



COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

On the proposal to reconfigure primary provision in the Western Vale by:

- 1. Creating a new 210 place primary school building with a 48 part time place nursery class for Llancarfan Primary School in Rhoose.**
- 2. Transferring staff and pupils from the existing Llancarfan Primary School building into the new school building.**
- 3. Changing the age range of Llancarfan Primary school from 4-11 years to 3-11 years.**



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1. Introduction

The Vale of Glamorgan Council is committed to ensuring that all pupils within the Vale have every opportunity to attain the best possible outcomes. In order to achieve this ambition it is essential that we ensure schools remain sustainable, reflect the needs of the local community and are equipped with the best possible learning environments.

The Council proposes to build a new 210 place school building for Llanccarfan Primary School, with the addition of the provision of 48 part time nursery places which would be located in Rhooose. It is proposed that all pupils, staff and governors from Llanccarfan Primary School would transfer into the new school building.

The Council would facilitate the transfer of Llanccarfan Primary School into the new school building through Band B of the 21st Century Schools Programme. This would change the age range of the school from a 4-11 year old school to a school educating 3-11 year olds.

The Council must ensure that schools serve their local communities and are reflective of demand. There is a need to meet future demand from the new housing developments in Rhooose and ensure both schools serve their communities. A new 210 place school, which is the minimum size for a school to be efficient and also the minimum size school the Council would build from a sustainability perspective, would accommodate the projected increase in pupils numbers from both new developments in Rhooose, in addition to the projected pupil numbers that would transfer over from the existing site of Llanccarfan Primary School. Reviewing the wider needs of the Western Vale offers an opportunity to establish a new 21st century school building while addressing community need and surplus capacity challenges.

The proposal would provide innovative and creative learning environments which are adaptable to change and would challenge and support children to reach their full potential. The proposal would maintain and increase the level of community access and interaction through the use of the school's educational facilities whilst meeting the needs of the school.

The Council proposes that the new school building and transfer of Llanccarfan Primary School would operate from September 2021. This document assesses the impacts this proposal could have on both the local and wider community.

2. National Context

The key statutory guidance for local authorities in developing statutory proposals for changes for school organisation is in accordance with section 42 of the School Standards and Organisation Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code 2013. When considering proposals the Council must

consider the impact on the local community, particularly in rural areas and in areas designated for communities' first programmes or successor programmes.

3. Local Policy Context.

Echoing national policy outlined in the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, the Council has committed as part of the Corporate Plan 2016-20 to achieving a vision of – **'Strong Communities with a bright future'**.

The Vale of Glamorgan is committed to achieving the objective of an 'Aspirational Vale' raising overall standards of achievement by modernising education in the Vale to ensure children and young people receive a first class education.

We believe that in order to achieve this it is important that we support teaching and learning outcomes by providing modern and fit for purpose buildings that meet the needs of modern day education. Schools need to be able to provide the best possible learning experience to make sure that children and young people have the best opportunities available to them and that they are able to reach their full potential.

4. Current Challenges

The proposal to transfer Llancarfan Primary School would address a number of challenges.

- The staff and pupils at the existing Llancarfan Primary School site would benefit from a new school building which meets 21st century school standards.
- Increased surplus capacity at Llancarfan Primary School would be addressed.
- Increasing demand for pupil places within the Rhoose area would be met.
- The proposed revisions to catchment areas within the Western Vale are expected to increase pupil numbers at other schools, improving future sustainability and contributing to the Council's commitment to reduce surplus capacity in its schools.
- Small site issues associated with a school on a confined site such as a lack of outdoor sporting facilities would be addressed.
- Poor access to the school through the village and lanes would be addressed.
- A nursery would be established supporting continuity and progression in children's learning from age 3. This would support stability of numbers for the school.

5. Community Profile

The Western Vale consists of 8 wards, St Bride's Major, Llandow/Ewenny, Llantwit Major, Cowbridge, Peterson-Super-Ely, St Athan, Rhoose and Wenvoe. This Community Impact Assessment assesses the impacts this proposal would have on the local and wider community.

Llancarfan is located approximately 6 miles west of Barry, 5 miles north of Rhoose and 8.5 miles south east of Cowbridge.

Population Profile

Llancarfan Primary School is located in the village of Llancarfan, in the Rhoose ward of the Vale of Glamorgan Council constituency. According to the Office for National Statistics (ONS) mid-2016 population estimates, there are 7,069 residents living in the Rhoose Ward. According to the 2011 census, there are 747 residents living in the Llancarfan Parish. The profile of residents is as follows.

Age Range	Residents	Percentage (%)
Age 0 to 4	34	4.6
Age 5 to 7	24	3.2
Age 8 to 9	24	3.2
Age 10 to 14	58	7.8
Age 15	14	1.9
Age 16 to 17	29	3.9
Age 18 to 19	16	2.1
Age 20 to 24	27	3.6
Age 25 to 29	20	2.7
Age 30 to 44	123	16.5
Age 45 to 59	202	27.0
Age 60 to 64	43	5.8
Age 65 to 74	83	11.1
Age 75 to 84	36	4.8
Age 85 to 89	11	1.5
Age 90 and over	3	0.4

The mean age of residents is 41.2 and the median age is 45.

Economic Profile

The Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD) Is the Welsh Government's official measure of relative deprivation for small areas in Wales. It is designed to identify those small areas where there are the highest concentrations of several different types of deprivation. It is a national statistic and is produced by statisticians at the Welsh Government.

WIMD is a measure of multiple deprivation that is both an area based measure and a measure of relative deprivations. WIMD is currently made up of eight separate domains (or types of deprivation). Each domain is compiled from a range of different indicators:

- Income
- Employment
- Health
- Education
- Access to Services
- Community Safety
- Physical Environment
- Housing

The index is established for each Lower Super Output Area (LSOA). Llancarfan is part of the Rhose 3 (W01001119) LSOA. Overall Rhose 3 is ranked 1650 out of 1909 LSOAs in Wales, which places it among the 50% least deprived. 7 of the 8 measures are classed as being among the 50% least deprived. Access to Services is among the 10-20% most deprived in Wales.

There are a number of businesses and community facilities within Llancarfan, including a tennis club, public house, cinema club, community centre and church. These are all within close proximity to Llancarfan Primary School. A number of events are held throughout the year involving the school.

Catchment Profile

There are currently 101 pupils on roll at Llancarfan Primary School. Of these, 29 pupils are resident in the Llancarfan catchment area. The remaining 72 pupils reside out of the Llancarfan Primary School catchment area. The full breakdown is as follows.

School	Number on Roll	Llancarfan catchment	Rhws catchment	Barry catchment schools	Llantwit catchment schools	Cowbridge catchment schools	Penarth/Dinas catchment schools	other
Llancarfan	101	29	35	14	20	2	0	1

Llancarfan Primary School has an admission number of 18 pupils and a total capacity of 126. The school currently has a surplus of 25 places (19.8%). This is above the Vale of Glamorgan target of less than 10% surplus capacity.

Future projections show that demand for Llancarfan Primary School is likely to reduce over the next five years.

School	Current School Capacity	January 2014	January 2015	January 2016	January 2017	January 2018	2018/19 Projection	2019/20 Projection	2020/21 Projection	2021/22 Projection	2022/23 Projection
Llancarfan Primary School	126	116	115	104	104	106	105	101	97	94	98

6. Impact Assessment

This section of the Community Impact Assessment assesses the potential impact this proposal could have on the community of Llancarfan, as well as the wider community the proposed school would serve. The information analysed in this process represents a snapshot of the current situation.

Eight key measures were identified based on responses submitted as part of the initial consultation exercise.

Ref.	Measure
CI1	Children living in the catchment are attending their local school
CI2	Services provided by the school for the local community, including extra-curricular activities
CI3	Community facilities used regularly by the school
CI4	Community facilities provided by and activity undertaken within the school premises
CI5	Impact on local businesses
CI6	Impact on local employment
CI7	Impact on local infrastructure
CI8	Transport arrangements

The eight measures were assessed to identify any negative or positive impacts on the local and wider community, and a score was applied ranging from -3 to +3 based on the balance of the evidence available.

Measure Score	Measure Assessment
-3	Large deterioration
-2	Moderate deterioration
-1	Slight deterioration
0	No overall change
1	Slight Improvement
2	Moderate Improvement
3	Large Improvement

6a. Impacts on the Local Community

Ref.	Measure	Score	Impact of Proposed Transfer
CI1	Children living in the catchment are attending their local school	2	<p>Llancarf Primary School serves its immediate area and the areas of Llancadle, Llanbethery and Llantrithyd.</p> <p>The school has a catchment area population of 55 children set against a capacity of 126 places. Only 29 of the 55 primary aged children living in the catchment area attend the school. Transferring the school to larger and newer accommodation with a new catchment area with sustainable numbers would enable the school to continue its success while catering for a greater school population.</p> <p>As part of the proposal the current catchment area of Llancarf Primary School would need to be redrawn. The proposal would distribute the current catchment area between the transferred Llancarf Primary School in Rhoose, Llanfair, St Athan and St Nicholas Primary schools. A realignment of the existing catchment area of Rhws Primary School would also be necessary to provide an even distribution of pupils in Rhoose to serve both schools.</p> <p>Local authorities are required to manage school places and are expected to have no more than 10% surplus capacity overall. The School Organisation Code states that local authorities should review provision and should make a proposal for school reorganisation where there are more than 10% surplus places. The revisions to catchment areas are expected to increase</p>

			<p>pupil numbers for other schools, improving future sustainability and contributing to the Council's commitment to reduce surplus capacity in its schools.</p> <p>Revising the catchment areas changing the manner in which education is delivered would result in a more even distribution of pupils in the proposed schools.</p>
CI2	Services provided by the school for the local community, including extra-curricular activities	1	<p>Llancarfan Primary School offers parents and carers out of school services which are run on the school site exclusively for Llancarfan children. The clubs sessions are as follows;</p> <p>Breakfast club Session 8.00am - 8.45am After School Session 3.30pm - 5.30pm</p> <p>The breakfast club session is a free Welsh Government run breakfast club for parents and is available from 8.00 to 8.45 am. There is no charge for this service and children can attend from any age group across the school.</p> <p>The after school club session from 3.30pm to 5.30pm is run by the school at a charge of £6.50 per session for parents.</p> <p>The above clubs enable parents to access wrap around care for their children in a safe and stimulating environment.</p> <p>The school offers a range of teacher led extra-curricular activities at lunchtimes and after school. After school curricular clubs run from 3.30pm to 4.20pm.</p> <p>Extra-curricular clubs include;</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rugby • Football • Netball • French • Comic • Media • Sum Dog/Chess Club • Recorder Club <p>The school has strong links with the community. Parents and local community members participate in peer and individual reading support at the school.</p> <p>It is intended that all existing services for children, parents and the community would continue if the proposal were to go ahead. The proposal would result in increased pupil numbers which is likely to result in increased demand for school services, as well as providing the opportunity to expand the number of services.</p> <p>The proposal forms part of Band B of the Council's 21st Century Schools Programme. This would include the creation of new state of art facilities fit for the 21st Century. A key element of the 21st Century Schools Programme is the provision of community facilities.</p> <p>Members of the local community would be involved throughout the development of the plans for the new school building to ensure services meet the needs of the community and enhance</p>
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			the services currently available. Hence the score of 1, on balance.
CI3	Community facilities used regularly by the school	-3	<p>As outlined above, there are a number of businesses and community facilities in the vicinity of the current school. Feedback received as part of the initial consultation identifies that some of these facilities are used by the school, in particular the sports facilities in the nearby tennis club. The transfer of the school would likely impact on the use of the facilities as the new school is proposed to be located outside of Llancarfan.</p> <p>Feedback received as part of the initial consultation also identifies that a number of local facilities and businesses are regularly used by parents and pupils outside of school opening hours, as well as attendance at local events. These include the local public house, tennis club and local cinema club.</p> <p>A key aim of the 21st Century Schools Programme is to ensure schools have the facilities to fulfil an enhanced curriculum to reduce reliance on external facilities.</p> <p>In order to mitigate negative impacts, the Council would work closely with the school and members of the local community to promote use of community facilities. This would include signposting through the school's website and working closely with the governing body and PTA.</p>
CI4	Community facilities provided by and activity undertaken within the school	-1	Llancarfan Primary School is available for use by the local community. However, the local community centre, which is

	premises		<p>separate to the school, is primarily used by the community.</p> <p>Feedback received as part of the initial consultation identifies that the school is used for a small number of community events alongside the community centre, such as the summer fete.</p> <p>A key aim of the 21st Century Schools Programme is to ensure school facilities are developed to meet the needs of the local community.</p> <p>Members of the local community would be involved throughout the development of the plans for the new school building to ensure services meet the needs of the community and enhance the facilities available.</p>
CI5	Impact on local businesses	-2	<p>There are a number of local businesses in close proximity to the school, such as the tennis club and public house. Feedback from the initial consultation identifies that a large number of pupils and parents use these businesses, mainly the local tennis club and public house. Transferring the school from Llancarfan is likely to have a negative impact on these businesses as a number of parents and pupils using these facilities do not live in Llancarfan.</p> <p>In order to mitigate any negative impacts, the Council would work closely with the school and members of the community to support local businesses and events including, where appropriate, signposting through the school's website. The Council would continue to support the community of Llancarfan through its Creative Rural Communities initiative, which sees</p>

			the Council supporting communities and enterprises to develop innovative projects and ideas that will create long term social and economic benefits.
CI6	Impact on local employment	-1	<p>Only 5% of the staff employed by the school live in the current catchment area for Llancarfan Primary School. The Council would work closely to support all members of staff to mitigate any negative impacts as a result of the proposal on those employed by the school.</p> <p>As outlined in CI5, this proposal could have a negative impact on local businesses, which could result in a reduction in local employment. The Council would continue to support the community of Llancarfan through its Creative Rural Communities initiative, which sees the Council supporting communities and enterprises to develop innovative projects and ideas that will create long term social and economic benefits.</p> <p>On balance, this proposal is considered to have a slightly negative impact on local employment.</p>
CI7	Impact on local infrastructure	2	The entry roads into the village are single lane and hedge-lined. Access to Llancarfan Primary School is limited due to the poor access through the village and the lanes leading to Llancarfan. This congestion is exacerbated by the large number of pupils attending the school from outside the catchment area.

			<p>The proposal would result in pupils currently living in Llancarfan being required to travel to the new school site, which could result in increased traffic leaving the village. However, pupils currently living in Llancarfan would be entitled to free school transport and would be collected and transported in groups.</p> <p>The transfer of the school is likely to have a positive impact on the local road network due to reduced congestion from those currently traveling to the school from outside the village.</p>
CI8	Transport arrangements	-1	<p>The Council has a statutory duty to provide free school transport for pupils of statutory school age who reside beyond walking distance to the nearest appropriate school.¹</p> <p><i>“This is defined as more than 2 miles to the nearest suitable school for Primary Pupils and more than 3 miles for Secondary School Pupils. Distances are measured by the nearest available walking route.”²</i></p> <p>Any pupil attending Llancarfan Primary School on the date of transfer to the new site who lives more than 2 miles from the new school site would therefore be entitled to free school transport. Only 29% of all pupils currently attending Llancarfan Primary School are within the existing catchment area. Under the proposal, these pupils would fall outside of the 2 mile limit, therefore requiring transport to the new site at Rhoose.</p>

¹Policy For The Provision Of Home To School Transport (Revised February 2010)

²The Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008

			<p>The admission transition arrangements proposed as part of this consultation would be reflected in the provision of transport. This would support children with siblings who are affected by the change in catchment areas to ensure that if requested by parents both siblings can receive transport to the new Llancafán Primary School site providing they would be attending the school at the same time and live more than two miles from the new school site.</p> <p>The proposal is likely to have a negative impact on transport arrangements for the Llancafán community as the new school would not be within walking distance for local residents.</p>
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6b. Impacts on the Wider Community

Ref.	Measure	Score	Impact of Proposed Transfer
CI1	Children living in the catchment are attending their local school	3	<p>The majority of pupils attending the school reside outside the catchment area. There are 101 children currently on roll, of which 29 (29%) live in the school catchment area. The remaining 72 children (71%) live outside the school catchment area. 36 (48%) out of the 75 pupils residing out of catchment live in the Rhws Primary School catchment area.</p> <p>Rhws Primary School current has 374 pupils on roll and a total capacity of 375, resulting in a surplus of 1 place (0.3%). Demand for school places at Rhws Primary School is likely to increase due to new housing developments within the catchment area.</p>

			<table><tr><th>School</th><th>School capacity</th><th>2018/19</th><th>2019/20</th><th>2020/21</th><th>2021/22</th><th>2022/23</th></tr><tr><td>Rhws</td><td>375</td><td>376</td><td>373</td><td>405</td><td>451</td><td>465</td></tr></table> <p>The above table identifies that future demand is likely to be above the capacity of Rhws Primary School.</p> <p>As part of the proposal the current catchment area of Llancafán Primary School would need to be redrawn. The proposal would distribute the current catchment area between the transferred Llancafán Primary School in Rhoose, Llanfair, St Athan and St Nicholas Primary schools. A realignment of the existing catchment area of Rhws Primary School would also be necessary to provide an even distribution of pupils in Rhoose to serve both schools.</p> <p>The revisions to catchment areas are expected to increase pupil numbers for other schools, improving future sustainability and contributing to the Council's commitment to reduce surplus capacity in its schools.</p> <p>Revising the catchment areas changing the manner in which education is delivered would result in a more even distribution of pupils in the proposed schools.</p>	School	School capacity	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Rhws	375	376	373	405	451	465
School	School capacity	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23											
Rhws	375	376	373	405	451	465											
CI2	Services provided by the school for the	2	The proposal would result in the transferred school increasing														

	local community, including extra-curricular activities		<p>capacity to 210 pupils. This would also include a 48 part time place nursery class. The new school would serve a wider community area than the current Llanccarfan Primary School.</p> <p>The nursery would provide additional services for the community which is not currently available.</p> <p>The proposal forms part of Band B of the Council's 21st Century Schools Programme. A key element of the 21st Century School Programme involves the creation of community facilities. The Council would work closely with the school and members of the wider community to develop plans for the new building to ensure services provided by the school meet the needs of the community.</p>
CI3	Community facilities used regularly by the school	1	<p>There are a number of community facilities surrounding the proposed site for the new school which could be utilised by the new school.</p> <p>Community facilities available in the Rhose area include Stewart Road Community Centre, Celtic Way Community Centre, Rhose Library, Milbourne Park and children's play area, Celtic Way bowling green, Ceri Road sports pitches and Celti Way football pitches. These are facilities that could be utilised by the school to further enhance the curriculum.</p>
CI4	Community facilities provided by and activity undertaken within the school premises	2	<p>The proposal forms part of Band B of the Council's 21st Century Schools Programme. A key element of the 21st Century School Programme involves the creation of community facilities. The Council would work closely with the school and members of the</p>

			<p>wider community to develop plans for the new building to ensure services provided by the school are suitable for the community.</p> <p>During a community mapping exercise completed in October – November 2016, residents noted that facilities particularly health services, school, public transport, community facilities and shops should be improved given the growth in the area.</p>
CI5	Impact on local businesses	1	There are a number of businesses within the wider community that would likely benefit from the relocation of the Llancafarn Primary School, such as public houses, shops and the leisure centre.
CI6	Impact on local employment	2	<p>The new location of the school would reduce travel time for the vast majority of staff currently employed at Llancafarn Primary School. 21% of staff currently employed by the school live in the Rhooose area.</p> <p>The transferred school would also have an increased capacity resulting in additional employment opportunities for members of the wider community.</p>
CI7	Impact on local infrastructure	-1	The transfer of Llancafarn Primary School would likely increase car traffic in the Rhooose area. However, the new road infrastructure surrounding the proposed site of the new school building is better equipped to handle the increased traffic than the narrow lanes surrounding Llancafarn.

			The Council would work closely with the local community to limit the impact of increased traffic.
CI8	Transport arrangements	1	<p>As outlined above, the majority of pupils attending Llancarfan Primary School do not currently live within the catchment area.</p> <p>As part of the proposal the current catchment area of Llancarfan Primary School would need to be redrawn. The proposal would distribute the current catchment area between the transferred Llancarfan Primary School in Rhoose, Llanfair, St Athan and St Nicholas Primary schools. A realignment of the existing catchment area of Rhws Primary School would also be necessary to provide an even distribution of pupils in Rhoose to serve both schools.</p> <p>35% of the current population at Llancarfan Primary currently travel into Llancarfan from Rhoose. Transferring the school to the new site in Rhoose under this proposal would reduce the transportation costs and arrangements currently required for the existing school site.</p> <p>Were the transfer to the new school site under this proposal not take place, the projected increase of 90 pupils which cannot be accommodated from the new development in Rhoose, would have no option but to travel to schools outside of their local area, adding to the traffic congestion and transport costs within the Western Vale.</p> <p>The proposal would have a positive effect for Rhoose parents as children attending Llancarfan Primary School being</p>

			<p>transported would be within walking distance to the transferred school. Children living in Rhoose are within walking distance of both Rhws Primary and the transferred school.</p> <p>The new catchment areas therefore would likely have a positive impact on transport arrangements.</p> <p>.</p>
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7. Scoring Summary

Ref.	Local Community	Wider Community
CI1	2	3
CI2	1	2
CI3	-3	1
CI4	-1	2
CI5	-2	1
CI6	-1	2
CI7	2	-1
CI8	-1	1
Average Score	-0.375	+1.625

8. Conclusions

The impact assessment identifies that the proposal would likely have a negative impact on the local community across 5 of the 8 measures assessed. Overall, the proposal would likely result in a slight deterioration.

The impact assessment identifies that the proposal would likely to have a positive impact on the wider community across 7 of the 8 measures. Overall, the proposal would likely result in a slight to moderate improvement for the wider community.

The proposal would enable the school to continue its success while catering for a greater pupil population. It would provide innovative and creative learning environments which are adaptable to change and would challenge and support children to reach their full potential.

The proposal would maintain and increase the level of community access and interaction through the use of the school's educational facilities whilst meeting the needs of the school.

The proposal would provide a consistent approach from 3-11 years that would promote and underpin continuity and progression for pupils, ensuring breadth and balance across the curriculum.

The school would be able to incorporate provision for 3 and 4 year-old children in a high quality Early Years and Foundation Phase setting. A nursery would enable a seamless transition for nursery age children into the reception class of the school and sustain pupil numbers for the future.

The school currently offers a range of activities for pupils outside of the normal school day. Parents and community members provide peer and individual reading support for children. It is proposed that as a minimum all existing facilities for pupil's parents and the community would continue on the proposal.

It is concluded from the Community Impact Assessment that the proposal to reconfigure primary provision in the Western Vale would better meet the needs of the wider community to ensure the sustainable balance between supply and demand for school places in the Western Vale.