

Notes of public drop-in sessions:

- Redrow Office, Plasdwr housing development – 16 September 2019
- Fairwater Leisure Centre – 1 October 2019
- Central Library – 3 October 2019
- Radyr Library – 7 October 2019



**Schools Programme
Record of Drop In Session
Redrow Office – 16 Sept 2019, 10:00am – 11:30am**



Present: Shirley Karseras (SOP), Cerys Richardson (SOP)

Please note: The following is not a transcript but a contemporaneous note of the meeting.

No	Heading	Action
	<p>Local residents – grandparents to a child but who would be too old to attend the proposed school. There were no objections to the proposal. They attended to find out more details of the proposal, asking questions about: completion dates of the school; decision between EM/WM provision, what this would mean and if it had been delivered before; who was on the circulation list for the consultation meetings and how the phasing of the school would work for the demand from the development.</p> <p>A parent of three children sought clarification on how the new school would affect catchment areas as two of her children currently attend Radyr Primary and she was concerned that she would have to go to two different schools.</p> <p>Parents of an 11 month old who were considering moving to Plasdwr and wanted to know more about the proposal. They felt that WM would not be their preferred choice and hence were positive about the EM with high use of Welsh as an option stream.</p> <p>They were concerned about catchment areas for the new school, especially if they moved. They also felt that there is a risk associated to the new school as it is an unknown entity.</p> <p>They asked if the new school would still be a feeder for Radyr Comprehensive. Details of the Local Authority's admission policy were outlined and they were advised that Cardiff does not operate a feeder school system for admissions to community schools.</p> <p>They expressed the view that there would be a high demand in the area for breakfast clubs linked to the school.</p> <p>The owner of local nursery attended as she was also wondering what community facilities would be associated with the school and how to access these in order to provide nursery provision for the development and wraparound care for the new school.</p>	



**Schools Programme
Record of Drop In Session
Fairwater Leisure Centre – 1st Oct 2019, 10:00am – 11:30am**



Present: Shirley Karseras (SOP), Beverley Bailey (SOP)

Please note: The following is not a transcript but a contemporaneous note of the meeting.

No	Heading	Action
	<p>Two parents attended who had young children who were due to start nursery and reception at the time the proposed school would be due to open.</p> <p>One of the parents was new to Cardiff and wanted to simply inform herself better so that she could look at her options for her son's schooling.</p> <p>The other parent felt that she did not want to go to her catchment EM school and wanted to know if she would be eligible to apply for a place at the new school. She wanted to know the proposed location of the new school and the date it would be open. She asked what other concerns people had raised about the proposal. Further discussion included: catchment areas, admission procedures, safe walking distances, consultation process, wraparound care, WM/EM streams.</p>	



**Schools Programme
Record of Drop In Session
Central Library – 03 Oct 2019, 5:00pm – 7:00pm**



Present: Rosalie Phillips (SOP), Ian Warburton (SOP)

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No	Heading	Action
	Officers were available to discuss the proposals from 5.00 – 7.00 pm. There were no queries regarding the proposed new school.	

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	<p>Six people attended the drop in session.</p> <p>There was a query regarding admissions to the new school and how this would work, where the new school would be located and catchment area arrangements.</p> <p>It was suggested that the catchment area of Ysgol Gwaelod y Garth be reviewed as out of county children were accessing places ahead of children living within Cardiff.</p> <p>Details of how admissions to the school would work were set out and the proposed location of the school was clarified. Officers advised that it would be necessary to establish a catchment area for the school which would be subject to further consultation.</p> <p>It was brought to officer's attention that there was an error in table 4 at page 16 of the consultation document relating to the number of children on roll in in the English-medium stream at Gwaelod y Garth.</p> <p>Concerns were expressed around the lack of places at the school for KS 2 year groups (Y3 – Y6) which could result in parents having to get children to more than one school. Officers advised that the Council was seeking to grow the school in a sustainable way and not compromise other schools.</p> <p>Concerns were expressed around workforce planning and whether there would be sufficient staff available to meet demand for qualified Welsh speakers in both Welsh-medium and English-medium schools. Officers advised that representations had been made to the Welsh Government regarding this and the expectation was that the matter would be addressed.</p> <p>There were also concerns regarding the potential impact of the new school on existing schools serving the local area. Officers advised that the new school was being brought forward to serve demand from the new housing development and any shortfall in places in the wider area with the proposed admission arrangements offsetting any impact.</p> <p>There was a query regarding how demand for school places at J33 and south of Creigiau would be met. Offices advised that contributions are sought from developers in line with the SPG and proposals would be brought forward as required.</p> <p>There were also concerns around increased traffic and safe access to the new school.</p>	