confinement?	All Schools need to make provision for pupils of all abilities. Resource Units are available within the County for pupils with behavioural difficulties, not confinement.
12/03/12	Deeside Leisure Centre	Parents/Carers of Deeside Consortium	The first two options are going to cost a lot of money. How are you going to fund them as they do not create revenue savings?	Some funding could be secured through prudential borrowing. Revenue savings would go back into the corporate savings pot,

		Schools		however Welsh Government funding is not available, increasing costs to Flintshire County Council.
12/03/12	Deeside Leisure Centre	Parents/Carers of Deeside Consortium Schools	Northern Gateway – How many houses areas are expected to be built? How many pupils will this create?	The development is expected to create 650 houses (Sizes unknown at present) over a number of years. This would generate 195 Primary Pupils and 142 Secondary Pupils.
12/03/12	Deeside Leisure Centre	Parents/Carers of Deeside Consortium Schools	Why can't Hawarden be expanded?	Hawarden High School cannot be expanded as it is on a restricted site and the Welsh Government will not provide funding for schools to expand just because they are popular.
12/03/12	Deeside Leisure Centre	Parents/Carers of Deeside Consortium Schools	Why can't we consider amalgamating John Summers High School with Hawarden High School, split over two sites. This may create positivity towards John Summers High School.	If you feel this is an option then complete a response form with your proposals and this can be taken forward as part of the consultation.
12/03/12	Deeside Leisure Centre	Parents/Carers of Deeside Consortium Schools	If no decision is made on the future of the schools following the consultation. Will it then become a Welsh Government decision?	Yes, so it is worth spending time and getting the consultation right.
12/03/12	Deeside Leisure Centre	Parents/Carers of Deeside Consortium Schools	If the Hub were to be built in Connah's Quay, when will this be built?	Welsh Government funding has only been approved in principle at the moment, and no date for possible funding has been given.
12/03/12	Deeside Leisure Centre	Parents/Carers of Deeside Consortium Schools	If you build a hub in Connah's Quay, and take the 6 th form provision out of Connah's Quay School, this will create surplus places at Connah's Quay. As the option to amalgamate John Summers High School and Connah's Quay has not been supported, the pupils from John Summers High School would not fill up the school.	We would need to look at reducing surplus places elsewhere including reducing building size.
12/03/12	Deeside	Parents/Carers	It is possible that the option you go for is no	No, the Authority has had three Estyn

	Leisure Centre	of Deeside Consortium Schools	change?	Inspections that says we have to do something about reducing surplus places. If the Authority were to take no action the Minister can intervene.
12/03/12	Deeside Leisure Centre	Parents/Carers of Deeside Consortium Schools	With reference to Option 3 there is a positive attitude from John Summers High School but would like to add additional comment regarding having 1 head and 1 governing body for the Primary and Secondary schools, especially regarding there being a close relationship between the Primary and Secondary. The primary was not consulted by the secondary school and therefore is not a close relationship.	John Summers High School is positive about creating an even closer relationship with the primary school. This will involve a lot of discussions to shape how this will work i.e. investment and refurbishment. Both parties need to participate before it could become a proposal.
		Parents/Carers of Deeside Consortium Schools	Azi Rashud had discussions with the governors and parents and they like the option Pre 16 as this rids the transition on the campus right up to 16. The general consensus was for further options. John Summers expressed a preference about 1 head and 1 governing body concerns and option 3 was the one preferred.	There are other things to consider such as foundation phase in Wales, nursery into primary, how to share resources, primary and secondary specialist facilities.
		Parents/Carers of Deeside Consortium Schools	Comment from Headteacher of Queensferry. There is a good relationship, the schools have always shared facilities and can not see not working closely with the secondary school.	
		Parents/Carers of Deeside Consortium Schools	Option 3 regarding 3-16 is an exciting idea but will have an affect on the Croft Nursery in Shotton and other primaries regarding transition issues.	If this option was to be progressed it would need consultation with the Croft. Opening of a nursery at Queensferry will have an affect on numbers. There are only two primaries that don't have nurseries and additional childcare in

				the area will need to be considered as a whole.
		Parents/Carers of Deeside Consortium Schools	Option 3 - no change to existing building but states the primary is in need of remodelling. Why can't join options?	Investment is needed at John Summers High School as these are old buildings. Option 3 is unlikely unless remodelling is carried out.
		Parents/Carers of Deeside Consortium Schools	Why is Hawarden not in the mix. Heard it would be considered at previous meetings but the issue with Hawarden is this is not likely, yet it was said would be. What has changed since?	Any other option can be added and views into the mix for consultation with a good case behind them, this still has to be considered. NS – Hawarden will be looked at. John Summers High School has a strong push for Option 3.
		Parents/Carers of Deeside Consortium Schools	Croft Nursery was told by the LEA it doesn't affect them but this has not come out in tonight's discussion. People need to be aware. C.Quay main concern is Option 4 and NS press release feel need for amalgamation, if thinking of removing Option 4 then the people tonight can go home.	If Option 3 is developed it would have an affect but will need separate consultations with the Croft. Acknowledged that Option 4 is not supported but technically has to consulted on as it was put forward by Members.
		Parents/Carers of Deeside Consortium Schools	Comment – Sealand missed out again, it is a good school and may be a detrimental affect on Sealand. The head copied the letter out to parents and felt fed up they missed out on distribution of booklets.	Booklets were sent to all schools including Sealand. No intention of providing booklets for every parent, but more would be sent as necessary.
		Parents/Carers of Deeside Consortium Schools	Regarding Option 3 16-18 at Connah's Quay, will pupils have to stay on? Will John Summers pupils have to go to Connah's Quay post 16 hub? Will John Summers still have the option?	No, in terms of staying on to 18 there is no proposal to make statutory change. 97.2% of 16-18 year olds currently stay on for sixth form, College or apprenticeship. Admissions regulations mean that parents can express a

				preference for pre-16. Students post-16 have the option of attending any suitable provision. Students currently access some post-16 provision elsewhere.
		Parents/Carers of Deeside Consortium Schools	Is the Post 16 hub just being developed for the local area or for the whole of the sixth form provision? This could affect parents decision.	There is already collaborative working 14-16 and post-16 between schools and Deeside College. The C.Quay site being close to the College site does provide potential for future development in providing a diversity of choices for young people, and a reduction in travel between centres to access the full curriculum offer. The option would form a concentration of provision at C.Quay for the local Deeside area.
		Parents/Carers of Deeside Consortium Schools	Comment – C.Quay Hub could focus on post 16 education and a modern building is a major step forward.	
		Parents/Carers of Deeside Consortium Schools	Comment - Regarding the Post 16 Hub for children this is the best option that people prefer, but the tax payer would have concerns regarding how close this is to the college.	
		Parents/Carers of Deeside Consortium Schools	Regarding Option 3 how will children be helped to integrate?	Regarding primary and secondary phases, there would be separated departments away from each other. Careful transition arrangements between the primary and secondary children would be needed. Families could be invited to get to know the school better with detailed information for a smooth transition through the school.

	Parents/Carers of Deeside Consortium Schools	Surplus in Deeside College to take those 16-18 year olds? Then money can be saved for John Summers or Connah's Quay High School.	The college has facilities that the school doesn't have. It is feasible that the College could make use of school facilities. Utilising that there is sufficient surplus to accommodate all 16-18 year olds in the College.
	Parents/Carers of Deeside Consortium Schools	Comment – Have gaps been identified and making best use of funding after identifying where the shortfall is.	
	Parents/Carers of Deeside Consortium Schools	Concern – Sealand homes being built, surplus places will be filled, will this end up in a reverse situation?	Projections take into account this and it will be a number of years before the development is completed. Even so, the projected out put would not fill the surplus.
	Parents/Carers of Deeside Consortium Schools	The hub has attracted Welsh Government money, have pupils been involved?	Yes. Young people will be asked their opinions. An additional phase of consultations is scheduled with children and young people, which will be coordinated by the Children & Young People Partnership.