

Dear Consultee,

Proposals to Establish an all-through School in Abergavenny

Monmouthshire County Council has a statutory duty to secure sufficient and suitable school places for children within the County, and in doing so ensure that resources and facilities are efficiently utilised to deliver the education opportunities that our children deserve.

As part of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, the Council has a statutory duty to consult with members of the community and appropriate stakeholders when considering any significant school organisation proposals.

On 14th April 2021, the Council's Cabinet agreed to commence statutory consultation processes on the proposals outlined under Band B of the Council's 21st Century Schools Programme.

As part of this programme, the Council proposes to establish an all-through School to be located on the current King Henry VIII Comprehensive School site, Abergavenny. In order to facilitate these proposals, the Council proposes to close Deri View Primary School and King Henry VIII Comprehensive School with effect from 1st September 2023.

The proposed new School will include facilities for:

- 1200 secondary age pupil places (aged 11-16)
- 200 post 16 pupil places (post 16 / 6th form)
- 420 pupil places for primary aged pupils
- 30 full time equivalent (FTE) Nursery pupils and 20 Flying Start places.
- Suitable accommodation for 71(16 primary and 55 secondary) pupils with complex neurodevelopmental and learning needs within the school.

Statutory consultation on the proposals will commence on **26th April 2021** and will remain open for a period of 42 days, concluding on **8th June 2021**.

The Council has developed a consultation document, which can be accessed via the Monmouthshire County Council website, and specifically via the following link <https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/schoolreorganisation/>

A hard copy of the consultation document can be provided on request by emailing strategicreview@monmouthshire.gov.uk.

You are encouraged to take some time to study the consultation document prior to submitting your formal response to this consultation. If you have any comments, observations and / or concerns in relation to the proposal, it is important that you let us know by completing our **[on-line response proforma](#)**

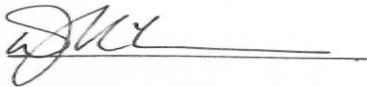
The Council will hold consultation sessions with Governors, Staff and wider community members during the 42-day consultation period, providing an opportunity to ask any questions on the proposals. Due to the current pandemic, these events will be held virtually, with details sent to key consultees under separate cover.

All views expressed throughout the consultation period will be considered in deciding next steps, so it is imperative that you take some time to share your views. Please make sure that your response clarifies whether or not you are in support of the proposals, and is submitted prior to the closing date of **8th June 2021**. Unfortunately, the Council is unable to accommodate any responses received after this date.

Following the conclusion of the statutory consultation process, the Council's Cabinet will receive a consultation report analysing the feedback received during the consultation period. It is this report that will inform any decision taken on the next steps of the statutory process. Should the Cabinet undertake a decision to proceed with proposals, statutory notices will be published providing a 28 day notice period for formal objections to be made.

I look forward to receiving your observations. Please remember that all responses must be received by the Council no later than **8th June 2021**.

Yours Sincerely



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Ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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