 Email

Sen

~~From: Glan Llyn School~~
To: School Reorg
Subject:Objection to the delayed opening of Glan Llyn School

Hi,

Please accept this email as an objection to the delay in opening from Sept 18 to Sept 19.

I live on the Glan Llyn Estate and whilst my children will not be attending this school, it seems ridiculous that the building will stand empty for 12 months when it is making such great progress.

As a local resident - we feel let down - everything that has been promised here has been delayed significantly. We were advised when we purchased a house.


Please reconsider your decision so that reception children for this year can settle into a new school moved next year

Thanks for your consideration

Kind Regards

~~Glan Llyn School~~

Sent from my iPhone

 Email

From: [REDACTED]
To: School Reorg
Subject: Education service development manager

Sent: 13/03/2018 13:07:24



To whom it may concern,

I have received a letter though the post regarding the delay of the new school opening from this September 2018 to next September 2019.

I have moved from [REDACTED] where my two children goes to school [REDACTED]

I have to drive 2.7 miles to and forth 5 days a week with a newborn baby. I have to leave the house early morning 7.30am to avoid the traffic as you know it's horrendous and when theres an accident on the motorway then all traffic gets divert this way and it's a standstill then.

I have been told when I got my house in Glan Llyn that the school will be open this year 2018.

Hence the reason of getting the house.

They are loads of people in this estate who has purchased a home because of the school. We all are having difficulty. The worse are those children waking up early to get to school on time.


It's not fair on them too as well as the parents.

Please delay no more and open the school as said Sept 2018.

Your Faithfully

[REDACTED]

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

 Email

From: [REDACTED]
To: School Reorg
Subject: Glan Llyn School

Sent: 13/03/2018 13:31:26



Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you to voice my concerns over the decision to delay the opening of Glan Llyn School. I feel that your decision is purely money based, and that you have not considered all the factors in making your decision. You clearly haven't made the education and well-being of the children of Glan Llyn your priority.

I am a resident of [REDACTED]. I'm also the father of a very bright 4 year old girl who has been looking forward to the opening of "her new school" just a stones throw away from our house. A school she can walk to. Or even ride her bike.

She is currently a pupil at [REDACTED]. Don't get me wrong, [REDACTED] is a very good school and has developed her knowledge and her interpersonal skills vastly in the time she has been schooled there. The only problem with [REDACTED] is getting her there. By road it is 1.5 miles away. This doesn't seem far, however this is too far to expect a 4 year old to walk. She can't cycle there either as although there are some cycle paths, there are busy intersections on the route, a busy dual carriageway and the final part of the journey is too narrow with all the cars parked on the pavement outside their homes.

So we are forced to drive.

Driving the 1.5 mile journey takes between 10 and 40 minutes. The roads are so congested especially leading up to and on the A48. This however is not the final obstacle. Finding somewhere to park in an already congested area is not easy. Especially difficult due to regular emails and written communication from the school telling us parents where we can't park. I get the impression the school would prefer we don't drive.

This is one of the main reasons we moved to Glan Llyn. Upon house shopping we settled on a development with a growing school to be opened September 2018. Perfect timing for our daughter to start school.

To have this schools opening delayed by another might save you a few pounds, however it is putting more traffic onto already congested roads. Earlier this year my child was in a car crash on the way to school whilst sitting in traffic. Luckily she was uninjured. I'm sure however, that this is not going to be the last time a child is in a car in an accident going to school whilst our roads are so congested. Surely opening Glan Llyn School on time as originally planned will reduce some rush hour congestion, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and ultimately make our community safer for all?

Failing this you as the council need to improve infrastructure such as roads, cycle paths, footpaths, and crossings as well as making safe places for parents to drop off their children at existing schools. However the improvements just to get to my daughters school would cost more than the construction and operation of a new school.


Also every time a new government is elected, one of their key policies is to improve upon education. Smaller class sizes are deemed a better learning environment. Less pupils to teacher ratio is proven to increase attention span which in turn creates better examination grades. This is better for the children and the schools and the councils running the schools. So why do you think extra capacity in our schools isn't required?

As a parent I think the best solution to all the above is to open Glan Llyn school as promised in September 2018.

I hope you'll make the right decision.

Thank you for your time

[REDACTED]

 Email

Sen


From: [REDACTED]
To: School Reorg
Subject:Glan Llyn proposal

Dear who this may concern.

My partner and I, both object to the delaying of the proposed school. We moved here with our child 4 promise that the school would be built. My son currently is attending nursery at [REDACTED]. I applied school for his reception place for September 2018. I was notified two months ago that I needed to app I requested Eveswell, however I was told that this would probably be unlikely as we don't live in the will in consequence mean that my child will have attended 3 different settings by the age of 5. This his building of relationships with peers as he will continually have to make new friends. This in tur esteem and the ability to want to form new relationships with peers once the School is supposedly to as he will have already lost so many friends. We would like the school to open this September as pror

Thank you

[REDACTED]

 Email

From: [REDACTED]
To: School Reorg
Subject: RE: Glan Llyn school - delay in opening

Sent: 15/03/2018 07:59:05



I would like to express my objection to the delay in opening the new school -
Glan Llyn
Bessemer Drive
Newport
NP19 4EB

This school is needed now for residents of the rapidly expanding housing development at Glan Llyn, not in 18 months time.

My understanding is that the school was due to open in September 2018 and I have seen no credible evidence to support a delay in this project.

Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Email

From: [REDACTED]
To: School Reorg
Subject: Objection to the Delay of the Glan Llyn School

Sent

For the attention of the Education Service Department Manager

Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is [REDACTED] and I live in Glan Llyn estate. I moved in along with my family in April 2015 Persimmon houses and we also bought in the beautiful vision of the Glan Llyn community with new school community areas. We were said that the school for 3-11 years old children was supposed to be finished first pupils in September 2017. This was one of main reasons why we did buy the house we now live in.

It was very disappointing to receive the update that the school wouldn't be open in 2017. We were given September 2018, which was just in time for our daughter to be enrolled into the nursery. She was eager attending the school this year seeing the contractors working on the school from the window of her room received a letter from the Newport City Council with another disappointing update that the school would be September 2019.

It was very difficult for us to explain to her that she would have to attend another school. In our current nursery in Magor. She has been given a place in the afternoon but there is no provision of school bus. This is going to affect us very much. We have only one car and I need it for my work. My wife is working and she is looking after our children (we have 1-year old son too).


As far as we know, there is no public transport that will fit the times of our daughter's classes at

At the end, we would like to kindly ask you to reconsider opening the Glan Llyn school in September as promised. Writing this objection, I have only given you my personal view and my family situation. In fact that by opening the school as promised, the Glan Llyn residents' trust in their City Council will be restored. The existence of the school will bring positive economical impact for the estate as the house prices will rise and contractors could attract new buyers easily.

I hope to hear from your Department soon with hopefully positive update regarding the Glan Llyn school.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

 Email

From: [REDACTED]
To: School Reorg
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Glan Llyn School

Sent: 25/03/2018 17:56:07



SENT ON BEHALF OF MISS SUZANNE A [REDACTED]

I would like to express my concerns regarding the proposed opening date of Glan Llyn school and especially the allocation of places.

Because of the delay in opening the school and nursery my son has been allocated a place at another nursery and will start in September 2018. However I am concerned that this will jeopardise his chances of being granted a place at Glan Llyn should the school open sooner than expected or indeed in 2019 the new proposed opening date.

My address is 1 [REDACTED] which is literally across the road from the new school so we would definitely be in the catchment area. According to the latest notice dated 28 February there will be provision for 30 children in the Reception year group but will the children living at Glan Llyn be given priority for these places or will it be on a first come first served basis. Will the fact that my son will be attending a nursery out of the area, through no fault of his other than the school was not completed on time, jeopardise his chance of being accepted.

If the building had been completed as scheduled this issue would not have arisen but since this is not going to happen then I would appreciate some reassurance as to my son's admission.

For your records, my son's full name is [REDACTED] and his date of birth is [REDACTED]

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Sent from Samsung tablet.

Deborah Weston (Service Development Manager)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 March 2018 22:50
To: School Reorg
Cc: Martyn Kellaway (Elected Member); Gail Giles (Elected Member)
Subject: Objection regarding the delay of Glan Llyn School

Dear Newport council,

I am a resident at Glan Llyn and my address is [REDACTED]. With this mail I would like to strongly object the delay in opening of the Glan Llyn primary school at Bessemer Drive, Newport NP19 4EB. I hope the council will kindly consider our following concerns in this regard -

1. The close proximity of the school from our property was an important factor for us when we invested in the aforementioned property. It would be unfair on us to have to send our daughter to her first school outside the catchment area as a result of the delay.
2. The notice from the Chief Education Officer mentions that the Glan Llyn School will start on the 1st of September 2019, which means that we will have to change our daughter's school, friends, environment etc. just after her first year. We are concerned on how our daughter will cope with these unnecessary changes at her very early stages.

I hope that the council will factor in our concerns and decide to open the Glan Llyn School in September 2018 as promised initially.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
Mobile: [REDACTED]


Deborah Weston (Service Development Manager)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2018 17:14
To: School Reorg
Subject: Delay of opening of Glan Llyn school

I am writing to object to the proposal to delay the opening of Glan Llyn primary school. We have moved into the Glan Llyn estate in January and one of the reasons of doing so was that there would be a new primary school opening in September 2018. Our son is due to start reception in September 2018 and would be entitled to attend this school. The proposal to delay the opening of the school would mean that he would need to attend a different school for a year and then transfer to Glan Llyn school. This would mean disruption to him at the start of his school career which would be detrimental to his learning, especially as he is requiring speech and language therapy. The other concern is there will be more children moving into the Glan Llyn estate requiring a place at school which could mean that our son may miss out on a place at Glan Llyn school because of the fact he is placed elsewhere due to the decision of the council to delay the opening even though he fits all requirements to attend. I hope that my objection is taken into consideration when making a decision about delaying the opening of the school.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my Huawei Mobile

 Email

From: [REDACTED]
To: School Reorg
Subject: Objection to proposal. Establishment of new school on Glan Llyn development - Statutory Notice

Sent: 27/03/2018 08:39:07



I wish to formally object to your proposal to delay the Glan Llyn school. I have written to Deborah Weston numerous times and she has repeatedly failed to explain what has changed since the consultation. I am convinced this decision was taken long ago and the inability to be honest confirms this. As a civil servant this is exactly the behaviour I see when underhand decisions are forced through.

Your original consultation did mention school surplus but still recommended opening in 2018. It also said surplus in the area was limited. You have not stated at any point why you have then changed your mind, what changed and what took so long to provide the report? What is the point of consultation if you do something different and don't explain why? I suspect the consultation was really a box ticking exercise.

You have refused to consider the added transport implications of the other local schools maybe your surplus is due to schools being too big and in the wrong place. Liswerry for example, which causes congestion on the SDR everyday at 3pm. I spoke to Liswerry in January, they confirmed transport issues and were unaware of chance that Glan Llyn may not be opening.

We recently received a letter stating school consultation had progressed without even mentioning the one year delay which was poor communication.

Was there ever a budget for the school to open in 2018 and how advanced were recruitment plans?

On what date was the decision made and by who?

In summary you have failed to answer concerns, failed to meet those who are affected when consultation options changed (despite repeated requests), failed to explain what changed after consultation and failed to be open and honest.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On 5 Mar 2018 10:47, "Deborah Weston (Service Development Manager)" <Deborah.Weston@newport.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence following publication of the statutory proposal.

The statutory proposal period of 28 days now enables you to lodge any objections to the published proposal. You have already seen the Consultation Report which, on page 15, outlines the reasons for the delay in opening the school. This deferment is on the basis that there are sufficient surplus places in schools local to the development to accommodate the likely pupil yield during the 2018/19 academic year. Opening a new school in these circumstances does not demonstrate value for money.

As the publication of the statutory proposal is a formal process which enables stakeholders to lodge objections to the published proposal, I can confirm that there are no plans for members or officers to meet with families to facilitate further discussions.

Cofion gorau / Kind regards


Deborah Weston

Deborah Weston

Rheolwr Datblygu Gwasanaethau Addysg / Education Service Development Manager

Addysg / Education

Cynor Dinas Casnewydd / Newport City Council

 Email

From: [REDACTED]
To: School Reorg
Subject: Glan Llyn School

Sent

Dear Ms Sarah Morgan

I wish to formally object to the proposed delay in opening the Glan Llyn primary school in September reconsider this decision.

My main objection comes from the fact that a delay was NOT part of the initial consultation document on the school. The fact that this has now come to light is so frustrating for me and my 4 year old daughter was a primary factor in choosing to move to this location.

My daughter currently goes to [REDACTED] and being so young, we have no option but to drive the little to walk an hour each way. Cycling could potentially have been an option however Nash Road is not all ruling it out. Paths are congested with parked cars and we have to avoid broken glass and dog excrement on the walk from the car to the school. There is simply no safe drop off area for the young children. The heavily congested area is difficult so we park streets away but it's far from ideal.

I cannot comprehend how the idea of building a beautiful new school then mothballing it for a whole year cost to council to maintain it whilst it is empty. There are enough children on the estate wanting to the phased opening. Recruitment could still take place as most positions advertise in April for the September I don't see the logic.


Instead, I'll be forced to sit in traffic every morning and afternoon for another year when I could have the first choice of school cutting car use, emissions and congestion on already busy roads.


Please open the school this year as originally planned. Make the right decision for my daughter and our parents.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

 Email

From: 
To: School Reorg
Subject: Glan Llyn Primary School

Sent: 27/03/2018 13:01:16



Dear Mrs Morgan

Unfortunately, we did not receive the stakeholder letter in October 2017 regarding the proposed Glan Llyn primary school. As parents of a daughter who would have started reception in September 2018, we would obviously have supported the proposal.

We applied for our daughter to start reception at Glan Llyn Primary school in September 2018 and would greatly appreciate it if the school could be opened as per the initial schedule.

Delaying the opening until September 2019 would be very inconvenient and disruptive. There is no school within walking distance and we would therefore further contribute to the significant morning traffic between Glan Llyn and the SDR, costing us time, money and the resulting environmental impact. Please note, it is without doubt not safe to walk 3 miles there and back from Glan Llyn to Lliswerry Primary school: there is no safe crossing point along Queensway Meadows (A4810) passing the entrances to Spytty retail park.

With these factors in mind, if there is a delay until September 2019, we would propose these two points:

1. The Home to School transport policy accommodate Glan Llyn residents 2018-2019.
2. Assurance that those children who had applied to start Glan Llyn primary in September 2018 be guaranteed a place if the deferral to September 2019 is confirmed.


In summary, we object to the delayed opening. We support the September 2018 opening for reception aged children. If this cannot be achieved, we would urge the above two points are considered.


Kind regards







 Email

From: 
To: School Reorg
Subject:Glan Llyn primary school

Sent:27/03/2018 22:47:19



Dear Sir/Madam,

Please would you take the following comments into account before making a final decision on the date for opening the new primary school at Glan Llyn.

Firstly, thank you for the progress that has been made in bringing this school forward. It will be an asset to Newport's eastern expansion area and the new community that is living here. The sooner it can open the better, and a 2018 opening would be welcomed.

I would urge you to bring the school opening date forward as early as possible for three reasons:

Firstly the education benefits that a new school will bring, and the importance of that to the next generation .

Secondly, the benefits to the community here of having an on site primary school. This was clearly an attraction for many families moving to Glan Llyn, and Newport is benefitting from the new housing growth that is currently booming in our city. An on site school will help build the community spirit and provide a community focus for the area. It will also reduce car journeys for parents taking their children to schools elsewhere.

Thirdly the new school will have economic benefits. Its opening will boost the attractiveness of the development to new residents. More residents means more spending to support local businesses and provides additional Council Tax to the Council as well as more WG funding due to the population growth. The school will also boost house prices, making the development more viable and meaning the Council can secure additional much needed affordable housing in future phases.

Thank you for taking the time to consider these benefits of opening the school earlier.

Regards,



Dear Sir/Madam,

We write to you to oppose the proposal to open an English Medium Primary School on the Glan Llyn site. We note:

(i) that the assessment of the effect on the Welsh language has changed; and (ii) that the latest assessment acknowledges, as it should, that this proposal would do nothing at all to promote access to education through the medium of Welsh, which is mandatory under section 10, Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008.

As this is acknowledged in the document and the proposal is being approved as it is, we shall seek legal advice about the Council's failure to conform to section 10, Measure 2008, and the substantial flaws in the consultation process.

On behalf of

RhAG National Committee

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Parents for Welsh Medium Education

[REDACTED]

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www.rhag.net

Newport City Council
Education Service Development Manager
Civic Centre
Newport
NP20 4UR

Thursday, 22 March 2018

Formal Objection to Glan Llyn Proposal

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to submit a formal objection to the proposal with regard to the establishment of Glan Llyn Primary School. I believe the consultation was bias and sought to simply back what was the Local Authorities view and not the swider community. The consultation makes several statements/assumptions which are bias towards English Medium and detrimental to the Welsh Medium. These points are listed below:-

1. Extract from Consultation document

*"In July 2017, a pre-consultation exercise was carried out with those **families currently residing on the site to identify whether the predominant demand was for this school to be either English-medium or Welsh-medium provision.** This pre-consultation involved officers from the Education Service letter dropping all occupied properties on the site, asking all residents to share their views by either email or completion of an enclosed pro-forma. A two week window was allowed for submission of responses. At the end of this period, the council was in receipt of **65 responses, 47 (72.3%)** of which outlined a preference for English-medium provision with **18 (27.6%)** indicating Welsh-medium provision was their preferred option."*

Objection A

Your pre-consultation exercise did not seek the view of other residents in the same way it did the residents in the immediate vicinity, despite the catchment being wider than that you managed to pre-consult.

Objection B

Given the immense cost to the Local Authority and tax payers of the Newport Local Authority the consultation determining the direction of language medium based on a total of 65 responses lacks credibility, scrutiny and due diligence. In my view the approach was purposely implemented to (for your own end) confirm the assumptions that authority wanted to make and sought to push forward.

2. Extract from Consultation document

“Glan Llyn is a growing housing development that is expected to contain in the region of 4000 dwellings when fully complete. Opening a new school as a growing school allows it to grow in size as the population of the development grows”

School 2021/22 1246 Dwellings, 420 School Capacity

Based on your own consultation and what you perceive to be 1246 dwellings by 2021/22

Extrapolating the figures based on your small/poor pre-consultation exercise, 27.6% of the 1,246 dwellings would have a Welsh Medium preference.

As a result, and using your figures for school population by 2020/21 of the 420 school places a total 115.92 of those pupils would be denied Welsh Medium Education due to the bias approach, preconceived assumptions and lack of willingness to engage Welsh Medium Education, also apparent with the rejection of the recent WESP by Welsh Government.

If we then extrapolate those figures further, and again, use your consultation quoting 4,000 eventual properties then there will be a total of 1,348 children of school age of which 27.6% of those would have (again based on your poor pre-consultation) expressed a preference to Welsh Medium with a total of 372.05.

On one hand you are looking to increase the Welsh Medium provision (as per your failed WESP), yet you have as an Authority blatantly assume that this school should be English Medium.

My view is that given the development is close to the eventual relief road, removal of tolls in 2019 you are assuming that many families will derive from cross border and thus assuming that an English Medium will be preferential.

In fact, your consultation takes no account of the initial 115.92 nor the eventual 372.05 pupils who have been denied Welsh Medium education.

Objection C

As a result I object and have grave concerns around the due diligence of the entire process and its component parts. I feel that this should be referred to Welsh Government for further scrutiny, and to the Welsh Language Commission for further action.

3. Statutory Primary Education - Provision The new school will sit within the Lliswerry cluster of primary schools. This cluster already contains four other English-medium community-maintained primary schools: Lliswerry Primary, Maindee Primary, Somerton Primary and St Andrews Primary. St Patrick's Roman Catholic Primary School is also located in this area. The nearest Welsh-medium community-maintained primary school is Ysgol Gymraeg Casnewydd in Ringland.

Objection D

As per your consultation there are already four other English Medium Primary schools within the same cluster area. Yet within the Authority boundaries there are only three Welsh Medium Primaries.

Given that 26.7% of the respondents (approx.. 1 in 5) expressed a preference to Welsh Medium then it would seem that your ratio of schools at Authority level, and "Cluster" level are somewhat out of kilter.

If Glan Llyn became Welsh Medium it would allow for local English Medium cluster schools to fill empty place whilst balancing the ration of English and Welsh Medium schools in the Cluster area to 1:4 instead of 0:5. It would pave the way for a third Welsh Medium secondary in Newport East serving what would be two welsh medium schools.

As a result your proposal to establish an English Medium school further dilutes Welsh Medium provision and yet again conflicts with your ability to meet your WESP strategic plan and Welsh Medium obligations. It also conflicts with the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act which I am sure your local Public Service Board would be interested in hearing about.

4. Objection D

Given that your local cluster schools have more than 230 English Medium surplus places then it would be more cost effective to those schools and the tax payer to fill those places with Glan Llyn individuals of school age.

Please would you acknowledge my formal objection to the proposal in writing and via email.

Regards

[Redacted signature block]