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<p>4 Yes</p>	<p>I have read the formal consultation document regarding Ysgol Clocaenog and Ysgol Cyffylliog in full. I support the current proposal and I agree that change is required in order to offer our children a 21st century education. I agree that our children will benefit from having two distinct age ranges i.e. foundation stage based in Cyffylliog and Key Stage 2 based in Clocaenog. My concerns regarding spit sites are that the schools could feel disparate. I feel that the school as a community would benefit from fortnightly whole school meetings in an appropriate building to allow the children and staff from both sites to meet and interact; I request that Denbighshire County Council will meet the transport and hall costs to allow this to happen. I agree in terms of leadership that there should be one governing body and one executive Head teacher. I suggest that if the Cabinet ratify the current proposal, we move swiftly to form a governing body with experienced governors to lead. This will allow the prompt appointment of a Head teacher thus the staffing structure can be organised. I feel that we need to move forward quickly regarding the Head teacher's appointment. Any change brings about anxiety; it would be disappointing if the existing teaching staff became unsettled and began to apply for alternate posts, because of insecurities regarding their existing positions. Our children's day to day routines will be undergoing massive change, if they have the support and stability of the existing staff then change can be bought about without undue stress. I fully support the notion that the new school is categorized as a Welsh medium primary school. I fully endorse nursery provision on the Cyffylliog site. I agree that home to school transport should be provided during the current proposal time line. Transporting very young children i.e. under 4 years old comes with great responsibility for the driver. I feel there should be a chaperone on board to supervise the children in order to allow the driver to concentrate on driving. I agree that Denbighshire County Council should consolidate provision onto a single site in the Village of Clocaenog. I suggest that if the Cabinet ratify the current proposal. Denbighshire County Council officers should move swiftly to a feasibility study for the position of the new Area School. The Council should move promptly to explore funding for the build of the new Area School. It is essential that the new Area School is built as rapidly as possible for many reasons. The existing pupils/parents are keen to have a firm date when the new school build can begin. Having this information will prevent parents becoming anxious and moving their children to an alternate site. Some parents will have 3 children (siblings) in school on 3 different sites. Clocaenog, Cyffylliog and Ruthin. The children require a building that is fit for 21st century requirement. The current proposal does not fit this brief. The children of the new area school need to be on one site to ensure a seamless education and to promote excellent communication between teachers, staff and parents. According to recent figures, within a couple of years of the new Area School being on split sites, there will be a lack of capacity in Ysgol Cyffylliog. I am unsure what the term "ring fenced" means regarding the teaching and associate staff posts. Does it mean that all staff will be employed at the new Area School? If this is the case then I have concerns. In section 6.13 current performance – the leadership at Ysgol Cyffylliog appears inadequate. Key stage 2 assessments are inconsistent; most pupils are not challenged sufficiently. Most worrying is the school does not conform fully to the requirements of safe guarding children. It concerns me as a parent; the Head teacher of Ysgol Cyffylliog could be offered a leadership position in the new Area School. The teachers, teaching assistants and governors of Ysgol Clocaenog work extremely hard to ensure that our children have a decent education; this was reflected in the outcome of the recent Estyn report. As the schools merge the new head will need clear vision, excellent leadership skills and a good team to ensure that our children have the education that they deserve.</p>
<p>5 None provided</p>	<p>[Redacted content]</p>

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6	No response	<p>[REDACTED]</p>
7	Yes	<p>We have read the Consultation Document and taken part in the Consultation Meeting at Ysgol Cyffylliog and have decided that we are NOT in favour of the proposal for a new area school and the closure of Ysgol Cyffylliog and Ysgol Clocaenog.</p> <p>Here are our reasons:</p> <p>We have [REDACTED] currently attending Ysgol Cyffylliog and are very happy with the education that they are receiving. The school is a friendly and happy place and our children enjoy school very much. The school is part of a vibrant local community and is perfectly sized and placed to serve the needs of the village and surrounding rural area. The proposal as it stands would ultimately mean the closure of the Ysgol Cyffylliog site and this will have a dramatic impact on the children within the school and the village and community.</p> <p>We believe the Ysgol Cyffylliog building is fit for purpose and perfectly sized for the local community.</p> <p>The proposal will have an extremely detrimental effect on the education of the children who will find the whole process very disruptive.</p> <p>The proposal will also fail in its aims to save money and will not reduce overall environmental impact.</p> <p>On page 24 of the consultation document the aims are stated as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Learning environments for children and young people aged from 3 to 19 that will enable successful implementation of strategies for school improvement and better educational outcomes; b. Greater economy through better use of resources to improve efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the education estate and public provision; and c. A sustainable education system with all schools meeting a 21st Century Schools Standard, and reducing recurrent costs and carbon footprint. <p>Yet on page 23 of the consultation it is acknowledged that the proposal will be more expensive:</p> <p>“It is estimated that the current proposal will cost more than the current provision.”</p> <p>The added transportation of children will cost £40,000 per year and the new area school will cost over £1,000,000. This clearly fails to provide 'greater economy'.</p> <p>The carbon footprint of the schools will also increase because of the additional travel and the embodied energy of the new building. This again clearly fails to 'reduce recurrent costs and carbon footprint'.</p> <p>We believe it is more cost effective to continue to use the existing Cyffylliog site which with modest investment could be the perfect balance of size, location and low environmental impact.</p> <p>During the initial phase of the proposal children will face a situation where they are being moved backward and forwards between the two sites. Children, especially smaller children find this very difficult and disruptive and can be disorientated by the constant travelling. This increase in travel is also expensive and environmentally damaging. If the new area school goes ahead children from the Cyffylliog catchment will still face longer journeys and a more disrupted day.</p> <p>We believe that the new area school will fail to serve the needs of families in the Cyffylliog area. The road connection between Cyffylliog and Clocaenog involve very narrow county lanes. It is not a suitable route for either school buses, taxis, staff or parents dropping off / picking up children. The added congestion will cause delays and we believe many parents will not choose to send their children to the new area school but to other schools in the Ruthin area.</p> <p>We believe it is possible to achieve the stated aims of the council without closing both schools.</p>

Our preferred approach would be to federate Ysgol Cyffylliog and Ysgol Clocaenog but leave both schools operating on their existing sites. This will save money and overcome the problems of recruitment of head teachers. It will also be far less disruptive on the children and wider community. This is proposed as Option 1.2 in the consultation document.

If Ysgol Clocaenog has out grown its existing site then consideration should be given to extending or building a larger school to serve the Clocaenog area. This is proposed as Option 1.3 in the consultation document and could be combined with option 1.2.

Money should be invested in the existing Ysgol Cyffylliog building to reduce its running costs. The building could be retrofit with renewable technology such as solar thermal / electric panels and air heat pumps. This would not cost a great deal and the savings would be dramatic.

According to page 8 of the consultation it is projected there will be 35 pupils at Ysgol Cyffylliog by 2017. This is only ten places short of its maximum. Given that this is only three years away we feel it is very shorted sited to use the current number of surplus spaces as an argument to close the Ysgol Cyffylliog site.

We believe pupil numbers at Ysgol Cyffylliog will continue to grow in the next few years which will mean it will have very few surplus places in years to come. In Cyffylliog the Red Lion pub has recently re-opened under new management and a new shop has also been opened. There is also planning permission to build new housing in Cyffylliog which could attract new families to the area. There is a real sense that the village is once more thriving – but this would all be lost if the school closes.

The school meals at Ysgol Cyffylliog are excellent and the children are extremely enthusiastic about them. Again a small amount of investment here could only improve things.

Ysgol Cyffylliog is a Bilingual Medium school. The new area school would be a Welsh Medium school. Some families specifically chose Ysgol Cyffylliog because of the bilingual education and really value the balance of both English and Welsh at the school. Some of these parent have stated they would be put off by the area school not being bilingual and may choose to send the children to another school. This could have the effect of reducing the number of welsh speaking children in the area.

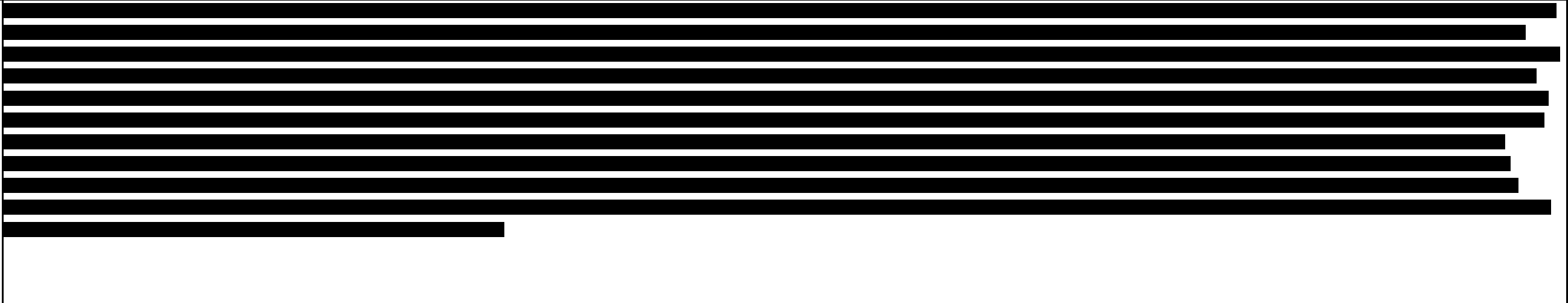


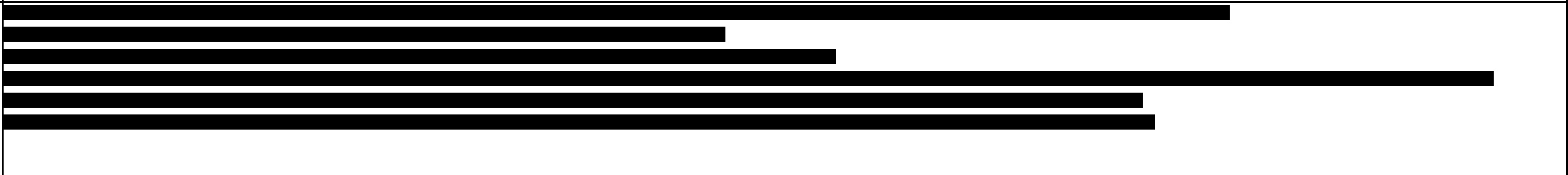
In conclusion we do not believe the proposal has made a case for closing Ysgol Cyffylliog and Ysgol Clocaenog and building a new area school. We believe the proposal will be more expensive, damaging to the environment and disruptive to the education of children and wider community.

We believe there are alternative solutions to the problems outlined in the proposal and believe a federation of the two schools while retaining both sites strikes the best balance.

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20		See Appendix G
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22	None provided	[REDACTED]
23	None provided	[REDACTED]
24	Yes	Providing that dates can be set and stuck to, I cannot see that changes for a 12 month period will affect my family a great deal - Willing to compromise to get new local school.
25	Yes	Even though there will be a lot of upheaval, to improve schools will be worth it. Clocaenog will definitely benefit from being bigger, as I don't think its appropriate for pupils to eat their lunch at their desks.
26	Yes	If the proposed didnt go ahead Clocaenog school would be too full to take in [REDACTED] next September. This would be heart breaking as i've always wanted my children to attend a rural Welsh language school. Clocaenog school has an excellent reputation, has an excellent head teacher / teaching team and the Estyn report reflects this. I knew something has to happen as the amount of children wanting to attend the school increased. The best outcome for us would be for a new area school be built in Clocaenog (Being Central). However with the proposed still uncertain - I would only be happy with the proposed if Denb C.C. provided us with a start/completion date and site approved. Transport for [REDACTED] from Clocaenog to Cyffylliog is provided. With Breakfast club being provided. THE NEW AREA SCHOOL MUST BE A WELSH SCHOOL. HIGHLY IMPORTANT.
27	Yes	I think if this does go ahead, especially for the children with other siblings at the school, to split them up would be a great shame. They look for each other for support etc. As a [REDACTED] I see this. [REDACTED] I see friendships + education deteriorate. Being a small school the more 1-2 -1 with teachers helps the children excel in all part of education.
28	Yes	The problem of transportation between the two sites is worrying as the road network is not ideal. This would continue in Phase 2 if the new school were based in Clocaenog. The change of Bilingual to Welsh Medium School would impact on the New Parents (i.e. Non- Welsh) coming to the Area, also existing parents who would prefer a Bilingual approach to education. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. A concern also is that already Clocaenog are saying 'Their New School' are we not to be included? There is to be a New Governing Body. 3 Governors are Parents. How will that work? 2 from 1 school and 1 from another - How will agreement be reached?

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29	Yes	<p>██████████. I can understand the reasoning behind the proposal as a financial saving, not so much as in the interests of the child's education. The local village school as it is offers stability, a sense of community a continuity (Several generations have attended the school). The importance of younger children having older siblings / other older children present (not in separate school as proposed, albeit on a temporary basis) giving support, confidence. I think older children also gain an important social experience in having contact with younger children - they can be role models, offer support etc. Parents, whether they have or do not have transport or are of less favourable financial situation can access the Head teacher and staff and attend parents events at our school. Something which would be far more difficult were the proposal to be adopted.</p>
30	Yes	Blank
31	No	<p>██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████.</p>
32	Yes	Not to take long over building the new school or parent will be sending their children to other schools.
33	Yes	<p>Impact on ██████████ development and family life. I have no objection to the school being Welsh medium or Bilingual. I am concerned about having the school on two different sites and how this would impact negatively on childrens development and wellbeing. I have been very impressed by how the older Children in the school (Clocaenog) have helped ██████████ settle into school life and ██████████) may miss out on this. For this reason I would like to see a purpose built area school built before the two schools merge so that all the children from Meithrin, KS1 and KS2 attend the same school on the same site. I am very concerned about travelling from Clawddnewydd to Cyffylliog along narrow lanes with very few passing places. Will this road be gritted in the winter? or will we be expected to travel to Llanfwrog then take the road back to Cyffylliog? ██████████ - I may delay ██████ start or send ██████ less days due to the inconvenience of travelling. If School transport is provided I am still concerned about the dangers of travelling this narrow road and who would accompany the children on this journey? - many 2 1/2 year old children will find the experience very daunting at best. If school transport is provided, this will not help parents who require their children to attend breakfast club due to work commitments. I would hope that the excellent standards Clocaenog school have now would not be impacted by the lower standards Cyffylliog school currently have.</p>
34	Yes	Effect on families, effect on the Welsh language. Too much travelling for children under 7 years old. This will affect the children's education. Effect on families when children are on two sites. Loss of Welsh language in Cyffylliog because children would go to other schools
35	Yes	Effect on Welsh language in the area, effect on families. Effect on education. Children would be more tired as a result of having to travel further. Effect on the Welsh language. If the proposal is accepted, many families in Cyffylliog would move their children to an English-medium school in the town, which would affect Welsh-medium education and the language in the area. Effect on families. Children from one family going to two sites; starting early and getting home late.
36	Yes	If the proposals proceed, this school will lose children who will move to English-language schools. They will then lose their use of the Welsh-language, which is taught here. Travel arrangements are also a cause for concern. It is not practical to transport such young children from one area to another. Also, consideration must be given to the narrow roads of this rural area.
37	Yes	If the proposals proceed, the majority of children will leave the school and go to English-language schools, and will then lose their use of the Welsh language. One family has moved already. I don't think it's practical to 'bus' young children on narrow roads at various times of the day. I would keep the infants (Foundation Phase) in their local schools and move KS2 children at Clocaenog to Ysgol Cyffylliog where there are two classes: one for Years 3 and 4 and one for Years 5 and 6.
38	Yes	A tick was placed in the 'education' box above because a large percentage of the children of Cyffylliog will choose to go to an English-medium school instead of a Welsh-medium Area School and will therefore lose their ability to speak Welsh. There is no guarantee that the 'New Area School' will be built. The land and planning permission should be secured for the proposed plan before proceeding with 'phase 1' of the consultation. The consequences of transporting so many children back and forth along rural roads are a cause for concern in terms of health and safety, especially regarding Foundation Phase children. There should be chaperones on the buses. The timetable for the changes is much too rushed in terms of the provision of the children's education, preparing work plans, policies, arranging furniture for classes, transporting appliances etc. This would need to be done before establishing schools on both sites. The children deserve more time for a clear structure to be established on paper before proceeding hastily with the arrangements.
39	Yes	<p>██████████ I can't believe the option of merging in the short term is even being considered. The community believe there is a hidden agenda. The concept of 1 large area school: after the new build providing modern education in a modern well resourced facility is a great idea. The intervening 3+ years of no sense of school identity, community and ridiculous traveling for very young children in poor quality facilities is distasteful for both communities.</p>
40	Yes	I agree with following conditions: 1. The new school will continue as a category 1 Welsh-medium school. 2. Bus transport will be available from the home and from Clocaenog Breakfast Club to Ysgol Cyffylliog and from Ysgol Cyffylliog to the after-school club at Ysgol Clocaenog (including for nursery children) 3. Work to start on the new school as soon as possible and to finish within 2-3 years. 4. A new school for at least 80 children. 5. Transport to Cae Cymro, Clawddnewydd once a month so that the pupils on both sites can attend services together. Transport to Cae Cymro Centre twice or three times a term to prepare for the Christmas show.
41	Yes	Ensure that the new school is a Welsh Medium School. Arrange effective transport between the home and both schools. Close collaboration between the two schools. Ensure that the building work is completed as soon as possible. Ensure jobs for the current staff.
42	Yes	A new school to be built in Clocaenog within the next 2 to 3 years with spaces for at least 80 children. The new school should be a category 1 Welsh-medium school. Effective transport to be arranged between the children's homes and the two schools. Close collaboration between the two schools, e.g. Joint services for Thanksgiving and Christmas with transport to practices arranged at Cae Cymro.
43	No	<p>██████████ ██████████</p>

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44	Yes	<p>I am pleased that a decision on the future of Clocaenog school has finally been reached. The school has been threatened with closure since my [REDACTED] and it has been a constant source of stress for our family.</p> <p>I am extremely happy with the standard of education at Clocaenog School as has been evidenced by its recent Estyn Report. The children are always extremely happy going into school and as a family we see it as a safe and wholesome environment.</p> <p>I also see that the children being educated in Welsh as fundamental to their education especially in these formative years, and am delighted with the school's support to myself as a non Welsh speaker.</p> <p>I feel keeping a Welsh speaking school in the rural community as extremely important and would be against sending my children to a larger "super school" in Ruthin which I believe to have been one of the past proposals and one that I would strongly object to.</p> <p>The school plays an important part in keeping the communities of Clocaenog and its environs together and in communication. I see myself as a strong member of the community - primarily because I have met people through the school.</p>
45	Yes	<p>We are in favour of the proposal as long as our points below are considered very carefully. On the whole, we understand the situation, and are satisfied with what is being proposed. It is positive that the new school will be built for the future of Clocaenog community – but we also have concerns for the immediate future of our children’s education. We certainly want to see a Welsh-medium school opened – rather than having two streams. The timing of the building work is causing us concern; we feel that 2 years is a period that we can cope with – but no longer than this as our children will not have an opportunity to share the same experiences under the same roof. Spending a period of 2 years on different sites is unfair to pupils and staff who have been accustomed to working as a close unit. The organisation of the breakfast/after-school clubs is essential – i.e. transporting children to and from only one site. It is not practical for parents to be rushing from one site to the other. Transport arranged by the Council from one school to the other is essential – minibuses (of a good standard – not currently the case) to transport children. There should be an adult on every bus to accompany the children. The children on both sites should come together regularly – so that brothers and sisters on different sites can share experiences (this is one reason why we preferred a small rural school when choosing a school for the children). We hope that the Council will listen to the concerns of parents – as it is a great responsibility for us to place the education of our children in its hands.</p>
46	Yes	<p>Effect on the Welsh-language in the area. The current proposal will separate families. The road is not suitable for buses.</p>
47	Yes	<p>(Education) Certainly, as it will have a negative effect on the local community of Cyffylliog. Although I am in favour of the proposal in terms of education, I don’t agree with every aspect of it. 1. Two sites. I believe that the current KS2 pupils at Ysgol Cyffylliog (especially year 6 2013 -2014) should stay on the Cyffylliog site so that their education is not affected. 2. Transport: Dangerous road between the two sites. A system that works must be established e.g. a Breakfast Club on both sites. The children from Cyffylliog should go to Cyffylliog Breakfast Club and the children from Clocaenog should go to Clocaenog Breakfast club. There needs to be someone in the taxi with the nursery children to care for them. 3. I believe that many parents of Ysgol Cyffylliog pupils (those who are non-Welsh speaking) will choose another school for their children. What will happen then if the number of children will be significantly lower than expected? I hope that you can ensure that the new school will continue to be a real prospect. 4. It is a shame that there is not a site ‘between’ the two schools to build on. Ysgol Cyffylliog (under your current proposal) will close within a few years and Clocaenog will gain a new school. Do you realise the loss that this will mean for the area? 5. I am only in favour of the change in focus on education. I see the need to improve the provision/modernise education in the area. I hope that the current teachers at both schools can keep their jobs. The quality of KS1 education at Ysgol Cyffylliog is excellent and the teacher is to be greatly praised. I would want her to teach my second child as well.</p>
48	Yes	<p>(Education) That my children have more children in their year so that they can participate fully in the Urdd activities and county activities e.g. netball team, football, book quiz. Negative – transport – taking my children to school. I don’t want my children to be late (for a long period). Narrow road between Clocaenog and their home. When will the new school open? Positive – taught in a class that includes two years instead of four – they will be stretched more. More friends. After-school club. More teachers and therefore more expertise in various subjects.</p>
49	Yes	<p>Very concerned that the school would cease to be welsh speaking. Imperative it continues to be welsh language.</p> <p>Keep ysgol Clocaenog head teacher and other teachers as they do fantastic job.</p> <p>Concerned about transport for key stage 1 to cyffylliog. They would be on the bus for a long time.</p> <p>Biggest concern is time it would take to put forward plans and build new school - should be a deadline of September 2016 to open new school</p>
50	Yes	<p>On the whole agree with the proposals. Our number one priority is to ensure our child continues his education in a welsh school. Although many parents would say that educating in a dual language school does not really make a difference, It was and will continue to be our number one priority when choosing a school. There are only three welsh schools in the Ruthin area and it would be a disgrace to lose one of them.</p> <p>Hopefully with the formation of one school instead of two, more resources will be available to benefit my child's education at this school. The only concerns at the moment is the timescale for building a new school. There will be some upheaval for the foundation stage being in a different school from a lot of their friends and in some cases siblings, it would be better if they can merge back together sooner rather than later.</p> <p>Another concern is the transport to and from school. If it goes ahead as proposed, some children are going to be travelling further, which will make their school day longer.</p>

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51	Yes	<p>With regards to the Formal Consultation Document I have the following comments by paragraph reference: 12.5, 12.6, 12.8,12.9 Agree for the duration of current proposal and strongly agree the school should be a welsh medium Category 1 school; Agree with 12.10 but in addition to 12.9 for transportation from the nearest breakfast clubs on to the appropriate school however the after school club is only at Clocaenog so transport would need to be provided; 12.11 the numbers seem to low given the likely intakes; 14.13 agree this must remain as long as it is on two sites without any time limit, to ensure there is an incentive to DCC to move onto Phase 2 of a single site area school. 17.4 Agree, the full feasibility study for deciding on the new site should be started as soon as cabinet vote in favour; 17.8 however transport should be for 7 years so that it covers pupils from starting until they leave.</p> <p>Additionally transport to one site for whole school assembly should be provided at least twice per half term to promote whole school integration.</p>
52	Yes	<p>I like my school the way it is. I like my school in my village close to where I live. I like to play with the little ones and the big ones mixed together. I like it in a small class because it is easier to work and I get loads of attention when I need help. I think I am learning a lot like this. I would not want to go a long way on a bus to Clocaenog, it will make me very tired. I like the food Auntie Julie cooks at Ysgol Cyffylliog, she makes me special food because some foods make me ill. I like my teachers at my school and Mrs Lloyd helps me a lot.</p>
53	Yes	<p>Absolutely ridiculous to make half the children travel to Cyffylliog and the other half travel to Clocaenog</p>
54	Yes	<p>The following comments are NOT in order of priority. The overall time frame must be as short as possible. The new school needs to be open for Sept 2016 at the latest. Whilst the Area School is temporarily based on two separate sites, all the children should be brought together at least twice a week to facilitate the development of social skills between young and old within one whole school. i.e. assembly, sports, school visits, guest speakers. All the minor roads used by the buses for transporting children to either Clocaenog or Cyffylliog must be maintained throughout the year and more especially given priority in winter, in particular the back road from Clocaenog to Cyffylliog if it is to be used as a bus route. We have had to complain this last winter when the minor roads used by the buses for school pick up/drop off have not been gritted at all. The transportation time for the youngest children is organised to be as short as possible. i.e. children from Derwen & Clawddnewydd travelling to Cyffylliog. The vehicles used for transporting the children must be road worthy, safe, reliable and comfortable with adjusting height seat belts and suitable steps/hand rails to enable safe entry and exit. We have had on going issues with the standard of the buses provided by the current transportation provider and with the proposed longer journeys the safety of our children will become an even greater concern. The new Area School must be a Welsh medium school. The School must employ the best possible teachers and head teacher to continually improve and provide a positive and enjoyable learning environment. The breakfast clubs and afterschool clubs are arranged in such a way to allow parents a single drop off and/or pick up point for their children even if they have children at both sites. Parents with children currently at the two existing schools are assisted with the cost of purchasing the new school uniform for the Area School. The capacity of the new school is big enough for the future needs of the area. We would like to point out that the current proposal states that "The New Area School (Phase 2) would have a capacity of 77 pupils", however, the current proposal also states that the "projected Full Time pupil numbers for 2018 will be 48 at Clocaenog & 35 at Cyffylliog" which based on these figures means that there will potentially be a collective shortfall of places in 2018!</p>
55	Yes	<p>I am in agreement with the proposal, however there are some issues that I would like to raise</p> <p>Timescales Apart from the schools merging in September 2014 the timescales for having the new area school in place do not seem to be mentioned. I believe the time it will take to have the new school up and running is a key factor for a number of reasons. People need to know how long they are going to have to work with the disruption of children being at two sites. There are a number of factors to consider: Management and staffing of two sites, siblings not being at the same site, children whose education is going to be disrupted but may not benefit from being taught in the new school, logistics of transporting children safely and within a reasonable period of time, breakfast and after school club facilities. A clear timescale with validated reasons to justify it, need to be published. This also then needs to be adhered to if the proposal goes ahead. I believe this is also important in ensuring the project gains the support of those in the community who in turn will send their children to the new school.</p> <p>Condition of road from Clocaenog to Cyffylliog Currently this road is very worn with potholes in places. If the proposal goes ahead there will be an increase in traffic levels on this route which will only make the situation worse. The highways department need to give this a high priority in view of the young people that will be traveling on this route.</p> <p>Location The school in Clocaenog is currently key in bringing the community together and I would like to see the new school remain in Clocaenog. As with timescales having a confirmed location is also key in gaining support of the community. It should be central in the village with good access both for those walking to school and those using vehicular transport. There has been mention of the field between the church hall and Nant Y Celyn farm, this is totally unsuitable. The access is very poor, there would be traffic chaos, it's further for everybody in Clocaenog to walk on narrow and unlit lanes. Why has the more suitable location previously reserved for a new school in Clocaenog been removed from the local development plan? This would be the ideal location for a new site. The location needs to be resolved as a priority to reduce timescale issues as above.</p> <p>Head teacher Clocaenog school is currently lead to a high standard and through this process the schools would benefit from some continuity of leadership.</p> <p>Community benefit Having a playing field with access for maintenance and access to facilities would be ideal</p>

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56	Yes	<p>On the whole I am in favour of the proposal. There is significant need for additional space for the pupils of Ysgol Clocaenog and it would be a shame for pupils from the area to be refused in the future due to insufficient space. It is vital for me that the new school is a Welsh Medium school since Welsh medium education is my priority for my children. It is about time that pupils from Clocaenog get a suitable building for 21st century education. The current dining and sport facilities are not ideal.</p> <p>I also have my concerns. Ysgol Cyffylliog is a bilingual school and I am concerned on the effect of merging it with Ysgol Clocaenog from the basis of Welsh medium education and the natural Welsh ethos that exists in Ysgol Clocaenog at this time.</p> <p>Secondly, I do not like the idea of offering education on two sites. We live close to Ysgol Clocaenog and it is not convenient for us to travel to Cyffylliog [REDACTED] [REDACTED] benefited from having older pupils taking care of her as she started school and it is a shame to separate the current pupils as they mix well, as pupils of every age in Clocaenog at the moment. My intention [REDACTED] to attend the school in the future and I would be unhappy if [REDACTED] were educated on different sites.</p> <p>I am also concerned about the standard of education in Ysgol Cyffylliog following their last inspection report. I am glad that my children are attending a school of standard and grateful to the teachers and Head teacher for securing education, opportunities and a pleasant environment. I am concerned regarding staff changes as a result of amalgamating the two schools and the consequences on the education of pupils.</p>
57	Yes	<p>I would like to see a steady/ regular stream of information coming back from county no matter how small, as the phase one new area school on two sites period could become a lonely dark time when we could get the feeling we have been forgotten about. This will help us as governors to keep parents and pupils in place and feeling positive about change.</p>
58	Yes	<p>We are writing to you as parents of [REDACTED] at Ysgol Clocaenog ([REDACTED]) to respond to the formal consultation document. Our vision as parents is that Denbighshire County Council protects and maintains high-quality educational provision through the medium of Welsh close to where the children live. These are our main comments for your consideration: It should ensure that every child from the area is offered Welsh-medium education near his/her home. The majority of the young children (under 5 years old) in the area were born in the area and Welsh is their first language. We support the proposal to extend the current facilities as the number of children attending the school has increased substantially, and it is foreseen that the school will be full in the coming years. We do not agree that children aged between 3 and 7 should travel daily on a bus from Clocaenog to Cyffylliog. We are sure that the children will be travelling for an hour a day (half an hour in the morning and half an hour in the afternoon). The road between Clocaenog and Cyffylliog is dangerous, especially in the winter, and also children of this age are tired enough after school without having to travel so far. As a large number of foundation phase pupils attend Ysgol Clocaenog, the council should reconsider the proposal to transport these children to Cyffylliog (even though the classes are larger). Clocaenog is a rural village in Denbighshire and the children currently travel from within a large area to reach the school and a journey to school can be long for a small child. We believe that there is a duty on the County Council to provide education close to children's homes. If Denbighshire County Council builds an area school in Clocaenog, as parents, we would wish for the planning and building process to be finished as soon as possible, within 2 years, to ensure that our children's EDUCATION will not suffer. Two years in the education of any child is a long period and it will affect the rest of that child's life. Make your decisions wisely to ensure that the time that our children spend at school is happy and educational and not a burden on them because they have to travel for a long time to be educated in an unfamiliar village. We hope that you will consider the views of PARENTS who are aware of and concerned about their children's health in considering the future of the education provided to Welsh-language children in the area.</p>
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