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Dear Stakeholder

Proposal to increase the capacity of Bassaleg School with effect from September 2023.

The full statutory consultation process has now concluded on the proposal by Newport City Council to increase the capacity of Bassaleg School with effect from September 2023.

Formal consultation was held between 1st October 2020 and 12th November 2020. A Statutory Notice was subsequently published on 3rd March 2021 and the objection period ended 1st April 2021. Two formal objections were received, and concerns raised by two other parties, although these were not submitted explicitly as objections. The objections and concerns raised are summarised in the Objection Report.

The objections lodged and concerns raised, as set out in the Objection Report have been given full consideration by the Council's Cabinet acting as the Local Determination Panel. The Council's Cabinet was satisfied with the responses to the objections and concluded that there are overriding educational benefits in proceeding with the expansion including:

- Maintaining high quality and standards in education at the school
- Replacing poor quality buildings and improving accessibility
- Meeting the need for pupil places within the local area
- Improving Additional Learning Needs facilities
- Revenue economies through expansion of existing provision rather than adding another school to the education estate or incurring additional transport costs

The Council's Cabinet has made the final decision to proceed with the proposal.

I am pleased to confirm that the proposal will be implemented as outlined in the consultation and the statutory notice from September 2023.

Further information is available on the Council website at:

www.newport.gov.uk/schoolreorganisation

Yours sincerely

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