



Consultation Document

on the Proposal to create a New 420 place Primary School

as part of the
Llantwit Learning Community by amalgamating
Eagleswell and Llanilltud Fawr Primary Schools



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What is the purpose of this consultation?

The council has a duty to review the number and type of schools in the area and to make the best use of resources to raise standards in schools.

The Welsh Government's 21st Century schools programme is a major, long-term and strategic capital investment programme to create;

- Learning environments for children and young people aged from 3-19 that will enable the successful implementation of strategies for school improvement and better educational outcomes;
- A sustainable education system through better use of resources to improve efficiency and cost effectiveness; and
- A 21st century schools standard for all schools which also reduces the recurrent costs, energy consumption and carbon emissions.

This document explains the Councils proposal to create a new 420 place primary school as part of the Llantwit Learning Community by amalgamating Eagleswell and Llanilltud Fawr Primary schools. The Llantwit Learning Community would meet the aims of the 21st Century Schools Programme to enable the schools and community to access a wide range of new facilities.

Our consultation process follows Welsh Government guidelines. It is an opportunity to learn about the proposal and for the Council to hear the views of all those with an interest so that they can be taken into account before decisions are made.

1.1

The consultation process

The Council must consult on school organisation proposals when they are at an informal stage and before formal proposals are published. A range of individuals and groups are being asked for their views about the proposal including:

Staff (teaching and non-teaching) at Eagleswell and Llanilltud Fawr Primary schools	Governors and Parents / Carers of children at Eagleswell and Llanilltud Fawr Primary schools
Vale of Glamorgan Children Children and Young People's Partnership and Learning and Skills Partnership	Vale of Glamorgan Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership (EYDCP)
Communities First Partnership	Community Councillors / Llantwit Major Town Council
Local Councillors	Assembly Member (AM)/ Member of Parliament (MP)/Regional Assembly Member
Welsh Language Commissioner	RHAG
National Union of Teachers (NUT)	National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT)

Association Of Teachers & Lecturers (ATL)	Undeb Cenedlaethol Athrawon Cymru (UCAC)
National Association Of Head Teachers (NAHT)	The Professional Association of Teachers (PAT)
UNISON	GMB Union
Neighbouring Primary and Secondary schools in the Vale of Glamorgan	Transport and General Workers' Union (T&G)
ERW – Education through Regional Working	Director of Education – All Neighbouring Authorities
Regional Transport Consortium	Local Service Board
Local Police and Crime Commissioner	Joint Education Service
Estyn	Welsh Ministers
LA ALN/Pupil Improvement Service	Diocesan Directors of Education

1.2 Consultation with pupils

There will be an opportunity for the pupils of Eagleswell and Llanilltud Fawr schools to participate in the consultation process through their school councils during a consultation session at the schools. The information gathered from the consultation with pupils will form part of the consultation report, which will be submitted to the Council's Cabinet for consideration following the consultation period.

1.3 How can you find out more and give your views?

In addition to this consultation document, drop-in sessions have been arranged where the proposal will be explained. These are provided so you can ask questions and make comments that will be recorded. You may also provide your views in writing.

Details of the consultation meetings are given below:

Nature of consultation	Date/Time	Venue
Staff meeting	14 January	Eagleswell Primary
Governing Body Meeting	14 January	Eagleswell Primary
Drop in session	3 February	Eagleswell Primary
Staff meeting	24 January	Llanilltud Fawr Primary
Governing Body Meeting	24 January	Llanilltud Fawr Primary
Drop in session	4 February	Llanilltud Fawr Primary

The consultation period

This will run from the 16th December 2013 to 10th February 2014. Your views are important to us, please tell us what you think about the proposal by:

- Completing and returning the enclosed consultation response form to the address given at the bottom of the form
- E-mail your views to Llantwitlearningcommunity@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk
- Completing the on line response form at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/llantwitlearningcommunity

Alternatively you can submit your views in writing to:

Llantwit Learning Community
Corporate & Customer Services
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
FREEPOST SWC2936
Barry CF63 4GZ

You can submit your views in favour of or against the proposal. This is a formal consultation but responses received will not be treated as statutory objections which form part of the statutory notice period. If you wish to object, you will need to do so in writing during the statutory objection period outlined at section 3 of this document, the Statutory Process Timetable.

Please note that all comments sent in writing or by e-mail must contain the full name and full postal address of the person making the comments.

The closing date for responses to this consultation is the 10th February 2014, unfortunately no responses received after this date can be considered by the Council.

What is the proposal

The Council proposes to establish the Llantwit Learning Community to transform educational opportunities in Llantwit Major. The Llantwit Learning Community will be located on the current Llantwit Major Comprehensive, Llanilltud Fawr Primary and Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant sites. The Llantwit Learning Community will comprise a remodelled Llantwit Major Comprehensive School, a new 420 place primary school formed from the amalgamation of Eagleswell and Llanilltud Fawr primary schools and expansion of Ysgol Dewi Sant to a 210 place school. The three schools would be co-located on the same site but retain their separate identities and would benefit from shared facilities.

This document details the proposal to amalgamate Llanilltud Fawr and Eagleswell primary schools into a single 420 place school with nursery. If approved, the two schools could become a single school in September 2015. The newly amalgamated school would operate on two separate sites initially, under a single governing body and Headteacher, up until 2017. In 2017 a new 420 place school building would be provided.

Due to the legal requirements of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, which governs this proposal, the Council has to close both Eagleswell and Llanilltud Fawr Primary school and open a new 420 place school to complete the amalgamation of the two schools. There will be no gap in children's education due to this legal process.

Details of how the amalgamated school will operate over two sites, its common policies and procedures and its staffing structures would be developed by the temporary governing body and Headteacher who would be appointed before the amalgamation.

Funding to build a new 420 place school will only be available if the existing Eagleswell Primary site is sold. The school site would have to be sold before the new school is built but the Council will not hand over the Eagleswell Primary site until after the new school is built to ensure that children do not have to move to temporary classrooms.

The sale of the site and providing the new school building are not part of this statutory education consultation process and will be consulted on through the planning system. Due to timescales for the sale of the land and building a new school it could be 2017 before the new school building opens.

2.1

Background

The aims of the Welsh Governments 21st Century schools programme detailed previously are:

- Learning environments for children and young people in Wales aged from 3-19 that will enable the successful implementation of strategies for school improvement and better educational outcomes;
- A sustainable education system through better use of resources to improve the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the education estate which enhances local public service provision; and
- A 21st century schools standard for all schools in Wales which also reduces the recurrent costs, energy consumption and carbon emissions.

In response to the 21st Century Schools initiative the Council submitted a 21st Century Schools Strategic Outline Programme to the Welsh Government in October 2010 for funding towards the Llantwit Learning Community, comprising a new 1,050 place Llantwit Major Comprehensive School, a new 420 place English medium school formed from the amalgamation of Eagleswell and Llanilltud Fawr primary schools and a 210 Welsh medium school to expand Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant.

In 2011 all Welsh Councils were required to submit revised programmes due to reduced levels of funding available from the Welsh Government. The council's revised programme included the refurbishment and remodelling of the comprehensive school and the expansion of Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant to 210 places. At that time it was not possible to

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include the new amalgamated Eagleswell and Llanilltud Fawr Primary school in the revised programme.

Due to the condition of both Eagleswell and Llanilltud Fawr primary school buildings, particularly the Llanilltud Fawr building which will need to be replaced, feasibility work on the Llantwit Learning Community to include the amalgamated school has continued.

2.2

School places and demographic data

Llantwit Major and the surrounding area is served by three English medium primary schools. St Illtyd Primary school has 379 places and is situated near the centre of Llantwit Major. Llanilltud Fawr Primary school which has 210 places is located next to the comprehensive school on Ham Lane East. Eagleswell Primary, a 210 place school is situated in the centre of a housing estate to the North of Llantwit Major. The area is also served by a Welsh medium Primary school, Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant, located adjacent to the comprehensive school on Ham Lane East with 90 places currently available. The area has a total of 889 primary school places available for children living in the Llantwit Major and surrounding area.

There are 721 primary age children living in Llantwit Major, 569 children (79%) attend schools in the area and 152 (21%) children attend schools outside the area in Barry, Cowbridge, Penarth, St Athan and Wick. Children living in Llantwit Major requiring a denominational education will either attend Wick & Marcross Church in Wales Primary School or St Helens Roman Catholic School in Barry.

A high degree of pupil movement is noticeable in the Llantwit Major area between the catchment areas of the primary schools. A small proportion of children living in both Eagleswell and Llanilltud Fawr catchment areas attend their local school, only 89 (33%) children out of 268 living in the Eagleswell catchment area attend Eagleswell Primary School and 85 (50%) children out of 171 living in Llanilltud Fawr catchment area attend Llanilltud Fawr Primary. Pupil data also shows movement between the two catchment areas with 45 children attending Llanilltud Fawr Primary from the Eagleswell catchment area and 8 attending Eagleswell Primary from the Llanilltud Fawr Primary catchment area. The table below indicates the schools attended by primary-age pupils resident in the catchment areas of schools in the Llantwit Major and surrounding areas.



Schools Attended by Children Living in Catchment Area								
Catchment Area	Catchment Population	Egleswell	Llanilltud Fawr	St Illtyd	St Athan	Wick	Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant	Other Vale Schools
Egleswell Primary	268	89	45	89	0	8	4	33
Llanilltud Fawr Primary	171	8	85	44	3	4	4	23
St Illtyd Primary	277	35	48	113	7	29	5	40
St Athan	282	26	15	69	143	25	1	3
Wick	64	1	0	4	0	38	1	20

Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant is not included in the above table, the schools catchment area is the sum total of all the primary schools above and is the only Welsh medium school within the cluster.

2.3

Improving School Buildings and Facilities

A school site, its buildings and grounds, provide the infrastructure which supports learning and development. There is clear evidence that physical elements in the school environment can have discernible effects on teachers and learners. A school building should inspire learning. An inadequate learning environment can have detrimental effects on concentration, mood, well-being, attendance and, ultimately, attainment.

2.3.1 Eagleswell Primary School

Egleswell Primary School was built in the early 1970s and comprised separate infant and junior schools which were amalgamated in 2000 and physically linked via a covered corridor. The buildings are generally in an average condition and suffer from numerous leaks to the flat roof. Upgrading works are required to the heating and toilets and a double demountable classroom is nearing the end of its effective life. The school is located on a large site measuring approximately six acres. The school has a high number of surplus places.

2.3.2 Llanilltud Fawr Primary School

The main building of Llanilltud Fawr primary school was built in the early 1950s by the Bristol Aircraft Company diversifying after World War II and is aluminium framed and clad. Due to the age and type of construction, regular structural inspections are carried out to provide early warning of any deterioration of the building. The school also consists of a separate nursery and reception class block along with two

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demountables. The single classroom demountable installed in approximately 2000 is in good condition, the other demountable provides three interlinked classrooms and is in poor condition despite repairs carried out by the school. In addition, the main block roof and the heating boiler will require renewal within the next five years.

Both schools need significant investment to maintain and improve the fabric of their buildings. Llanilltud Fawr Primary School building requires replacement in the medium term and Eagleswell requires upgrading. Lower levels of capital funding have reduced the opportunities for addressing the condition issues of both school buildings. This type of investment would not fully meet the aims of the 21st Century Schools Programme.

2.4

Schools and pupil information

General School Information							
School	Type of School	Language Category	Admission Number at I/13 PLASC*	School Capacity at I/13 PLASC*	Number on Roll at I/13 PLASC*	Age Range	Nursery Places Part time equivalent
Llantwit Major Area							
Eagleswell Primary	Community Primary	English Medium	30	210	169	4-11	52
Llanilltud Fawr Primary	Community Primary	English Medium	30	210	198	4-11	62
St Illtyd Primary	Community Primary	English Medium	54	379	331	4-11	76
Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant	Community Primary	Welsh Medium	30	30**	15	4-7***	32

*Pupil level Annual School Census (PLASC)

**School capacity of 30 at PLASC date with only a mixed reception / year 1 class in operation at the school. The school opened in 2011 with a reception class of 30 that would increase incrementally by 30 each year for further year groups

***School currently accommodates the Nursery to year 1 age range at PLASC date

School Number on Roll Information						
School	School Capacity Jan 2013 PLASC*	Number on Roll Jan 2013 PLASC*	Number on Roll Jan 2012 PLASC*	Number on Roll Jan 2011 PLASC*	Number on Roll Jan 2010 PLASC*	Number on Roll Jan 2009 PLASC*
Llantwit Major Area						
Eagleswell Primary	210	169	170	204	215	204
Llanilltud Fawr Primary	210	198	208	211	208	211
St Illtyd Primary	379	331	331	335	321	317
Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant	30	15	3	n/a	n/a	n/a

*Pupil level Annual School Census (PLASC)

Amalgamated School Information							
School	Type of School	Language Category	Admission Number at 1/16 PLASC*	School Capacity at 1/16 PLASC*	Number on Roll at 1/16 PLASC*	Age Range	Nursery Places Part time equivalent
Llantwit Major Area							
Amalgamated School	Community Primary	English Medium	60	420	370**	4-11	96

*Pupil level Annual School Census (PLASC)

**Projected School data

School Projection Information							
School	School Capacity at Jan 2013 PLASC	Current Number on Roll Jan 2013 PLASC*	Projected Number on Roll Jan 2014 PLASC*	Projected Number on Roll Jan 2015 PLASC*	Projected Number on Roll Jan 2016 PLASC*	Projected Number on Roll Jan 2017 PLASC*	Projected Number on Roll Jan 2018 PLASC*
Llantwit Major Area							
Eagleswell Primary	210	166	166	161	0	0	0
Llanilltud Fawr Primary	210	198	207	206	0	0	0
St Illtyd Primary	379	331	329	334	329	317	313
Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant	30	15	31	55	76	106	136
Amalgamated School	0	0	0	0	370	361	362

*Pupil level Annual School Census (PLASC)

A double classroom unit was added to Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant in August 2013 increasing capacity to 90. Proposals to expand the school to 210 places by September 2015 will be submitted to the Welsh Government in December 2013

2.5

The proposal to create a new 420 place primary school as part of the Llantwit Learning Community by amalgamating Eagleswell and Llanilltud Fawr primary schools

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The following options were considered before Cabinet decided to consult on the preferred option to amalgamate Eagleswell and Llanilltud Fawr primary schools.

The status quo – maintain schools in present form

Whilst overall performance and outcomes at Eagleswell and Llanilltud Fawr primary school are good, the school buildings are in poor condition and require replacement or substantial upgrading in the medium term. The lower levels of capital funding currently available has reduced the opportunity of addressing the condition issues of both school buildings.

Maintaining the status quo would not fully meet the aims of the 21st Century Schools Programme.



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Remodel Llantwit Major Comprehensive School, carry out major repairs to Eagleswell Primary and build a new Llanilltud Fawr Primary school on the existing site

This proposal is a remodelled Llantwit Major Comprehensive, repair Eagleswell Primary using asset renewal funding and build a new Llanilltud Fawr Primary on the existing site as part of 21st Century Schools Band B funding which is due to commence in 2020. This would provide a 'second best' building for Llantwit Major Comprehensive. There is no capital receipt available under this scheme and there is also the risk with this option that the Llanilltud Fawr building will fail before Band B funding becomes available in 2020.

Deliver an enhanced Llantwit Major Comprehensive Scheme, carry out major repairs to Eagleswell Primary and build a new Llanilltud Fawr Primary on the existing site

This proposal is for an enhanced Llantwit Major Comprehensive scheme consisting of the refurbishment of the main block and replacement of the remaining blocks with a new building, Eagleswell Primary would be repaired using asset renewal funding and a new building would be built for Llanilltud Fawr Primary on the existing site as part of 21st Century Schools Band B funding which is due to commence in 2020. This option is not considered affordable because the additional costs of the enhanced Llantwit Comprehensive scheme and new Llanilltud Fawr Primary would be incurred without a contribution from a capital receipt resulting from the sale of the Eagleswell site. There is also the risk with this option that the Llanilltud Fawr building will fail before the Band B funding becomes available in 2020.

Build a 420 place school on the Eagleswell Primary site to replace both Eagleswell and Llanilltud Fawr primary schools

Consideration was given to building a new 420 place school on the Eagleswell site to replace the current school buildings which would be funded from the capital receipt generated from the sale of the Llanilltud Fawr site.

Assessment of this option revealed that the estimated value of the land would not be enough to cover the cost of the scheme. In addition, wider efficiencies which could be achieved through the Llantwit Learning Community as a result of sharing a site and coordinated facilities management would not be realised. There would be a 'second best' building for Llantwit Major Comprehensive School.

Deliver the Llantwit Learning Community with full redevelopment of Llantwit Major Comprehensive School and the construction of new 420 place school built on the existing Llanilltud Fawr Primary/Llantwit Major Comprehensive sites

The favoured option is the amalgamation of Eagleswell and Llanilltud Fawr Primary schools and the construction of a new 420 place building for the new school on the existing Llanilltud Fawr Primary/Llantwit Major Comprehensive sites as part of the Llantwit

Learning Community. The provision of a new primary school would be part of the wider scheme including the comprehensive school and let as one contract.

This option as part of the Llantwit Learning Community will enable the schools and the community to access a wide range of new facilities. Pupils will be educated in high quality modern buildings. The improved learning environment will support the successful implementation of strategies for school improvement and better educational outcomes.

Amalgamating the two schools would achieve revenue savings in the region of £210,000 per annum due to efficiencies resulting from economies of scale. Net savings will be reinvested in education ensuring that available resources are maximised to secure improved outcomes for all children and young people in the Vale of Glamorgan.

The Llantwit Learning Community would benefit from shared facilities with further efficiencies being realised through coordinated facilities management. This new primary school would be a two form entry school with nursery to pattern book design (described in detail later) at an estimated cost of £4.75m. The Eagleswell site would be sold to fund the building of the new school.

Amalgamation would give pupils better quality education facilities. The Learning Community would benefit from shared facilities such as an artificial turf all weather sports pitch with further efficiencies being realised through coordinated facilities management.

FUNDING

Funding for the Llantwit Major Comprehensive remodelling and new build Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant will be available through the Council's capital programme and the Welsh Government's 21st Century schools programme. Capital receipts from the sale of Eagleswell Primary school site will be required to build the new amalgamated primary school.

The new 420 place primary school will be a pattern book design which uses a standard tried and tested school design that has been built previously by the building contractor on other new build school projects. This has the advantages of lowering the cost of the new school and reducing how long the school will take to build.

The existing Eagleswell Primary school site will have to be sold to provide the funding needed for the new school.



Schools which may be affected by proposals

The proposal is unlikely to have a significant impact on other schools in the local area. The amalgamation is providing for children already registered at the existing two primary schools who would naturally transfer to the amalgamated school when it opens in the current buildings and when it moves to the new building.

The number of nursery and primary places in the amalgamated school would be equivalent to the places currently available at Eagleswell and Llanilltud Fawr Primary schools and as such the overall number of nursery and primary places available for children in the Llantwit Major area does not alter as a result of this proposal.

The provision of a new school building in the area could potentially attract some parents away from applying to other schools. The overall number of school places available in Llantwit is not changing as a result of this proposal; parental preference for schools will be managed through the Council's school admissions process as it is at present.

If approved, the new school will be built on the existing combined site of Llantwit Major Comprehensive and Llanilltud Fawr Primary. The exact location for the new amalgamated primary school building will be agreed after discussions with all schools on the site. The construction of the new building and demolition of Llanilltud Fawr Primary will impact on the existing schools due to the building process and relocation to the new school. The Council are very experienced in carrying out major building projects on school sites during term time. The construction work will be securely fenced off from the schools with no access for children or staff. Access routes for builders will be kept away from the schools and deliveries for the new build will avoid school start and finish times. The Council will work with all schools on the site to keep disruption to a minimum. Children from the amalgamated Llanilltud Fawr and Eagleswell Primary schools will be moved to the new school during a holiday period to minimise disruption.

The construction of a new amalgamated primary school could reduce the number of applications for St Illtyd Primary school by attracting parents to apply for the new school. However between the 8 November and 20 December 2013 the Council are consulting on the Deposit Local Development Plan which identifies four potential housing sites in the Llantwit Major area totalling 665 homes. Additional children living on these housing developments are expected to apply for local schools which will increase the demand for school places in the area.

Admission arrangements and catchment area

The council is the admission authority for the schools. Admission arrangements for the amalgamated school remain unchanged as a result of this proposal. All pupils in both schools will be given a place in the amalgamated school. The catchment area of the amalgamated school would be the existing catchments areas of Eagleswell and Llanilltud Fawr schools.

See Catchment Maps on page 18

2.8

Learner travel arrangements

The All Wales Learner travel arrangements provide eligibility for school transport if a primary age pupil lives more than two miles from their nearest or designated catchment area school. Nothing in this proposal will change school transport arrangements, eligibility or accessibility.

2.9

Staffing issues

The Council will support the governors and staff at both schools with the amalgamation process, in consultation with trade union representatives. There are a number of policies and procedures in place such as Protocols on School Amalgamation and a Redundancy Policy which incorporates a voluntary early release scheme to assist in this process. These policies will ensure regular and clear communication takes place at all times.

2.10

Educational issues

The proposed amalgamation is considered to have the following educational advantages for children and staff at the school:

- Greater opportunities for curriculum development within a larger school. A larger work force will lead to more enriched curriculum experiences due to differing skills of the workforce.
- Operating two schools as a single entity with community focused facilities would enable the school and the community to have shared use of the accommodation thereby maximising its use and occupation and providing best value for money.
- Opportunity for the newly amalgamated school to plan the accommodation to be provided in the new building.
- The new school building would provide high quality school places to serve the local area.
- The proposals will have a positive impact on the well-being of pupils with greater space and a wide range of resources, greater participation and enjoyment in learning due to new surroundings.
- Amalgamation would have a positive impact on standards, provision for skills and literacy would continue to develop.
- Increased staff numbers on one site allow for greater distribution of responsibility thus spreading workload and providing greater opportunities for sharing good practice.
- A two form entry school allows for team teaching and greater opportunity for staff for Continuing Professional Development.
- Greater opportunity for staff development along chosen career path.

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However it is also acknowledged that there are a number of potential disadvantages or risks which will have to be managed by the school and Council to avoid any detrimental impact:

- Small school ethos maybe lost
- Management of staff and resources may be disrupted during the restructuring
- Potential traffic congestion around the school site at drop off/pick up times. However the council would work with the governing body of the proposed new school to develop a travel plan to minimise any potential disruption. If approved, access and car parking improvements would be delivered as part of the scheme.
- Under the current proposal the construction of the new school building will be dependant upon the sale of Eagleswell school site.

Information on recent school Estyn inspection reports can be found at the following website addresses:

Link to latest Estyn inspection for Eagleswell Primary:
<http://www.estyn.gov.uk/english/provider/6732180>

Link to latest Estyn inspection for Llanilltud Fawr Primary:
<http://www.estyn.gov.uk/english/provider/6732142>

2.11 Community impact assessment

There is a need to create the Llantwit Learning Community to include the amalgamation of Eagleswell and Llanilltud Fawr primary schools to enhance education in the area without impacting adversely on the community.

Wherever possible we will try to avoid any negative impact on the local community due to the amalgamation. It is acknowledged that building a new school could increase traffic at the school with potential traffic congestion around the school site at drop off/pick up times. However, the council would work with the governing body of the proposed new school to develop a travel plan to minimise any potential disruption. If approved, access and car parking improvements would be delivered as part of the scheme to minimise the impact on the local area.

Currently both schools offer a number of activities and courses for parents within the school day through the families' first project and also offer after school clubs and activities for children outside school hours. The schools also operate classes for the community outside of normal school hours. It is proposed that all existing facilities available for children, the community and parents will continue when the schools are amalgamated.

2.12 Equality impact assessment

An initial Equality Impact Assessment on this proposal concludes that the amalgamation of Eagleswell and Llanilltud Fawr primary schools would not adversely affect any particular group in society. The assessment will be reviewed following consultation. If the proposal were to proceed, further equality impact assessments would be undertaken including an assessment on the design of the new primary school building.

2.13 Sustainability matters

New building elements of the scheme will meet BREEAM excellent rating significantly reducing the running costs and carbon emissions arising from the building. BREEAM (BRE Environmental Assessment Method) is the world's longest established and most widely used method of assessing, rating and certifying the sustainability of buildings. There would be community involvement in the development of the Llantwit Learning Community and provision of community facilities.

3.0 The statutory process timetable

To amalgamate Eagleswell Primary and Llanilltud Fawr Primary schools the Council has to follow the process laid down in The School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 in accordance with the School Organisation Code published by the Welsh Government in July 2013.

Statutory Process	Timescale
Issue consultation document to interested parties and prescribed consultees	16 December 2013
Closing date for views on the proposal	10 February 2014
Consultation report taken to Cabinet and published on Council's website	24 March 2014
Statutory notice issued during which time formal written objections will be invited	28 April to 23 May 2014
Determination by the Council's cabinet	23 June 2014
Objection report published within seven days of determination on the Council website and notification of cabinet's decision.	30 June 2014
Opening of expanded school	September 2015



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3.1 Consultation period

The consultation period for this proposal starts on the 16th December 2013 and ends on the 10th February 2014. This consultation period is longer than usual to allow two additional weeks for the school Christmas holidays. See section 1.1 for further details of how to respond, attend drop in sessions and make your views known.

3.2 Considering your views

Within 13 weeks of 10th February 2014 a consultation report will be published on the Vale of Glamorgan Council website. Hard copies of the report will also be available on request. The report will summarise the issues raised by consultees and provide the Council's response to these issues. The report will also contain Estyn's view of the proposal.

The Cabinet will consider the consultation report and decide whether or not to proceed with the proposal.

If the Cabinet decides to continue with the proposal the Vale of Glamorgan Council must publish a statutory notice.

3.3 Statutory notice

The statutory notice will be published on the Vale of Glamorgan Council's website and posted in all schools within the locality. Copies of the notice will be made available to Eagleswell and Llanilltud Fawr Primary schools to distribute to pupils, parents, guardians, and staff members (the school may also distribute the notice by email). The notice will set out the details of the proposal and invite anyone who wishes to object to do so in writing within the period specified.

3.4 Determination of proposal

The Cabinet will determine the proposal. Cabinet may decide to approve, reject or approve the proposal with modifications. In doing so, Cabinet will take into account any statutory objections that it received.

3.5 Decision notification

Following determination of proposals all interested parties will be informed and advised of the availability of the decision which will be published electronically on the Vale of Glamorgan Council's website.

Frequently Asked Questions

What would the proposal mean for children currently attending Eagleswell and Llanilltud Fawr primary schools? Will my child be offered a place at the amalgamated school?

All children currently attending Eagleswell or Llanilltud Fawr primary schools will be guaranteed a place at the amalgamated school.

Will my child stay with his/her classmates and current class teachers?

Children would transfer to the amalgamated school with their classmates and many class teachers, providing as much continuity as possible.

Will children have to travel between sites?

It is not the intention for children to travel between school sites.

What will the local catchment area be if the proposal goes ahead?

The catchment area of the amalgamated school would encompass the existing catchments areas of Eagleswell and Llanilltud Fawr Primary Schools.

What will the uniform be?

A uniform for the school would be decided upon by the new Governing Body of the school.

Will the proposal have an impact on traffic in the local area?

There is potential for traffic congestion around the school site at drop off/pick up times. However the council would work with the governing body of the proposed new school to develop a travel plan to minimise any potential disruption. If approved, access and car parking improvements would be delivered as part of the scheme.

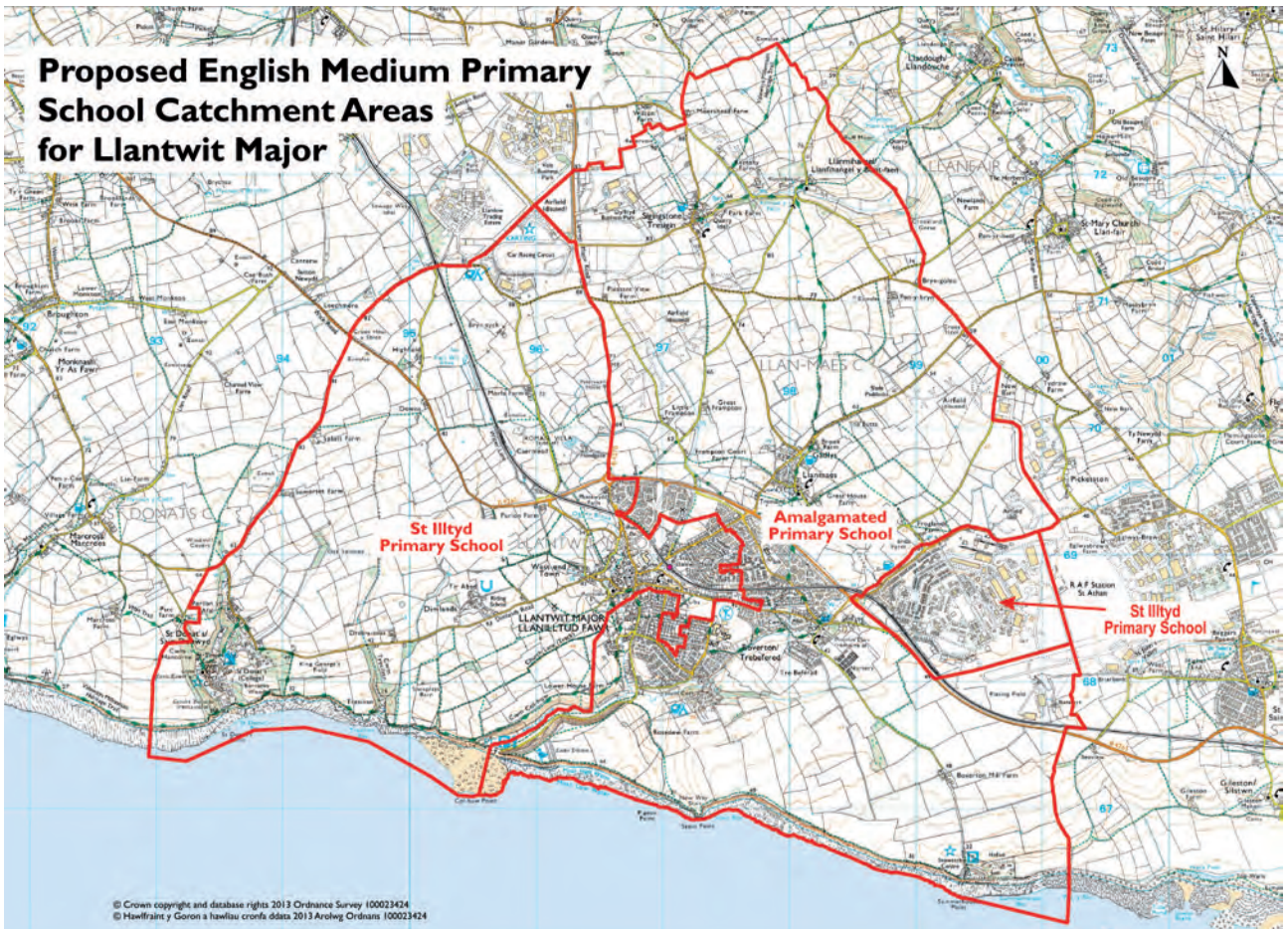
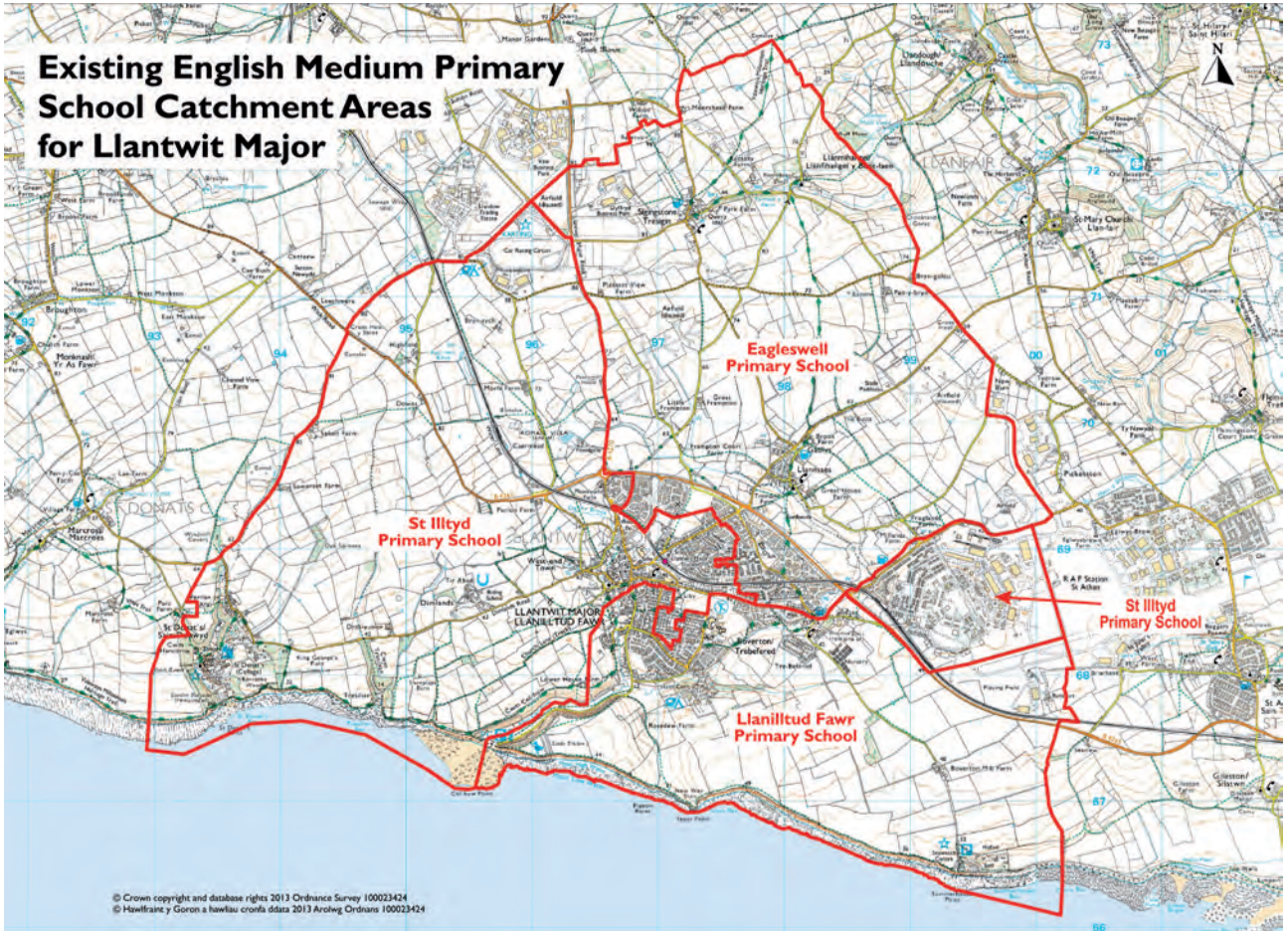
The impact should be negligible as the school is within easy walking distance for those living in the local area and who transfer to the school. The start and finish times of the schools on Ham Lane East will remain staggered to reduce traffic in the area.

Traffic and transport implications will be considered as part of the transport assessment required in order to achieve planning consent for building works should the proposal be implemented.

When would building work start?

It is difficult to say exactly when building work will start because it depend upon the sale of the Eagleswell site but building work may start in August 2016.

Proposals for new 420 place primary school





Consultation Response Form

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