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To: Consultees relating to the proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol Treferthyr to 150 and relocate the school to an alternative site referred to as the A497 site

Dear Stakeholder,

Re: Proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol Treferthyr to 150 and relocate the school to an alternative sit, referred to as the A497 sit,e on 1 September 2023.

On Tuesday 18 May 2021, Gwynedd Council's Cabinet formally approved the proposal given by statutory notice, to increase the capacity of Ysgol Treferthyr to 150 and relocate the school to an alternative site referred to as the A497 site on 1 September 2023, in accordance with Section 53 of the School Standards and Organization (Wales) Act 2013 and the requirements of the School Organization Code 11/2018. In accordance with Gwynedd Council's constitution, the Cabinet decision came into effect on 2 June 2021.

A statutory objection period was held between 24 February and 24 March 2021. No objections to the proposal were received and as a result, Cabinet endorsed the recommendation to formally confirm the proposal.

The proposal was developed as a result of the main challenges facing the school, namely:

- **Condition**

The Council Property Service is of the opinion that Ysgol Treferthyr is in a very poor condition and is now beyond the state of repair and maintenance. The condition surveys place the school in the category of condition C- because they have identified several issues which mean that there are a number of significant structural defects.

- **Suitability**

In addition to the extremely poor condition of the school, a recent suitability survey has identified that the current school is very poor and that the buildings significantly impair the staff's ability to deliver the curriculum.

- **Capacity**

In recognizing lessons from previous projects the Council believes that new school building plans must be based on all children living within the catchment area of the existing school rather than the current number of children attending the school. Based on September 2020

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figures, there was the potential for Ysgol Trefferthyr numbers to be 146, this number includes the 117 at the school and 29 from the catchment area that attend other schools. Based on these numbers it was decided to build the new school with a capacity of 150 to accommodate 5 classes for reception age children to year 6 and a nursery class.

In determining the proposal, the following factors were considered by Cabinet in accordance with the requirements of the School Organization Code (11/2018):

- Quality and standards in Education
- The need for places and the impact on accessibility of schools
- Education resources and other financial implications
- Other general factors
- Potential impact on different travel arrangements
- Potential impact on the community
- Potential impact on quality and standards of education
- Equality
- The Welsh language
- The requirements of the Well-being and Future Generations Act 2015

The report presented to Cabinet on 18 May 2021 expands on the background, consultation and statutory process, including the relevant considerations. This report together with other Cabinet reports and relevant documents can be found at www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/modernisingeducation

In accordance with the above decision, **Ysgol Trefferthyr will relocate to an alternative site referred to as the A497 site on 1 September 2023 and the capacity will increase to 150.**

If you require any further information, please contact modernisingeducation@gwynedd.llyw.cymru

Yours Faithfully,



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