

CONSULTATION RESPONSES - SCHOOL CATCHMENT AREAS

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Overview of the Consultation

Powys County Council consulted on each primary and secondary school catchment areas to inform future school admissions and home to school transport arrangements.

The consultation was open from the 7th of February – 14th March 2022.

Consultation methods

The consultation was published on Powys' website [Public Consultation on school's admissions arrangements and catchment maps - Powys County Council](#) and all schools, governing bodies and local members informed via email.

Consultees were invited to review each the catchment map for each individual school. For dual stream schools, separate catchment maps were provided for the Welsh and English stream.



Consultees could respond to the public consultation by either emailing their comments to admissions@powys.gov.uk or by completing the online form.

The proposals were also discussed at the following meetings:

- Governors Consultative Committee (GCC) – 11th October 2021
- Local Authority Governor Briefing – 9th November 2021
- Member Development Session – 19th November 2021
- Informal consultation with schools, governing bodies, and members – 23rd November 2021 – 17th December 2021
- Governor Consultative Committee – 26th January 2022

Responses received

A total of 430 responses were received, with 372 returned via the online form, 48 emails into the admissions inbox and 10 letters submitted.

Of the responses, 48 (11%) agreed with the proposed catchment areas and 382 (89%) disagreed. Most of the disagreements fell into the following categories:

- request to amend the catchment boundary
- request to change clusters or to provide greater flexibility in choice of secondary school
- request to provide greater choice if the nearest school was a Welsh medium school
- request to review the vacant seat policy

Comments were received in respect of 42 of the 88 school's catchment areas. No responses were received for 46 of Powys' primary, secondary or all age schools.

Not all responses contained written responses, only an acknowledgment of their agreement or disagreement with the catchment areas.



School	School Type	Number of responses	In agreement	In disagreement	Key themes
Abermule CP	Primary	0			
Archdeacon Griffiths	Primary	1	0	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catchment boundary • Vacant seats
Arddleen CP School	Primary	1	1	0	
Berriew CP	Primary	0			
Brecon HS	Secondary	4	1	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catchment boundary • Vacant seats
Brynhafren CP	Primary	0			
Builth Wells CP	Primary	0			
Buttington / Trewern CP	Primary	0			
Caersws CP School	Primary	7	2	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language of provision • Catchment boundary
Carreghofa CP	Primary	0			
Churchstoke CP	Primary	0			
Clyro CiW Controlled School	Primary	6	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catchment boundary • Vacant seats
Cradoc CP	Primary	6	3	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catchment boundary
Crickhowell CP	Primary	0			
Crickhowell HS	Secondary	63	2	61	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catchment boundary • Out of County learners
Crossgates CP	Primary	0			
Forden CiW	Primary	0			
Franskbridge CP	Primary	0			
Gladestry CiW Controlled School	Primary	0			
Guilsfield CP	Primary	0			
Gwernyfed HS	Secondary	6	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catchment boundary

School	School Type	Number of responses	In agreement	In disagreement	Key themes
Hay on Wye CP	Primary	0			
Irfon Valley CP	Primary	0			
Knighton CiW Controlled School	Primary	0			
Leighton CP	Primary	0			
Llanbedr CiW (Aided) Primary School	Primary	0			
Llanbedr CiW School	Primary	1	0	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catchment boundary
Llanbister CP School	Primary	2	0	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catchment boundary
Llandinam CP	Primary	1	0	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catchment boundary
Llandysilio CiW School	Primary	1	0	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catchment boundary
Llanelwedd CiW Voluntary Controlled School	Primary	1	1	0	
Llanfaes CP	Primary	0			
Llanfechain CiW	Primary	0			
Llanfihangel Rhydithon CP	Primary	0			
<p>NB: School due to close 31.08.2023. Amended maps for neighbouring schools to be consulted on as part of admissions arrangements</p>					
Llangattock CiW Aided School	Primary	0			
Llangedwyn CiW Voluntary Controlled School	Primary	0			
Llangors CiW Controlled School	Primary	9	4	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catchment boundary
Llangynidr CP	Primary	120	0	120	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catchment boundary
Llanidloes CP	Primary	8	0	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catchment boundary Language provision
Llanidloes HS	Secondary	33	1	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catchment boundary
Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant CP	Primary	1	1	0	
Maesydderwen	Secondary	3	2	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Out of county learners

School	School Type	Number of responses	In agreement	In disagreement	Key themes
Maesyrhandir CP	Primary	1	1	0	• Catchment boundary
Montgomery CiW	Primary	0			
Mount Street CP Infants	Primary	0			
Mount Street CP Junior	Primary	0			
Newbridge on Wye CiW Controlled School	Primary	2	0	2	• Catchment boundary
Newtown High School (John Beddoes Campus)	Secondary	1	0	1	• Catchment boundary
Newtown High School (Newtown Campus)	Secondary	2	0	2	• Catchment boundary
Penygloddfa CP	Primary	0			
Presteigne CP	Primary	0			
Priory CiW (Aided) School	Primary	0			
Radnor Valley CP	Primary	0			
Rhayader CiW Controlled School	Primary	1	1	0	
Sennybridge CP	Primary	0			
St Mary's Voluntary Aided (RC) Primary School	Primary	0			
St Michael's CiW Voluntary Aided School	Primary	0			
Treowen CP	Primary	0			
Welshpool CiW	Primary	0			
Welshpool High School	Secondary	3	1	2	• Catchment boundary • Language provision
Ysgol Bro Caereinion	All Age	9	0	9	• Catchment boundary • Language provision
Ysgol Bro Cynllaith	Primary	1	1	0	
Ysgol Bro Hyddgen	All Age	20	16	4	• Catchment boundary • Language provision

School	School Type	Number of responses	In agreement	In disagreement	Key themes
Ysgol Bro Tawe	Primary	7	1	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catchment boundary Language provision
Ysgol Calon Cymru (Builth Campus)	Secondary	2	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catchment boundary
Ysgol Calon Cymru (Llandrindod Campus)	Secondary	0			
Ysgol Calon y Dderwen	Primary	13	0	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catchment boundary
Ysgol Cefnlllys	Primary	0			
Ysgol Cwm Banwy	Primary	1	0	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catchment boundary
Ysgol Dafydd Llwyd	Primary	2	0	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catchment boundary Language provision
Ysgol Dolafon	Primary	0			
Ysgol Dyffryn Trannon	Primary	3	0	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catchment boundary Language provision
Ysgol Glantwymyn	Primary	7	2	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boundary line
Ysgol Golwg y Cwm	Primary	0			
Ysgol Gymraeg Dyffryn y Glowyr	Primary	0			
Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng	Primary	0			
Ysgol Gynradd Carno	Primary	0			
Ysgol Llanbrynmair	Primary	0			
Ysgol Llanfyllin	All Age	45	0	45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catchment boundary
Ysgol Llansantffraid	Primary	0			
Ysgol Meifod	Primary	5	0	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catchment boundary Language provision
Ysgol Pennant	Primary	22	1	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catchment boundary
Ysgol Pontrobert	Primary	3	1	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catchment boundary Language provision
Ysgol Rhiwbechan	Primary	0			

School	School Type	Number of responses	In agreement	In disagreement	Key themes
Ysgol Trefonnen CiW Community Primary	Primary	1	0	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catchment boundary Language provision Religious provision
Ysgol Y Bannau	Primary	1	0	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catchment boundary Language provision
Ysgol Y Cribarth	Primary	0			
Ysgol y Mynydd Du	Primary	2	0	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catchment boundary

Analysis of comments received arranged by secondary / all age school cluster areas.

i) BRECON HIGH SCHOOL CLUSTER

Brecon High School

Cradoc
Llanfaes
Mount Street Infants
Mount Street Juniors
Priory
Sennybridge
Ysgol y Bannau

Ref	POSITIVE comments	Local Authority Response
1	<p>Cradoc:</p> <p>I strongly believe that rural children should have the opportunity to go to a rural school, and that is in most part shown here. There are a few areas which I believe would be nearer for children to go to Cradoc than another school (Llaneglwys being in the Archdeacon Griffiths school catchment, Llyswen, for example), however I assume that is down to bus routes.</p>	<p>The Council notes these comments around a learners and their family choice of school.</p> <p>This is reflected in the Welsh Government School admissions code (005/2013) section 2.1 and Powys' admissions arrangements whereby "Admission authorities must make arrangements enabling the parents of children in their area, and in the case of sixth form admissions, young people, to express a</p>

		<p>preference for a school and to give reasons for that preference. Where a parent or young person expresses a preference according to those arrangements, LAs and governing bodies must comply with that preference, subject to the exceptions set out in the 1998 Act.” These exceptions are applied when a school is oversubscribed. Powys’ oversubscription criteria is set out in the annual ‘Admissions Information and Arrangements’ booklet.</p> <p>However, despite the ability of a learner and their parents / carers to express a preference for a school, this is not the case for home to school transport. The Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 states that the Local authority must provide free home to school transport for learners of compulsory school age who live 2 miles (primary) / 3 miles (secondary) from their nearest suitable school and the Powys Home to School Transport Policy states “Home to school transport will be provided for learners who ordinarily reside in Powys to attend their nearest suitable school or catchment school”. The current policy goes on to state that “A catchment school means the nearest school within a geographic area”.</p>
2	<p>Cradoc: Cradoc Schools catchment area runs predominantly north of its location. The prospect of closing this school with the only option of having to attend a school further south is ridiculous.</p>	<p>The Council notes these comments.</p> <p>The closure of Cradoc school and establishment of a new Primary school in the Brecon area is subject to a separate consultation.</p>

Ref	OBJECTIONS	Local Authority Response
3	<p>Brecon HS: I believe that all parents have a right to apply for the School which is best for them and their children. I am probably less than 1 mile outside the new proposed Crickhowell High School Catchment. My Children choose to go to Crickhowell high School. Their peers in the local village of Talybont have had choice of 2 Schools and get a bus to either, the majority go to Crickhowell High School. Due to a recent change in your policy I am not allowed to buy a “Vacant seat”</p>	<p>All learners and parents / carers are able to express their preference of school. This is reflected in the Welsh Government School admissions code (005/2013) section 2.1 and Powys’ admissions arrangements whereby “Admission authorities must make arrangements enabling the parents of children in their area, and in the case of sixth form admissions, young people, to express a preference for a school and to give reasons for that preference. Where a parent or young person expresses a preference according to those arrangements, LAs and governing</p>

	<p>which goes past our house twice a day?!?!? Absolutely Crazy. In a rural community where opportunities for children and young adults are slim, we need to use what we have the best we can. Vacant seats on School bus routes must become available. The best way to get the best out of kids and out of the Schools is to vote with our feet. All our individual circumstances are different which is also at play with the designated catchment area. Diminishing pupil numbers at Schools, will only get better if the School, is as good as its next nearest School. Improvements must be made at School level. If a School doesn't attract enough students then they need to improve! WE NEED A WORLD CLASS EDUCATION FOR OUR WELSH CHILDREN AS THAT IS WHAT WE COMPETE WITH.</p>	<p>bodies must comply with that preference, subject to the exceptions set out in the 1998 Act.” These exceptions are applied when a school is oversubscribed. Powys’ oversubscription criteria is set out in the annual ‘Admissions Information and Arrangements’ booklet.</p> <p>The option to buy a ‘vacant seat’ would be part of a separate consultation on Powys’ Home to School Transport Policy.</p> <p>Any concerns about the standard of learning and teaching would be identified during the Local Authority Support Visits and if relevant Estyn inspections/ If required, appropriate actions would be put in place to support the school to improve their provision.</p>
4	<p>Brecon HS: I'm not against it but I am unsure. There is no indication in this as to what transport would look like? Would Powys provide transport? Very hard to give an opinion when the full facts are not provided!!!!</p>	<p>The purpose of this consultation is to clearly define catchment areas so as learners, parents, and carers apply for a school place, they would be made fully aware of their eligibility for free home to school transport. The current Powys Home to School transport policy states that free home to school transport will be provided for learners who ordinarily reside in Powys to attend their nearest suitable school or catchment school.</p>
5	<p>Brecon HS: I live in Ystradfellte, Powys and would like my two children (2 and 5) to go to Brecon high school and be provided with some transport. In previous years families in Ystradfellte have had transport and qualified for transport for this school. I believe that Brecon high school would be a far more similar demographic for my children (growing up in a village and living in a traditional farm house) than the current catchment around Ystradgynlais which is a similar distance (driving time exactly the same). It gives me a limited choice and may unfairly mean I will pay for my own transport for the school that would most suit my children or move house.</p>	<p>The purpose of this catchment area review was to reflect not only a learners nearest school but also the local geography.</p> <p>Consideration will be given to which primary catchment Ystradfellte would fall. This would then impact the cluster and therefore Secondary feeder school.</p>

6	<p>Cradoc: We live in Llaneglwys and having chosen to send our daughter to the nearest primary school we discovered having accepted a place that we are outside the catchment and therefore do not qualify for school transport. Cradoc is 7.7 miles from our home and Archdeacon Griffiths School is 8.1 miles. We are currently the only family in the village with primary school children and think the Cradoc catchment area would serve the village better as all our nearest amenities are in Brecon and as such would make much more sense environmentally reducing many unnecessary road miles.</p>	<p>Consideration will be given to which primary catchment Llaneglwys would fall. This would then impact the cluster and therefore Secondary feeder school.</p> <p>Under the current Powys Home to School transport policy and the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008, transport will be provided to a learners nearest suitable school, even if it falls outside the catchment area.</p>
7	<p>Cradoc: We live in Llaneglwys (Forest Lodge, LD2 3BQ, directly opposite Brecon Forest Farmhouse). Our nearest school, by the shortest road route is Cradoc (7.7 miles), however our catchment school is Archdeacon Griffiths (8.1 miles). This makes zero sense to us, and has resulted in our daughter being unable to access home/ school transport (which we would be entitled to had she gone to AG) The current catchment areas seem somewhat arbitrary and I am well aware of other families experiencing similar difficulties.</p>	<p>Please see response reference number 6.</p>
8	<p>Cradoc: When the small schools in the area were merged in order to have a central school in Cradoc, pupils in both the school in Llanfihangel Nant Bran and the school in Trallong were included in this programme and so were part of the merger into Cradoc. Children from both these villages have attended Cradoc CP since then - that is for the last 50+ years. So why not in this catchment area map? Trallong appears to be cut in two and Llan Nant Bran is outside the area. Why is Penpont House not included since the owners' sons both attended Cradoc School - however the farm across the road is in the catchment area - it doesn't make sense! Historically and recently children from Llanddew have attended Cradoc school too - a more direct transport line than wending</p>	<p>Consideration will be given to which primary catchment the individual areas / locations you reference would fall. Consideration will be based on the nearest school and then if small amendments to the catchment boundary need to be made to reflect the local topography and geography. This would then impact the cluster and therefore Secondary feeder school.</p> <p>Under the current Powys Home to School transport policy and the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008, transport will be provided to a learners nearest suitable school, even if it falls outside the catchment area.</p>

	<p>their way into the town and the option to go to a rural school like their own community.</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>Ysgol y Bannau: I am writing with regards to the Public Consultation on the proposed School Catchment Maps for 2023. Having reviewed the proposed 'English Medium Primary Catchments' map online, I was surprised to see that our home address (shown above) would now solely fall under the catchment of Ysgol-y-Bannau, a Welsh Medium School, and not within catchment for any English Medium School. Please see map attached below: I can only assume that this is a mistake, as Ysgol-Y-Bannau should surely not appear on the 'English Medium Primary Catchments' map in the first place? Our current catchment school is Llangorse CIW Primary School and I strongly believe this should continue to be the case. Llangors CIW Catchment My observations and objections to the change of catchment for our address are outlined below. 1) Equality in choice of language medium – Welsh or English The Welsh Medium Education section of your proposed admissions policy states that Powys County Council wishes to “..ensure equal opportunity and equality of provision for all pupils in Powys.” Whilst this statement is aimed at increasing accessibility to Welsh language education, (which I wholly support) this is not equality. By forcing families under the catchment of only a Welsh medium school, you are in effect taking away their access to transport and entitlement to attend their nearest English medium school. This would mean depriving pupils of access to their education in the language of their choice. In contrast to this, families who choose to have their children</p>	<p>Under the current Powys Home to School transport policy and the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008, transport will be provided to a learners nearest suitable school. Therefore, regardless of the catchment area, under the current Powys Home to School transport policy and the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008, transport will be provided to a learners nearest suitable school. As stated above, all learners, parents and carers are able to make a preference for any school they feel most suitable, but based on the school of choice, may not be eligible to free Home to School Transport. However, discretion may be applied where the boundary of the catchment area falls within metres a learner's home.</p> <p>The Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 and the guidance states that Local Authorities must promote access to Welsh medium education.</p>

taught under the medium of Welsh, are receiving preferential treatment. Transport will be provided from anywhere in the county to the nearest Welsh Medium School, even if they are closer to an English medium school, why should it not be the case the other way round?

For our family, a Welsh medium school would not be considered 'suitable'. I do not wish for my children to be forced to attend Welsh Medium School, when we do not currently speak Welsh and do not have the appetite to begin to. Whilst I understand there is differing opinions on this, it would my opinion hinder my children's educational progress. Language should be a personal choice.

2) Change to catchment map from the time of initial primary school application & impact on transport entitlement

I am fully aware that the catchments are only of relevance to school admissions where schools are over-subscribed and given that three of my children are already in attendance at Llangors primary, I am less concerned about this. I am however acutely aware of the impact that it has on eligibility to school transport for both primary and secondary schools.

The school transport policy states "Home to school transport will be provided for learners who ordinarily reside in Powys to attend their nearest suitable school or catchment school subject to them meeting the qualifying criteria". It seems wholly unfair that our entitlement to school transport would be restricted by a change of catchment, when my children have begun their school life at our nearest English medium primary school, entirely within 'Catchment'.

3) The impact on Secondary School Catchment and transport entitlement

Your policy states that 'The secondary school catchment is defined by the feeder primary schools'. Given that my eldest daughter is currently in year 5, this is of particular relevance to me as we shall soon be selecting her secondary school. As stated earlier, on initial application for primary school places, we have not strayed out of catchment and have placed our children within our nearest 'English' school, Llangors CIW Primary. Llangorse CIW Primary is a feeder school for Gwernyfed High School, and as such a large proportion of pupil progress there. We would therefore wish for them to continue their education along with their friends and peers that they have known since nursery, and not to have to navigate the difficult step to high school alone. By moving our catchment to Ysgol Y Bannau, you in effect move us under Brecon High catchment, removing any entitlement to transport to our current 'catchment' high school, Gwernyfed. I believe that this would have huge detrimental effect on my children's mental wellbeing as they would be forced to take a different path from everyone that they know. Impacting our children like this is unjust when we have 'played by the rules' and remained within catchment from the start of their educational journey.

4) Distance to the nearest school from our home address
The distance from our front gateway the distance to both Llangorse CIW Primary and Ysgol-y-Bannau are both exactly 3.5 miles using the most direct and suitable driving route (neither of which are safe to travel on foot). You will also note that the borderline for the two proposed catchments is no further than 100 metres from our gate. I would therefore also

<p>appeal on this basis to continue to be classified under Llangors CIW Primary School. I would appreciate that the above matters are taken into consideration before any final decisions are made, and would appreciate a direct response if at all possible.</p>	
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ii) **BRO CAEREINION CLUSTER**

Ysgol Bro Caereinion

Meifod
Pontrobert
Ysgol Cwm Banwy
Ysgol Dafydd Llwyd
Ysgol Gymraeg y Trallwng
Ysgol Rhiwbechan

Ref	POSITIVE comments	Local Authority Response
10	<p>Pontrobert: Mae'r dalgylch swyddogol yn llawer mwy nac oeddwn yn ei ddeall cyn gweld y mapiau yma.</p> <p>The official catchment is much larger than I had realised before seeing these maps.</p>	<p>The Local Authority notes this comment.</p> <p>The size of the catchment is reflective of a learners, parent and carers choice to opt for Welsh medium educational provision.</p>

Ref	OBJECTIONS	Local Authority Response
11	<p>Ysgol Bro Caereinion: Castle Caereinion needs to be within the Llanfair Caereinion catchment as it is for secondary education. It is the most appropriate school in terms of access via main roads for children in Castle Caereinion. Children would also be able to move with their peers to secondary education and as Llanfair Caereinion is going to be an all age school, it would cause the least disruption for children who have already had their school closed in Castle Caereinion.</p>	<p>Consideration will be given to which catchment the village of Castle Caereinion would fall. Consideration will be based on the nearest school and then if small amendments to the catchment boundary need to be made to reflect the local topography and geography.</p>
12	<p>Ysgol Bro Caereinion: Ysgol Meifod historically was split through the village - half in the Llanfair high school catchment and half in the Llanfyllin high school catchment. It is now proposed for it all to be in the Llanfair catchment? This is wrong as Ysgol Meifod is english and the majority of its pupils go to Ysgol Llanfyllin. Ysgol Meifod should be in an english speaking cluster group to assist with the smooth</p>	<p>All learners, parents and carers are able to make a preference for any school they feel most suitable. Based on Powys' Home to School Transport Policy, transport will be provided to a learners nearest suitable school.</p> <p>In October 2022, the governing body of Ysgol Meifod wrote to the Director of Education and Children and Head of Education</p>

	<p>transition of its english speaking year 6 pupils to Llanfyllin -where the majority of its pupils go for secondary education with many staying on for a'levels. Get this wrong PCC and as Meifod is so close to the boarder parents may decide to just drive over it for secondary education if this change means they cant access free transport and then you will have lost them for a'level education too.</p>	<p>requesting to change clusters from Ysgol Bro Caereinion to Ysgol Llanfyllin. Based on the reasoning provided by the governing body, this request was agreed.</p> <p>Therefore, as of xxxx all learners whom attend Ysgol Meifod will naturally transition to Ysgol Llanfyllin (as long as Ysgol Meifod is their nearest primary school). If a learner who lives closer to Ysgol Bro Caereinion wishes to transfer to Ysgol Bro Caereinion rather than Ysgol Llanfyllin for their secondary education, then under the current transport policy, they would be eligible to free home to school transport.</p>
13	<p>Ysgol Bro Caereinion: Ysgol Meifod is an english medium primary and should be in an english cluster group feeding into where the majority of its pupils go to assist with a smooth transition to high school for the year 6 pupils i.e. Llanfyllin. Ysgol Llanfyllin has mainly english feeder primary schools. Ysgol Meifod offers english medium education and draws pupils because of it being english from a large area. The majority of the pupils attend Ysgol Llanfyllin, mainly because of the english language at GCSE level and the subject offering at a'level. Because Ysgol Meifod falls between both Ysgol Llanfyllin and Ysgol Llanfair maybe it should be in both catchments maps?</p>	<p>Please see response reference number 12 above.</p>
14	<p>Ysgol Bro Caereinion: I am a parent and governor of a child in Ysgol Meifod and a child in Llanfyllin High School. I am unclear whether to comment on the catchment for Meifod, Llanfair or Llanfyllin.</p> <p>I disagree with the map showing that Ysgol Meifod is in the catchment for Ysgol Bro Caereinion.</p> <p>The majority of pupils go from Ysgol Meifod to Ysgol Llanfyllin (for High School Provision)</p> <p>2021 Llanfyllin (8) Llanfair Caereinion (5) Oswestry (1) 2022 Llanfyllin (6) Llanfair Caereinion (2) Oswestry (2)</p>	<p>Please see response reference number 12 above.</p>

	<p>This proposed map clearly shows Ysgol Meifod is in the Caereinion cluster. Ysgol Meifod covers a large area and was split equally between the 2 high schools, until now. A vast area of the Ysgol Meifod catchment area is significantly closer to Llanfyllin than Llanfair Caereinion.</p> <p>Ysgol Meifod is the only just English Medium school in Caereinion cluster, I would question whether Ysgol Meifod is in the correct cluster of schools (as Llanfyllin has lots of English medium feeder schools)?</p> <p>My understanding is that, under the current home to school transport policy a learner will only be transported to their nearest or catchment school. Transport costs are a concern for Ysgol Meifod Parents whose children wish to attend Llanfyllin High School. A number of parents have made the decision, that if they have to pay for transport that they choose to transport their children out of Powys. This will inevitably have result in continued loss of pupils and also 6th form students to Shropshire for this provision.</p> <p>Please consider including Ysgol Meifod in the Llanfyllin catchment area rather than the Llanfair Caereinion catchment.</p>	
15	<p>Ysgol Bro Caereinion: I live in Castle Caereinion which is now in Berriew catchment area which feeds to Welshpool High School but Castle is in Llanfair Catchment area which isn't right.</p>	Please see response reference number 11 above.
16	<p>Ysgol Bro Caereinion: Meifod is closer to Llynfyllin than llanfair and should be reflected t hi a way</p>	Please see response reference number 12 above.
17	<p>Ysgol Bro Caereinion: Why is the catchment covering Arddleen, four crosses and crew green? These areas should be in the catchment area of llanfyllin The English medium is and since the school is a dual stream it</p>	<p>Consideration for this would be different for the English and Welsh stream of Ysgol Bro Caereinion.</p> <p>Based on the nearest English provision, then Arddleen, Four Crosses and Crew Green would not fall into the catchment area of</p>

	<p>makes perfect financial cost effective sense to have this area in the llanfyllin catchment.</p> <p>One bus can pick up Welsh and English medium pupils and take them to one school.</p> <p>Your suggestion requires potentially multiple buses and increased v which is not necessary.</p>	<p>Bro Caereinion. However, based on the nearest Welsh medium provision would reflect the nearest Welsh medium primary.</p> <p>Consideration will be given to which Welsh medium catchments the villages of Arddleen, Four Crosses and Crew Green would fall.</p>
18	<p>Meifod:</p> <p>Please can you include Pont Robert in the Catchment area for Ysgol Meifod. We live there and currently send our son to Ysgol Meifod as it was 2 miles to Meifod versus 1 mile for Pont Robert which is nothing to compare for travel and it was an English speaking school that taught Welsh so my son could learn at a pace that was suitable for him after having gone to a nursery in Shrewsbury due to it being next to our work office. We also preferred the feel of the school and felt our son would thrive there.</p>	<p>All learners, parents and carers are able to make a preference for any school they feel most suitable, but based on the school of choice, may not be eligible to free Home to School Transport.</p> <p>The Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 and the guidance states that Local Authorities must promote access to Welsh medium education.</p>
19	<p>Meifod:</p> <p>I feel that the catchment area for those choosing to have their children educated through English medium should be widened. The transport policy stating that children can only be transported to their nearest school.....unless they wish to go to a welsh language school!! This is discrimination. I completely agree that children from Meifod should be able to access transport to Pontrobert if they wish to be taught in Welsh. However, equally, those in Pontrobert, should have the same access to transport should they wish to be taught in English.</p>	<p>All learners, parents and carers are able to make a preference for any school they feel most suitable, but based on the school of choice, may not be eligible to free Home to School Transport.</p> <p>The Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 and the guidance states that Local Authorities must promote access to Welsh medium education.</p>
20	<p>Meifod:</p> <p>What provision is there for children wishing to study at an English Primary School when they live in the catchment of a Welsh only Prmary School</p>	<p>All learners, parents and carers are able to make a preference for any school they feel most suitable, but based on the school of choice, may not be eligible to free Home to School Transport.</p> <p>The Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 and the guidance states that Local Authorities must promote access to Welsh medium education.</p> <p>Any new pupils starting school would be able to access Welsh-medium provision when they start school, meaning that they would</p>

		be fully immersed in the Welsh language, and would have the Welsh language skills needed to access Welsh-medium provision throughout their time in school. The Council also offer additional provision such as immersion provision and additional language support to support pupils and their families.
21	<p>Meifod: As much as I am respectful and understanding of Welsh stream schools I am very concerned that my children who attend an English school will not be able to access an English high school from Meifod. We do not have the financial capacity to pay for a bus to take them to Llanfyllin, are consistently over the threshold for government support and do not want to have to move elsewhere for them to be able to attend a high school which will be highly beneficial for us, especially in the case of my oldest son who is autistic. My understanding is that Llanfyllin has excellent SEN provision and for us to be unable to access this school and its provision during what will already be a very difficult period of life as a teenager going through puberty will make it more difficult than it needs to be.</p> <p>Pupils access Meifod from a wide area due to the rural nature of our location and these areas are not all covered on the current catchment area map.</p> <p>Removing options for families to access schools as they deem fit for themselves and their children is irresponsible in my mind, you will be breaking apart a community.</p>	<p>Please see response reference number 12 above.</p> <p>Across Wales there are children with SEN/ALN who are educated successfully in Welsh-medium schools, whether they are from Welsh-speaking homes, English-speaking homes or homes where other languages are spoken.</p> <p>The Powys SEN/ALN strategy, agreed by Cabinet in November 2021, is committed to improving the provision for all pupils with SEN/ALN, whatever their first language. This includes pupils who can be educated in mainstream classes as well as pupils who require specialist provision.</p>
22	<p>Pontrobert: What is the provision for children wishing to study English Medium at primary school level if they live in a welsh only primary school catchment area?</p>	<p>Please see response reference number 20 above.</p>
23	<p>Pontrobert: Ysgol pontrobert now encompasses part of the old catchments of ysgol llanwyddyn and ysgol llanfihangle. Pupils have traditionally attended llanfyllin primary and high school.</p>	<p>Consideration will be given to which catchment the villages / hamlets of Llanwddyn and Lliffhangel would fall. Consideration will be based on the nearest school and then if small amendments to</p>

	Placing these children in pontrobert will take them away from their natural community of llanfyllin catchment. It will also greatly increase travel time at high school. You need to look at the old catchment areas for llanfihangle and llanwyddyn and return the majority of the area back to llanfyllin	the catchment boundary need to be made to reflect the local topography and geography.
24	Cwm Banwy: The catchment has extended to take in a large proportion of the former primary school catchment area of ysgol llanwyddyn. Those Welsh medium pupils who have always attended llanfyllin will now be forced to travel to ysgol cwm banwy which may be marginally closer for primary education but significantly longer journeys for secondary. The old catchment for llanwyddyn should be reinstated and pupils in that catchment should attend either ysgol pennant or llanfyllin	Please see response reference number 23 above
25	Dafydd Llwyd: I live in Garth Owen so right next to Ysgol Dafydd Llwyd, yet it's is not covered by your catchment area! It appears my row in Garth Owen has been cut off but the front of my row is covered! My eldest son currently attends Ysgol Dafydd Llwyd and I want his other 2 siblings to attend this school (one starting in September this year!). This is diabolical!!	This will be reviewed. All learners, parents and carers are able to make a preference for any school they feel most suitable, and based on Powys' current Home to School Transport Policy will be transported to their nearest suitable Welsh medium provision (if above the two mile threshold for primary and three miles for secondary provision). The Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 and the guidance states that Local Authorities must promote access to Welsh medium education.
26	Dafydd Llwyd: I understand there has to be catchment areas but with children due to start primary school in 23/24 I have a preference of where I would like them to go - their sibling is already in the school system in that school. I feel that siblings should be in the same school for continuity, familiarity for all parties. I have such faith in the school now my child has been there 18 months and to then have children in another school with different pre and after school arrangements will really affect us as a family. We are a busy working family so	Please see response reference number 24 above.

	need the support of the current school process as we await our next child to attend this primary school	
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iii) BRO HYDDGEN CLUSTER

Ysgol Bro Hyddgen

Ysgol Carno
Ysgol Glantwymyn
Ysgol Llanbrynmair

Ref	POSITIVE comments	Local Authority Response
27	Bro Hyddgen: all subjects are taught bilingually	The Council notes this comment.
28	Bro Hyddgen: If students were to go to Bro Hyddgen, they would be able to chose from many different courses, and all of which will be bilingual. For example, I do maths, physics, ICT and Welsh Bac, and every lesson the teachers explain the tasks at hand in both Welsh and English, unless the whole class decides that they would like it to only be in one language. Its a perfect place if you would like to put your child through a bilingual schooling system	The Council notes this comment regarding the strength and breadth of the bilingual provision available at Ysgol Bro Hyddgen.
29	Bro Hyddgen: Mae'r ysgol yn cynnig cyrsiau dwy ieithog - Cymraeg a Saesneg	Mae'r Cyngor yn nodi'r sylwad parthed cryfder ac ehangder y ddarpariaeth ddwyieithog sydd ar gael yn Ysgol Bro Hyddgen. The Council notes this comment regarding the strength and breadth of the bilingual provision available at Ysgol Bro Hyddgen.
30	Bro Hyddgen: Carno is a naturally Welsh speaking area. The Welsh Assembly want to encourage the language and Bro Hyddgen can provide this experience and help to grow the language in the area, something the council and government is keen to ensure. Sending pupils to a dual stream setting goes against local and government policy.	The Council notes this comment.
31	Bro Hyddgen: Mae Ysgol Bro Hyddgen wedi'i datgan i fod yn ysgol benodedig Gymraeg o Fedi 2022 ac mae hyn i'w ddathlu. Dyma ysgol	Mae'r Cyngor yn nodi'r sylwad parthed ehangu'r dalgylch ymhellach. Fodd bynnag mae rhwydd hynt i ddysgwyr, rieni a

	<p>benodedig Gymraeg gyntaf Powys ac mae angen sicrhau bod dysgwyr yn mynychu'r ysgol o'r ardal ehangaf posib. Tra rwy'n mynegi fy mod yn fodlon gyda'r dalgylch rwyf ar yr un pryd yn cwestiynu os dylid ymestyn y dalgylch ymhellach i gynnwys dysgwyr o ysgolion cynradd eraill sydd yn byw o fewn llai na 45 munud un ffordd o deithio er mwyn sicrhau eu bod yn derbyn darpariaeth benodedig Gymraeg. Noder mewn sawl sir bod dysgwyr yn teithio tu hwnt i 45 munud i sicrhau addysg Gymraeg. Mae'n ddyletswydd ar Gyngor Sir Powys i gefnogi a hyrwyddo'r ddarpariaeth Gymraeg fydd yn cael ei chynnig yn eu hysgol benodedig gyntaf a dylent ddangos ffydd yn y ddarpariaeth yma trwy ymestyn y dalgylch i gynnwys dysgwyr cyfrwng Cymraeg o'r ardal ehangaf (fel bo'n realistig o ran teithio). Noder bod angen ymchwilio i ansawdd yr addysg ddwyieithog/Gymraeg a gynigir mewn ysgolion uwchradd cyfagos er mwyn gweld os yw'n cymharu'n ffafriol gyda'r ddarpariaeth mewn ysgol benodedig Gymraeg. Ydy'r dysgwyr hyn wir yn derbyn addysg Gymraeg a Chymreig? Mae Llywodraeth Cymru'n glir bod addysg Gymraeg yn flaenoriaeth, a hynny mewn cyd-destun lle mae'n anelu am 1 miliwn o siaradwyr Cymraeg. I wireddu hyn, mae angen gwneud y Gymraeg yn ffocws a blaenoriaeth addysgol i'r dysgwyr o fewn y gyfundrefn addysg ym Mhowys fel sydd a fydd yn digwydd eisoes yn Ysgol Bro Hyddgen a mae cyfathrebu pwysigrwydd addysg Gymraeg gyda rhieni o du hwnt i ddalgylch presennol Bro Hyddgen yn flaenoriaeth i Gyngor Sir Powys fel bod y rheiny'n derbyn addysg Gymraeg gymharol gyda siroedd eraill Cymru.</p>	<p>gofalwyr gwneud y dewis o pha ysgol sydd orau iddynt, a bydd y Cyngor yn cludo dysgwyr i'w hysgol addas agosaf neu dalgylch. The Council notes this comment. However, learners, parents and carers are able to make a preference for their most suitable school, and the Council will transport to their nearest suitable or catchment school.</p>
32	<p>Bro Hyddgen: Holl bwysig fod Ysgolion Cynradd Cymreig eu natur fel Carno yn aros yn ran o ddalgylch Bro Hyddgen sydd yn Ysgol Uwchradd wir Gymreig. Gall newid hyn fod yn niweidiol iawn i'r iaith Gymraeg yn yr ardal.</p>	<p>Mae'r Cyngor yn nodi'r sylwad. The Council notes this comment.</p>
33	<p>Bro Hyddgen: Ysgol Bro Hyddgen provides Welsh medium education for all students hence it is vital that this catchment area remains the same. The Welsh Government has set a target to reach a million</p>	<p>The Council notes this comment.</p>

	Welsh speakers by 2050 which reiterates the importance of providing Welsh medium education for all pupils in Wales.	
34	<p>Bro Hyddgen: Dylid sicrhau bod Ysgol Carno yn parhau yn rhan o ddalgyllch Bro Hyddgen. Ym Mro Hyddgen mae addysg gwbl ddwyieithog ar gael ar draws yr ysgol o'r meithrin i flwyddyn 13. Mae Ysgol Carno sy'n rhan o'r ffederasiwn yn ysgol Gymraeg felly'r dilyniant naturiol i'r disgyblion ydi parhau gyda'u haddysg ym mlwyddyn 7 ym Mro Hyddgen. Bydd hyn yn helpu wrth weithio tua at darged Llywodraeth Cymru o gyrraedd miliwn o siaradwyr Cymraeg erbyn 2050.</p>	<p>Gweler sylwad rhif 29 uchod. Please see response reference 29 above.</p>
35	<p>Bro Hyddgen: It is my belief and opinion that the current catchment map is preferable and the best for young learners.</p> <p>Ysgol Bro Hyddgen is a category 2 school and offers the best opportunity in the Dyfi valley and through towards Carno to offer a full bilingual education and therefore committed to delivering the Welsh Assembly Government's commitment to having a million Welsh speakers by 2050.</p> <p>To remove Carno from the Bro Hyddgen catchment would be a backward step in the Welsh language delivery commitment especially when the two other secondary schools who could adopt Ysgol Gynradd Carno are category 3 & 4 schools and as a result do not offer the provision Ysgol Bro Hyddgen currently offers as regards language provision.</p> <p>The amount of investment in delivering a brand new school at Machynlleth and the associated costs cannot be ignored either and I imagine a parent of a child currently in Ysgol Gynradd Carno would feel understandably aggrieved at the prospect of their child attending a brand new school with state of the art facilities to then subsequently be told their child was not now eligible to attend at the last minute.</p>	<p>Please see response reference 29 above.</p>

	<p>Therefore, it makes no sense to remove Carno from the catchment especially considering the work put in in the Bro Hyddgen catchment area to adopt the bilingual language provision and schools should be looking to join the Ysgol Bro Hyddgen “model” and as such avoid the hypocrisy of removing schools from a modernising, forward thinking educational setting resulting in potentially failing to commit to the WAG’s delivery of a million Welsh speakers by 2050.</p>	
36	<p>Bro Hyddgen: Ysgol Bro Hyddgen is a bilingual secondary school where lessons are taught predominantly in Welsh. The Federation feeder schools also teach through the medium of Welsh. Any change to reduce our catchment area would mean that primary school children on the edges of our catchment would not be offered the opportunity to continue their learning through the Welsh language. This would not be in line with Welsh Government's aim to increase the number of Welsh citizens who can speak the language by 2050.</p> <p>Powys CC is investing heavily in our new school building and I'm sure that it will be a wonderful environment for young people to learn and develop. Should Powys wish to change the catchment boundaries to include more primary schools, I'm sure that far more children would benefit from being educated in a modern building in an environment where the Welsh language and culture is embedded into everyday activities and opportunities.</p>	<p>Please see response reference 29 above.</p>
37	<p>Bro Hyddgen: Mae'n hanfodol i ddyfodol Ysgol Bro Hyddgen, ac i strategaeth Cymraeg 2050 bod dalgylch yr ysgol yn aros fel ag y mae. Byddai colli Ysgol Carno fel ysgol fwydo'n golygu cwmp niferoedd yn yr ysgol uwchradd, a hefyd peryglu safon Cymraeg y disgyblion wrth iddynt symud i'r ysgol uwchradd. Dysga ffederasiwn Ysgol Carno drwy'r Gymraeg, a chan y bydd Bro Hyddgen yn ysgol ddwyieithog erbyn mis Medi, mae'n llawer mwy synhwyrol i blant Carno barhau i ddod i Fachynlleth, lle dysgir popeth trwy Gymraeg, iaith gyfredol</p>	<p>Gweler sylwad rhif 29 uchod.</p> <p>Please see response reference 29 above.</p>

	<p>eu haddysg. Os ydym wir am weld Powys dwyieithog, mae angen sicrhau bod cymaint â phosibl o blant y sir yn derbyn addysg Gymraeg, a byddai anfon plant Carno i ysgol ddwy ffrwd Llanidloes yn peryglu hynny. Mae eisiau camu ymlaen, nid yn ôl.</p>	
38	<p>Bro Hyddgen: It is essential that Carno remains within this catchment. The federations schools of Glantwymyn, Llanbrynmair and Carno ar all Welsh medium primary school and Ysgol Bro Hyddgen is the only secondary school in the area that offers all subjects through the medium of Welsh. It is therefore essential that pupils from ysgol Carno remain in the Bro Hyddgen catchment area. I also believe that moving Carno from this catchment area will encourage Welsh speaking pupils of Ysgol Carno to move to secondary schools that does not have the Welsh ethos and resources that Bro Hyddgen has to offer. No doubt that this will impact the government initiative of 1 million Welsh speakers by 2050.</p>	Please see response reference 29 above.
39	<p>Bro Hyddgen: Imperative that the current catchment area remains the same so that pupils can continue with their Welsh medium education at Ysgol Bro Hyddgen. Powys is currently the only county in Wales without a Welsh Medium Secondary School, and we're doing our young people an injustice if we don't offer them that opportunity. Any reduction in the current catchment area would hamper Welsh Government's plans to achieve 1 million Welsh speakers.</p>	Please see response reference 29 above.
40	<p>Bro Hyddgen: Mae'r penderfyniad i newid categori ieithyddol Ysgol Bro Hyddgen yn un i'w ddathlu. Mae hefyd yn rheswm da dros gynnal y dalgylch presennol i gynnwys Caro er mwyn sicrhau bod cymaint o blant a phobl ifanc Dyffryn Dyfi yn cael mynediad i addysg gyfrwng Gymraeg uwchradd gyflawn. Mae angen ymledu addysg cyfrwng Cymraeg a manteision dwyieithrwydd nid eu crebachu.</p>	<p>Gweler sylwad rhif 29 uchod.</p> <p>Please see response reference 29 above.</p>
41	<p>Bro Hyddgen: Rwy'n teimlo bod angen cadarnhau bod Ysgol Carno yn rhan o ddalgylch Ysgol Bro Hyddgen. Mae hyn wedi bod ers degau o</p>	<p>Gweler sylwad rhif 29 uchod.</p> <p>Please see response reference 29 above.</p>

	<p>flynyddoedd ac mae plant Carno, Llanbryn-mair a Glantwymyn yn ein dalgylch gan eu bod yn ysgolion penodedig Cymraeg sydd yn dod atom gan ein bod yn cynnig darpariaeth Gymraeg ar eu cyfer. Nid wyf yn credu bod yr un ysgol arall ym Mhowys yn darparu cymaint o gyrsiau arholiad TGAU a Safon Uwch ac yr ydym ni. Os yw Powys o ddifrif am geisio gwneud eu rhan i gyrraedd targed LLC i gael miliwn o siaradwyr Cymraeg erbyn 2050, mae'n rhaid iddynt gadw'r ffiniau fel ag y maent.</p>	
42	<p>Bro Hyddgen: I'm responding as an LEA Governor of Ysgol Bro Hyddgen (all-age school 4-18).</p> <p>The Primary Schools in the Ysgol Bro Hyddgen Secondary Campus catchment area, namely: Carno, Llanbryn-mair, Glantwymyn all learn through the medium of Welsh and Ysgol Bro Hyddgen offers everything through the medium of Welsh. Further, importantly, Welsh Government's aspirations for a million Welsh speakers by 2050 is something that must not be overlooked.</p> <p>Taking into full account the above, I respectfully suggest that it makes no sense whatsoever to change Ysgol Bro Hyddgen's catchment area.</p>	<p>Please see response reference 29 above.</p>
43	<p>Glantwymyn: I believe that these catchment area maps are fantastic - they give visually clear boundaries of the catchment area for each school so parents can clearly see to which school their children should be attending.</p> <p>This has become very important in Glantwymyn's catchment as there's children been coming from outside of the catchment for a good few years now, which is fine if there's plenty of room for them, but I believe this has resulted in people forgetting about which school their children SHOULD be attending, and there's an EXPECTANCY by now for their children to attend Glantwymyn.</p>	<p>Please see response reference 29 above.</p> <p>Powys' annual Admissions Information and Arrangements booklet outlines clearly the ability of a parent / carer to choose a pre school, primary or secondary provision of their own preference (inline with the Welsh Government Admissions code). It also states the oversubscription criteria applied if there are more applications received than places available.</p>

It's become 'the norm' for instance for children from Aberhosan and Penegoes to come to Glantwymyn, eventhough Machynlleth is closer to them, and the residents of Aberhosan even drive past the primary school there to come to Glantwymyn! I'm also aware of children from Machynlleth itself that have been coming to the school, and of younger children living in the town that wish to send their children to the school in the very near future.

As I have a child in the Cylch Meithrin at Glantwymyn, I am very much aware of the number of children in the area and of the squeeze there is to fit children in the Cylch and the worry parents have of getting a place for them at the school. By 'returning' to the 'traditional' catchment area of the school as it were, the 'rightful' children residing within the catchment area should get their place. Only after they've had their place should other children be considered. I hope that these maps will help parents understand where their children should be attending, and that they make the conscientious decision to send their children to the correct school, and Cylch, so that they don't deprive other children that SHOULD be having these facilities from having them.

I also believe that these catchment area maps should be used when allocating the preschool education sessions for 3 and 4 year olds at the Cylch Meithrin in Glantwymyn, especially now that there is such a huge demand for their services there too. In my opinion, there would be no point in allocating places for children from outside the catchment area for the 3 and 4 year olds' education sessions if they won't be allocated a space at the school in Glantwymyn, using these maps. I believe that one of the purposes of having the education sessions at the Cylch in Glantwymyn is to prepare the children to attend the school in Glantwymyn later down the line. The children get to know each other, make friends ready before starting the school, and they do have transitioning sessions with the school as well. Going to the Cylch in Glantwymyn and then to the school which is basically

next door, is just a natural transition anyway. My son knows and understands this, and is very much looking forward to going to the 'green school' in September (green is the school's uniform colour!).

In addition, I will also be proposing that the Cylch in Glantwymyn would use the catchment area maps too when allocating their afternoon sessions for the same reason as above essentially - it would be pointless for them to allocate afternoon sessions to children from out of catchment if they aren't going to get a place at the school in the end. It would also make things a lot easier and consistent for everyone involved if the Cylch and the Council would sing from the same hymn sheet as it were. I will be asking in the next Cylch committee meeting about this.

All in all, I believe that these maps are fair and are needed when there is so much pressure on the school and Cylch. I don't wish to sound harsh, and I apologise for my use of capital letters - I would've used italics if I could! But at the end of the day, a line has to be drawn, and these maps do just that. As a parent to a four year old and a just turned two year old living in the catchment area, I want what my children are entitled to. It has been a major worry for me over the past few months if my children would get a place at the school, especially my youngest as there are 16 children in her year! These maps give me hope - they are clear and definitive, there should be no arguments who should go where, and I am very pleased and grateful that Powys are taking these steps to ensure fairness to children.

Thank you for reading and considering my response.

Ref	OBJECTIONS	Local Authority Response
44	Bro Hyddgen: bilingual school	The Council notes this comment.
45	<p>Bro Hyddgen:</p> <p>I am writing to raise my concern regarding pupils from Ysgol Carno being restricted to the option of only attending Ysgol Bro Hyddgen for secondary education. I feel that families should have a choice of where to send their child whether it be Llanidloes High School, Newtown High School or Ysgol Bro Hyddgen. It is important to appreciate that families may wish their children to move through secondary education bilingually. This option should not be restricted due to a catchment area that suits the councils needs, (we shouldn't be relying on a postcode lottery to decide how are children are educated), but listen to service users requests and local needs, which I believe unanimously will be to open up the catchment area for Ysgol Carno and keep it as it has always been. Thank you for your time</p>	<p>The Council notes these comments around a learners and their family choice of school.</p> <p>This is reflected in the Welsh Government School admissions code (005/2013) section 2.1 and Powys' admissions arrangements whereby "Admission authorities must make arrangements enabling the parents of children in their area, and in the case of sixth form admissions, young people, to express a preference for a school and to give reasons for that preference. Where a parent or young person expresses a preference according to those arrangements, LAs and governing bodies must comply with that preference, subject to the exceptions set out in the 1998 Act." These exceptions are applied when a school is oversubscribed. Powys' oversubscription criteria is set out in the annual 'Admissions Information and Arrangements' booklet.</p> <p>However, despite the ability of a learner and their parents / carers to express a preference for a school, this is not the case for home to school transport. The Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 states that the Local authority must provide free home to school transport for learners of compulsory school age who live 2 miles (primary) / 3 miles (secondary) from their nearest suitable school and the Powys Home to School Transport Policy states "Home to school transport will be provided for learners who ordinarily reside in Powys to attend their nearest suitable school or catchment school". The current policy goes on to state that "A catchment school means the nearest school within a geographic area".</p>
46	<p>Bro Hyddgen:</p> <p>Mae'r cynlluniau yn golygu na fyddai Carno bellach yn rhan o'n dalgylch. Mae ysgolion y Ffederasiwn yn dysgu trwy'r Gymraeg ac rydym ni ym Mro Hyddgen yn cynnig popeth yn Gymraeg. Wrth dynnu Carno oddi arnom, bron fod hyn yn tanseilio cynlluniau y llywodraeth i gael miliwn o siaradwyr Cymraeg erbyn 2050.</p>	<p>Yn ôl y mapiau dalgylch presennol, bydd dysgwyr o Ysgol Carno yn trosglwyddo i Ysgol Fro Hyddgen, gan bod tair ysgol y Ffederasiwn (Carno, Llanbrynmair and Glantwymyn) yn rhan o glwstwr Bro Caereinion.</p>

		<p>Fel a nodwyd yn pwynt 45 uchod, mae gan rieni a gofalwyr yr hawl i ddewis ysgol. Fodd bynnag, bydd cludiant ysgol ond i ddysgwyr i fynychu eu ysgol agosaf neu dalgylch.</p> <p>According to the current catchment maps, learners from Ysgol Carno would transition to Ysgol Bro Hyddgen, as the three schools of the Federation (Carno, Llanbrynmair and Glantwymyn) are part of the Bro Hyddgen cluster.</p> <p>As noted in response reference 45 above, parents and carers are able to make a preference for their preferred school. However, free home to school transport will only be provided to a learners nearest or catchment school.</p>
47	<p>Glantwymyn: Ein dymuniad yw gweld Cyngor Sir Powys yn rhoi'r cyfle i deuluoedd ardal Aberhosan (Plwyf Cadfarch) i gael dewis anfon eu plant naill ai i Ysgol Gynradd Glantwymyn neu Ysgol Bro Hyddgen. Ar hyn o bryd, ac yn ôl y map, mae ardal Aberhosan yn nhalgylch Machynlleth. Teimlwn yn gryf y byddai cynnig y dewis hwnnw o ysgolion cynradd i deuluoedd yr ardal yn synhwyrol a chall o ystyried natur wledig a Chymreig y gymuned, ac o gofio'r cefndir hanesyddol pan gaewyd Ysgol Aberhosan.</p> <p>Er mawr ryddhad i ni, derbyniwyd ein merch i Ysgol Gynradd Glantwymyn ym Medi 2021. Hon, yn ein barn ni fel rhieni, yw'r ysgol fwyaf addas ar ei chyfer yn ein hardal. Fel merch o deulu amaethyddol ac aelwyd uniaith Gymraeg, Glantwymyn oedd y dewis naturiol er mwyn i'n plentyn gael cymdeithasu gyda phlant o'r un anian a chefnidir â hi. Gan ei bod yn dathlu'i phen-blwydd ar ddiwedd mis Awst, ac felly newydd droi'n bedair oed, roedd yn hollbwysig i ni ei bod hi'n teimlo'n hapus a chyfforddus i fynychu'r ysgol. Derbyniodd lai o addysg meithrin na'r arfer a cholodd gyfleoedd pontio a phrofiadau pwysig eraill yn sgil pandemig Covid-19, ac roedd hynny'n rheswm arall i gefnogi'n dewis o ysgol a fyddai'n ei helpu i ddelio'n llwyddiannus gyda'r cam mawr hwn yn ei bywyd.</p>	<p>Fel a nodwyd yn pwynt 45 uchod, mae gan rieni a gofalwyr yr hawl i ddewis ysgol. Fodd bynnag, bydd cludiant ysgol ond i ddysgwyr i fynychu eu ysgol agosaf neu dalgylch.</p> <p>Byddem felly yn ail edrych ar y mapiau i sicrhau bod ffiniau'r dalgylchoedd yn adlewyrchu yr ysgol agosaf yn gywir a phe bo angen yn gwneud mân addasiadau i adlewyrchu'r ffactorau lleol.</p> <p>As noted in response reference 45 above, parents and carers are able to make a preference for their preferred school. However, free home to school transport will only be provided to a learners nearest or catchment school.</p> <p>We will review the current catchment maps to ensure that the boundary of the catchment accurately reflects a learners nearest school and where necessary, make small amendments to reflect local factors.</p>

	<p>Mae diwylliant a thraddodiadau Cymreig a chefn gwlad yn bwysig i ni fel teulu, a theimlwn mai Ysgol Gynradd Glantwymyn sy'n gallu cynnig yr ethos mwyaf addas i gyd-fynd â'n ffordd ni o fyw.</p> <p>Pe bai ein merch wedi mynychu Ysgol Bro Hyddgen ym Machynlleth, credwn yn gryf y byddai hynny wedi bod yn anodd iddi gan mai prin iawn yw nifer y disgyblion sy'n dod o gartrefi uniaith Gymraeg. Hefyd, ni fyddai wedi adnabod llawer o'i chyd-disgyblion.</p> <p>Deallwn gan nifer o drigolion yr ardal y gwnaed addewid pan gaewyd Ysgol Aberhosan y byddai plant yr ardal yn cael dewis rhwng mynychu Ysgol Gynradd Glantwymyn neu Ysgol Gynradd Machynlleth. Yn wir, roedd rhai o blant yr ardal yn dilyn yr arferiad hwnnw tan yn gymharol ddiweddar. Er ein bod yn hapus iawn efo'n dewis o ysgol i'n merch, mae'n dipyn o ymrwymiad i'w chludo i'r ysgol ac yn ôl bob dydd (9 milltir un ffordd) felly byddai cael cefnogaeth Cyngor Sir Powys drwy ddarparu cludiant yn fanteisiol iawn i ni fel teulu. Rydym yn hapus i wneud yr aberth yma gan ein bod yn dibynnu ar aelodau eraill o'n teulu i'n helpu, ond gwyddom fod eraill wedi manteisio ar gludiant yn rhad ac am ddim yn y gorffennol.</p> <p>Ein blaenoriaeth ni yw sicrhau plentyndod hapus a Chymreig i'n plant. Mae cyfnod plentyn yn yr ysgol gynradd yn sylfaenol i'w datblygiad ac yn sail gadarn i'w haddysg. Mae'n dylanwadu'n fawr ar eu diddordebau, egwyddorion a'u ffordd o fyw yn y dyfodol. Teimlwn felly y dylai'r Cyngor gefnogi dewis y rhieni o ysgol gynradd a rhoi'r gefnogaeth gywir a haeddiannol iddynt wireddu eu dymuniadau a'r cyfleoedd gorau posib i'w plant.</p>	
48	<p>Glantwymyn: Nid yw amlinellid terfynau map arfaethedig ardal Ysgol Glantwymyn yn adlewyrchu'n gywir gwir dalgylch Ysgol Glantwymyn.</p>	<p>Fel a nodwyd yn pwynt 45 uchod, mae gan rieni a gofalwyr yr hawl i ddewis ysgol. Fodd bynnag, bydd cludiant ysgol ond i ddysgwyr i fynychu eu ysgol agosaf neu dalgylch.</p>

<p>Sefydlwyd Ysgol Glantwymyn yn y 1970au ar ôl i ysgolion cynradd cyfagos yr ardal (Aberhosan, Cemaes, Commins Coch, a Llanwrin) gael eu cau.</p> <p>Ers yr adeg honno, mae plant yr ardaloedd wedi cael yr hawl i fynychu Ysgol Glantwymyn gan fanteisio ar gludiant i'r ysgol yn rhad ac am ddim o ardal Melinbyrhedyn ac Aberhosan er enghraifft. Mae'n hysbys ar lawr gwlad (yn ôl nifer o drigolion ardal Aberhosan) i'r trefniant yma gael ei gymeradwyo gan gyngor sir y dydd fel un o'r amodau o ganlyniad i gau ysgol Aberhosan.</p> <p>Gellir nodi esiamplau di-ri o blant yn cael trafnidiaeth i Ysgol Glantwymyn o Melinbyrhedyn ac Aberhosan am ddim ers blynyddoedd lawer; arferiad sydd yn parhau hyd heddiw. Yn wir, yn bresennol, mae 90% o blant oedran ysgol cynradd sy'n byw ym Melinbyrhedyn ac Aberhosan yn mynychu Ysgol Glantwymyn.</p> <p>Dylid ystyried taw Ysgol Glantwymyn ydi'r unig ysgol categori 1 yn y dalgylch, ond nid yw'r terfynau arfaethedig yn cymeryd hyn i ystyriaeth nac yn adlewyrchu hyn. Yn wir, mae ardaloedd Melinbyrhedyn ac Aberhosan er enghraifft yn ardaloedd gwledig ddiwylliannol ffyniannus Cymraeg eu hiaith ac mae'n hanfodol fod y plant sydd yn byw yn yr ardaloedd hynny yn parhau i fedru gael yr hawl i fynychu Ysgol Glantwymyn er mwyn sicrhau dyfodol yr iaith yn yr ardaloedd cefn gwlad yma.</p> <p>Yn ddiweddar, newidiwyd statws Ysgol Bro Hyddgen i fod yn ysgol gyfrwng Gymraeg o 2023/24 ymlaen, ond mi fydd yn flynyddoedd lawer cyn iddi fod yn Gymraeg yn gyfangwbl. Yn y cyfamser, disgyblion ail iaith fydd mwyafrif disgyblion Ysgol Bro Hyddgen, ac mae'n hysbys taw greddf naturiol plant (ac oedolion o ran hynny) yw i droi at y Saesneg yn gyntaf (er mwyn hwylustod) pan mewn sgwrs. Fel oedolyn, nid yw hyn mor</p>	<p>Byddem felly yn ail edrych ar y mapiau i sicrhau bod ffiniau'r dalgylchoedd yn adlewyrchu yr ysgol agosaf yn gywir a phe bo angen yn gwneud mân addasiadau i adlewyrchu'r ffactorau lleol.</p> <p>As noted in response reference 45 above, parents and carers are able to make a preference for their preferred school. However, free home to school transport will only be provided to a learners nearest or catchment school.</p> <p>We will review the current catchment maps to ensure that the boundary of the catchment accurately reflects a learners nearest school and where necessary, make small amendments to reflect local factors.</p>
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	<p>dyngedfennol gan ein bod eisoes wedi dysgu ein hieithoedd, ond ar gyfer plentyn sydd ar ddechrau eu taith ieithyddol, gall fod yn angheuol i'w gallu neu i'w dyhead i fod yn siaradwr iaith gyntaf Gymraeg a golyga y bydd Cymreictod plant uniaith Cymraeg yn cael ei lastwreiddio ac yn ei gwneud yn anoddach i Lywodraeth Cymru o gyrraedd ei nôd o filiwn o siaradwyr Cymraeg erbyn 2050.</p> <p>Os lynur at y terfynau arfaethedig, gorfodir plant uniaith Cymraeg ardaloedd megis Melinbyrhedyn ac Aberhosan i fynychu dosbarth derbyn Ysgol Bro Hyddgen; dosbarth a fyddai i bob pwrpas yn ddosbarth ail iaith Gymraeg, er statws swyddogol yr Ysgol. Byddai hyn yn cael effaith negyddol ar addysg y plant uniaith Gymraeg hynny.</p> <p>O ganlyniad i'r pwyntiau uchod, rwy'n galw ar Gyngor Sir Powys i ail edrych ar derfynau ardal talgylch Ysgol Glantwymyn ac i gofio yr hyn ag yr addawyd i blant ysgol Aberhosan pan gaëwyd eu hysgol yn y 1970au. Dylid hefyd ystyried arferion hanesyddol a phresennol sy'n adlewyrchu gwir arferion trigolion Melinbyrhedyn ac Aberhosan.</p> <p>Ni all llinell ar fap gyfleu gwir dalgylch ysgol wledig. Rhaid cymeryd i ystyriaeth arferion hanesyddol, teuluol a diwylliannol. Mae'r ffin honno yn ffin annelwig, ond eto yn ffin gadarn a phendant.</p> <p>Gyda diolch</p>	
49	<p>Glantwymyn: Nid yw cynllun presennol talgylch Ysgol Glantwymyn yn adlewyrchu gwir dalgylch hanesyddol na phresennol yr Ysgol.</p> <p>Sefydlwyd Ysgol Glantwymyn yn y 70au cynnar, wedi cau ysgolion bach cyfagos y wlad, gan gynnwys Ysgol Aberhosan, Cemaes, Commins Coch, a Llanwrin.</p>	<p>Fel a nodwyd yn pwynt 45 uchod, mae gan rieni a gofalwyr yr hawl i ddewis ysgol. Fodd bynnag, bydd cludiant ysgol ond i ddysgwyr i fynychu eu ysgol agosaf neu dalgylch.</p> <p>Byddem felly yn ail edrych ar y mapiau i sicrhau bod ffiniau'r dalgylchoedd yn adlewyrchu yr ysgol agosaf yn gywir a phe bo angen yn gwneud mân addasiadau i adlewyrchu'r ffactorau lleol.</p>

<p>Dyma ddywed llawlyfr Ysgol Glantwymyn am y flwyddyn academaidd bresennol:- "NATUR YR YSGOL Ysgol Gymunedol Cyfrwng Cymraeg - agorwyd yr ysgol yn swyddogol ar y 7fed o Fedi, 1971 yn dilyn cau ysgolion Aberhosan, Cemaes, Comins Coch a Llanwrin. Cymraeg yw iaith yr ysgol, a'r nod yw i bob plentyn fynd o'r ysgol yn unarddeg oed yn gwbwl ddwyieithog. Mae'r disgyblion yn cael blas ar fywyd cymdeithasol yr ardal ac yn cyfrannu ato trwy gymryd rhan yn y gweithgareddau diwylliannol a drefnir yn y gymuned."</p> <p>Pan gaëwyd Ysgol Aberhosan, cytunodd y Cyngor (Cyngor Sir Drefaldwyn ar y pryd) y byddai plant a oedd o fewn dalgylch Ysgol Aberhosan â'r hawl i fynychu ysgol Glantwymyn ac yn cael cludiant i'r Ysgol am ddim.</p> <p>Ers y 1970'au felly, mae plant o Felinbyrhedyn ac Aberhosan wedi mynychu Ysgol Glantwymyn ac mae esiamplau di-ri o blant yn cael trafndiaeth i Glantwymyn am ddim ac mae hyn yn hysbys i drigolion yr ardal ers hynny. Mae arferiad cadarn fod y plant sydd yn byw ym Melinbyrhedyn ac Aberhosan yn mynychu Ysgol Glantwymyn; arferiad sydd yn parhau hyd heddiw.</p> <p>Yn ystod y flwyddyn academaidd bresennol o 2021-2022, mae 7 o'r 8 plentyn oedran ysgol cynradd sy'n byw ym Melinbyrhedyn ac Aberhosan yn mynychu Ysgol Glantwymyn.</p> <p>Ysgol Glantwymyn ydi'r unig ysgol categori 1 yn y dalgylch, ond nid yw'r cynllun talgylch yn cymeryd hyn i ystyriaeth nac yn adlewyrchu hyn.</p> <p>Mae ardal Melinbyrhedyn ac Aberhosan yn ardal wledig Cymraeg ei hiaith ac mae'n hanfodol fod y plant sydd yn byw yn yr ardal yn parhau i fynychu Ysgol Glantwymyn fel bod eu haddysg yn</p>	<p>We will review the current catchment maps to ensure that the boundary of the catchment accurately reflects a learners nearest school and where necessary, make small amendments to reflect local factors.</p> <p>As noted in response reference 45 above, parents and carers are able to make a preference for their preferred school. However, free home to school transport will only be provided to a learners nearest or catchment school.</p>
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gyfangwbl drwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg o'r cychwyn cyntaf.

Er fod statws Ysgol Bro Hyddgen wedi ei newid i fod yn ysgol gyfrwng Gymraeg o'r flwyddyn academaidd 2023/2024 ymlaen, ni fydd yr ysgol yn gwbl gyfrwng Gymraeg am flynyddoedd lawer. Y realiti yw y bydd y rhan fwyaf o'r plant fydd yn mynychu'r ysgol yn ddisgyblion ail iaith, ac yn debygol o ddod o aelwydydd uniaith Saesneg.

Pe bai'r sefyllfa bresennol yn newid â'r gofynion mynediad yn unol gyda'r cynllun awgrymiedig uchod, byddai plant uniaith Cymraeg o'r ardal hon yn gorfod mynychu dosbarth derbyn Ysgol Bro Hyddgen. Byddai'n anorfod felly y byddai'r plentyn hwnnw bron yr unig blentyn iaith gyntaf Gymraeg i gychwyn yr ysgol y flwyddyn honno. O ganlyniad, byddai'r plentyn hwnnw mewn dosbarth o blant sydd yn cael eu hystyried yn blant ail iaith Gymraeg, beth bynnag yw statws yr Ysgol. Byddai hyn yn cael effaith negyddol iawn ar y plentyn unigol hwnnw a'i hawl i addysg drwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg, ond hefyd yr iaith Gymraeg a dyheuad y llywodraeth i sicrhau miliwn o siaradwyr Cymraeg erbyn 2050. Mewn mäs critigol y mae nerth ieithyddol.

I grynhoi:

Yn gyntaf, nid yw'r cynllun uchod yn adlewyrchu y cytundeb â ddaethpwyd iddo yn 1970au.

Yn ail, nid yw'r cynllun uchod yn adlewyrchu arferion presennol. Yn drydydd, pe bai'r cynllun presennol yn cael ei gymeradwyo, fe fydd y goblygiadau yn cael effaith andwyol ar blant unigol ac ar yr iaith Gymraeg.

O ganlyniad, dylai'r cynllun felly gael ei ddiwygio er mwyn cynnwys ardaloedd Melinbyrhedyn ac Aberhosan fel ag y bwriadwyd y ôl y cytundeb hanesyddol gwreiddiol ac i adlewyrchu arferion hirfaith.

Gyda diolch

50	<p>Glantwymyn: Dylai ardal Aberhosan a Forge gael ei gynnwys yn y dalgylch gan bod cymaint o rieni o'r ardal hon yn dewis gyrru eu plant i Glantwymyn.</p>	<p>Fel a nodwyd yn pwynt 45 uchod, mae gan rieni a gofalmwyr yr hawl i ddewis ysgol. Fodd bynnag, bydd cludiant ysgol ond i ddysgwyr i fynychu eu ysgol agosaf neu dalgylch.</p> <p>Byddem felly yn ail edrych ar y mapiau i sicrhau bod ffiniau'r dalgylchoedd yn adlewyrchu yr ysgol agosaf yn gywir a phe bo angen yn gwneud mân addasiadau i adlewyrchu'r ffactorau lleol.</p> <p>As noted in response reference 45 above, parents and carers are able to make a preference for their preferred school. However, free home to school transport will only be provided to a learners nearest or catchment school.</p> <p>We will review the current catchment maps to ensure that the boundary of the catchment accurately reflects a learners nearest school and where necessary, make small amendments to reflect local factors.</p>
51	<p>Glantwymyn: Dyma ein sylwadau ar y trefniadau derbyn, yn benodol, trefniadau derbyn i'r blynyddoedd cynnar, sef addysg i blant 3 a 4 oed ym Mhowys, ac rydym yn gwneud y sylwadau isod mewn cysylltiad ag Ysgol Gynradd Glantwymyn.</p> <p>Buom yn rhan o'r broses hon y llynedd, ac mae'n rhaid i ni fynegi siom enfawr na chafodd y meini prawf sydd ar dudalen 6 o'r llyfryn ei gweithredu. Hoffem, yn gyntaf, nodi ein bod yn cytuno â'r meini prawf i roi blaenoriaeth i blant y dalgylch, a phlant y dalgylch sydd â brawd neu chwaer eisoes yn yr ysgol.</p> <p>Dehonglwyd hyn yn anghywir yn ein hachos ni wrth i ni gyflwyno cais am le cyn-ysgol i'n plentyn 3 oed. Rhoddwyd blaenoriaeth i blant o'r tu allan i'r dalgylch gan eu bod nhw yn byw yn agosach o ran pellter at yr ysgol dan sylw na ninnau. Dywedwyd wrthyf ar y ffôn bod y staff wedi bod yn mesur pellter cartrefi'r plant o'r ysgol, ond nad oeddent wedi ystyried y dalgylch o gwbl yn hyn o beth!! Gofynnwn i chi sicrhau bod yr holl staff yn ymwybodol o'r meini</p>	<p>Mae'r llyfryn Gwybodaeth a Threfniadau Derbyniadau blynyddol Powys, yn amlinellu'n glir allu riant / gofalmwr i ddewis darpariaeth cyn-ysgol, gynradd neu uwchradd o'u dewis eu hunain (yn unol â chod Derbyn Llywodraeth Cymru). Mae hefyd yn nodi'r meini prawf gor-danysgrifiad a gymhwysir os oes mwy o geisiadau yn cael eu derbyn na llefydd sydd ar gael. Mae'r holl staff yn ymwybodol o'r meini prawf gor-danysgrifio. Mae'r Cyngor hefyd yn adolygu ei fynediad i lefydd cyn-ysgol yn barhaus.</p> <p>Powys' annual Admissions Information and Arrangements booklet outlines clearly the ability of a parent / carer to choose a pre-school, primary or secondary provision of their own preference (in line with the Welsh Government Admissions code). It also states the oversubscription criteria applied if there are more applications received than places available. All staff are aware of the oversubscription criteria. The Council is also continually reviewing its access to pre-school places.</p>

prawf ar gyfer dyrannu lleoedd ysgol, sef “y lleoliad agosaf at le mae'r plentyn yn byw fel arfer” (o fewn y dalgylch) yn hytrach na dehongli hyn fel y “plant sy'n byw agosaf at y lleoliad”. Mae ystyr y ddau ddatganiad yma yn hollol wahanol ac mae'n hollbwysig sicrhau bod y dehongliad cywir yn cael ei ddefnyddio gan y staff sy'n dyrannu'r lleoedd. Er enghraifft, wrth ystyried plentyn sy'n byw yng Nghwm-llinau, y lleoliad agosaf at le mae'r plentyn yn byw yw Ysgol Glantwymyn. Ond mae plant Penegoes yn “byw yn agosach at y lleoliad o ran pellter mewn milltiroedd” (sef Ysgol Glantwymyn yn yr enghraifft hon) ac felly wrth gamddehongli'r meini prawf, byddai plant o'r tu allan i'r dalgylch yn cael blaenoriaeth (fel a ddigwyddodd yn ein hachos ni).

Mae hyn yn hynod bwysig er mwyn sicrhau nad yw plant ardaloedd cefn gwlad y sir yn colli allan ar addysg y mae ganddynt hawl i'w chael gan eu bod yn byw mewn cymuned wledig, ond eto o fewn dalgylch yr ysgol. Mae ein plentyn wedi colli allan ar gymaint o sesiynau addysg cyn-ysgol oherwydd diffyg dealltwriaeth staff o'r meini prawf ei hun, ac mae hyn yn destun siom a phryder i ni.

Dyma ein sylwadau ar y dalgylchoedd.

Cytunwn â map Ysgol Gynradd Glantwymyn, ac mae'n hynod bwysig bod rhieni yn cael gweld y map yn flynyddol. Gan fod nifer fawr o blant ym Mhowys ar hyn o bryd yn ymgeisio am leoedd cyn-ysgol ac ysgol, mae'n rhaid i'r sir ddilyn y dalgylchoedd ar gyfer yr ysgolion hyn wrth fynd ati i ddyrannu lleoedd. Cytunwn y dylai pob rhiant gael y cyfle i wneud cais i anfon eu plant i'r ysgol o'u dewis, ond y dylid bob amser roi blaenoriaeth i blant y dalgylch.

iv) **CRICKHOWELL HIGH SCHOOL CLUSTER**

Crickhowell High School

Crickhowell CP
Llanbedr
Llangattock
Llangynidr

Ref	POSITIVE comments	Local Authority Response
52	<p>Crickhowell High School: This catchment would appear to serve the local community; however Crickhowell High School already accepts large numbers of out of catchment children. This is evidenced by the large numbers of vehicle movements from communities in the Heads of the Valleys area into Crickhowell on school days. This proposed catchment would be meaningful if the admissions policy of the school only allowed for children within catchment to attend.</p>	<p>The Council notes this comment</p>

Ref	OBJECTIONS	Local Authority Response
53	<p>Crickhowell High School: My family live in Bwlch and my grandson attends Llangynidr and walks home from school in Llangynidr to me for child care and to support me.</p> <p>The news he will not go to school with any of his friends will alienate him and deeply, deeply distress him. He will not cope with such news. He is fragile anyway due to Covid lockdowns and isolation due to being an only child.</p> <p>Please do not do this to him. Llangynidr is a natural feeder school to Crickhowell and so children should have a place to go as with every year previously. The way the map is drawn to exclude Bwlch must be a mistake and put right please.</p>	<p>The Council notes these comments around a learners and their family choice of school.</p> <p>This is reflected in the Welsh Government School admissions code (005/2013) section 2.1 and Powys' admissions arrangements whereby "Admission authorities must make arrangements enabling the parents of children in their area, and in the case of sixth form admissions, young people, to express a preference for a school and to give reasons for that preference. Where a parent or young person expresses a preference according to those arrangements, LAs and governing bodies must comply with that preference, subject to the exceptions set out in the 1998 Act." These exceptions are applied when a school is</p>

		<p>oversubscribed. Powys' oversubscription criteria is set out in the annual 'Admissions Information and Arrangements' booklet.</p> <p>However, despite the ability of a learner and their parents / carers to express a preference for a school, this is not the case for home to school transport. The Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 states that the Local authority must provide free home to school transport for learners of compulsory school age who live 2 miles (primary) / 3 miles (secondary) from their nearest suitable school and the Powys Home to School Transport Policy states "Home to school transport will be provided for learners who ordinarily reside in Powys to attend their nearest suitable school or catchment school". The current policy goes on to state that "A catchment school means the nearest school within a geographic area".</p> <p>Consideration will be given to which primary and secondary catchment Bwlch should fall. Consideration will be based on the nearest school and then if small amendments to the catchment boundary need to be made to reflect the local topography and geography.</p>
54	<p>Crickhowell High School: Stick to Powys Remove other counties Bwlch should NOT be removed</p>	<p>The Council notes this comment.</p>
55	<p>Crickhowell High School: Bwlch should remain in the catchment for Crickhowell. Geographically it is much closer to Crickhowell than Gwernyfed, making Crickhowell the most appropriate and most logical selection. Families have homes there in the expectation that their children (including those in primary or so to go to primary) will go to Crickhowell. Children will be spending much longer commuting to school - unnecessarily lengthening their days. Ecologically it would also make sense with the lower mileage both for school transportation and for all of the additional travel that families will</p>	<p>Please see response reference number 53 above.</p>

	<p>end up taking. Schools and the friendship groups that result are central to family life and clubs, societies and other activities tend to be selected based on friends attending. Bwlch families are likely to face further travel times and costs as a result of their children attending school out of the local area, or the children will miss out as families won't be in a position to access those activities</p>	
56	<p>Crickhowell High School: It is important to maintain the previous catchment area for Crickhowell High School, to support pupil numbers at Llangynidr Primary School, and maintain friendship groups. Bwlch is much closer geographically than other areas the school accepts pupils from. Pupils should not be discriminated against because they live in Powys, especially when we are talking about a Powys School!</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
57	<p>Crickhowell High School: The closest high school from Bwlch is Crickhowell. It does not make sense that a big section has been taken out of both Llangynidr and Crickhowell High School catchment, as they are both the nearest suitable schools. Children who live in Bwlch and come to Llangynidr have always transferred to Crickhowell High School. The impact of splitting friendship groups, the pressure on working parents to arrange transport or the extra travel time are unnecessary changes that should not even be considered. From the map, a section of A40 has been taken out of Crickhowell High School catchment, yet children living further away would be on a route that would take them through Bwlch in order to get to school. Crickhowell High School has an excellent reputation with many families moving to the area to get into the school. Changing the catchment in Bwlch will prevent local Powys children being entitled to attend the school and leave more spaces for children living in bordering counties to come to the school. This plan will have a negative environmental and economic impact forcing more money and time to be spent by Powys, parents and learners on unnecessary travel to a school further away.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	<p>If the catchment is to change for Bwlch, Powys County Council will need to provide justification as to why both Llangynidr Primary and Crickhowell High School are not considered to be 'suitable' considering they are the nearest to this village.</p>	
58	<p>Crickhowell High School: Leaving Bwlch out of the catchment area for Crickhowell high school will have a huge impact on the children who attend llangynidr primary school.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
59	<p>Crickhowell High School: I have concerns about Bwlch being removed from Crickhowell catchment on environmental grounds. According to AA route planner the journey from Bwlch to Crickhowell High school is 5.9 miles and takes 10 mins. Between Bwlch and Gwernyfed High School is 11.3 miles taking 19 mins. This makes it almost double the journey length in time and mileage . At a time when we all need to be cutting emissions, how can this be justified?</p> <p>The A40 route into Crickhowell is a more reliable route than the B4560 which can suffer from flooding, increased farm and tourist traffic that can hold up traffic and delay journeys further, and requires passing through Llangorse that can be congested with parked cars and traffic.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
60	<p>Crickhowell High School: Bwlch should be included in the Crickhowell catchment as the feeder school has been Llangynidr for a long time.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
61	<p>Crickhowell High School: Bwlch is currently in Crickhowell high school catchment area. Crickhowell is the nearest school. The proposed change to catchment area is not acceptable as Gwernyfed is literally twice the distance from Bwlch compared to Crickhowell. Many in the community have settled in Bwlch on the basis of Crickhowell being the default school for the village, myself included. There is a long standing Bwlch community relationship with Crickhowell and the proposed catchment area change will have a negative effect on this.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.

62	<p>Crickhowell High School: I am uncertain why the catchment covers an area so far west of Crickhowell nearly into Merthyr which is at least 25 minutes drive away and eliminates Bwlch which is only 10 minutes drive away. From the area west of Talybont on Usk it would be more logical for eligible pupils to be either in the Merthyr or Brecon catchment.</p> <p>We should be encouraging pupils to go to school close to where they live and reduce the number who are driven in by private cars. Currently there are significant numbers of pupils being driven in from outside the catchment area already adding to traffic congestion at the two main road junctions at The Vine Tree Inn, Llangatock and the traffic lights at Crickhowell Bridge.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
63	<p>Crickhowell High School: We feel strongly that Bwlch should be included within the catchment. Some children will attend llangynidr primary and it is well within the wider boundary.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
64	<p>Crickhowell High School: Removing Bwlch from the catchment will potentially reduce pupil numbers at Crickhowell school, with a loss of funding. In addition pupils from Bwlch will be isolated from others living nearby by having to travel further to school.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
65	<p>Crickhowell High School: We live in Bwlch and can't understand why our daughter should have to travel such a distance to secondary school. Crickhowell is our closest town. We should have a choice of the 2 schools as it has always been.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
66	<p>Crickhowell High School: Catchment area should include Bwlch as it is so near. Children from llangynidr and bwlch who grow up together and attend llangynidr primary school will no doubt later attend crickhowell high school. By not allowing bwlch pupils to be in the catchment area this could have negative impacts on children's friendships/relationships</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
67	Crickhowell High School:	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	<p>As a parent of a child in primary school we would now fall outside of the catchment area for Crickhowell High School. This would be our school of choice as it follows the same curriculum as Gilwern Primary School. I am keen to sustain this interaction with the pilot curriculum and would be deeply disappointed should my child be refused entry based on catchment</p>	
68	<p>Crickhowell High School: Removing Crickhowell High School out of the Bwlch catchment does not make sense - this is the closest secondary school. It does not make sense to force Parents to send their child to a school further away, and it will cost more for your school transport costs.</p> <p>Bwlch has always had dual catchment areas and therefore this choice should remain.</p> <p>Crickhowell accepts many children from other local authority areas such as Monmouthshire and Blaenau Gwent, will they be stopped from attending? If not and Powys children cannot attend then it makes even less sense.</p> <p>What is the rational for forcing Bwlch children to go to a secondary school further away?</p>	<p>Please see response reference number 53 above.</p>
69	<p>Crickhowell High School: Bwlch village should be left in the catchment area for Crickhowell High School. It would be ridiculous to send children to Brecon considering the distances involved. Bwlch is part of Crickhowell not Brecon.</p>	<p>Please see response reference number 53 above.</p>
70	<p>Crickhowell High School: As a local resident and tax payer, I am concerned about the proposal to include Bwlch in the catchment area for Llangorse and Gwernyfed. I am presuming this means that free transport will be extended to pupils residing in Bwlch and attending those 2 schools.</p> <p>I am aware that many pupils residing in Bwlch currently attend</p>	<p>Please see response reference number 53 above.</p>

	<p>Llangynidr Primary and Crickhowell High and obviously under section 3 of the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008, with these being their nearest schools albeit further than 2/4 miles, Powys is legally obliged to provide transport to those pupils.</p> <p>It seems to me to hardly be best use of resources to provide additional free transport to Llangorse and Gwernyfed when Powys must also provide transport to other schools that parents select for their children, bearing in mind that Llangynidr and Crickhowell are unlikely to be over-subscribed.</p>	
71	<p>Crickhowell High School: Bwlch is closer to Crickhowell than some others in the catchment area</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
72	<p>Crickhowell High School: Bwlch is not included in the proposed area.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
73	<p>Crickhowell High School: Bwlch is not included.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
74	<p>Crickhowell High School: Bwlch should be included</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
75	<p>Crickhowell High School: We moved here in order for my children to stay near close family And attend crickhowell high school. It be exceptionally detrimental to no longer off this as an option.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
76	<p>Crickhowell High School: Children from bwlch should be able to go to Crickhowell high school as it's the closest school it makes no sense they have to go further when there is no need to it was waste of money to get them the transport there makes no sense</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
77	<p>Crickhowell High School: My primary aged child is friends with children from Bwlch, proposals would mean splitting up friendship groups. I fail to understand how a village so close to Crickhowell and in Powys won't fall into catchment for Crickhowell, yet the school has children from Monmouthshire, Blaenau Gwent and Merthyr.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
78	<p>Crickhowell High School:</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	There is no advantage in excluding Bwlch from the catchment area of Crickhowell High. This school is still close to the area and there are no benefits in the adjustment.	
79	<p>Crickhowell High School:</p> <p>As someone who was bussed from Llangattock to Brecon daily, I disagree with children from Bwlch being denied the chance of attending school in Crickhowell and would ask that you think again about asking these children (who have far more links with the Crickhowell area than the Brecon area) to travel to Brecon and Gwernyfed. The opening of Crickhowell High School improved these children's daily lives enormously - please don't take them back to long journeys and being split from their friendship groups.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
80	<p>Crickhowell High School:</p> <p>We live in Bwlch. My son attended Llangynidr Pre - School, Llangynidr Primary and now attends Crickhowell High. My sons plays for Llangynidr Football Club and attended Llangynidr Beavers and Cubs. I would not have wanted him to attend any other school other than Llangynidr Primary and Crickhowell High. His friends and family are all part of the Llangynidr and Crickhowell communities and his extra curricular activities all take place in Llangynidr and Crickhowell. To think future children living in Bwlch will be excluded from having this choice is ludicrous and will cause unnecessary divisions within our community, making children feel isolated and excluded from their friends. Wake up Powys County Council and stop causing unnecessary stress to parents and children regarding their future schooling. Please make your decisions based on our children's wellbeing rather than for your financial gains.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
81	<p>Crickhowell High School:</p> <p>Include bwlch in crickhowell catchment it is part of the community with llangynidr primary who all go to Crickhowell Look how much closer bwlch is to Crickhowell than Gwernyfed Stop expecting children to travel unnecessary distance to go to school</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
82	Crickhowell High School:	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	<p>Although no children currently live in our house it seems crazy that children living beyond Bwlch will live within the Crickhowell catchment area and will have to travel through Bwlch to arrive in school whilst Bwlch children will need to travel further away than what their journey would be to go to Crickhowell school. Bwlch has a long history with Crickhowell school and it really should remain in the Crickhowell catchment</p>	
83	<p>Crickhowell High School: Bwlch should be in the catchment area</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
84	<p>Crickhowell High School: Why isn't Bwlch included? Powys needs to seriously consider looking after their resident children first, who live just up the road from Crickhowell High School, before accepting pupils from out of county.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
85	<p>Crickhowell High School: It makes no sense whatsoever that Bwlch should lie outside the catchment area for Crickhowell High School, given the geographical proximity and the close social ties that exist between residents of both areas. Travelling between the two is simple and straightforward thanks to the A40, and is certainly easier and more environmentally-sound than the larger trek to Gwernyfed that is being proposed. With Crickhowell's stellar reputation in the local area, competition for places is high, so removing Bwlch from the catchment area adds an unnecessary and cruel barrier to their pupils' chances of attending the school, which is totally illogical and ill-conceived.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
86	<p>Crickhowell High School: The catchment to exclude Bwlch is ridiculous. The way the catchment has been drawn is unfair and unproportionate. Why is the an indent purely to exclude Bwlch? Bwlch to Crickhowell is just over 5 miles, Talybont to Crickhowell is nearly 9 miles, yet Talybont is included in the primary catchment! Gwernyfed High School is 17 miles away!!!!</p> <p>The map does not make any logical sense to exclude Bwlch.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	<p>My son is already in year 5 at Llangynidr and he should be allowed to proceed to Crickhowell, their feeder school and not leave all his friends. He will be the only boy doing this and it will destroy him after isolation of lockdown being an only child. Also being an only child going to high school he needs the support of his friends. Not letting him go to Crick High will have a devastating effect on my son and the exclusion of Bwlch is inappropriate.</p>	
87	<p>Crickhowell High School:</p> <p>I am totally distraught with the news that Bwlch may not be in the catchment area for Crickhowell High school. The way the catchment has been drawn is unfair and unproportionate. Why is the an indent purely to exclude Bwlch? Bwlch to Crickhowell is just over 5 miles, Talybont to Crickhowell is nearly 9 miles, yet Talybont is included in the primary catchment! I live right on the edge of Bwlch village, practically out of Bwlch, looking down on Crickhowell. Please can you confirm if our postcode is in catchment or not LD3 7HZ.</p> <p>Our only son attends Llangynidr Primary School and is in year 5. There are only 7 boys in his year and this will mean that only him, may not be in catchment for Crickhowell. This is absolutely tragic and terrible news and will destroy him if he cannot go to school with his friends, taking him away from them to a school where he knows nobody.</p> <p>We moved to the area 5 years ago specifically for the choice of schools only to be subjected to this. Moving and settling a child to a new place and school takes time and support. With this and after 2 years of locking our children down with COVID isolations, this has had a big impact on our only child and to even think to prepare him not to move to high school with his friends is going to be detrimental to him. Please don't do this to us and consider the implications.</p>	<p>Please see response reference number 53 above.</p>

	The map does not make any logical sense to exclude Bwlch.	
88	<p>Crickhowell High School: Why is Bwlch being removed from Cricks catchment? Makes no sense in the shape of the area of the catchment having that narrow corridor going down to Bwlch to exclude it? Many kids from Bwlch go to Llangynidr Primary then on to Crickhowell, this could cause friends and family issues staying together and just makes no sense in changing</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
89	<p>Crickhowell High School: I previously sent in a response to the changes to llangynidr primary school catchment and the proposal to remove bwlch from that zone. i would like to express the same concerns regarding this change, and believe the same issues to be relevant here, if not even more so. if one was staying the same and the other changing, the problems regarding school attendance figures would still arise. Bwlch is but a stones throw from Llangynidr which is within the catchment zone and it just seems a bit ridiculous that a small village should be removed from a system that is working perfectly well.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
90	<p>Crickhowell High School: Why has Bwlch been removed out of the catchment area? Crickhowell High School is the nearest to Bwlch. I believe it is important Bwlch parents keep dual catchment for both Crickhowell High and Gwernyfed High Schools. I don't want to divide the community. We have had dual catchment since 1974. How will we explain this to our children? Have the council heard of wellbeing and mental health? Our children have been through a lot since Covid hit and now the council plan to cause further uncertainty and upset.</p> <p>Why are the council removing dual catchments? What has changed for the council to consider new catchments? What will the council gain?</p> <p>I appreciate the council have spent millions on the Gwernyfed</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	<p>cluster and want to ramp up numbers to unsure the project is successful but at the expense of stopping Bwlch children accessing Crickhowell High which is one of the best performing school in Wales. Is your plan to decrease the size of Crickhowell High School making it less significant in Powys?</p> <p>Parent choice is crucial and the new proposal is only giving Bwlch one High school with free transport.</p> <p>Why have the council not contacted the parents directly? How can you guarantee the primary/secondary schools have passed the new catchment/admissions proposals to all the relevant people?</p> <p>When were Llangorse parents who wanted their children to attend Crickhowell High School informed that Llangorse School was removed as a feeder school? What rights do these parents now have ? Parents have bought houses believing they have access to both Crickhowell High and Gwernyfed High.</p> <p>I do not want the council to divide my village Bwlch by making us select one High School. We want to keep access to both Crickhowell High and Gwernyfed High.</p>	
91	<p>Crickhowell High School: I feel the new catchment areas would split friendship groups. Removing Bwlch from the catchment area is ridiculous. It's the closest high school and most of the children's friends from primary school will feed into crickhowell, this has a massive impact on their well-being and happiness through the toughest years of schooling.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
92	<p>Crickhowell High School: The new catchment does not affect me but I do question the rationale of moving Bwlch out of the catchment area for Crickhowell high school because; 1. Bwlch has long been within the catchment area for Crickhowell. 2. Bwlch is on the A40 trunk road to Crickhowell and is closer to</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	<p>Crickhowell than Gwernyfedd school.</p> <p>3. People have chosen to locate in Bwlch long term so they can choose Crickhowell school for their children.</p> <p>4. Bwlch residents should have the choice even if Powys don't want to keep running transport to both Crickhowell and Gwernyfedd high schools.</p>	
93	<p>Crickhowell High School:</p> <p>I cannot see the logic of Bwlch not being in the catchment area for Crickhowell High School - can you explain the methodology behind this - it would appear that someone has come along with a pen and isolated Bwlch - why??</p> <p>I have spoken to many people and no-one can understand the reasoning.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
94	<p>Crickhowell High School:</p> <p>Bwlch is the closest village to Llangynidr and it's being removed from the catchment. Crickhowell high school is the closest secondary school to Bwlch yet you are removing the village from the catchment. Absolutely ridiculous!!!! How can this ever be allowed to be contemplated. Disgusting</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
95	<p>Crickhowell High School:</p> <p>We have a son who has attended crickhowell high school since year 7 and is about to enter 6th form in September. What will the proposed changes in catchment area mean for him? Will he still be allowed to attend Crickhowell High? Will he still have free access to a school bus?</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
96	<p>Crickhowell High School:</p> <p>I live in Llangors and my children attend Crickhowell high school. The catchment demarcation for us is drawn to specifically exclude us from the Crickhowell catchment even though it is geographically closer to us than a significant proportion of the included catchment. The old system of the distance from the schools 'as the crow flies' appears far more equitable and is very easy to determine.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
97	<p>Crickhowell High School:</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	This change of catchment is ridiculous to not include Bwlch area for Crickhowell High school. It is the closest secondary to this village.	
98	Crickhowell High School: We live in Bwlch. We can not understand how Bwlch has been omitted from the Crickhowell High school catchment area, seeing as Llangynidr is our closest primary school and a feeder school to Crickhowell High school. It makes no sense what so ever. Our oldest child already goes to Crickhowell High and next child will be due to go in just over 12 months time from llangynidr primary. Her friendship group will be going to Crickhowell High and it is our closest secondary school. For there to be a possibility that she may not be able to go to the closest secondary school because of this change, is an absolute joke.	Please see response reference number 53 above.
99	Crickhowell High School: We bought a house in Bwlch village as it was in the catchment area for Crickhowell High School it now seems to of disappeared off the map for the catchment, can I still send my children to Crickhowell?	Please see response reference number 53 above.
100	Crickhowell High School: Both of my daughters attend Llangynidr primary. We live in Bwlch. The change to remove Bwlch from the catchment of Crickhowell High school will devastate my children. Absolutely all of their friends will be attending Crickhowell High. The children's grandparents live in Crickhowell, and we rely on them to provide daily after-school care, which they will be unable to do if the children have to go to school in Three Cocks. Crickhowell is on my way to work, and only 10 minutes drive from our house and I planned to take them to school on the way to work. The decision to change the catchment area for Bwlch will be absolutely terrible for our family. It also makes no geographical sense. My whole family would be most grateful if the decision to remove Bwlch from the catchment of Crickhowell High be reconsidered.	Please see response reference number 53 above.
101	Crickhowell High School: I am very concerned to see that Bwlch is not included in the catchment area for Crickhowell High School. Crickhowell is by far	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	<p>the closest and easiest high school to access from Bwlch. The proposed catchment school of Gwernyfed is over 12 miles, more than double the distance of Crickhowell. Many children in Bwlch, including my own, currently attend Llangynidr Primary school (again the closest in distance from Bwlch) which is a feeder school to Crickhowell. The catchment for Crickhowell High School should therefore also include Bwlch to allow children to move to the High School with their friendship groups and to the High School their Primary School has the closest links to.</p> <p>My eldest daughter currently attends Crickhowell High School and the proposal of the catchment to not include Bwlch could result in my youngest daughter not gaining a place at the same school as her sister.</p> <p>I would also like clarification on the provision of home to school transport and whether this would be charged for a school that is not in catchment? I would like to think that this would still be provided free of charge as Crickhowell is the closest High School to Bwlch in distance and having read the Home to School Transport policy free transport is provided for the nearest suitable school, in this case Crickhowell High School.</p> <p>I believe that this catchment needs serious reconsideration and at the very least that Bwlch be included as a joint catchment area for Crickhowell and Gwernyfed. Looking at the map provided, it makes no sense to cut off Bwlch from the Crickhowell catchment when it is so close in distance to the school, compared to Gwernyfed (that doesn't even show on the map above!) I would welcome the chance to discuss these concerns and would be happy for someone at the council to contact me to discuss this further as I would be interested to hear the rationale behind these proposals.</p>	
102	<p>Crickhowell High School: We are writing to you on behalf of the Governing Body of Crickhowell High School regarding our serious concerns about the proposed changes to school transport regarding children</p>	<p>Please see response reference number 53 above.</p>

living in Bwlch . CHS Governing Body strongly object to these changes and view them as having a very significant, long term negative effect on both Llangynidr Community Primary School , which is a feeder primary for Crickhowell High School and also for Crickhowell High School. The proposed changes will mean that all Bwlch children will be expected to attend Llangorse Church in Wales Primary and then will not be able to attend Crickhowell High School as your proposals state all children at Llangorse will then attend either Brecon High School or Gwernyfed High School. This proposed catch to catchment areas for Bwlch seems extraordinary when Llangynidr is the closest primary and Crickhowell the closest secondary school and this will negatively affect the numbers in both schools going forward .

We have received numerous concerns from enquiries from Governors of Llangynidr School who are very concerned and we have also been approached by parents from the Bwlch area who, like us, cannot understand the rationale for these proposed changes even though both Llangynidr and Crickhowell are their nearest school. The reason given is that children can no longer be transported to the primary school over Llangynidr Bridge from Bwlch and will be instead directed to Llangorse School yet a mini-bus can access the bridge as can parents in their own vehicles .

The Governing Body of Crickhowell High School is happy to accept the status quo where parents in Bwlch can choose either primary school but Bwlch families should still have the choice of Crickhowell High School as their nearest secondary school whether they attend Llangorse or Llangynidr primary school when we are significantly closer than either Brecon High School or Gwernyfed High School .

We would draw your attention to the relevant sections of the Home to School Transport Policy February 2022 :

1.2 Legal duties of the Council The legal duties of a local authority in relation to school transport, as outlined in the Measure, are as follows:

The Council must:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess the travel needs of learners in their authority area • <p>Provide free home to school transport for learners of compulsory school age attending primary school who live 2 miles or further from their nearest suitable school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide free home to school transport for learners of compulsory school age attending secondary school who live 3 miles or further from their nearest suitable school <p>The definition of a 'suitable school' is a school where the education or training provided is suitable having regard for the age, ability and aptitudes of the learner and any learning difficulties he or she may have.</p> <p>1.2 Qualifying criteria Home to school transport will be provided for learners who ordinarily reside in Powys to attend their nearest suitable school or catchment school.</p> <p>A 'catchment' school means the nearest school within a geographic area.</p> <p>To be eligible for free home to school transport, the learners' nearest school or catchment school must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nearest to the learners' home address and if so, • They are more than 2 miles from their home address for primary school (aged 4 -11) or more than 3 miles for secondary school (age 11 to 16) <p>Can you also clarify why the Powys Website currently displays the new proposals for Bwlch as if they were already confirmed ?</p>	
103	<p>Crickhowell High School: Sadly, we found out recently that Bwlch was no longer in the catchment area for Crickhowell High School.</p> <p>We moved to the area a few years ago firstly as it's a beautiful place to live but also to run a small family business Buckland Hill Kennels and Catery. Another huge factor of our relocation was because of Crickhowell High School catchment and has always been in our minds when our children become old enough to go. When we purchased the property a few years ago Crickhowell High</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	<p>was the allocated school for our children.</p> <p>After the recent review it appears that we marginally miss out as suggested on the catchment map (please see our house on the map below) we are just wondering why this decision has been made and would you consider reinstating our home for Crickhowell High School in the future?</p>	
104	<p>Crickhowell High School: In regards to the proposed catchment area changes, I wanted to express our thoughts on this.</p> <p>Our son Dylan lives in Bwlch and goes to crickhowell primary school. As I work in Abergavenny this also fits in with transporting him there. We have family in Abergavenny who also kindly help with childcare around working etc.</p> <p>When Dylan finishes crickhowell primary school, I would hope he can go to crickhowell high school to stay with the friends he has made at this wonderful school.</p> <p>His younger sister will also be applying to go to crickhowell primary school for a September 2024 admission.</p> <p>To take places like Bwlch out of the catchment area will cause upheaval to young children's future school plans, so please reconsider this.</p> <p>We are considering moving now because of this but I highly doubt we could afford to in this current market! The reason we bought in Bwlch was because of the affordable housing scheme available to us, which did not exist in crickhowell at that time (2013). Now it has reached capacity in crickhowell I see it as a struggle to relocate there, based upon these changes.</p> <p>Thank you for reading this and I do hope you can reassure us for</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	Dylan (age 6) and Elsie (age 1) sake, so they can continue their educational career at these wonderful schools.	
105	<p>Crickhowell High School: I would just like to add on to my wife's email.</p> <p>We have built our life's in this area. We purchased a house in Bwlch as this works incredibly well for the logistics of our day to day life.</p> <p>Moving the catchment area would significantly affect our lives. The increase in fuel costs and potential costs for morning or after school clubs and help for childcare from family members wouldn't be achievable. Also with a mention of the increase in miles and it's impact on the environment.</p> <p>With the current cost of living increasing the news of this is greatly worrying for us.</p> <p>My son has made lots of friends in Crickhowell primary school and we would hope he could continue with them throughout high school. We don't want this to change the excellent progress he is currently making.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
106	<p>Crickhowell High School: The above plan would have a extreme negative effect to the well being of my family in particular my two daughters 10 and 5 yrs old. We have just moved from England to Wales which was not easy for both girls leaving a very highly thought of school and their social group. They have now settled into Langynidr Primary School and have close friends. Their aspirations are now to remain in their current social group and move up to Crickhowell High School knowing they will have friends with them.</p> <p>The move back to Wales was also to allow a closer family network to support Grandparents and provide quality time for interaction, part of this plan has been the purchase of a family</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	<p>property in Crickhowell for the Grandparents who would then be able to play a role in support of our daughters education at Crickhowell High School.</p> <p>Crickhowell is 10 minutes from our home, my wife works in Abergavenny, my youngest daughter will remain at Llangynidr Primary School when my oldest daughter moves to High School, my in-laws will be living in Crickhowell, if the above plan goes ahead the family logistics will be severely stretched which will involve a financial impact.</p> <p>The current global situation has had an impact on all family units but we do have to remain aware as to not adding other contributing factors which could lead to other more personal problems impacting individuals or family groups.</p>	
107	<p>Crickhowell High School: I am very concerned of a change of catchment area removing Bwlch from the Crickhowell High School catchment when the school is only a few miles away. It's makes absolutely no sense and there appears no real reason to when both primary's locally feed both high schools very well already. I wanted to email to make my views known that I am very much against this potential decision.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
108	<p>Crickhowell High School: I wish to write to you to complain about Bwlch being excluded from the Crickhowell High school catchment area. Why has an indent in the area been drawn around Bwlch?</p> <p>Why has this been done? Yellow highlighted?</p> <p>We are literally here.....</p> <p>This is very unfair and ridiculous, not to mention stressful for us and our child.</p> <p>Bwlch is just over 5 miles to Crickhowell High School, whereas</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	<p>Gwernyfed High School is 15+ miles.</p> <p>My only child, my son, attends Llangynidr school, in year 5. There are only 8 boys in his class and only my boy will be subjected to not being in catchment and will not be guaranteed a place in high school with his friends! I cannot tell you how detrimental to his health and well-being this will be! It will destroy him. Being an only child he needs the support of his friends to make this big step to high school. To not let him progress with them is preposterous at this stage in year 5. We moved into the area 5 years ago because of Llangynidr and Crickhowell High school, and this is unfair to take this away. Our house looks over Crickhowell and is out of Bwlch village, please can you check the postcode under the catchment area LD3 7HZ.</p> <p>My son has struggle tremendously over these last 2 COVID years with the isolation and he needs his friends and stability at school more than ever. Not letting him stay with his friends will have such a negative impact on him, it will be so very damaging and detrimental to his mental health and development.</p> <p>I implore you to realign this map, the way it is drawn is extremely not fair especially as Llangynidr is a natural feeder school to Crickhowell currently.</p>	
109	<p>Llanbedr: Llanbedr primary school accepts a number of pupils, most of whom don't live in the village proper.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
110	<p>Llangynidr: On behalf of the entire governing body of Llangynidr Community Primary, I'm responding to the consultation on proposed changes to our catchment area. We object strongly to the proposal to remove Bwlch from Llangynidr's catchment, for the reasons set out in our Headteacher's response to the consultation. As well as objecting to any change that would have such a negative impact on learners, our school and our community, without any</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	<p>observable advantages, we also wish to formally register our disappointment with the way the consultation has been handled. We acknowledge that schools were given the opportunity to consider the proposals in December but nonetheless there has been a lack of transparency and openness about the process. Powys did not make clear what changes were being proposed, so it was not immediately obvious to us that such a significant change to our catchment was under consideration. Nor have you provided any rationale or reasoning behind the proposed changes, an omission which we believe is seriously prejudicial to a fair and transparent consultation.</p> <p>We strongly hope that the proposed change will not be taken forward.</p> <p>Tom Fox, chair of Llangynidr Community Primary governors.</p>	
111	<p>Llangynidr: My children live in Llangorse but go llangynidr primary school then will be going Crickhowell high school. With the catchment changes my children won't be allowed</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
112	<p>Llangynidr: By restricting the school's catchment area, you are attacking the school's ability to continue. We all know the way these things go. You artificially reduce the catchment area. You then say the school is unsustainable. You then close the school. The school then lies empty, a visual daily reminder to the community that it's heart has been removed. You then flog the building off for well below market price to developers who leave it vacant for years to come. We've seen you do this to countless other schools in the area - Cwmdru, Llanbedr. Please don't do it to our lovely school in Llangynidr as well.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
113	<p>Llangynidr: The village of bwlch has been removed from the catchment of llangynidr primary which is not satisfactory for several reasons.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	<p>Firstly llangynidr is clearly the nearest and most convenient school for those living in bwlch and the next closest in llangorse is a church school and this is not what everyone wants for their child. Further the school in llangynidr is adversely affected by losing the bwlch students, losing pupils and therefore funding which harms the whole local community who depend on the school.</p>	
114	<p>Llangynidr: Bwlch should remain in the catchment for Llangynidr. Geographically it is much closer to Llangynidr than Llangorse, making Llangynidr the most appropriate and most logical selection. Families have homes there in the expectation that their children will go to Llangynidr and then on to Crickhowell secondary (which is also much closer than the proposed Gwernyfed). Ecologically it would also make sense with the lower mileage both for school transportation and for all of the additional travel that families will end up taking. Schools and the friendship groups that result are central to family life and clubs, societies and other activities tend to be selected based on friends attending. Bwlch families are likely to face further travel times and costs as a result of their children attending school out of the local area. Reducing the catchment area of Llangynidr school would have a long-term detrimental effect on our school and potentially the village. Pupil numbers will reduce and (as the potential to build new homes to bring in additional families is limited) over time this will no doubt impact the budget received forcing a reduction in staff and potentially forcing the closure of the school in future reconfiguration of primary provision. Is this the long-term intention of Powys?</p>	<p>Please see response reference number 53 above.</p>
115	<p>Llangynidr: I lived in Bwlch when my children all started school and I chose Llangynidr because it was the closest school - in the new area this wouldn't be the case. This would mean them having to travel further to their primary school and further again to their secondary school. I strongly oppose Bwlch being cut out of the catchment area for llangynidr and then Crickhowell as these are clearly the closest</p>	<p>Please see response reference number 53 above.</p>

	<p>schools. Children attending school outside of the community areas strongly has an impact on the community and friendship groups. It potentially means more Children and therefore parents taking part in community organised events associated with their childrens' schools and thus leading to a smaller community group in the Llangynidr/Bwlch area.</p>	
116	<p>Llangynidr: Disgusting!!!!</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
117	<p>Llangynidr: As a grandparent of children at the school and a Community Councillor I am very concerned about the impact of this proposal on the school and community . The proposal us perverse in that Llangynidr is clearly the nearest catchment school for Bwlch, while parents can currently opt to send their children elsewhere if they choose. I am also aware that a similar exceptionalisation of Bwlch is underway as regards Crickhowell High School were I am governor. I am also amazed to learn that Rosemarie Harris our County Councillor has not been properly informed of these initiatives. It is difficult not to come to the conclusion that the County Education Dept is championing this move for reasons other than the interests of children and parents. Diverting pupils to undersubscribed schools, whether newly built or not, is not acceptable; two errors are worse than one.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
118	<p>Llangynidr: We would like Bwlch to remain in the catchment area for Llangynidr primary school and Crickhowell high school or at the very least parents/ carers to be given the option of either Llangynidr or llangors.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
119	<p>Llangynidr: Powys tried to stop the bus from Bwlch to Llangors Primary School saying that Llangynidr Primary School was the catchment school. Those parents were obviously unhappy and caused a fuss. A consultation has been sent out which now wants to transfer the pupils eligible to go to Llangynidr from Bwlch and therefore solves</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	<p>the problem for Llangors parents. Is this really fair? Llangynidr is the closest school to Bwlch and therefore if one school should be chosen to be in the catchment, it should be Llangynidr.</p>	
120	<p>Llangynidr: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing regarding the proposed change to the catchment area for Llangynidr CP School – specifically, the removal of Bwlch from the school catchment area. I do so both as the father of two pupils (Year 1 and Year 3) at Llangynidr School, and as a local resident. Although the proposed change will not, at first sight, have any direct or immediate on my own children, I am very concerned about the wider and longer term impact on the community and the school – and the impact on those children who won't themselves be able to attend Llangynidr School in future. Llangynidr School is absolutely integral to the local community, and a priceless resource for families miles around. My children walk into school very morning with huge smiles on their faces - because of the quality of the care and education they receive. Removing Bwlch from the catchment area would be a seriously blow to those living in Bwlch and – whether or not the Council accepts it – a blow to those families who will continue to attend Llangynidr School. The potential social, cultural and educational damage is significant – with an indirect threat, for instance, to numbers of pupils at Llangynidr, and therefore the school's financial wellbeing. Any such threat would be a tragedy. There are many good arguments for maintaining Bwlch's place in the catchment area of Llangynidr School – including its close geographical proximity, and the fact that it has historically always been in our catchment area. I understand the practical pressures that can drive what seem like 'pragmatic' decisions for the 'right reasons'. However, there would be real human cost associated with this particular decision – with</p>	<p>Please see response reference number 53 above.</p>

	genuine implications for the wellbeing of future generations – and I urge the Council to think again.	
121	<p>Llangynidr: The Strategy for Transforming Education makes no reference to the environment in terms of transportation of students. Parents travelling to and from work can drop children at Llangynidr notwithstanding closer for pupils from Bwlch than Llangorse. Reducing miles and and time in transit should be part of the consideration in relation to the green agenda.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
122	<p>Llangynidr: You have removed the Bwlch area from the catchment of Llangynidr School. This makes zero sense on myriad levels. For families living in Bwlch the nearest school is Llangynidr school - 2.1 miles away (cycle-able or even walkable) whereas Llangorse is DOUBLE the distance (over 4 miles away) up a big hill. Not walkable or cycle-able. This makes no sense either on an individual travel level or what about the ENVIRONMENTAL impact?!! Moreover, you have a LEGAL duty to transport children to their nearest suitable school. For children in Bwlch this is Llangynidr which is a great community school. I can only assume this is an error as it is incredulous. And when you then look at the impact for the consequent secondaries, again Gwernyfed is much further for Bwlch families than Crickhowell. Zero logic here unless, as I fear, this is part of a bigger plan... Are you deliberately favouring CIW schools - that sits very uncomfortably and again LEGAL / moral problems here. Llangynidr is a wonderful school. Have you seen it in person to know this or tried doubling your own journey to school?</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
123	<p>Llangynidr: The Welsh Government document "Learner Travel" 2014 states that Local Authorities must "Provide free home to school transport for learners of compulsory school age attending primary school who live 2 miles or further from their nearest suitable school." Llangynidr is the nearest suitable school to Bwlch, being 2.1 miles away. It makes no sense to exclude Bwlch from the catchment area for Llangynidr and thereby impose a longer and less sustainable</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	<p>journey on young children. Transporting children from Bwlch to Llangorse would increase costs for Powys. Children should not be expected to spend more time than necessary travelling to school. Attending the nearest school enables easier 'out of school' play and activities with schoolmates, and fosters strong local life-long friendships. It promotes improved social functioning of smaller communities and enables better access to after-school activities. Parents are less able to engage with more distant schools. The further away the school, the more difficult it is for parents to engage with it.</p> <p>Removing Bwlch from the catchment area for Llangynidr would inevitably reduce the numbers on the roll. This would adversely affect the school and the village. The school is the heart and focal point of the community and it cannot be sensible for local government to put this at risk. Llangynidr is situated in the Brecon Beacons National Park. There are constraints that mean that it will be unable to expand in future years. This means that it is unlikely to be able to make up for this proposed reduction of its catchment area.</p> <p>For the reasons above I am strongly opposed to this proposal.</p>	
124	<p>Llangynidr: Children should be able to attend their local primary school. Distance to school was always measured as the crow flies and by walking distance. This means that Llangynidr Primary School is the rightful catchment school for pupils living in Bwlch. Llangynidr bridge has never caused a problem for parents or for school transport. Children from Bwlch have always been part of Llangynidr school and part of village community groups. A school is in the heart of the community. Llangynidr does not want its catchment to be made smaller and children from its closest neighbouring village should be encouraged to be part of this school.</p> <p>Bwlch does not need to remain a dual catchment. Its rightful catchment school is Llangynidr.</p> <p>With the cost of fuel rising, sending children double the distance</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	will cost more in time and money. When looking at the environment, the carbon footprint is reduced if all the pupils attend Llangynidr.	
125	<p>Llangynidr: Llangynidr Primary School has an excellent reputation and is in the heart of a supportive rural community. Children from Bwlch have always been entitled to go to Llangynidr Primary School. As it is the closest school, it would not be a good environmental or economical decision to make the catchment double the distance away. Making the catchment smaller would lead to a decrease in pupil numbers and would leave it vulnerable to closure in the future. As this village has always been part of this community both inside and outside school, it is very important that children are still encouraged and supported to attend Llangynidr Primary School and other clubs and groups for their mental and physical well-being.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
126	<p>Llangynidr: As part of the Statutory Provision and Operational guidance, learners receiving primary education will be entitled to free transport if they live two miles or more from their nearest suitable maintained school, which is and should be Llangynidr. Reducing the catchment area of Llangynidr school would have a long-term detrimental effect on our school, the well-being and education of our children and the health of the wider community. Pupil numbers in Llangynidr School were reduced when the changes were made to the 3+ settings, we do not want a further reduction losing any families and potential families living in Bwlch. Over time, this will have an impact on the size of the school making us smaller and impacting on our budget, class sizes and the staffing that we are able to maintain. Llangynidr is very much a community school that is at the heart of the community. We want to preserve the school and ensure that it is here for future generations.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
127	Llangynidr:	Please see response reference number 53 above.

Bwlch has historically always been in the catchment area of Llangynidr Community Primary School. Llangynidr is by some margin geographically the nearest 'suitable' school: we are able to facilitate education that has regard for the age, aptitude of the learners whilst also taking into consideration any learning difficulties. The Powys Home to School Transport Policy section 1.2 defines a 'catchment' school as the nearest school within a geographic area. Therefore Llangynidr should clearly be the catchment school for Bwlch, as it is 2.1 miles away (whereas Llangors is double that, at 4.2 miles). Statutory Provision and Operational Guidance 1.22 Learners receiving primary education will be entitled to free transport if they live two miles or more from their nearest suitable maintained school, which is Llangynidr. We believe you have a legal responsibility to provide free transport to the learner's nearest suitable school, so learners living in Bwlch would be entitled to free transport even if it was taken out of the catchment area because we are still their closest school. Having taught in Llangynidr for the last 26 years, there has never been a problem in the bus transportation of learners from Bwlch. The bridge over the Usk has never caused a problem in that time and we believe it is unreasonable to cite it as an excuse for avoiding your legal obligation to provide free transport to the learner's nearest suitable school or make it a reason to encourage more parents to attend another primary school. It is not environmentally sustainable and would contribute to the climate crisis to provide transport to a school that is double the distance away from the closest school to Bwlch. This would have an environmental impact long term and with the increase in fuel costs, doubling the daily travel distance for bus or car journeys does not make economic sense either. The walking distance is 2.1 miles and would take around 41 minutes to walk from Bwlch to Llangynidr, whereas Llangors School is 4.2 miles and would take 1hr 21 mins. This route could

	<p>be cycled too as an alternative to driving, so Llangynidr should not be taken out of the catchment. Reducing the catchment area of Llangynidr school would have a long-term detrimental effect on our school, the well-being and education of our children and the health of the wider community. Llangynidr offers many community groups and clubs outside school that many learners participate in, many learners in Bwlch would feel cut off from these groups. For the well-being of pupils already living in Bwlch and attending Llangynidr, this change would have an impact on their friendships. This change would in particular affect the children when they transfer to High School. Most pupils in Llangynidr have fed into Crickhowell High School which is the nearest school to Bwlch. Pupil numbers in Llangynidr were reduced when the changes were made to the 3+ settings, we do not want a further reduction losing any families and potential families living in Bwlch. Over time this will have an impact on the size of the school making us smaller and impacting on our budget, class sizes and the staffing that we are able to maintain. Llangynidr is very much a community school that is at the heart of the community. We want to preserve the school and ensure that it is here for future generations.</p>	
128	<p>Llangynidr: This is ridiculous to not include Bwlch in Llangynidr's catchment area when it is the nearest school. It is unfair for friends who live so close to have to go to different primary schools, but then also be in different high school catchments too. If parents choose Llangorse primary then Gwernyfed, so be it - their choice to make their children cope with extra distance to school. But to specifically leave Bwlch out of Llangynidr's catchment, and thinking long term for friendship groups for high school, is absurd- especially when Talybont IS included in the catchment!! So many children from Bwlch go to Llangynidr school, there would be a drop in numbers and I'm questioning your motive in this... intentionally lowering numbers in a rural school leads only to the</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	<p>thought of potential school closure in years to come. Please keep Bwlch village out of catchments, as Felinfach (Brecon) seems to be - leave it to parental choice!</p>	
129	<p>Llangynidr: Llangynidr is by far the closest school to Bwlch: it makes no sense to exclude Bwlch from the Llangynidr catchment.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
130	<p>Llangynidr: Alteration to the Llangynidr School catchment area and a possible reduction of children attending the school, puts its viability in question! The school is the life's blood of our village!</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
131	<p>Llangynidr: Removing Bwlch from the catchment area looks (from the map) to be a ridiculous move and from a parent student perspective to be an expensive and unnecessary upheaval. What's the point of increasing pollution. Children of this age benefit from community spirit built around the local school, and get a feeling of ownership, find it easier to develop relationships with other local children and young people.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
132	<p>Llangynidr: I do not understand why Bwlch has been removed from this catchment when other places that are geographically further away have been included? How is this offering Bwlch children their nearest school?</p> <p>According to AA route planner the distance between Bwlch and Llangynidr school is 2.2 miles. Between Bwlch and Llangorse is 4.2 miles so double the distance. This has implications on the amount of traffic emissions and in a climate emergency this should be an essential consideration.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
133	<p>Llangynidr: I am concerned about the removal of Belch from the catchment area for Llangynidr Primary and Crickhowell High School. They are the closest schools to home where children have ties with the</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	local community and friendship groups. They are not commodities to be shipped around the county to satisfy the council's agenda.	
134	Llangynidr: We strongly wish to maintain Llangynidr School as a thriving part of the community and beyond, and keep the old boundaries as they have always been historically.	Please see response reference number 53 above.
135	Llangynidr: I work in Llangynidr preschool, the change in boundary removing Bwlch from Llangynidr primary school catchment could end up reducing numbers in the preschool therefore making it unviable. There are currently 4 members of part time staff who could potentially be made redundant.	Please see response reference number 53 above.
136	Llangynidr: Bwlch has for many years been in the catchment area of Llangynidr Community Primary School and Llangynidr is the nearest school geographically as it is only approximately 2 miles away. Therefore it makes sense that Llangynidr should clearly be the catchment school for Bwlch. Reducing the catchment area of Llangynidr school by losing families and potential families living in Bwlch I feel would have a long-term detrimental effect on the school and community. I feel that Llangynidr school is very much at the heart of the community and we want to preserve the school and ensure that it is here for future generations	Please see response reference number 53 above.
137	Llangynidr: Bwlch should NOT be removed from the Llangynidr catchment area. Bwlch is far closer to Llangynidr than it is to Llangors, and the two communities are tied closely together. Many friends of kids in Llangynidr school are from Bwlch and subsequently go to Crickhowell High School together. In my opinion, this would have far reaching detrimental effects on the abilities of young people in the area to make friends and associate with their peers. Bwlch should REMAIN in the Llangynidr catchment zone.	Please see response reference number 53 above.
138	Llangynidr: Reducing the catchment area of Llangynidr School to exclude Bwlch is just another example of how out of touch our County	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	<p>Council is. We have already seen the approval this week of the closure of Llanbedr School. The proposal to remove Bwlch from the catchment of Llangynidr School will have a long-term detrimental effect on both the school and the community. Pupils will have to travel further and this proposal will have an adverse effect on both the education and well-being of the children.</p>	
139	<p>Llangynidr: I strongly object to Bwlch being taken out of the catchment area for Llangynidr Primary School. The villages of Bwlch and Llangynidr have currently and historically had strong connections because of their close proximity. To take that choice away from parents makes no sense at all. Your description of a catchment area is the closest suitable school - so why suggest that children should be sent to a school further away than the closest suitable school? This also has the knock on effect of sending these same children to a secondary school almost twice as far away as the closest suitable school. Many residents of Bwlch will naturally gravitate to the facilities of Crickhowell such as the shops, and medical facilities as they are the closest. Again it makes no sense at all to take that choice away from the families of Bwlch, sending the children to a high school twice as far away. There is no public bus service between Bwlch and Gwernyfed and so after school hours young people will be cut off from their friends, where as there is a regular service between Bwlch and Crickhowell, enabling young people to attend after school activities with friends close by.</p>	<p>Please see response reference number 53 above.</p>
140	<p>Llangynidr: I feel very strongly that the village children of Bwlch should stay in the catchment area of Llangynidr CP School. Llangynidr school is after all the nearest school for the children of Bwlch and maintains a very strong sense of community within our villages. Reducing the catchment area for Llangynidr CP School will have a long term detrimental effect on the school. Reducing pupil numbers means reduction in budgets for schools and thereby staffing levels. When this happens schools are far more likely to close and we want our</p>	<p>Please see response reference number 53 above.</p>

	school to continue for future generations. It is the heart of our village and I want it to remain that way.	
141	<p>Llangynidr: This appears to be an attempt to make other new schools more sustainable in terms of pupil numbers. The converse is also true in that this would make Llangynidr C.P. School less sustainable and could possibly lead to its eventual closure as being too small to be economically sustainable. The distance travelled to school for pupils from Bwlch would be increased for no good reason or benefit to the pupils. Finally it looks as though the council is looking to be able to close the school and sell the property for housing at some future time.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
142	<p>Llangynidr: Llangynidr Primary is the nearest Primary school for the Bwlch community being just 2.1 miles away. It absolutely does not make sense to change this catchment area. Doing so will cause irreparable damage to Llangynidr Primary and to the local Community. Over time Llangynidr Primary numbers are likely to dwindle impacting funding, staff and therefore, overall quality of education. Not to mention the health and well-being of the community of which Llangynidr Primary is the hub. This proposal is simply preposterous.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
143	<p>Llangynidr: Llangynidr CP school is the nearest school to Bwlch, it would make sense for Bwlch to be placed in the catchment area for this school. Presumably free transport will be provided to pupils living in Bwlch to their catchment school and of course it is a legal requirement under section 3 of Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 to provide free transport to Llangynidr as it is over 2 miles away but is their nearest suitable school, having Bwlch in the catchment for Llangynidr CP School would presumably do away with the costs of transporting pupils elsewhere and therefore the most sensible option. Removing Bwlch from the catchment area of Llangynidr CP School could potentially have an impact on pupils who live in Bwlch and</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	currently attend school in Llangynidr as they may not be able to attend the same secondary school as their friends if Crickhowell High School was oversubscribed.	
144	Llangynidr: Current catchment is preferable.	Please see response reference number 53 above.
145	Llangynidr: There should be no change to Llangynidr being the catchment school for Bwlch, just some 2 miles away. It is still the nearest school and has always taken children from the Bwlch village and surrounding area. Reducing the catchment area will have a detrimental effect on Llangynidr CP School as reduced numbers of children would undoubtedly have a long term impact on the school budget, class sizes and possibly staffing. The school is the beating heart of the community and must be preserved for future generations. There has been recent housing development in Llangynidr and the new families who have arrived have fed into the Primary School and Crickhowell High School. The village community is expectant that the area will attract more families and this will not be realised if the school finds itself in peril. Families will settle elsewhere.	Please see response reference number 53 above.
146	Llangynidr: There is no reason whatsoever to change the existing catchments and Llangynidr is by some margin, closer to Bwlch than Llangors	Please see response reference number 53 above.
147	Llangynidr: Bwlch should still be part of the catchment area because llangynidr is the nearest school. My children have lots of friends in Bwlch that they have built on by attending school together	Please see response reference number 53 above.
148	Llangynidr: There are many changes going on in primary and secondary education locally right now and parents are understandably concerned about the implications of the proposals on the new catchment for Bwlch. We know that children make strong bonds in friendships early on	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	<p>which remain throughout their school lives. Bwlch is much closer to Llangynidr than Llangors or Brecon. Parents want their children to make local links out of school as well as in school. These proposals make a mockery of local links.</p> <p>Llangynidr school is concerned because numbers will drop and schools are being closed. Crickhowell High School are concerned because it could create an overburdened appeals process if learners have to drop to the bottom of the waiting list as they are outside the catchment. Crickhowell is not only closer to Bwlch than either Brecon or Gwernyfed but it is the hub that most people generate towards from Bwlch.</p> <p>School transport will also be an issue which does not seem to have been thought through with any logic.</p> <p>With fuel becoming a major issue for many right now and into the future no consideration seems to have been given to the climate emergency and commitment to Net Zero for Powys County Council by 2030. A strategic development which means learners will have to travel further to school is not a good look in the emerging critical outcomes which are likely to hit with fuel security becoming less certain as the years go by.</p>	
149	<p>Llangynidr: This is a small school and needs more children and as it is there are not enough children at the school. Furthermore, it would make it even harder for all parents concerned to get their children to school. Current times are very challenging with costs rising so we need the school more than ever. I as a single-parent have been fortunate to rely on Llangynidr school and the provision they have provided for my daughter.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
150	<p>Llangynidr: I am writing to wholeheartedly opposed the ridiculous change in catchment area for families living in Bwlch. Llangynidr Primary School is the closest school to the village of Bwlch and therefore</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	<p>should be the school that children are automatically admitted to. Reducing the catchment area from Llangynidr school will be detrimental to the admission numbers of the school, the budget of the school and more longer term, cast doubt over the viability of the school altogether. In the Strategy for Transforming Education in Powys, one of the strategic objectives outlined for improving learner entitlement is to 'reconfigure and rationalise' primary provision. I am extremely concerned that the redirecting of children from Llangynidr school to the newly built Llangors school is the first stage in diverting pupils and therefore money away from Llangynidr Primary School and that the school could ultimately be a casualty of the Councils Strategy. Furthermore, I am concerned that this small, seemingly innocuous change will be one in a series of changes to enforce the closure by stealth. I am glad that the council will 'always operate in an open and transparent manner' but I would like to understand the rationale behind the change in catchment area at your earliest convenience.</p>	
151	<p>Llangynidr: The proposed changes to the catchment area exclude the residents of Bwlch from being able to send their children to Llangynidr Primary School. The changes seem rather bizzare given the geographical locality of Bwlch to Llangynidr! I strongly object to these changes - it would be detrimental to both residents and the school, it would lead to a reduced number of pupils attending Llangynidr Primary School which could have untold consequences on the school in years to come.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
152	<p>Llangynidr: Bwlch should be the catchment for Llangynidr Primary School as it is the closest. There is a rule and should be bent only for some people who favour to be against it.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
153	<p>Llangynidr: Bwlch should without doubt be included within the Llangynidr catchment area, it is just common sense. It is the closest school to Bwlch (~2 miles) and it is obviously important that pupil numbers in</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	Llangynidr are not reduced further and potentially jeopardise the long term future of an essential part of the community	
154	Llangynidr: Removing Bwlch from the catchment area will limit the number of children every year and potentially lead to a decline in pupil numbers and therefore funding.	Please see response reference number 53 above.
155	Llangynidr: Llangynidr Primary School is the closest school for children living in Bwlch. These changes will reduce pupil numbers at the school and that affects the whole school community. Fewer pupils in our catchment would lead to shrinking numbers which would result in less funding for the children at our school, which may in turn have an impact on teacher numbers and class sizes in the future.	Please see response reference number 53 above.
156	Llangynidr: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bwlch should be in Llangynidr's catchment. • It is the nearest school to the village • Llangynidr Primary needs to maintain its catchment. • The pre school is already at risk with falling roles coming into the facility • The Primary School can no longer rely on natural growth of new families coming into Llangynidr and other catchment villages. • The current BBNP Local Development Plan has curtailed any new houses (or even infill) growth being built in these villages • Taking Bwlch out of Llangynidr Primary CC makes NO sense at all and begins to put what is an award winning school at risk. The heart of the community is the sound of its young generation playing in their local school! 	Please see response reference number 53 above.
157	Llangynidr: The proposed change does not support those families in Bwlch and fails to meet current council legislation regards timelines.	Please see response reference number 53 above.
158	Llangynidr: I personally think that this is unfair towards those who live in Bwlch as on the map displayed you can clearly see that the area has been cut off. This will also affect the future of Llangynidr Primary, because it will decrease the size of their classes as time	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	progresses. It will be harder for those children to reach school if this plan goes ahead because it is around 40mins to the nearest high school which is a longer journey.	
159	Llangynidr: Bwlch & Llangynidr as villages practically merge with no real defined boundry, it is a disgrace if Bwlch residents are not allowed to send their children to their most local Primary school if they so wish. When you see from this proposal that children can attend from as far affield as Pontsticil and yet 2 miles away in Bwlch children can not access their most local school.	Please see response reference number 53 above.
160	Llangynidr: Llangynidr Primary School is the closest school for children living in Bwlch. These changes will reduce pupil numbers at the school and that affects the whole school community. Fewer pupils in our catchment would lead to shrinking numbers which would result in less funding for the children at our school, which may in turn have an impact on teacher numbers and class sizes in the future.	Please see response reference number 53 above.
161	Llangynidr: Terrible idea taking bwlch out of the catchment area	Please see response reference number 53 above.
162	Llangynidr: Llangynidr Primary School is the closest school for children living in Bwlch. These changes will reduce pupil numbers at the school and that affects the whole school community. Fewer pupils in our catchment would lead to shrinking numbers which would result in less funding for the children at our school, which may in turn have an impact on teacher numbers and class sizes in the future.	Please see response reference number 53 above.
163	Llangynidr: Bwlch village should be left in the catchment area for Llangynidr primary school.	Please see response reference number 53 above.
164	Llangynidr: It would make more sense to me to put the children of Bwlch first and ensure that their closest primary school is also their catchment school. Keeping this catchment as it is currently would be best and also ensures the children have Crickhowell as their secondary school - again far closer to them than Gwernyfed.	Please see response reference number 53 above.

165	<p>Llangynidr: Llangynidr Primary School is the closest school for children living in Bwlch. These changes will reduce pupil numbers at the school and that affects the whole school community. Fewer pupils in our catchment would lead to shrinking numbers which would result in less funding for the children at our school, which may in turn have an impact on teacher numbers and class sizes in the future.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
166	<p>Llangynidr: This seems very unwise. Llangynidr is geographically nearest for children living in Bwlch, and those already at Llangynidr from Bwlch will be impacted by being unable to go on to Crick High School, and friendship groups will be disturbed. that's just in the short term. In the long term these proposed changes would reduce numbers at Llangynidr school which affects the whole school and its future viability. Fewer pupils and shrinking numbers will result in less funding and fewer teachers. I am strongly against excluding Bwlch. I do not wish to imagine that this change is being proposed simply to bolster numbers at Llangorse school?</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
167	<p>Llangynidr: As a local resident and tax payer, I am concerned about the proposal to include Bwlch in the catchment area for Llangorse and Gwernyfed. I am presuming this means that free transport will be extended to pupils residing in Bwlch and attending those 2 schools.</p> <p>I am aware that many pupils residing in Bwlch currently attend Llangynidr Primary and Crickhowell High and obviously under section 3 of the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008, with these being their nearest schools albeit further than 2/4 miles, Powys is legally obliged to provide transport to those pupils.</p> <p>It seems to me to hardly be best use of resources to provide additional free transport to Llangorse and Gwernyfed when Powys must also provide transport to other schools that parents select for their children, bearing in mind that Llangynidr and Crickhowell are unlikely to be over-subscribed.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.

168	Llangynidr: Area does not include Bwlch!	Please see response reference number 53 above.
169	Llangynidr: Bwlch is closer than other areas. Less than 3 miles	Please see response reference number 53 above.
170	Llangynidr: The catchment area not including Bwlch is ridiculous as this is its closest school. This would have a major impact for families living in Bwlch. Many siblings split in terms of school due to this change. I really fail to understand why you would make Bwlch an out of catchment area for Llangynidr primary school? The effect of this, leaving out of catchment for Crickhowell high school starts to become contentious when Gilwern primary school are already closer to King Henry High school and Bwlch closer to Crickhowell High school.	Please see response reference number 53 above.
171	Llangynidr: Llangynidr Primary School is the closest school for children living in Bwlch. These changes will reduce pupil numbers at the school and that affects the whole school community. Fewer pupils in the schools catchment would lead to shrinking numbers which would result in less funding for the children at Llangynidr school, which may in turn have an impact on teacher numbers and class sizes in the future.	Please see response reference number 53 above.
172	Llangynidr: Needs to include Bwlch for encatchment to Llangynidr school and Crickhowell.	Please see response reference number 53 above.
173	Llangynidr: Bwlch should be in the catchment area	Please see response reference number 53 above.
174	Llangynidr: It will make my child who would have made friends in llangynidr to go to a completely different school highly detrimental to my child education and more importantly their mental health and well being. I strongly oppose this possible decision.	Please see response reference number 53 above.
175	Llangynidr:	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	There's no reason to separate Bwlch from the Llangynidr catchment and will greatly increase travel times if they are then transitioned to Gwernyfed instead of Crick.	
176	Llangynidr: We don't want to see children from Bwlch taken out of the catchment area.	Please see response reference number 53 above.
177	Llangynidr: The proposed changes to exclude Bwlch and surrounding area from the catchment makes no sense for pupils or parents	Please see response reference number 53 above.
178	Llangynidr: Why has Blwch been left out of the Llangynider catchment. Seems a crazy scheme to remove this area from the Llangynider catchment when Cwmdu and Tretower stay in the area. Looking at the proposed catchment map all the surrounding areas are in the catchment? Perhaps a geographical error by an employee when setting up the map? I hope there is nothing sinister for the future perhaps of closing village schools in South Powys in the 2030s.	Please see response reference number 53 above.
179	Llangynidr: Llangynidr Primary School is the closest school for children living in Bwlch. These changes will reduce pupil numbers at the school and that affects the whole school community. Fewer pupils in our catchment would lead to shrinking numbers which would result in less funding for the children at our school, which may in turn have an impact on teacher numbers and class sizes in the future. If tal y bont is in the catchment area then so should bwlch	Please see response reference number 53 above.
180	Llangynidr: Llangynidr Primary School is the closest school for children living in Bwlch. These changes will reduce pupil numbers at the school and that affects the whole school community. Fewer pupils in our catchment would lead to shrinking numbers which would result in less funding for the children at our school, which may in turn have an impact on teacher numbers and class sizes in the future	Please see response reference number 53 above.
181	Llangynidr:	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	Proposal will hugely affect Llangynidr Primary in terms of finance, which will affect pupils and staffing	
182	Llangynidr: Bwlch should stay in catchment for Llangynidr due to the ties already made there.	Please see response reference number 53 above.
183	Llangynidr: Llangynidr school is the closest school for Bwlch residents and the proposed changes are going to affect the pupils of the school by breaking friendships and families who already have one child in the school. In addition the proposal will also remove pupils from Llangynidr school and consequently funding. There are no positive points as far as I can see in amending the catchment area.	Please see response reference number 53 above.
184	Llangynidr: Why on earth would Bwlch no longer be part of Llangynidr Primary school catchment area. Its the closed school demographically. Why are you trying to impose a ridiculous proposal on Llangynidr school The school is outstanding. Why are you trying to kill it	Please see response reference number 53 above.
185	Llangynidr: Llangynidr primary school will not survive much longer if the catchment area is reduced to exclude Bwlch and surrounding areas.	Please see response reference number 53 above.
186	Llangynidr: We live in Bwlch. My son attended Llangynidr Pre - School, Llangynidr Primary and now attends Crickhowell High. My sons plays for Llangynidr Football Club and attended Llangynidr Beavers and Cubs. I would not have wanted him to attend any other school other than Llangynidr Primary and Crickhowell High. His friends and family are all part of the Llangynidr and Crickhowell communities and his extra curricular activities all take place in Llangynidr and Crickhowell. To think future children living in Bwlch will be excluded from having this choice is ludicrous and will cause unnecessary divisions within our community, making children feel isolated and excluded from their friends. Wake up Powys County Council and stop causing unnecessary stress to parents and	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	children regarding their future schooling. Please make your decisions based on our children's wellbeing rather than for your financial gains.	
187	Llangynidr: Small village schools such as Llangynidr need children from all local areas, with bwlch being less than 2 miles away they should be able to have easily accessible school places such as in Llangynidr. The local pre-school also relies on children from all areas and removing children from bwlch will also negatively impact here too as parents are unlikely to send them here as they won't have a place within the local school	Please see response reference number 53 above.
188	Llangynidr: Bwlch should be kept in the catchment area	Please see response reference number 53 above.
189	Llangynidr: Bwlch should remain in the catchment area as it links into our District and Crickhowell high school	Please see response reference number 53 above.
190	Llangynidr: I think it is ludicrous that Bwlch should lie outside the catchment area for Llangynidr Primary School, given the geographical proximity and the close social ties that exist between residents of both villages. Whilst access via the river bridge can cause issues on occasion, I do not believe that this is a suitable enough reason to take Bwlch out of the catchment area and put unnecessary barriers to them attending the school.	Please see response reference number 53 above.
191	Llangynidr: Bwlch should be included within the catchment area as it is less than 3 miles of the local school. Taking these children and their families out of this catchment not only affects the primary school but also it's feeder Llangynidr pre-school. It is the nearest and most accessible option for these families and removing it from the catchment is hindering communities and families greatly.	Please see response reference number 53 above.
192	Llangynidr: I strongly object against the proposal to remove bwlch from Llangynidr schools catchment area. This is a small village school which i myself went to, now my 4 children attend. It is well known	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	that the school relies on children from surrounding villages and reducing the catchment area is bound to have a negative impact on the school and could contribute to its eventual closure if this policy is followed any further. I hope that you appreciate the value of smaller village schools, to the children and village itself and avoid putting pressure on them by limiting their catchment area.	
193	<p>Llangynidr:</p> <p>I have concerns over the proposed removal of Bwlch from the catchment area, due to the high numbers of pupils who attend both Llangynidr and Crickhowel primary schools there, and Crickhowel high school. The three schools are in essence still rural schools, and it is vital that they maintain the current numbers of pupils they currently have in order to stay open and provide the high level of education that they do so at the moment. To reduce these numbers due to the proposal offered would have an almost immediate effect on these numbers and therefore adversely affect the level of education provided due to staffing alterations that would need to also take place. I am one of many parents who are proud to say that we have such a wonderful education system so locally and would love for my children's children to have the same in the future. It's so lovely to see lots of new family homes being built and sold in the area, it would be awful for those families who have just settled in to have to rethink their children's education for the sake of slightly adjusting a catchment zone. I look forward to hearing further information on the matter. Donna.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
194	<p>Llangynidr:</p> <p>As you are aware Llangynidr primary is a small school and relies on the areas surrounding to make up the numbers. I myself went to the school and currently my daughter attends. I think it's a great shame that Bwlch has now been taken off the catchment area for Llangynidr, sadly this could have detrimental effects on our school and village. I ask that you rethink this decision and consider the consequences it may have</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
195	Llangynidr:	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	Bwlch should remain part of Llangynidr catchment. There are many children and families who have long standing ties and friendships to Llangynidr Primary. If someone moved to Bwlch from the catchment area they would also want to stay in the same school.	
196	Llangynidr: Removing bwlch from the catchment area for Llangynidr is wrong. It's obvious from the map that this is a strong feeder area for Llangynidr and the removal of this area will only have negative impacts on Llangynidr Primary, which is already a small village school.	Please see response reference number 53 above.
197	Llangynidr: Why has Bwlch been removed? I believe it is important Bwlch parents keep dual catchment for both Llangorse and Llangynidr Primary Schools. If the new catchment goes ahead Llangynidr P.School will lose potential children which means less funding and less teachers in school. How is this improving education for children? Why are the council removing dual catchments? Our comunity has never had an issue with dual catchments? Why have the council not contacted the parents directly? How can you guarantee the primary/secondary schools have passed the new catchment/admissions proposals to all the relevant people? Why was the head of Llangynidr Primary School not informed prior to the publication of these new catchments? How is this a professional?	Please see response reference number 53 above.
198	Llangynidr: Bwlch should not be removed from the catchment area. There's lots of children from the school who live in bwlch who have made good friendships with other children there.	Please see response reference number 53 above.
199	Llangynidr: I object to the change in catchment for primary and secondary school option for the Bwlch area	Please see response reference number 53 above.

200	<p>Llangynidr: Although parents have the right to choose the right school for their child, Llangynidr Primary School is the closest school to Bwlch & therefore should be the catchment school for that area.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
201	<p>Llangynidr: Re Catchment Consultation</p> <p>I am extremely concerned about this consultation on a number of levels, particularly as it affects Llangynidr school.</p> <p>Pupils have historically gone from the village of Bwlch either to Llangorse or Llangynidr schools. Llangynidr is, of course, the nearest school - approximately 2.1 miles. Llangorse school would be twice that distance away. Pupils in minibuses have always historically crossed the river bridge into Llangynidr. I have been the Councillor for 23 years and there have been no problems.</p> <p>I was amazed to find that the suggested future school for Bwlch children would be Llangorse and in your e-mail to me you have told me that this was the “overwhelming “ request. On researching this, I discovered that this was driven by teachers and parents of Llangorse school and parents who send their children to Llangynidr were not included by them!</p> <p>I understand that Powys County Council Transport department have also suggested that the bridge is a problem – Certainly not to my knowledge or in my experience as the Councillor.</p> <p>Removing the Bwlch children from Llangynidr school will make a significant difference to school numbers overall and I wondered whether there were any plans that I am not aware of to close Llangynidr school? As you know, I chair all Cabinet and Cabinet EMT meetings and also the Transformation Board meetings and I have been assured that after today’s Cabinet item there are NO further plans to close any schools in the South of the County.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	<p>As we have a school's item on today's Cabinet agenda, it is my intention to ask at the meeting whether there ARE further plans in place because, whether by accident or design, this catchment review will significantly affect the numbers attending Llangynidr school.</p> <p>I also hope that this is not happening in other areas of the County and as Leader I would seek an assurance on that. This has come "out of the blue" for the area that I represent and has potential to throw the Transformation Programme off course.</p> <p>Looking forward to hearing from you.</p>	
202	<p>Llangynidr: Please you re consider your plans for the catchment area.</p> <p>I live in Pengeffordd and have 2 children who attend Llangynidr.</p> <p>I strongly believe we live in a democrate society but this would indicate you are talking away our freedom of choice.</p> <p>Due to the closure of many primary schools, of which is still happening, we made the choice for our children to attend Llangynidr. At no point was it every indicated that we were entering into a game of postcode lottery.</p> <p>I would suggest that this should be phased in with the information given to new starters parents. Giving them the information to plan their child's education.</p> <p>In short there doesn't seem to be any consideration given to the impact it will have on the children's education. They have already had an extremely unsettled 2 years due to COVID and the addition of not being able to continue their education with any established friends will without doubt reverberate through their time in school.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.

203	<p>Llangynidr: How could you even think of sending all Bwlch children to Llangorse school. Llangynidr school is a brilliant school, academically and socially. By doing this it will be a death sentence for our school. Please think very seriously about this.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
204	<p>Llangynidr: Looking at the admissions map for Bwlch it is clear that the inclusion of Bwlch in Llangors is completely illogical and therefore one can only assume that human political intervention has been made.</p> <p>If anyone in Powys education can disprove the following logic and reason why then they should do so publicly also explaining; for transparency, who decided on the proposed illogical catchment and why.</p> <p>Bwlch to Llangors school is 6.2miles journey time 14mins.</p> <p>Bwlch to Crickhowell school is 5.1miles journey time 14mins.</p> <p>Bwlch to Llangynidr school is 3miles journey time 6mins.</p> <p>None can be safely transited on foot or by bicycle. Sources google maps.</p> <p>Llangynidr school is therefore the logical primary catchment for Bwlch.</p> <p>Looking forward to seeing Powys education authorities logic.</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.
205	<p>Llangynidr: I am writing to you with regards to the change in catchment area for Llangynidr CP School.</p> <p>Powys are trying to take Bwlch out of the catchment area for my daughters school. This is devastating. Bwlch to Llangynidr is 2.1m</p>	Please see response reference number 53 above.

	<p>whilst Bwlch to Llangores is 3.9 miles. Children will need to travel further which is not very economical.</p> <p>Secondly this will affect friendship groups but also the number of children attending Llangynidr and the size/number of classes. This would then result in the number of pupils attending Crickhowell High School as Llangores' high school would be Gwernyfed.</p> <p>Llangynidr is a wonderful school where the staff are truly wonderful. Coming from a family of educational professionals, the teachers not only nurture their children pastorally but the teaching is of a high standard. This is a school that is at the heart of the community.</p> <p>If this is to go ahead it will have a massive effect on the number of children attending Llangynidr and potentially could end up closing the school.</p> <p>I hope you will take this into consideration.</p>	
206	<p>Llangynidr: I really cannot see any reasoning behind this sudden change of catchment areas and, therefore, object to this unnecessary upheaval for children and parents in this area.</p>	<p>Please see response reference number 53 above.</p>
207	<p>Llangynidr: I am sure you will not be surprised to hear there has been a great deal of upset in Bwlch at the binary nature of the catchment maps as they affect the village – currently wholly in the Llangorse School catchment (having been wholly in the Llangynidr catchment in the pre-consultation before Christmas). There are a number of questions which parents are concerned about, and I should be most grateful for a response from the LEA:</p> <p>1) What reasons have the council given for removing the dual catchments?</p>	<p>Following the informal consultation before Christmas, officers responded to the feedback received, which overwhelmingly supported Bwlch being within the Llangorse catchment. However, following this public consultation we will take on board and consider carefully all comments received before final catchment maps are drawn, impact assessments undertaken and full consideration by the Local Authority.</p> <p>In the main, all catchment maps are based on nearest primary school and then cluster secondaries. Bwlch is one area that we are trying to clarify for parents for the following reasons:</p>

<p>2) How many catchment areas amendments are in this Powys public consultation?</p> <p>3) Please can we have a copy of the Impact Assessments?</p>	<p>1. Admissions: A parent has the right to opt for a school of their choice, and if the school has capacity, it is likely that they will be allocated a school place. The only time that catchments will be applied is if the school is over subscribed. We will then apply the oversubscription criteria as set out in the booklet.</p> <p>2. Transport: The current transport policy states: Home to school transport will be provided for learners to attend their nearest suitable school or catchment school. (The catchments areas are based on the nearest school. However, due to the vast rural nature of Powys, there are a few exceptions to reflect local geography).</p> <p>1) What reasons have the council given for removing the dual catchments? The intention is to try and strengthen the transition process from primary to secondary.</p> <p>2) How many catchment areas amendments are in this Powys public consultation? All catchment maps are initially based on nearest primary school, but due to the unique geography of Powys, some amendments have been made to reflect the local area such as bridges with weight limits that would prevent a 53 seater travelling via the most direct route.</p> <p>3) Please can we have a copy of the Impact Assessments? These will be finalised when the final catchment maps have been drawn.</p>
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v) **GWERNYFED HIGH SCHOOL CLUSTER**

Gwernyfed High School

Archdeacon Griffiths
Clyro
Hay on Wye
Llangors
Ysgol y Mynydd Du

Ref	POSITIVE comments	Local Authority Response
208	Clyro CiW: This is more in line with the children that we have historically had attending our school as we absorbed pupils from Fynnon Gynydd and Rhosgoch Primary Schools, when they closed.	The Council notes your comments.
209	Llangors CiW: Llangors is the right catchment for bwlch- Well done powys 🙌	The Council notes your comments.
210	Llangors CiW: It is good that Bwlch is clearly in the Llangors Catchment, however this could cause a divide in the village as some villagers prefer to use Llangndir primary school. Which is no longer in the catchment area. Ideally there should still be a choice for parents.	The Council notes your comments. Consideration will be given to which primary and secondary catchment Bwlch should fall. Consideration will be based on the nearest school and then if small amendments to the catchment boundary need to be made to reflect the local topography and geography.

Ref	OBJECTIONS	Local Authority Response
211	Gwernyfed High School: I live in Bwlch which has always had a catchment area of Gwernyfed or Crickhowell as a choice of secondary. Children from our village attend both Llangorse and Llangynidr due to the nature of the village being close to both primaries. My children attend llangorse so feeding into gwernyfed personally for my children is perfect. However I think that the village still needs to remain as a dual catchment due to the differing primaries that the children attend. It would be detrimental to the children of either primary to	The Council notes these comments around a learners and their family choice of school. This is reflected in the Welsh Government School admissions code (005/2013) section 2.1 and Powys' admissions arrangements whereby "Admission authorities must make arrangements enabling the parents of children in their area, and in the case of sixth form admissions, young people, to express a preference for a school and to give reasons for that preference.

	<p>not have the choice of their feeder secondary due to a decision to take away the dual catchment plans. I urge Powys to think carefully about what effect this would have on the young people when they make the already difficult transition to secondaries to then have the additional strain of being totally isolated from peers they have grown up with.</p>	<p>Where a parent or young person expresses a preference according to those arrangements, LAs and governing bodies must comply with that preference, subject to the exceptions set out in the 1998 Act.” These exceptions are applied when a school is oversubscribed. Powys’ oversubscription criteria is set out in the annual ‘Admissions Information and Arrangements’ booklet.</p> <p>However, despite the ability of a learner and their parents / carers to express a preference for a school, this is not the case for home to school transport. The Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 states that the Local authority must provide free home to school transport for learners of compulsory school age who live 2 miles (primary) / 3 miles (secondary) from their nearest suitable school and the Powys Home to School Transport Policy states “Home to school transport will be provided for learners who ordinarily reside in Powys to attend their nearest suitable school or catchment school”. The current policy goes on to state that “A catchment school means the nearest school within a geographic area”.</p> <p>Consideration will be given to which primary and secondary catchment Bwlch should fall. Consideration will be based on the nearest school and then if small amendments to the catchment boundary need to be made to reflect the local topography and geography.</p>
212	<p>Gwernyfed High School: My daughter is from Brecon and attends gwernyfed high school due to be build and Assaulted by an other child in Brecon high and she has great anxiety over this to the point that if she was made to attend Brecon high it would have a huge impact on her mental health. She doesn’t deal well with changes and has Severe meltdowns. She is been assistant though gwernyfed high soon.</p>	<p>The Council notes your comments.</p>
213	<p>Gwernyfed High School: Bryngwyn and Dolycannau have always been part of Gwernyfed catchment - the school bus used to travel from Dolycannau along</p>	<p>Consideration will be given to which primary and secondary catchment Bryngwyn and Dolycannau should fall. Consideration will be based on the nearest school and then if small amendments</p>

	<p>the b4594 to Rhosgoch and Painscastle. Shouldn't this still be the case?</p>	<p>to the catchment boundary need to be made to reflect the local topography and geography.</p>
<p>214</p>	<p>Gwernyfed High School: Builth pupils should be able to travel to Gwernyfed High School. It is only a mile out of the catchment area. Parents are willing to travel within the catchment area to meet a bus but Powys said they won't let children have seats on the bus even if that bus is empty! There is no sense in that. It is very unfair. Archdeacon Griffiths CiW: I live in Bronllys, my children attends Archdeacon Griffiths Llyswen because one child has Autism and they can better cater his needs than my nearest school. Why is there not a cross over between catchment areas that are close to 2 schools, this would make it easier for parents to have a choice and access transport. Also I thought we were supposed to be saving the planet by cutting down on the transmissions we use? But here we are not allowed to use vacant seats, not allowed school transport if your 0.1 miles out of the catchment area and so on.</p>	<p>The Council notes these comments around a learners and their family choice of school. It also notes your comments around availability of vacant seats.</p> <p>This is reflected in the Welsh Government School admissions code (005/2013) section 2.1 and Powys' admissions arrangements whereby "Admission authorities must make arrangements enabling the parents of children in their area, and in the case of sixth form admissions, young people, to express a preference for a school and to give reasons for that preference. Where a parent or young person expresses a preference according to those arrangements, LAs and governing bodies must comply with that preference, subject to the exceptions set out in the 1998 Act." These exceptions are applied when a school is oversubscribed. Powys' oversubscription criteria is set out in the annual 'Admissions Information and Arrangements' booklet.</p> <p>However, despite the ability of a learner and their parents / carers to express a preference for a school, this is not the case for home to school transport. The Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 states that the Local authority must provide free home to school transport for learners of compulsory school age who live 2 miles (primary) / 3 miles (secondary) from their nearest suitable school and the Powys Home to School Transport Policy states "Home to school transport will be provided for learners who ordinarily reside in Powys to attend their nearest suitable school or catchment school". The current policy goes on to state that "A catchment school means the nearest school within a geographic area".</p> <p>The Powys SEN/ALN strategy, agreed by Cabinet in November 2021, is committed to improving the provision for all pupils with SEN/ALN. This includes pupils who can be educated in</p>

		mainstream classes as well as pupils who require specialist provision.
215	<p>Clyro CiW: Llanerchir, Bryngwyn, HR53QZ would naturally fall within Gladestry catchment area, as it is accessed via Bryngwyn rather than Rhosgoch & the bus goes along Bryngwyn common to Gladestry school. Secondly, the border with Llysven catchment is further west than I had anticipated - the school bus route for Painscastle may need to be extended - there are already children from Fferm & Upper Llanddewi in Clyro school.</p>	Consideration will be given to which primary and secondary catchment Llanerchir, Bryngwyn should fall. Consideration will be based on the nearest school and then if small amendments to the catchment boundary need to be made to reflect the local topography and geography.
216	<p>Clyro CiW: I am responding to the proposal of change to the catchment area for bus transport from my address in Glasbury to Clyro C.I.W Primary school for my son xxx We applied two years ago and it was rejected even though the bus came past our house daily too take other children and there was more than enough seats for my son too use the bus. We also appealed this and again we were rejected.</p> <p>Having transport for my son would be extremely beneficial for him and us as a family, this would really help him with his self confidence and independence and hopefully there will be a positive outcome from this.</p>	The Council notes your comment.
217	<p>Llangors CiW: I reiterate the comments I made in my submission to the informal consultation before Christmas. Bwlch has a very close relationship with the villages of both Llangorse and Llangynidr. These are social and familial as well as educational, and children in Bwlch go to the two primary schools in almost equal numbers reinforcing the strength of the links with both of the other villages. Whilst I understand that parental choice means that children will still be able to go to whichever school they wish at both primary and secondary level (spaces permitting), I am concerned that in fact that choice effectively only exists for those parents with sufficient time and/or resources to transport their children. Parents</p>	Please see response reference 211 above

	<p>are already very upset at the prospect of the village losing the dual catchments, and I am worried that this proposal and the knock-on effect at secondary level has the potential to be extremely socially divisive. I appreciate the LEA's rationale for wishing to clarify and strengthen the transition to secondary school, but this only makes sense when there is no distinction between the schools concerned. This is not the case here. For example, parents may well choose to send their child/ren to Llangorse School because it is a Church school, but at secondary level wish their child/ren to go to Crickhowell HS as the nearest school. I therefore once again urge the LEA to recognise the unusual position that Bwlch is in and allow the dual catchments to remain in place.</p>	
218	<p>Llangors CiW: The area of Bwlch is presently split between Llangors and Llangynidr primary schools. The new arrangements will see all Children placed in the Llangors catchment area, I am aware of a local desire to retain the current arrangement going forward and not those proposed. Consideration of a dual catchment area should be given for cultural and traditional reasons. Bwlch is an anomaly in that it has always fed into both primary schools.</p>	Please see response reference 211 above
219	<p>Llangors CiW: I feel Bwlch is a unique village due to its location and accessibility to the different primaries (Llangynidr and Llangorse) Bwlch is closer to Llangynidr yet road access means it often requires a longer route for public transport. I feel that Bwlch should remain as a dual catchment area to allow parents to choose their primary school.</p>	Please see response reference 211 above
220	<p>Llangors CiW: Please find below my feedback regarding the changes regarding the admissions policy and the catchment areas.</p> <p>We regards to the potential changes to the admission criteria there has been a breach in code:</p>	Please see response reference 211 above

	<p>"2.3 Admission arrangements must be consulted on for each maintained school between 1 September and 1 March, and set by 15 April, of the school year (the 'determination year') beginning two years before the school year in which the arrangements will apply. The first step in the process is for the admission authority to draw up proposed arrangements in accordance with the principles outlined above. These proposed arrangements must then be consulted upon"</p> <p>Although PCC have had since the 1st September to consult with us, they only began their consultation on the 7th February 2022. They propose to consult until the 14th March 2022, but this is beyond the date given in the code, (1st March), so out of time.</p> <p>"2.6 The bodies with which admission authorities should also consult are set out in the following table: Admission Authority Consultees LAs. · The admission forum serving the relevant area. · Where a significant change is proposed, parents of children likely to be affected."</p> <p>As the changes to catchment are a "significant change", PCC should have come to us directly and they have not and therefore there is a breach of the code"</p> <p>Will the admission criteria and the catchment areas match up with school transport policy? As the school transport policy states nearest school - but the catchment and admission policy that isn't so clear. For example in Bwlch Llangorse is the catchment school in the policy, but this year there was a fight to get the school transport as it isn't the closest school.</p> <p>There needs to be clearer information about what changes have been made to the admissions policy to know fully the impact of the changes.</p>	
221	<p>Llangors CiW: We are writing in response to the public consultation on school catchments.</p>	<p>Please see response reference 211 above</p>

	<p>The Governing Body of Llangors CiW Primary School wish to express our full support of the proposed changes indicated in this consultation. We recognise the changes which may affect families living in the Bwlch area and note previous difficulties around transportation to Llangors from Blwch.</p> <p>We have a number of families who live in Bwlch. This is one of our largest geographical clusters of our pupil population and are an essential part of our pupil roll. We are reassured to know that these families will now be fully supported to attend Llangors with ongoing school transport. We are pleased that our cluster partnerships with Gwernyfed will be further strengthened as a result of the proposals in this consultation. We have received only positive representations from parents in regards to this consultation.</p> <p>We would be very disappointed if the proposals in the consultation were not successful as these proposals are in the best interest of Llangors CiW Primary School and our catchment community.</p>	
222	<p>Ysgol y Mynydd Du: For Llanwern residents, the only primary catchment is welsh medium and no option for an English medium school?</p> <p>In terms of admissions, my best hopes that you are VERY clear with parents when applying for school places. As you are probably aware I settled my son into the three year old setting in Llanfaes school following a telephone call to admissions team and having an application sent. Application was posted back, not once was I advised by either the admissions team or school to</p>	<p>The Council notes this comment.</p> <p>All learners, parents and carers are able to make a preference for any school they feel most suitable, but based on the school of choice, may not be eligible to free Home to School Transport.</p> <p>The Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 and the guidance states that Local Authorities must promote access to Welsh medium education.</p>

	<p>check the website small print about places. My son made really strong key relationships with staff and then these were all pulled from him when the class was over subscribed and he lost his space. Not one acknowledgement from the head from the school either. At the grand age of five my son still talks about when he was 'kicked out' of Llanfaes school.</p> <p>The way this was managed was appalling, I have gone back through approval email and letter with no indication about catchment or oversubscribing.</p> <p>I have lost an awful lot of faith in the Powys Education system.</p>	<p>Any new pupils starting school would be able to access Welsh-medium provision when they start school, meaning that they would be fully immersed in the Welsh language, and would have the Welsh language skills needed to access Welsh-medium provision throughout their time in school. The Council also offer additional provision such as immersion provision and additional language support to support pupils and their families.</p>
223	<p>Ysgol y Mynydd Du: I live in Llanstephan LD3 0AQ my children attend ysgol y mynydd due for child care arrangements. Parents travel more for work and the majority of both parents work these day, catchment areas are out of date. It should be what is most suitable for parents to provide the best care for their children.</p>	<p>Consideration will be given to which primary and secondary catchment Llanstephan should fall. Consideration will be based on the nearest school and then if small amendments to the catchment boundary need to be made to reflect the local topography and geography.</p>

vi) LLANIDLOES HIGH SCHOOL

Llanidloes High School

Caersws CP
Llandinam CP
Llanidloes CP
Rhayader
Ysgol Dyffryn Trannon

Ref	POSITIVE comments	Local Authority Response
224	<p>Caersws: Whilst it is important that all schools are provided with a sufficient catchment area, it is felt that some areas that have been designated as being in the Llandinam catchment are in fact closer to Caersws.</p>	<p>The Council notes your comment.</p>

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225	<p>Llanidloes HS: From looking at the map it is clear to see that many other schools who wish to access a Welsh secondary school can have multiple choice as well as the option to choose several English secondary schools too. Why does Ysgol Carno only have the option of one HS which will become an all-Welsh HS? where do the children who wish to do English in HS or those who move into the area go? Why are the Children of Carno not given an option like children in other schools? For example, those who attend Dafydd Llwyd and Rhayader school are being given the choice of What school they attend. The Children of Carno are not being given equal rights like other children are being given.</p>	<p>The Council notes these comments around a learners and their family choice of school.</p> <p>This is reflected in the Welsh Government School admissions code (005/2013) section 2.1 and Powys' admissions arrangements whereby "Admission authorities must make arrangements enabling the parents of children in their area, and in the case of sixth form admissions, young people, to express a preference for a school and to give reasons for that preference. Where a parent or young person expresses a preference according to those arrangements, LAs and governing bodies must comply with that preference, subject to the exceptions set out in the 1998 Act." These exceptions are applied when a school is oversubscribed. Powys' oversubscription criteria is set out in the annual 'Admissions Information and Arrangements' booklet.</p> <p>However, despite the ability of a learner and their parents / carers to express a preference for a school, this is not the case for home to school transport. The Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 states that the Local authority must provide free home to school transport for learners of compulsory school age who live 2 miles (primary) / 3 miles (secondary) from their nearest suitable school and the Powys Home to School Transport Policy states "Home to school transport will be provided for learners who ordinarily reside in Powys to attend their nearest suitable school or catchment school". The current policy goes on to state that "A catchment school means the nearest school within a geographic area".</p> <p>Consideration will be given to which secondary school learners from Ysgol Carno and Ysgol Dafydd Llwyd will transition. Consideration will be based on the breadth of Welsh language provision, the nearest school and then if small amendments to the</p>

		catchment boundary need to be made to reflect the local topography and geography.
226	<p>Llanidloes HS: Reasons for this include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Llanidloes High School is a popular choice for parents of children who attend Ysgol Carno and one of the main reasons we chose Carno as a place to live in the first place, so that our children would have Llanidloes High as an option, as both myself and my husband attended Llanidloes High School. • Pupils who live in Carno may lose their place at the school when it is oversubscribed because Ysgol Carno is not listed as a feeder school, even though they may live significantly closer than other pupils who have actually gained a place. One possible scenario would mean a child living 30 miles from Llanidloes High School would get a place ahead of a child living 12 miles away. • Parents in Ysgol Carno may be forced to send their younger children to a different secondary school from older siblings if Llanidloes is oversubscribed. This is because their children will no longer be properly prioritised for a place in Year 7 when places are allocated. • Parents in Ysgol Carno may be forced to send their children to a Welsh Secondary School, Ysgol Bro Hyddgen, because they cannot afford to finance the transport costs to the English Stream at Llanidloes High School. This goes against your own CIP – ‘improving opportunities and outcomes for children living in poverty’, one of your equality objectives. • There is a requirement for equality for all children across the county. Children residing in the Ysgol Bro Hyddgen catchment area are the only area in the entire County who have no English High School free transport option. Whereas certain other areas 	Please see response reference 225 above.

have not only multiple Welsh choice High Schools, but also English High School choice too. My eldest child asked to do her secondary education in English because she wants to be on an equal footing when applying to university, as she may not want to apply to a university in Wales.

- I believe that parents at Ysgol Carno ought to be given free transport to Llanidloes High School because of how close it is to their homes. This gives parents who may be unable to transport their child to school each day, genuine choice of secondary school.

- Most parents were unaware of the changes to feeder schools, and they ought to have been better informed before Ysgol Carno was removed from the Llanidloes High School feeder school list this time last year. This seems to have been a ploy used by Powys County Council to push the issue through with minimal pushback from parents and other concerned parties.

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	<p>I appreciate Powys County Councils aspiration for a certain number of All Through Schools, but you MUST consider decades of social and family links between communities, and not just draw simple lines between areas with no overlap. My opinion is that you are penalising children for where they live, and due to the recent decision made for an All Welsh All Through School to be built in Machynlleth, right on the border of Powys with other Counties, hence lack of catchment area availability.</p> <p>Another affect of this change will be the fact that some parents may decide to remove their children from Ysgol Carno in order to place them in a school which is en route to Llanidloes High School, to try and reduce the spend on transport fees. This in turn may have a knock on affect with the long term sustainability of Ysgol Carno, an issue that has only recently been averted, through excellent scores in ESTYN reports due to the hard work of the teachers at the school and the building of a new School, encouraging parents to bring their children to the area.</p> <p>I trust you will give due consideration to the above points, and that you factor in that Ysgol Carno, being a smaller school, will not necessarily give the quantity of consultation responses that other larger schools have provided in the past, but nevertheless, should still get listened to.</p>	
227	<p>Llanidloes HS: I have included a letter in the email response to Part 1 of the Consultation which is also relevant here.</p> <p>Specifically re the English catchment area - speaking as an Ysgol Carno parent, I believe it should be extended to include Ysgol Carno as a feeder school, as Ysgol Carno has no English choice under the current proposal (based on Bro Hyddgen becoming All Welsh). Many English speaking families may chose a Welsh Primary School so that their children can learn Welsh and have a</p>	Please see response reference 225 above.

	<p>good base level of Welsh for the future, but then choose English in High School for many different reasons. A big concern of mine is the lack of Welsh Medium Teachers there appears to currently be across the many subjects up to and including A Level, and so forcing children to switch to English stream during their latter years of study. How are PCC proposing to find all the Welsh Medium Teachers required given the apparent current struggle for them?</p> <p>My personal opinion for further afield - I believe Ysgol Llanbryn-mair should also be included as a feeder school for the English catchment. I believe an English HS should be an available choice to ALL children in the County. Once Ysgol Bro Hyddgen goes to All Welsh, future parents' choice will have gone.</p>	
228	<p>Llanidloes HS: We live in Newbridge on wye. My daughter goes to Rhayader primary school and we want her to attend Llanidloes High school for personal reasons along with her friends who will also be attending this high school. Or daughter doesn't deal well with change so to go to a new school where she won't know anyone will be a lot for her. But as we are out of this catchment does this mean she won't be able to attend this chosen high school.</p>	Please see response reference 225 above.
229	<p>Llanidloes HS: Unhappy that the catchment area has excluded Carno. We are centrally placed between several high schools, and should not be forced into one school in an attempt to increase the number of students at Machynlleth.</p>	Please see response reference 225 above.
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231	<p>Llanidloes HS: Please see my response letter to Part 1 of the Consultation, as those comments are also relevant here.</p> <p>There is complete inequality in the way the feeder schools have been chosen for Llanidloes HS. I believe Ysgol Carno should be reinstated as a feeder school.</p> <p>Any argument PCC had for including Ysgol Dafydd Llwyd, and Rhayader School as feeder schools, can also be used for</p>	Please see response reference 225 above

	<p>including Ysgol Carno. And vice versa, any argument PCC had for excluding Ysgol Carno as a feeder school (you explained it was for educational outcome rather than a transport related outcome), can also be used for excluding Ysgol Dafydd Llwyd, and Rhayader School. I cannot understand, apart from a louder voice due to their size, why these would get differing treatment to Ysgol Carno. One suggestion could be because we are part of a Federation....</p> <p>Yes, Ysgol Carno is part of a very successful Federation. The proposed HS for all 3 schools in the Federation to feed, Ysgol Bro Hyddgen, is right at the far edge of the catchment area, furthest afield to Ysgol Carno. Ysgol Carno parents want the option of, what is for many, geographically closer (not to mention historical community and family links) Llanidloes HS. This wouldn't go against educational outcome goals due to the community links already between children in the area.</p>	
232	Llanidloes HS: Carno should be included	Please see response reference 225 above
233	<p>Llanidloes HS: Ysgol Carno has not been included in the catchment zone for this high school. It is the closest high school to this primary school, and by no longer falling into the catchment area, pupils from Ysgol Carno will be left with only 1 available option of high school. This is unfair on pupils and/or parents as they should all have a choice! Particularly if the only available high school is welsh medium, which may not suit all children or parents once they reach this level of education.</p> <p>If this decision remains this way then I fear that Ysgol Carno would suffer a drop in pupil numbers as many families would not want to be left with no ability to choose a follow on school. This would impact greatly on a small, village school. Diolch!</p>	Please see response reference 225 above
234	Llanidloes HS:	Please see response reference 225 above

I write to express my deep concern about the significant changes being proposed by the Local Authority admissions team to secondary school admissions arrangements to be based on the proposed feeder school catchment areas.

- I believe that Ysgol Gynradd Carno should get reinstated on Llanidloes High School's list of feeder primary schools.

Reasons for this request include the following:

- Llanidloes High School is a popular choice for parents of children who attend Ysgol Gynradd Carno.
- Pupils who live near to Llanidloes may lose their place at the school when it is oversubscribed because Ysgol Carno is not listed as a feeder school, even though they may live significantly closer than other pupils who have actually gained a place. One possible scenario would mean a child living 30 miles from Llanidloes HS would get a place ahead of a child living 12 miles away.
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Every family should be treated the same regardless of where they live and what their language is, you are penalizing those families by not allowing Ysgol Carno the choice of what secondary school the children can attend. As many other schools will be eligible for free transport to Multiple high schools regardless of what language they want I feel that the children who attend Ysgol Carno are having that choice taken away from them, which could potentially influence the primary.

As the Leader of Carno Cylch Meithrin, many of the children I teach go to Carno School followed by Llanidloes High School. Changing the catchment area for Carno will undoubtedly reduce the number of children wanting to join Clych Meithrin and Carno school, therefore have a negative impact not only my job and the jobs of my colleagues and teachers but also the community of Carno by reducing the number of families wanting to live here. I currently have 2 children who have made the choice to attend Llanidloes High School and receive free transport but my youngest who currently attends Ysgol Carno is now potentially having to attend a different high school altogether. This not only impacts on them directly, but also us as parents who will have to travel an additional millage each day and must purchase more school uniform which is expensive.

The University of Essex undertook a study regarding sibling overspill in the same school and their results revealed positive feedback. It was evidenced that tests scores from the eldest to youngest siblings increased by 3.6% on a standard deviation if they attended the same school. By changing schools, you are actively disadvantaging my son's future education. Furthermore, sibling spillover effects the schools' own achievements so would be beneficial to continue the catchment as currently is.

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237	<p>Llanidloes HS: I would like to register my disagreement with the proposed changes to the admissions arrangements.</p> <p>As a resident of Carno with a child at Carno School I am upset with the proposal that children of the area should not have a choice of which high school to attend. Because of our location we are equally spaced between several high schools, and in actuality we are slightly closer to Llanidloes than to Machynlleth. While Carno is a Welsh medium school, a large percentage of the children come from an English-speaking home. I am aware that this is not necessarily an issue when attending a Welsh high school, but to have the choice taken away and be forced into a</p>	Please see response reference 225 above

	<p>Welsh medium education at high school, is unacceptable. And with the change of Machynlleth School to be solely through Welsh this is exactly what is being done for future children of Carno.</p> <p>As someone who went through Welsh education as a Welsh learner, I am aware of the benefits of this, but I also know how difficult it can be. When it comes to my daughter, I want her to be able to choose the option that is right for her, without limitations set by the local authority dictating how she should be educated.</p> <p>In brief summary I object to the removal of Carno as a feeder school into Llanidloes High School for two reasons. Firstly, that you are failing to provide education in a child's first language or a language of their choice. And secondly you are extending the journey length necessary to attend that school.</p> <p>I hope this objection is given the consideration it deserves.</p>	
238	<p>Llanidloes HS: I am writing to express my concerns and disappointment about the significant changes being proposed by the Local Authority admissions team to secondary school catchment area alterations affecting primary feeder schools.</p> <p>I cannot believe that Ysgol Gynradd Carno was taken off Llanidloes High School's list of feeder primary schools and it should be reinstated.</p> <p>Reasons for this include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Llanidloes High School is a popular choice for parents of children who attend Ysgol Carno and one of the main reasons we chose Carno as a place to live in the first place, so that our children would have Llanidloes High as an option, as both myself and my husband attended Llanidloes High School. 	Please see response reference 225 above

- Pupils who live in Carno may lose their place at the school when it is oversubscribed because Ysgol Carno is not listed as a feeder school, even though they may live significantly closer than other pupils who have actually gained a place. One possible scenario would mean a child living 30 miles from Llanidloes High School would get a place ahead of a child living 12 miles away.

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transport to Llanidloes High School because of how close it is to their homes.
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- Most parents were unaware of the changes to feeder schools, and they ought to have been better informed before Ysgol Carno was removed from the Llanidloes High School feeder school list this time last year. This seems to have been a ploy used by Powys County Council to push the issue through with minimal pushback from parents and other concerned parties.

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Areas.

Following representations from parents, whose children currently attend Ysgol Gynradd Carno, the Community Council felt obligated to discuss the proposals and to consider the short and long term implications for the Community.

A range of issues were highlighted by parents which included:-

Ø Paramount amongst their concerns was the fact that Powys CC were only putting forward a single feeder school option and in doing so are removing any alternative choice for parents for their children's education.

Ø Should parents choose to pursue alternative sources of secondary education, (say Llanidloes High School), that choice would be further limited by financial pressures because of Powys CC have said they would only fund transport to Ysgol Bro Hyddgen. It was explained to the Council that the Ysgol Bro Hyddgen catchment area is the only area in the whole of Powys that does not have a free transport option to an English medium High School.

Ø The Council learnt that Powys CC explained their decisions had been based on an educational outcome rather than financial reasons associated with school transport. The aim being to encourage whole year groups to transition from their catchment area to their respective High School thus not splitting friendship groups. It was concerning to learn that Powys CC have not applied the same criteria across the board. Examples are Ysgol Dafydd Llwyd and Rhayader CIW Primary Schools, where historical choices seem to have been respected and these schools have retained multiple High School choices.

Ø Llanidloes High School has been a popular choice historically

and it was disturbing to hear (based on Powys CC's own data), that a child living 30 miles from Llanidloes would be given preference over a Carno pupil living only 12 miles from the High School. There are pupils currently at Ysgol Carno who live significantly nearer to Llanidloes and the fear is that they could lose the opportunity to attend that school because Ysgol Gynradd Carno is not a feeder school.

Ø The removal of the choice for a child to continue their education primarily through the medium of English.

Ø The possibility that siblings would be unable to attend the same school as their older brothers/sisters.

Ø A worrying theme from our discussions was that Powys CC appeared to be ignoring their own guidance contained in such documents as their Corporate Improvement Plan. There is an underlying feeling that Carno is not being treated fairly in comparison to the proposals made for other communities, and this has given rise to a level of mistrust in the reasoning behind the proposal. There is a perception that the decision is being influenced because of the development of the 'All Through School' (Ysgol Bro Hyddgen) in Machynlleth, where because of its close borders with other counties, finding feeder schools was always going to be an issue.

The Community Council fully endorses the concerns of the parents, which are very genuine and are clearly causing considerable concern. Powys CC should give them their full consideration with a full and frank response given to parents.

Further to the issues raised by parents, Councillors also discussed what effect the proposal could have on the fabric of our community and the wider area.

Ø The Council has heard that people could look at removing their children from Ysgol Gynradd Carno to attend schools with more embracing choices for secondary education. Falling numbers in our school would undermine all the efforts the Community, with Powys CC, put into developing a new school in the village, possibly leading the school to be seen as unsustainable.

Ø There is a concern that people seeking to relocate to the area for employment reasons could be deterred by the only educational option being seen as primarily through the medium of Welsh.

Ø This would be detrimental to businesses looking to recruit staff. Without attracting new (younger) families (with children) to the area, the aging population demographic will continue with all its associated issues. A lack of families with children will also damage the social fabric of any community as there could be inadequate numbers to make clubs and societies viable.

Ø While it is appreciated the arguments outlined are non-educational in the context of this consultation, the Council feels that they should be considered even if Powys CC are being asked to think 'outside the box'.

In conclusion Cyngor Cymuned Carno Community Council asks that Powys County Council review their proposed admissions policy to ensure that more balanced choice of secondary education is given to parents through the re-instatement of Llanidloes High School as a feeder school for Ysgol Gynradd Carno with associated free school transport. The Council further asks that Powys County Council examines the social and economic consequences of offering limited educational options for this area.

	On behalf of Cyngor Cymuned Carno Community Council, I look forward to receiving your response in due course.	
244	<p>Llanidloes HS: I am writing to respond to the current School Catchment Consultation and in particular the impact that the proposals will have on Carno Primary School. I have been contacted by a number of constituents who have concerns that under the proposals, Carno primary will solely be the feeder school for Ysgol Bro Hyddgen. People are particularly concerned about the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That learners in other areas of Powys, such as Abermule or Rhayader, would have a greater choice of education because they would be entitled to free school transport to more than one school (giving choice of English or Welsh medium), whereas many pupils within the Carno primary catchment area will not have that choice. 2. The community of Carno (and surrounding area) is strongly associated with Llanidloes due to the connections it has had with Llanidloes High School. Therefore, Carno should remain a feeder school for Llanidloes High School. 3. With regard to the Llanidloes High School catchment, there are concerns that some pupils who live 30 miles away will be included in the catchment to that school and so prioritised for places, even though they may have more than one choice of high school. However, other pupils who live closer (i.e. within the Carno catchment) will not be entitled to free transport to Llanidloes High School, nor will they be prioritised for placements. 4. That the proposals could result in siblings being split up between high schools. Friendship groups and year group peers could also be split up as those who can afford their own school transport costs would have a greater choice of secondary school. 5. That many pupils within the Carno catchment area will not have a reasonable choice of access to English medium education as they will only be eligible for free school transport to Bro 	Please see response reference 225 above

	<p>Hyddgen. Therefore, Carno school should be on the list of primary feeder schools for Llanidloes High School. Pupils should have a reasonable choice of access to either Welsh or English Medium education and this choice should not be based on whether they can afford their own transport.</p> <p>I would also like to re-iterate comments that I have previously made that Powys' school transport policy should be reviewed in order to allow for greater flexibility where distances between pupils' nearest schools are extremely marginal and also ensure that pupils have a reasonable choice to access both Welsh medium and English medium education.</p> <p>Finally, I have seen that some submissions to this consultation have sent their response to the admissions@powys.gov.uk email address. I understand this is the email address given for the first part of the consultation. Please could you provide an assurance that all responses on the catchment part of the consultation will be collected from the admissions email address and duly considered as part of the full school catchment consultation.</p> <p>I trust that my comments will be taken into consideration.</p>	
245	<p>Llanidloes HS: I don't agree with the decision that Llanidloes high school will be taken from our catchment area in Carno, i already have two children in Llanidloes and it would be unfair to make my children go to Bro Hyddgen, I also feel we should have the option to go to an English medium high school as my elsdest struggled through the medium of Welsh. We should have more than one option of schools.</p>	Please see response reference 225 above
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Ysgol Gynradd Carno should remain on Llanidloes High School's list of feeder primary schools.

Reasons for this request include:

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- There is a requirement for equality for all children across the county. Children residing in the Ysgol Bro Hyddgen catchment area are the only area in the entire County who have no English High School free transport option. Whereas certain other areas have not only multiple Welsh choice HS, but also English HS choice too.
- I believe that parents at Ysgol Carno ought to be given free transport to Llanidloes High School because of how close it is to their homes. This gives parents who may be unable to transport their child to school each day, genuine choice of secondary school.
- Most parents were unaware of the changes to feeder schools, and they ought to have been better informed before Ysgol Carno

	<p>was removed from the Llanidloes High School feeder school list this time last year.</p> <p>On another note, I also worry about the impact this decision may have on the number of children attending Ysgol Carno. If parents feel they would rather send their child to a different primary school, where they can CHOOSE a high school when the time comes, then the impact on this small, but vital, village school could be significant.</p>	
247	<p>Llanidloes HS: I have read the information about Carno school isn't in the Llanidloes catchment area for high school. I find this very unfair as there are other schools with the choice of 3 high schools. I feel that children should have a choice to where they would like to go. I feel you need to strongly think about this decision as there are a lot of parents that would not be happy about this</p>	Please see response reference 225 above.
248	<p>Llanidloes HS: Dear Powys County Council, I write to inform you that I strongly disagree with your decision to stop Ysgol Carno from feeding into Llanidloes High School (LHS). As a resident of Carno, I attended LHS as did my family, and I hope one day my own children, yet I feel the decision taken to be extremely hurtful, unjust and irresponsible. LHS has shown to be within the top 25% of performing schools in Powys compared to similar schools across Wales and is preposterous to limit the catchment area for pupils in rural Wales based on geographical location alone. In April 2021, as the administrator for Powys, Powys County Council (PCC) introduced for the first time, to incorporate Strategic Equalities into its Vision 2025, "to ensure they are fully embedded in our plans". PCC also believes that by 2025, "Powys will be widely recognized as a fantastic place in which to work, live and play". However, the proposed admissions arrangement clearly shows a lack of equality, and furthermore, puts rural</p>	Please see response reference 225 above

	<p>communities at a disadvantage. PCC, as the administrator for Powys should be promoting diversity, equality and inclusion, allowing future pupils the same choices as previous, enabling them to choose which school they rightfully deserve to attend, not purely based on where they live. Surely failure to comply would certainly constitute a breach of the Equality Act 2010. Section 1 of the Equality Act 2010, titled "Public sector duty regarding socio-economic inequalities" states that an authority "have due regard to the desirability of exercising them in a way that is designed to reduce the inequalities of outcome which result from socio-economic disadvantage". It is my understanding that as a public authority, you are attempting to promote disadvantageous inequalities to those who live in the most rural parts of the County. I would strongly urge PCC to reconsider their proposed admission arrangements as this would not only contradict their Vision 2025 statement, but also potentially breach the equality act of 2010. Please accept this letter as my formal complaint against the decisions proposed and I eagerly await your reply.</p>	
249	<p>Llanidloes HS: I am the mother of xxxxx, Yr 2 Carno school, and xxxx who is due to start in September. We have been living in Powys for six years, moving in the last 2.5 yrs to Clatter, at which point we chose Carno primary school over Trefeglwys. I am very concerned by the proposition that children from Carno school have only one choice of secondary education, and that this choice is Welsh only. Considerations Concerning Welsh Language Currently Jemima is doing very well bilingually, and is proud to be learning in Welsh. However I do not know how she will feel when she is ready for secondary school, or which language may serve her best at higher levels of study. I have spoken to a variety of</p>	<p>Please see response reference 225 above. Any new pupils starting school would be able to access Welsh-medium provision when they start school, meaning that they would be fully immersed in the Welsh language, and would have the Welsh language skills needed to access Welsh-medium provision throughout their time in school. The Council also offer additional provision such as immersion provision and additional language support to support pupils and their families.</p>

parents and teachers. Those with some personal experience tell me that learning sciences and mathematics at an advanced level can be very challenging, and may become a major disadvantage for a child who wants to go on to do science subjects at university. I also recognise that many children are not as linguistically able as Jemima is. Even if she does choose Bro Hyddgen, it is not difficult to see that this may not be suitable for others, and could even be detrimental to their ability to learn, and therefore their confidence. Further, without a dual stream option, changing languages further up the school becomes a source of major upheaval - socially and financially.

Discriminatory and Unethical

I believe that the policy itself, coupled with the financial pressure of transport costs, is discriminatory and unethical. It puts Welsh above English. It may discriminate against those who don't have high language abilities, or who have particular challenges around language. It leans hardest on lower income families, making it very difficult, even impossible, to make a decision based solely on a child's abilities/needs. Further, it clearly does not reflect a countywide policy. On this basis it looks to be not an educationally or socially motivated decision but a political one. How can it only be of importance for our children to go together in their peer groups? What makes us so special? This is highly concerning.

Friendship Groups

I don't doubt that the strong friendships Jemima has outside school will play a part in her choice of secondary school. It also has an impact on us, as we have a network of supportive parents who would be able to look after her after school in Llanidloes, or in the event of school closure, illness, storms etc. Rather than enabling/enhancing her social experience by going to Bro Hyddgen, the opposite may happen as she would have little or no autonomy in getting to Llanidloes in order to pursue these

	<p>important friendships.</p> <p>Effects on Carno village and school As people who have moved into the area, we had no particular affiliation with Carno school, but were keen to be involved in our local community. Initially we believed that we would get a free bus place to Carno, which also influenced our decision. If we had moved knowing that Carno was a feeder school solely for Bro Hyddgen, we almost certainly would've reconsidered. As it stands, we may have to consider moving our child/ren back to Trefglwys for the last portion of primary school, if we decide that Llanidloes high school is a better fit for her/them. This is not a very appealing proposition but would also be a consideration - and I think you should be aware of that.</p> <p>These are all important factors which will undoubtedly affect how people view the area and the level of opportunity within it.</p> <p>For these reasons, alongside those highlighted above, I am concerned that your policy is shortsighted, strips us of choice, and is politically rather than socially or educationally motivated. I would urge you to reconsider. This is, and must be, a highly personal choice, and it is not for the council to take it on anyone else's behalf. Parents and children must be facilitated to make this important choice for themselves, based on their individual situation and experiences.</p> <p>I look forward to hearing from you and would appreciate acknowledgement of receipt.</p>	
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5. When the high schools which the primary school feeds into are considered alongside their catchment area, the proposal for the

	<p>Dernol area makes even less sense. If Dernol area is part of Rhayader catchment, what these maps and the underlying admissions/transport policy are saying is that a primary age learner may ONLY travel from Dernol to Rhayader by school transport, and not to Llanidloes despite existing transport routes; yet when they move to secondary school they can effectively choose from transport to either Llanidloes, Llandrindod or even Builth. That does not seem fair, logical or cost effective.</p> <p>6. A petition with 850+ signatures (mainly from those living in the SY18 postcode area) has been passed to Powys County Council calling for a more flexible approach to the allocation of school transport. This indicates a lack of support for such a rigid approach to boundaries and catchments where learners may be unfairly denied transport.</p>	
251	<p>Llanidloes HS: Admissions Information and Arrangements 2023-24: Early Years, Primary and Secondary Consultation Response.</p> <p>This letter is the response of Cyngor Cymuned Carno Community Council to Powys County Council's (Powys CC) Admissions Information and Arrangements 2023-24: Early Years, Primary and Secondary Consultation, with particular reference to the proposals for Secondary School Admissions and Catchment Areas.</p> <p>Following representations from parents, whose children currently attend Ysgol Gynradd Carno, the Community Council felt obligated to discuss the proposals and to consider the short and long term implications for the Community.</p> <p>A range of issues were highlighted by parents which included:-</p> <p>Ø Paramount amongst their concerns was the fact that Powys CC were only putting forward a single feeder school option and in</p>	Please see response reference 225 above

doing so are removing any alternative choice for parents for their children's education.

Ø Should parents choose to pursue alternative sources of secondary education, (say Llanidloes High School), that choice would be further limited by financial pressures because of Powys CC have said they would only fund transport to Ysgol Bro Hyddgen. It was explained to the Council that the Ysgol Bro Hyddgen catchment area is the only area in the whole of Powys that does not have a free transport option to an English medium High School.

Ø The Council learnt that Powys CC explained their decisions had been based on an educational outcome rather than financial reasons associated with school transport. The aim being to encourage whole year groups to transition from their catchment area to their respective High School thus not splitting friendship groups. It was concerning to learn that Powys CC have not applied the same criteria across the board. Examples are Ysgol Dafydd Llwyd and Rhayader CIW Primary Schools, where historical choices seem to have been respected and these schools have retained multiple High School choices.

Ø Llanidloes High School has been a popular choice historically and it was disturbing to hear (based on Powys CC's own data), that a child living 30 miles from Llanidloes would be given preference over a Carno pupil living only 12 miles from the High School. There are pupils currently at Ysgol Carno who live significantly nearer to Llanidloes and the fear is that they could lose the opportunity to attend that school because Ysgol Gynradd Carno is not a feeder school.

Ø The removal of the choice for a child to continue their education primarily through the medium of English.

Ø The possibility that siblings would be unable to attend the same school as their older brothers/sisters.

Ø A worrying theme from our discussions was that Powys CC appeared to be ignoring their own guidance contained in such documents as their Corporate Improvement Plan. There is an underlying feeling that Carno is not being treated fairly in comparison to the proposals made for other communities, and this has given rise to a level of mistrust in the reasoning behind the proposal. There is a perception that the decision is being influenced because of the development of the 'All Through School' (Ysgol Bro Hyddgen) in Machynlleth, where because of its close borders with other counties, finding feeder schools was always going to be an issue.

The Community Council fully endorses the concerns of the parents, which are very genuine and are clearly causing considerable concern. Powys CC should give them their full consideration with a full and frank response given to parents.

Further to the issues raised by parents, Councillors also discussed what effect the proposal could have on the fabric of our community and the wider area.

Ø The Council has heard that people could look at removing their children from Ysgol Gynradd Carno to attend schools with more embracing choices for secondary education. Falling numbers in our school would undermine all the efforts the Community, with Powys CC, put into developing a new school in the village, possibly leading the school to be seen as unsustainable.

Ø There is a concern that people seeking to relocate to the area for employment reasons could be deterred by the only educational option being seen as primarily through the medium of Welsh.

	<p>∅ This would be detrimental to businesses looking to recruit staff . Without attracting new (younger) families (with children) to the area, the aging population demographic will continue with all its associated issues. A lack of families with children will also damage the social fabric of any community as there could be inadequate numbers to make clubs and societies viable.</p> <p>∅ While it is appreciated the arguments outlined are non-educational in the context of this consultation, the Council feels that they should be considered even if Powys CC are being asked to think 'outside the box'.</p> <p>In conclusion Cyngor Cymuned Carno Community Council asks that Powys County Council review their proposed admissions policy to ensure that more balanced choice of secondary education is given to parents through the re-instatement of Llanidloes High School as a feeder school for Ysgol Gynradd Carno with associated free school transport. The Council further asks that Powys County Council examines the social and economic consequences of offering limited educational options for this area.</p> <p>On behalf of Cyngor Cymuned Carno Community Council, I look forward to receiving your response in due course.</p>	
252	<p>Caersws CP: I live in Llawryglyn. There is no English medium school in my catchment area!! That is taking away my choice</p>	<p>Please see response reference 225 above.</p> <p>Any new pupils starting school would be able to access Welsh-medium provision when they start school, meaning that they would be fully immersed in the Welsh language, and would have the Welsh language skills needed to access Welsh-medium provision throughout their time in school. The Council also offer additional provision such as immersion provision and additional language support to support pupils and their families.</p>
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	<p>My children are luckily already in the school but if I was in the position living in Carno and wanting my children in an English school I would of wanted to go to Caersws like I did when my girls were ready to start. I would of found this extremely stressful to have to travel further to her to another English school. Trefeglwys are changing to Welsh only and I would expect people from the area to want to Caersws but your not giving them the option nor people in the Carno area.</p>	<p>Any new pupils starting school would be able to access Welsh-medium provision when they start school, meaning that they would be fully immersed in the Welsh language, and would have the Welsh language skills needed to access Welsh-medium provision throughout their time in school. The Council also offer additional provision such as immersion provision and additional language support to support pupils and their families.</p>
254	<p>Caersws CP: Caersws school have a number of current pupils that are from outside the catchment area. With people from Carno/Talerddig opting for Caersws as their closest English medium school. To restrict the catchment area would have a clear detrimental affect on future pupil numbers. I do hope that catchment plans are not part of PCC strategy to increase uptake of Welsh medium education. All parents need viable options for schooling their children regardless of which language medium they choose.</p>	<p>Please see response reference 225 above.</p> <p>Any new pupils starting school would be able to access Welsh-medium provision when they start school, meaning that they would be fully immersed in the Welsh language, and would have the Welsh language skills needed to access Welsh-medium provision throughout their time in school. The Council also offer additional provision such as immersion provision and additional language support to support pupils and their families.</p>
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256	<p>Caersws CP: Should be wider for some other parents.</p>	<p>Please see response reference 225 above.</p>
257	<p>Llandinam CP: Llandinam ward encompasses Llandinam, Mochdre, Penstrowed, Newchapel, Llidiartywaun, Oakley Park, Dolwen, Tylwch and soon to be Dolfor. This should be reflected on the catchment area map. Llandinam is the only Green status school for education in the area and children and parents of the Llandinam ward should have the choice of a top school like Ysgol Llandinam. Your current proposal sells short the children of Llandinam ward. Ysgol Llandinam is a common sense approach with close ties with Llanidloes High School. I would like to also point out that there are NO transportation costs to PCC for children attending the school.</p>	<p>Please see response reference 225 above.</p> <p>Please noter in particular parental choice and the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 of transporting a learner to their nearest suitable school.</p>

	<p>Unlike other schools close by. This is because ALL parents bring their children into school via their own private transport which will continue under what I am asking you consider. Please reconsider your current proposal and expand the catchment area of Llandinam up to Llanidloes and up to Newtown.</p>	
258	<p>Llanidloes CP: My family lives in the Dernol valley in Llangurig, Montgomeryshire. We have 2 young children, 1 of whom has started primary school in Llanidloes, and our family in one form or another has lived at this address for 30 years, and as far as you can be certain about this type of thing, has no plans to move out for the foreseeable future. I know the area and it's inhabitants past & present intimately, having lived here since age 5, and feel I can comment on this issue with full understanding. I believe the southern border of Llanidloes CP School catchment has been wrongly placed. The proposed area places part of Llangurig parish/community into Rhayader's catchment area and part of St Harmon & Pantydwr parish/community into Llanidloes's catchment area. I will however focus on the Dernol area in my response, although similarities exist for both the communities above.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is going to negatively affect existing and historic family, community & social links as well as families' democratic representation in local schools. It also contradicts the NHS areas that determine which GP surgery etc you are assigned to - for example, my family as explained earlier lives in the Dernol valley, we are all registered with Llanidloes GP surgery, our hospital services etc are all located North of our address. Note, all houses in what is considered "Dernol" have a Llanidloes address and postcode. 2. It does not make any sense from a secondary school perspective, as Llanidloes High School is the nearest suitable school for any learners residing in the area of the Dernol; whereas most of Rhayader's catchment area is closer to YCC Llandrindod campus. 	<p>Please see response reference 225 above.</p> <p>Consideration will be given to which primary and secondary catchment area learners from Dernol will be located. This will be based on nearest suitable school with minor amendments made for local geography and topography.</p>

I was surprised to note that according to the proposed maps, our children would ONLY be entitled to access primary education, and also by that virtue, school transport, at Rhayader CIW Primary School; yet when they move to secondary, they would then be able to choose between Llanidloes, Llandrindod or even Builth? This makes even less sense than removing them from their community of Llangurig/Llanidloes for their primary years.

3. There is also the issue of Llangurig CP School, which was closed by the Authority in 2008. This would have been our nearest suitable primary school by a clear margin, and when it closed the community was promised that there would always be a place in Llanidloes CP school for the children of Llangurig. It appears from the proposed maps -and to a degree, the current rules- that this has been completely forgotten. If a child is from Llangurig, whether in the village or the outer parts of the parish, they should have the right to attend their community school, i.e. Llanidloes CP school.

It should be noted that any families currently residing in the Dernol with children in Rhayader school have moved here some time after Llangurig's closure, and it could be argued that they already had strong existing links with Rhayader when they moved here, which is giving a skewed impression of the way the population of Dernol gravitates in general.

4. By placing the Dernol in Rhayader catchment area you are effectively cutting it off from Llangurig; schools are the heart of our communities as we all know, and where your children are educated affects your social circle, family arrangements & your employment prospects, especially if you happen to live in an area which is very rural such as Powys. This is even more pronounced when you get an area like the Dernol which is situated halfway between 2 reasonable sized towns, & the transport links are so linear - such as the A470 Rhayader-Llanidloes - that you have to either go one direction or the other, it is impractical to do both. Having said all that, it's not my aim to impose on the other families in the Dernol which community they "should" affiliate with.

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259	<p>Llanidloes CP: As my family currently lives in Trefeglwys we are being excluded from an English language curriculum. My children, under current catchment areas are forced to be educated in Welsh (or bilingual- I believe there are negatives of this identified where it was implemented in Machynlleth). As a family we are so unhappy with the lack of options that we are trying to move out of the village prior to applying for my eldest sons primary school place when applications open later this year. When Ysgol Dyffryn Trannon was made a single language site it was done so without consideration for those wishing to educate their child though the medium of English as there has been no provision transport or catchment area which would allow children of the village to be educated in Llanidloes via the English stream.</p>	<p>Please see response reference 225 above.</p> <p>Any new pupils starting school would be able to access Welsh-medium provision when they start school, meaning that they would be fully immersed in the Welsh language, and would have the Welsh language skills needed to access Welsh-medium provision throughout their time in school. The Council also offer additional provision such as immersion provision and additional language support to support pupils and their families.</p>
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The proposed catchment area does not take into account the distribution of learners. The area between Rhayader and Dernol is very sparsely populated with only the main A470 and a impassable (for a minibus) unclassified back lane running parallel down the same river valley. Conversely, the Llanidloes catchment area has a more regular distribution of households along the roads between Dernol and Llanidloes, with the obvious village/population centre of Llangurig halfway in between.

The catchment areas – again, Dernol in particular – do not reflect current or future established school transport routes. Because the nearest high school to Dernol by some way is in Llanidloes, for the next 15 years at least, there will likely always be a school bus travelling from Dernol to Llanidloes whereas I would put the primary school transport route from Dernol to Rhayader primary school as less likely to have passengers, or that it would have less passengers.

	<p>When the high schools which the primary school feeds into are considered alongside their catchment area, the proposal for the Dernol area makes even less sense. If Dernol area is part of Rhayader catchment, what these maps and the underlying admissions/transport policy are saying is that a primary age learner may ONLY travel from Dernol to Rhayader by school transport, and not to Llanidloes despite existing transport routes; yet when they move to secondary school they can effectively choose from transport to either Llanidloes, Llandrindod or even Builth. That does not seem fair, logical or cost effective.</p> <p>A petition with 850+ signatures (mainly from those living in the SY18 postcode area) has been passed to Powys County Council calling for a more flexible approach to the allocation of school transport. This indicates a lack of support for such a rigid approach to boundaries and catchments where learners may be unfairly denied transport.</p>	
264	<p>Ysgol Dyffryn Trannon: The information that has been provided is false since it has already been decided that Ysgol Dyffryn Trannon will not take on any further pupils for the English medium from September 2021. Anyone looking at this consultation will be led into false hope that there is an English medium school in the area of Trefeglwys.</p> <p>With this in mind after looking at the other local schools e.g Caersws, Llandinam, Llandiloes the catchment area of Trefeglwys is completely missed out. Where are pupils supposed to go to school???? this is a complete oversight and very disappointing!!!!</p>	<p>Please see response reference 225 above.</p> <p>Any new pupils starting school would be able to access Welsh-medium provision when they start school, meaning that they would be fully immersed in the Welsh language, and would have the Welsh language skills needed to access Welsh-medium provision throughout their time in school. The Council also offer additional provision such as immersion provision and additional language support to support pupils and their families.</p>
265	<p>Ysgol Dyffryn Trannon: We show as just outside the catchment area however my daughter currently goes to the school and the bus picks her up and my second daughter is hopefully going to be going in September.</p>	<p>The Council notes this comment.</p>
266	<p>Ysgol Dyffryn Trannon:</p>	

<p>* Mae ein mab yn mynd i Ysgol Dyffryn Trannon ar y bws ysgol ar hyn o bryd o gartref sydd y tu allan i'r ffiniau ar y mapiau hyn ar gyfer yr ysgol (yn ardal Llidiart-y-waun). Mae ein cymdogion agosaf hefyd wedi derbyn, neu yn derbyn, trafndiaeth i Ysgol Dyffryn Trannon ar fws 52 sedd sy'n dod o fewn canllath i'n cartref ni am 8.05am yn ddyddiol. Mae'r bws wedi bod yn mynd â phlant o'r lleoliad hwn i Lanidloes a Threfeglwys dros y 40 mlynedd diwethaf.</p> <p>* Byddai angen i'n plant a'n cymdogion deithio bron i 2 filltir i gyfarfod bws sy'n mynd i Ysgol Rhaeadr, siwr o fod erbyn 7.30am o wybod beth sy'n digwydd yn lleol, sydd yn gynnar iawn i blentyn bach ddechrau bob bore. Byddai'n rhaid i'r cyngor sir hefyd dalu arian ychwanegol i drefnu trafndiaeth fyddai'n mynd a nhw o'n stepen drws ni i gyfarfod y bws ar ei daith i Rhaeadr. Fyddai'r bws sy'n mynd i Ysgol Dyffryn Trannon ddim yn costio ceiniog gan ei fod yn dod yma eisoes ac yn teithio'r holl ffordd i'n dewis cyntaf o ysgol.</p> <p>* Byddai'n anodd iawn egluro wrth ein plant nad ydyn nhw'n gallu mynd ar y bws rydyn ni'n ei weld trwy'r ffenest, er eu bod yn byw ychydig lathenni oddi wrtho - oherwydd polisi sydd ddim yn ystyried taith a chysylltiadau trafndiaeth presennol.</p> <p>* Dewison ni Ysgol Dyffryn Trannon er mwyn i'n plant allu derbyn addysg cyfrwng Cymraeg mewn ysgol Gymraeg (h.y. nid dwy ffrwd fel Ysgol Rhaeadr). Cymraeg yw iaith ein teulu, mae'n plant yn gyfforddus a bodlon yn eu mamiaith, ac rydyn ni eisiau iddyn nhw ddod yn ddinasyddion cwbl ddwyieithog yn y pen draw. Dim ond wrth fynd i ysgol cyfrwng Cymraeg mae hyn yn bosib a dylai trafndiaeth fod ar gael i bob plentyn sy'n dymuno hynny.</p> <p>Hyderwn y byddwch yn ailystyried y ffiniau ar y mapiau presennol gan ystyried i ble mae'r bysus yn dod ar hyn o bryd (ac ymgynghori â Celtic Travel ar y mater), ac yr un mor bwysig, os</p>	<p>Bydd ystyriaeth yn cael ei roi i ddalgylch dysgwyr o Lidiart y Waen yn seiliedig ar yr ysgol Gymraeg agosaf a ffactorau daearyddol a topolegol lleol.</p> <p>Consideration will be given to which primary catchment area Welsh medium learners from Llidiart y Waen will be located. This will be based on nearest suitable school with minor amendments made for local geography and topography.</p>
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	nad pwysicach, ar sail y ffaith mai Ysgol Dyffryn Trannon fydd yr unig ysgol cyfrwng Cymraeg cyfagos i Lidiart-y-waun o fis Medi 2022 ymlaen.	
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vii) MAESYDDERWEN CLUSTER

Ysgol Maesydderwen

Bro Tawe
Dyffryn y Glowyr
Ysgol Cribarth
Ysgol Golwg y Cwm

Ref	POSITIVE comments	Local Authority Response
267	Ysgol Bro Tawe: I have a daughter in year 6 and throughout her period in primary education her classes exceeded 30 plus. My issue is why do pupils attend from outside of powys and the current catchment area? Surely smaller classes would benefit pupils	The Council notes this comment. Schools and governing bodies decide on their own class structure and size after careful consideration for learner needs and staffing capacity.

Ref	OBJECTIONS	Local Authority Response
268	Maesydderwen: The catchment areas shouldn't be restricted by county lines. My kids will have to pass a secondary school, to go to one 3 times as far because it's in a different county.	The Local Authority is unable to draw catchment maps which includes learners from outside Powys.
269	Ysgol Bro Tawe: The catchment map does not include large areas of the wider Ystradgynlais area which are not covered by the Ysgol golwyg Y cwm catchment either and misses out compleatley the whole of Gurnos and Cwmtwrch area who are only covered by the Welsh medium primary school map. Map for Ysgol Brotawe covers a vast area of mountain land where no houses are found - please look at the boundaries and adjust to reflect where the current catchment comes from.	Consideration will be given to which primary catchment area primary phase learners from Gurnos and Cwm Twrch will be located. This will be based on nearest suitable school with minor amendments made for local geography and topography.
270	Ysgol Bro Tawe:	Please see response reference 269 above.

	<p>The map appears to exclude the Gurnos and Cwmtwrch areas. It is my understanding that these should be included in the catchment area as the only school closer to these residents is a Welsh school. The current pupils in Bro Tawe include a lot of children from these areas.</p>	
271	<p>Ysgol Bro Tawe: Ysgol Bro Tawe is an English medium Primary School, Children who live in Cwmtwrch (the neighboring ward), Who wish to be taught through the medium of English may also attend this school. Ysgol Gymraeg Dyffryn Y Glowyr is the Area Welsh medium school for the whole of the Ystradgynlais District.</p>	<p>Please see response reference 269 above.</p> <p>Learners, parents, and carers are able to make a preference for their preferred school. However, home to school transport will only be provided to a learners nearest suitable or catchment school – regardless of language.</p>
272	<p>Ysgol Bro Tawe: I live in ystalyfera I have 2 children one currently in the school and one child not old enough yet. You are the closest English speaking soon to send my children too and we do not come under the catchment area. I feel like the catchment area goes the wrong side of the school as most of the pupils who attend are from the other side of the school</p>	<p>Learners, parents, and carers are able to make a preference for their preferred school. However, home to school transport will only be provided to a learners nearest suitable or catchment school – regardless of language.</p>
273	<p>Ysgol Bro Tawe: My area isn't included in the catchment area above. I live in Lower Cwmtwrch but Bro Tawe is actually my nearest English Medium school</p>	<p>Please see response reference 269 above.</p> <p>Learners, parents, and carers are able to make a preference for their preferred school. However, home to school transport will only be provided to a learners nearest suitable or catchment school – regardless of language.</p>

viii) **NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL CLUSTER**

NEWTOWN CAMPUS

Newtown High School – Newtown
Campus

Abermule
Maesyrrhandir
Penygloddfa
St Mary’s
St Michael’s
Treowen
Ysgol Calon y Dderwen

Ref	POSITIVE comments	Local Authority Response
274	Maesyrrhandir CP: We are the closest school to Mochdre so the children should get free transport to us.	The Council notes this comment.

Ref	OBJECTIONS	Local Authority Response
275	<p>Newtown High School (Newtown Campus): I have just seen the new boundaries for catchment areas for primary and secondary schools, drawn by Powys CC.</p> <p>Under these new proposals our house now falls into Montgomery Primary and Welshpool High School in the secondary school boundaries.</p> <p>I still have 4 children in education in both Abermule Primary and Newtown High School and we have absolutely no wish to change their schools. The children from Cefn Y Coed have always gone to Abermule Primary School and Newtown High School. We are highly committed to these schools. I myself have been a parent</p>	All learners, parents and carers are able to make a preference for any school they feel most suitable. Based on Powys’ Home to School Transport Policy, transport will be provided to a learners nearest suitable or catchment school.

	<p>governor in Abermule Primary School for over 6 years. I was a chair of Friends of the school and I ran the mother toddler group there for 3 years. Our ties are with Abermule and Newtown, NOT with Montgomery CoW Primary school or Welshpool High School, where the new boundary lines now place us.</p> <p>The newly drawn boundary line does a deliberate curve to leave our house out of Abermule Primary and Newtown HS catchment areas. This makes absolutely no sense whatsoever.</p> <p>The high school bus goes right by our house, onto Llandyssil, Green Lane, Abermule and onto Newtown. Under your newly drawn boundary lines, you would have two buses meeting on narrow country lanes every morning and every afternoon. Again, this makes no sense.</p> <p>Abermule Primary school offers spacious class rooms and plenty of outdoor areas, including a full size football pitch, tennis court and forest school area. These are something we value highly for our children. May I remind you that Montgomery CoW Primary school is full to bursting with no green areas to speak of. Surely it makes sense to leave us with Abermule CP catchment area where there is plenty of room for expansion. Our children have always been very happy in Abermule and the quality of teaching is first class.</p> <p>Abermule school was built to service the communities of Dolforwyn, Llandyssil and Cefn y Coed over 70 years ago. From Abermule children generally follow on to Newtown High School and our sincere wish is to keep it that way. (In the screenshot our house is circled in orange.)</p>	
276	<p>Newtown High School (Newtown Campus): Abermule only catchment for Newtown however would be better under Welshpool or Llanfair due to the rurality of the area</p>	<p>All learners, parents and carers are able to make a preference for any school they feel most suitable. Based on Powys' Home to School Transport Policy, transport will be provided to a learners nearest suitable or catchment school.</p>

277	<p>Ysgol Calon y Dderwen: moving the school catchment areas, this would mean that children in Mochdre and Penstrowed would move from Ysgol Calon yr Derwen (Hafren & Ladywell Green) to Maesyrrhandir school. this would lead to the end of free transport to most of Mochdre, living in a rural setting is hard enough to manage work and children. The roads are unsuitable and far too fr to walk and the lack of free transport would be detrimental to us having a job due to the time it takes for school commute</p>	<p>All learners, parents and carers are able to make a preference for any school they feel most suitable. Based on Powys' Home to School Transport Policy, transport will be provided to a learners nearest suitable or catchment school.</p> <p>Consideration will be given to which primary catchment area primary phase learners from Mochdre and Penstrowed will be located. This will be based on nearest suitable school with minor amendments made for local geography and topography.</p>
278	<p>Ysgol Calon y Dderwen: As person who has live in Mochdre all my life and attended hafren school when Mochdre school was shut, as well as sending my 3 sons and 5 grandchildren to the school. This school has a major part of the Mochdre community for many years with heads of the school supporting the community and vice a versa It would be a huge shame to loose another school the community and several generation have supported over the years I feel that hafren and lady well have intilled the sense of community that is hugely beneficial to living in small rural communities</p>	<p>Please see response reference 277 above.</p>
279	<p>Ysgol Calon y Dderwen: As a father of children children currently in ysgol calon y derwen and living in mochdre i feel that moving my children from a school that has such a strong ethos around the agriculture and the countryside to another that has not had this part of the make up would be very detrimental to my childrens sence of belonging</p>	<p>Please see response reference 277 above.</p>
280	<p>Ysgol Calon y Dderwen: I wish to send my daughter to this school. Unfortunately now not in the catchment area.</p>	<p>Please see response reference 277 above.</p>
281	<p>Ysgol Calon y Dderwen: I was of the understanding that when Mochdre school closed that free transport would be provided to Ladywell and Hafren School which is now Ysgol Calon Y Dderwen. My daughter started school last September and we received a letter that we weren't entitled to any free transport to Ysgol Calon Y Dderwen which we were expecting to receive.</p>	<p>Please see response reference 277 above.</p>

282	<p>Ysgol Calon y Dderwen: moving the school catchment areas would mean that children in Mochdre and Penstrowed would move from Ysgol Calon yr Derwen (Hafren & Ladywell Green) to Maesyrrhandir school. this would lead to the end of free transport to most of Mochdre, and living in a remote area its not possible for parents to walk their children to school.</p>	Please see response reference 277 above.
283	<p>Ysgol Calon y Dderwen: A proportion of our current intake is from the mochdre as transport can be offered to these pupils. These families help to diversify our school as it brings a balance between the children who live in town and the more rural farming community. It would be a real shame to no longer gave this dimension to our school if transport was no longer offered.</p>	Please see response reference 277 above.
284	<p>Ysgol Calon y Dderwen: I am writing in regards to Calon Y Dderwen Newtown's catchment area. We have a great deal of children from farming communities across mochdre, Dolfor and penstrowed area. The new catchment doesn't include this area and we feel the school community and those pupils benefit from their access to our school and free transport</p>	<p>Please see response reference 277 above.</p> <p>Consideration will be given to which primary catchment area primary phase learners from Dolfor and Penstrowed will be located. This will be based on nearest suitable school with minor amendments made for local geography and topography.</p>
285	<p>Ysgol Calon y Dderwen: This school has had the catchment area of Stepside and Mochdre for a very long time and with you change of the area the school will no longer have the children from the area as their free bus will take them to Ysgol Measyrrhandir. As most of these children come from the farming community parents are not always able to drive their children to Ysgol Calon y Dderwen. To me you are not letting these parents have a choice of schooling for their children.</p>	Please see response reference 277 above.
286	<p>Ysgol Calon y Dderwen: Having seen the map above with a new catchment area identified for Calon y Dderwen in Newtown, we are concerned that our access to school transport for our children from Mochdre will</p>	Please see response reference 277 above.

	<p>change and that our child will have to change schools or that we will have to bring her in. It is very difficult as our family business requires us to use the free school transport available as we are unable to pick up every day. Furthermore, the school go out of their way to support our children and offer a diverse and suitable curriculum, with a balance between the practical elements which suit our daughter and the choice of topics, including farming, a large part of our lives. It was a pleasure to be involved in a recent Cows on Tour experience - unforgettable. We feel the school embraces all aspects of farming and that are really important to us. I realise we may get this in another school, but I fully believe that the quality and space at Ladywell, Hafren and now Calon y Dderwen, has ensured that our children have thrived in this environment. Also, it's important to know that although the alternative school is closer as the crow flies, in actual timing, it takes 20 seconds longer to go to the alternatively named school, after observing speed limits and road speed bumps around Maesyddail. If this is the case, why aren't the houses along Milford Road named as part of the catchment for Calon y Dderwen as those houses are closer to Calon y Dderwen than their named school?</p>	
287	<p>Ysgol Calon y Dderwen: I have concerns about this proposed map on two lines as it takes away two key and valued areas of our school catchment.</p> <p>Stepaside and Mochdre - we have historically welcomed children from these communities into Ladywell Green, Hafren and now Calon y Dderwen. In fact, when the local country schools closed (Mochdre in 1950s and Dolfor in the 2000s), we were formally named the designated choice of school and transport provided to our site for these children. We have worked hard to embrace children of all backgrounds and value the contribution that our children and families from these communities offer, having built up relationships over the years culminating with our successful 'Cows on Tour' celebration just before lockdown. We feel that with</p>	<p>Please see response reference 277 above.</p> <p>Consideration will be given to which primary catchment area primary phase learners from Dolfor, Mochdre, Stepaside and Penstrowed will be located. This will be based on nearest suitable school with minor amendments made for local geography and topography.</p>

a new school on our site, specifically embracing space, land, the natural environment and elements of agriculture, our approach to support the farming communities through our unique topic choices, keeping animals on site, we are an obvious choice for this.

With such a reduction in catchment area, a significant area and drop in number of children, this would inevitably mean a reduction in staff for us at Calon y Dderwen when our staffing structure for our new school has been robustly set up and based on current and projected numbers. This drop will inevitably mean staff losses through redundancy.

Further to this, plans are in place for a 300-360 pupil new school building to be built on our site within the next 3 years and I fear that these plans to replace our current aging and dated buildings, will be put in serious jeopardy, disadvantaging all present and future children in our school by the proposals to significantly reduce our catchment area.

My proposals would also ensure that children do attend their nearest school as per road routes, if not as the crow flies - navigation directly along the river, avoiding the busy Llanidloes Road and railway track with limited crossings.

I understand that parents will still have a choice of schools, but most follow guidelines and advice from the authority and in addition to this, our Mochdre and Stepside school community use the school transport service which under the new proposals, wouldn't be offered to Calon y Dderwen.

I hope that these valid points will go some way to validly challenging the areas proposed so that we can continue to welcome children from these communities into our school, and new purposed built environment at Calon y Dderwen.

	<p>It is clear that every school will want to serve their communities, but when we already have established links within these two communities, moving these boundaries will only split them and not bring them together.</p> <p>It's also important to note that this decision to change transport access will not save any financially however will have a great impact on the changes and relationships of a community with Calon y Dderwen.</p> <p>Many thanks and kindest regards,</p>	
288	<p>Ysgol Calon y Dderwen: Changing the catchment area will mean that my children best friends will no longer attend the same school as them. Changing schools for these children is classified as an ACE. If they already have other things going on in their lives why do it? It's just a money saving exercise again! PCC doing what they see fit and never mind the public opinion!</p>	Please see response reference 277 above.

NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL - JOHN BEDDOES CAMPUS

Newtown High School – John Gladestry
Beddoes Campus Knighton
Presteigne
Radnor Valley

Ref	POSITIVE comments	Local Authority Response

Ref	OBJECTIONS	Local Authority Response
289	<p>Newtown High School (John Beddoes Campus): I am writing as Chair of Beguildy Community Council. When our school was closed, the designated primary school was Knighton, placing our learners in the NHS (JB Campus) catchment. The reality is pupils transferred to Knighton, Llanbister, Newtown and Kerry schools and others across the English border.</p> <p>The catchment maps displayed indicate three secondary schools as the designated schools for pupils from our valley, along the B4355 within a 2 mile stretch.</p> <p>If the aim were to give parental choice within the three schools then we would be satisfied but on the surface this looks like further segregation and fragmentation of our community.</p> <p>We do not wish to see the principle of having to draw the line somewhere overruling common sense and the well being of our children who may find themselves separated from their friends by the accident of a line on a map which does not reflect the makeup of their community.</p> <p>The coherence of our community has already been placed under strain by the closure of our primary school- please do not place it at greater risk.</p>	<p>All learners, parents and carers are able to make a preference for any school they feel most suitable. Based on Powys' Home to School Transport Policy, transport will be provided to a learners nearest suitable or catchment school.</p> <p>Consideration will be given to which primary and then secondary catchment area primary phase learners from Beguildy will be located. This will be based on nearest suitable school with minor amendments made for local geography and topography.</p>

ix) WELSHPOOL HIGH SCHOOL CLUSTER

Welshpool High School Arddleen
 Berriew
 Buttington Trewern
 Churchstoke
 Forden
 Guilsfield
 Leighton
 Llandysilio
 Montgomery
 Welshpool CiW

Ref	POSITIVE comments	Local Authority Response

Ref	OBJECTIONS	Local Authority Response
290	<p>Welshpool High School: I live in Castle Caereinion which is now moving to Berriew School catchment area which feeds to Welshpool High School yet Castle Caereinion is in Llanfair Caereinion High School catchment area which isn't right.</p>	<p>All learners, parents and carers are able to make a preference for any school they feel most suitable. Based on Powys' Home to School Transport Policy, transport will be provided to a learners nearest suitable or catchment school.</p> <p>Consideration will be given to which primary and then secondary catchment area primary phase learners from Castle Caereinion will be located. This will be based on nearest suitable school with minor amendments made for local geography and topography.</p>
291	<p>Welshpool High School: I'm interested to know why children are allowed to Llanfair Caereinion high from Welshpool and Newtown but no bus goes from Llanfair Caereinion to Welshpool high school, please explain as this does not seem fair. My son would like to go to Welsh high school because it's a better school than Llanfair but with no</p>	<p>All learners, parents and carers are able to make a preference for any school they feel most suitable. Based on Powys' Home to School Transport Policy, transport will be provided to a learners nearest suitable or catchment school.</p>

	transportation offered it makes it difficult. Why should he miss out on the better school?	
292	Llandysilio CiW: Llandysilio school (four crosses) is in the Welshpool high school catchment where as Bryn Hafren (crew green) school is in the llanfyllin high school catchment. You travel through four crosses to get to crew green Both have traditionally sent pupils to llanfyllin. Both should be in the llanfyllin catchment	This is based on historical close cluster working relationships between the primary and secondary school of the cluster to ensure strong transition arrangements.

x) YSGOL CALON CYMRU

BUILTH CAMPUS

Ysgol Calon Cymru – Builth
Campus

Builth Wells CP
Irfon Valley
Llanelwedd
Newbridge on Wye
Ysgol Dolafon

Ref	POSITIVE comments	Local Authority Response
293	Ysgol Calon Cymru (Builth Campus): Does this mean I'll be able to get school transport for my son to Builth wells high school from LD6 5LU? I currently have to use work annual leave hours to take him to school and pick him up!!	All learners, parents and carers are able to make a preference for any school they feel most suitable. Based on Powys' Home to School Transport Policy, transport will be provided to a learners nearest suitable or catchment school.

Ref	OBJECTIONS	Local Authority Response
294	Ysgol Calon Cymru (Builth Campus): The east boundary for the Builth campus of Ysgol capon Cymru doesn't make sense. The north of Llandrindod is in catchment, but south isn't.	All learners, parents and carers are able to make a preference for any school they feel most suitable. Based on Powys' Home to School Transport Policy, transport will be provided to a learners nearest suitable or catchment school.

	We live in Crossgates and would very much welcome being in catchment, to provide a choice between two the campus’.	
295	Newbridge on Wye CiW: Builth pupils should have the option to attend Newbridge school when it is only a few miles away. Especially with the uncertainty of Builth’s school.	Please see response reference number 294 above.
296	Newbridge on Wye CiW: Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the admissions and catchments criteria. My husband and I live in Llanwrthwl and have have twin boys, Cai & Jac who were born in August 2020. We had planned for them to attend Newbridge on Wye primary school when they are old enough like Rhys and his brothers all did. It is a wonderful rural school which many of our friends’ children attend and it is where we have always imagined the boys going to school. Therefore we were really upset and disappointed to see that the proposed changes to the catchments would mean that we are outside of the area for Newbridge on Wye school. Having looked at the catchments I can see that glanrhydgrech is within the Newbridge catchment however anyone in that area would have to travel into the village of Llanwrthwl to get onto the main road and then travel to Newbridge, so they would actually travel further than we would from our home to the school. Having been brought up in a location such as Llanwrthwl we really want the boys to attend a rural school and feel really disappointed that currently that could be unlikely. I very much hope that you can adjust the catchments to include Llanwrthwl village in the catchment for Newbridge on Wye. Thank you for considering my comments, if you would like to discuss further please don’t hesitate to contact me.	Please see response reference number 294 above. Consideration will be given to which primary and then secondary catchment area primary phase learners from Llanwrthwl will be located. This will be based on nearest suitable school with minor amendments made for local geography and topography.

LLANDRINDOD CAMPUS

Ysgol Calon Cymru – Llandrindod
Campus

Crossgates
Franksbridge
Llanbister
Llanfihangel Rhydithon
Newbridge on Wye
Ysgol Cefnlllys
Ysgol Trefonnen

Ref	POSITIVE comments	Local Authority Response

Ref	OBJECTIONS	Local Authority Response
297	<p>Llanbister CP: The catchment area has fallen short of our entrance by 50 metres .. I have three kids already in the school .. transport has been provided to this school for my self my father and my grandparent over the last 50 years .. can anyone tell me that now my closest school is dolau which you are closing please someone with some commonsense please reply to me about this as I'm totally perplexed.</p>	<p>All learners, parents and carers are able to make a preference for any school they feel most suitable. Based on Powys' Home to School Transport Policy, transport will be provided to a learners nearest suitable or catchment school.</p> <p>Consideration will be given to the catchment area of Llanbister CP along with a further review following the final decision on Ysgol Llanfihangel Rhydithon (Dolau).</p>
298	<p>Llanbister CP: I have three children already attending Llanbister primary which is our closest primary school. Yet our house is not showing in the catchment. It is literally yards outside. Where does this leave us?</p> <p>My eldest is in year 5, my youngest is in reception. All three get the bus currently. And Llanbister is by far our closest</p>	<p>Please see response reference 297 above</p>

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xi) YSGOL LLANFYLLIN

Ysgol Llanfyllin	Brynhafren Carreghofa Llanfechain Llangedwyn Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant Llansantffraid Ysgol Bro Cynllaith Ysgol Pennant
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Ref	POSITIVE comments	Local Authority Response

Ref	OBJECTIONS	Local Authority Response
299	Ysgol Llanfyllin: Not good!! Llanfyllin high school is the main high school for our school currently	<p>All learners, parents and carers are able to make a preference for any school they feel most suitable. Based on Powys' Home to School Transport Policy, transport will be provided to a learners nearest suitable school.</p> <p>In October 2022, the governing body of Ysgol Meifod wrote to the Director of Education and Children and Head of Education requesting to change clusters from Ysgol Bro Caereinion to Ysgol Llanfyllin. Based on the reasoning provided by the governing body, this request was agreed.</p> <p>Therefore, as of xxxxx all learners whom attend Ysgol Meifod will naturally transition to Ysgol Llanfyllin (as long as Ysgol Meifod is their nearest primary school). If a learner who lives closer to Ysgol</p>

		Bro Caereinion wishes to transfer to Ysgol Bro Caereinion rather than Ysgol Llanfyllin for their secondary education, then under the current transport policy, they would be eligible to free home to school transport.
300	Ysgol Llanfyllin: Ysgol meifod will no longer be in catchment area for llanfyllin. No good!!	Please see response reference 299 above.
301	Ysgol Llanfyllin: My children are in ysgol meifod. This means their catchment will be limited and no longer include Llanfyllin which is where my husband and I had always imagined sending them. Very disappointed with the new plan.	Please see response reference 299 above.
302	Ysgol Llanfyllin: I am concerned as at present I have two children attending ysgol meifod and they're not in the area to catch a mini bus for some reason even though we live at the back of Meifod. Also my eldest daughter will be leaving ysgol Meifod and will be hoping Llanfyllin high and I'm confused and concerned if I have to pay costs for transport to and from school from Meifod as my eldest son is also joining Llanfyllin high school next week. It will prove both difficult for both school runs and two different schools if bus services are not available and I really don't think we will be able to afford to pay for two lots of bus passes for the two eldest children attending Llanfyllin high school. Our postcode is Sy22 6dw.	Please see response reference 299 above.
303	Ysgol Llanfyllin: I live in heritage way the english side of the border and my son cant get free bus to his high dchool llanyfylin	Please see response reference 299 above.
304	Ysgol Llanfyllin: I'm concerned by reducing the welsh catchments area in Llanfyllin will have a negative impact on the amount of pupils who will be attending Welsh medium at the secondary phase of Ysgol Llanfyllin. It seems that Llanwddyn and Llanfihangel pupils fall into Pontrobert and Cwm Banwy catchment area, who then will later feed Ysgol Bro Caereinion. With a reduced amount of Welsh medium pupils then feeding the secondary. Secondary classes are	Please see response reference 299 above.

	<p>currently 1 form out of 4 per school year, with roughly 20-28 pupils. This will reduce once more as no additional primary welsh medium primary provision will be introduced to this catchment area following changes to consultation of Pennant and Llanrhaeadr. My child will be attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr, however, with a possible reduction of secondary phase pupils at Ysgol Llanfyllin, we're looking at a reduction of welsh medium options from year 9 options and above. With school budgets so tight, it will be cheaper to teach through the medium of English alone, rather than try to fund 2 classes for very little number of Welsh Medium classes.</p>	
305	<p>Ysgol Llanfyllin: Ysgol Meifod should be in the catchment for Ysgol Llanfyllin as it is an English Medium primary, it is the only English Medium primary in its cluster group and the majority of its pupils go to Ysgol Llanfyllin currently. Get this wrong PCC and pupils may just drive over the boarder for secondary education and you will ultimately loose them for A'level education then too.</p>	Please see response reference 299 above.
306	<p>Ysgol Llanfyllin: Ysgol Meifod is English and should be in an English cluster group feeding into Ysgol Llanfyllin where the majority of its pupils go and stay on to do A'levels.</p>	Please see response reference 299 above.
307	<p>Ysgol Llanfyllin: We would like the catchment to include Ysgol Meifod. As an English medium primary school feeding in to an English medium Secondary school it seems appropriate for Ysgol Meifod to be included.</p>	Please see response reference 299 above.
308	<p>Ysgol Llanfyllin: Historically Meifod village was split down the middle with half in the Llanfair and half in the Llanfyllin high school catchment area. The majority of meifod pupils go to Llanfyllin. Meifod is the only welsh speaking primary in its cluster group - I think it should be in the Llanfyllin cluster to help the smooth transition of year 6 pupils to high school as this is where the majority of its pupils go for english medium secondary education with many staying on for a'levels. There is concerns about transport costs among existing meifod</p>	Please see response reference 299 above.

	<p>parents and if this proposed map change affects their ability to access free transport I'm afraid as we are so close to the boarder many will simply drive their children over the boarder to access other english medium secondary education and then PCC will ultimately lose them for a'level education too as it's well known the majority of secondary pupils stay on for a'levels where they sat GCSE's.</p>	
309	<p>Ysgol Llanfyllin: Ysgol Meifod is the only english speaking primary in their cluster - are they in the correct cluster group? Especially as the majority of pupils currently go to Ysgol Llanfyllin and pursue their secondary education in english with many staying on for A'levels through the medium of english. Meifod is in between both high schools but is english speaking and 3/4 of pupils go to Ysgol Llanfyllin annually. Historically the village was split in the middle, equal parts of the village were in the Llanfair and Llanfyllin catchments, there is concerns over transport costs if the whole of Meifod goes into the Llanfair catchment. Ultimately if children can't access free transport to Llanfyllin Meifod is so close to the border many may decide to drive their children over the boarder and PCC will lose the children altogether. However if they can access Llanfyllin they will highly likely stay on for A'levels with the extended offering of subjects now being offered at Llanfyllin.</p>	Please see response reference 299 above.
310	<p>Ysgol Llanfyllin: I am a parent and governor of a child in Ysgol Meifod and a child in Llanfyllin High School. I am unclear whether to comment on the catchment for Meifod, Llanfair or Llanfyllin.</p> <p>I disagree with the map showing that Ysgol Meifod is in the catchment for Ysgol Bro Caereinion.</p> <p>The majority of pupils go from Ysgol Meifod to Ysgol Llanfyllin (for High School Provision) 2021 Llanfyllin (8) Llanfair Caereinion (5) Oswestry (1) 2022 Llanfyllin (6) Llanfair Caereinion (2) Oswestry (2)</p>	Please see response reference 299 above.

	<p>This proposed map clearly shows Ysgol Meifod is in the Caereinion cluster. Ysgol Meifod covers a large area and was split equally between the 2 high schools, until now. A vast area of the Ysgol Meifod catchment area is significantly closer to Llanfyllin than Llanfair Caereinion.</p> <p>Ysgol Meifod is the only just English Medium school in Caereinion cluster, I would question whether Ysgol Meifod is in the correct cluster of schools (as Llanfyllin has lots of English medium feeder schools)?</p> <p>My understanding is that, under the current home to school transport policy a learner will only be transported to their nearest or catchment school. Transport costs are a concern for Ysgol Meifod Parents whose children wish to attend Llanfyllin High School. A number of parents have made the decision, that if they have to pay for transport that they choose to transport their children out of Powys. This will inevitably have result in continued loss of pupils and also 6th form students to Shropshire for this provision.</p> <p>Please consider including Ysgol Meifod in the Llanfyllin catchment area rather than the Llanfair Caereinion catchment.</p>	
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312	<p>Ysgol Llanfyllin: We live in Meifod and my daughter goes to Llanfyllin, we would not be able to afford to pay for transportation if the catchment changes and my daughter has already had enough upset with covid and friends moving away that I would not want to move her to another highschool. Llanfyllin is actually closer to us so I don't understand why they are changing the catchment</p>	Please see response reference 299 above.
313	<p>Ysgol Llanfyllin: I feel it is ridiculous to have a break away section for Llanfyllin that is closer to Welshpool by a country mile. What is the logic behind</p>	Please see response reference 299 above.

	<p>this, when all other schools are in one block? Also, Powys' school transport policy should be reviewed further in order to allow for greater flexibility where distances between pupils' nearest schools are extremely marginal and also ensure that pupils have a reasonable choice to access both Welsh medium and English medium education.</p>	
314	<p>Ysgol Llanfyllin: Ysgol Llanfyllin is the the most suitable for Llanfihangel Village for accessibility reasons. The journey time to Bro Caereinion is double that to Llanfyllin as well as it being a narrow road to Llanfair Caereinion.</p>	Please see response reference 299 above.
315	<p>Ysgol Llanfyllin: All 3 of my older children attended Llanfyllin High school, we live on the border of Llanymynech just 5 minutes walk the wrong side. I wish for my youngest son to attend Llanfyllin High but worry with the amount of new houses being built around the local area that he won't get a placement there due to the number of people applying and with us living on the English side of the border he will have even less chance. I know Llanfyllin High school well, it is a very good school and helped all 3 of my older children progress well. This is a worry parents should not have to have, plus the school bus fees are ridiculous and totally unjustified. I am prepared to drive my youngest to Llanfyllin if he gets a place there next year, but having the catchment area moved will be a great worry removed for a lot of parents. Thank you</p>	Please see response reference 299 above.
316	<p>Ysgol Llanfyllin: I feel that crew green and coedway need the option to choose welshpool. If the flood is out it is a huge way round to get to llanfyllin whereas it is far closer, quicker and easier to get to welshpool. Also why the split so that we have to drive through other villages that are in a different catchment? Better to have local friends if at all possible to save on fuel and expense when driving for them to meet up, as there is no suitable public transport for this. Or is the idea that crew green and coedway will go out of area to Mary Webb? Welshpool is 12 miles and about 20 minutes, llanfyllin is 15 miles</p>	Please see response reference 299 above.

	and 30+minutes, both assuming the roads are open. Both options should be offered to children in these villages.	
317	Ysgol Llanfyllin: It would appear that steps are being taken to exclude pupils from Ysgol Meifod from progressing to high school in Llanfyllin.	Please see response reference 299 above.
318	Ysgol Llanfyllin: The majority of pupils go to Ysgol Llanfyllin (for High School Provision) 2021 Llanfyllin (8) Llanfair Caereinion (5) Oswestry (1) 2022 Llanfyllin (6) Llanfair Caereinion (2) Oswestry (2) This proposed map clearly shows Ysgol Meifod is in the Caereinion cluster. Ysgol Meifod covers a large area and was split equally between the 2 high schools, until now. Meifod is the only just English Medium school in Caereinion cluster – Are we in the correct cluster of schools (as Llanfyllin has lots of English medium feeder schools)? Transport costs are a concern. We are concerned about the map not showing Ysgol Meifod in the Llanfyllin catchment. Therefore, transport costs arising for some of our children who live in the Caereinion area of the map, who wish to go to Llanfyllin for high school provision. We are concerned about the future loss of 6th form places. As pupils not having free transport to Llanfyllin may result in pupils moving across the border into Shropshire for this provision.	Please see response reference 299 above.
319	Ysgol Llanfyllin: We live in meifod - our closest high school is llanfyllin- and my eldest daughter attends here! I want my other daughter to attend llanfyllin to, it is closest and there is transport there if I need to collect her- why would I want my child going to a school further away!	Please see response reference 299 above.
320	Ysgol Llanfyllin: I am responding to this consultation as the Local Member for the Meifod Ward. I am very concerned that the proposed Catchment Map for Ysgol Llanfyllin does not reflect the importance of the school as the first choice for the majority of parents when selecting	Please see response reference 299 above.

	<p>a school for their child to progress to after completing their primary education in Ysgol Meifod. Historically Ysgol Meifod has been regarded as a Feeder School for Ysgol Caereinion; in reality this is not now the case as we have seen a shift to parents sending their children to be educated at Ysgol Llanfyllin the medium of English. The proposed catchment map for Ysgol Llanfyllin excludes Meifod: this has caused some alarm amongst parents in Meifod who are concerned that there is an attempt being made by the Local authority to exert pressure on them to send their children to Ysgol Bro Caereinion, with free school transport to the school being withdrawn to Ysgol Llanfyllin because it would fall out of catchment. Whilst I accept that a parent will continue to be able to choose any school for their child, the proposed catchment map does lead me to ask is Ysgol Meifod currently working with the correct secondary school? This map would lead me to conclude that it isn't, and I would ask that the catchment map for Ysgol Llanfyllin is redrawn to accurately reflect the wish of parents.</p>	
321	<p>Ysgol Llanfyllin: My children attend Carreghofa Primary School. We believe that you should extend the catchment area in two ways. Firstly across the cross roads towards Knockin to include Heritage Way. And secondly along the A483 towards Oswestry tk include Bronwylfa. These changes would encompass a vast majority of the children that attend Carreghofa. This would allow children to stay together for their secondary education. It would also allow children access to the Welsh curriculum that their parents have chosen for them. This us currently not the case as the bus charges are just too high for families to afford.</p>	<p>All learners, parents and carers are able to make a preference for any school they feel most suitable. Based on Powys' Home to School Transport Policy, transport will be provided to a learners nearest suitable or catchment school. However, we are unable to include areas from outside Powys into our catchment areas.</p>
322	<p>Ysgol Llanfyllin: Carreghofa primary is a catchment school for ysgol Llanfyllin but unfortunately because I live just metres over the border in Llanymynech my children are not entitled to free transport to this school, leaving the only option for parents to either send to the marches or pay extortionate bus fares which for many including myself are unaffordable.</p>	<p>Please see response reference number 321 above.</p>

	<p>Many children missing out going to high school with friends and also missing out on a Welsh education, which to me I feel important and an excellent opportunity for my children to continue learning Welsh.</p> <p>I feel it unfair that half the village are excluded from free school transport even though the children have been educated in Powys through primary years just because of a few metres difference.</p>	
323	<p>Ysgol Llanfyllin: Please bring Llandrinio into Llanfyllin secondary catchment area. My children are going to school with friends from age 4 and being asked to leave on their own to a seleeate high school.</p>	<p>All learners, parents and carers are able to make a preference for any school they feel most suitable. Based on Powys' Home to School Transport Policy, transport will be provided to a learners nearest suitable or catchment school.</p>
324	<p>Ysgol Llanfyllin: Myself and my children went to Ysgol Llanfyllin from the Main area on your map. Before Trefnanney School was closed we attended there and all children from that school would traditionally go to Ysgol Llanfyllin. Your map does not show this, and needs to be wider in this area to encompass Main, Trefnanney, Geuffordd and Sarnau - look at current children who live there and attend today. This rural region is in the middle of 3 schools, but by road, Llanfyllin is by far the fastest and the most natural choice as it is a rural school which suits these farming community children. Llanfair Caereinion takes double the time to get there due to the slower roads. Today, Ysgol Llanfyllin has a much wider catchment than is shown in this map.</p>	<p>Consideration will be given to which primary and then secondary catchment area primary phase learners from Trefnanney, Geuffordd and Sarnau will be located. This will be based on nearest suitable school with minor amendments made for local geography and topography.</p>
325	<p>Ysgol Llanfyllin: My son attends Carreghofa Primary School and would like to continue his education with the Welsh curriculum. We live in Llanynech but just over the border- by metres! I feel that as he has been able to attend a Welsh Primary school then he should be able to attend a Welsh Secondary school. This means being able to access the school via transport, the same as other children attending. This ensures equality and does not single out children as different to their peers- surely to do so is oppressive. The GP in Llanfyllin has a catchment area that covers all homes in Llanymynech and we are not discriminated about in relation to</p>	<p>All learners, parents and carers are able to make a preference for any school they feel most suitable. Based on Powys' Home to School Transport Policy, transport will be provided to a learners nearest suitable or catchment school. However, we are unable to include areas from outside Powys into our catchment areas.</p>

	<p>full access there- so why should it be different for education? I feel it is important for consistency in education to be able to follow the same curriculum throughout school life.</p> <p>This won't happen if transport costs prevents this. If my son isn't able to access Llanfyllin high school due to accessibility and inequality compared to his peers why was he allowed to attend a Welsh Primary school? I hope this is resolved.</p>	
326	<p>Ysgol Llanfyllin: I live at xxxxx. My front door falls within the catchment of Llanfyllin school, and my son attends Carreghofa where he is taught some Welsh. I would like for him to go to a Welsh secondary school so he continues learning Welsh, but as our house falls just outside of the catchment we would have to pay for the bus which isn't affordable. His school friends who live directly opposite get a free bus but we cannot</p>	<p>All learners, parents and carers are able to make a preference for any school they feel most suitable. Based on Powys' Home to School Transport Policy, transport will be provided to a learner's nearest suitable or catchment school. However, we are unable to include areas from outside Powys into our catchment areas.</p>
327	<p>Ysgol Llanfyllin: I wish my children who are attending Carreghofa school to go to LLANFYLLIN High school, though they will be allowed to go as they are both adopted, I would have to pay for each child to go on the bus which is over £200 per child, and even then they are not guaranteed a space. I am a staff nurse at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital so it is impossible for me to get my children there and get to work on time so taking them myself is not an option.</p> <p>I believe because of the current ruling I have in fact no choice where to send my child. Both my children have had a bad start to their lives so their education is important to me and LLANFYLLIN instills my children's Welsh heritage that their catchment school of Marches does not.</p> <p>I only wish you as a council would scrap the ridiculous rules in transport to school to actually enable parents to send their children to the school they actually want to see their children to attend.</p>	<p>The Council notes your comment</p>
328	<p>Ysgol Llanfyllin:</p>	<p>Please see response reference number 321 above.</p>

	The Llanfyllin catchment should be extended up to Pant and across the road at the Llanymynech crossroads to the roundabout. This would included children studying at Carreghofa who have access to the Welsh curriculum, thry can continue their education through this curriculum.	
329	Ysgol Llanfyllin: Not sure why Meifod is not included in this catchment. It is the closest school.	Please see response reference 299 above.
330	Ysgol Llanfyllin: I live in Llandrinio and we are not covered by any catchment area according to the map. I have had 3 daughters attend Ysgol Llanfyllin and have my youngest due to leave Bryn Hafren Summer 2023	All learners, parents and carers are able to make a preference for any school they feel most suitable. Based on Powys' Home to School Transport Policy, transport will be provided to a learners nearest suitable or catchment school. However, we are unable to include areas from outside Powys into our catchment areas. We will review the catchment map to identify any potential issues.
331	Ysgol Llanfyllin: We live in Meifod this should be part of the Llynfyllin catchment particularly as closer than Ardleen!	Please see response reference 299 above.
332	Ysgol Llanfyllin: Llangynog Community Council does not support the catchment area changes for secondary schools How can this be a valid consultation when no maps were provided,when asked, showing the present catchment areas?! Splitting the community of Llanwddyn / Llanfihangel into two secondary catchments is unfair. It will have a detrimental effect of community cohesiveness. We are most concerned that if the proposals went ahead then Welsh medium provision at Ysgol Llanfyllin would decline / or be removed. This would then mean that many families in the Penybontfawr / Llangynog area would either not be able to educate their children through medium of Welsh for their	All learners, parents and carers are able to make a preference for any school they feel most suitable. Based on Powys' Home to School Transport Policy, transport will be provided to a learners nearest suitable or catchment school. Consideration will be given to which primary and then secondary catchment area primary phase learners from Llanwddyn and Llanfihangel will be located. This will be based on nearest suitable school with minor amendments made for local geography and topography.

	<p>secondary phase which would be a shame after having a first-class primary Welsh medium education at Pennant, or many would drive to Bala for Welsh secondary education (just as they do for daily football etc at the moment - so it wouldn't be too much of an issue!)</p> <p>School buses will be criss-crossing the community of Llanwddyn - buses going to one school will be driving past children waiting for a bus to another school!</p> <p>The roads from Cownwy Valley / Llanfihangel/ Llanwddyn to Llanfair are not great at the best of times let alone through the winter months.</p>	
333	<p>Ysgol Llanfyllin: Pen-y-bont-fawr Community Council does not support the catchment area changes for secondary (or primary) schools</p> <p>How can this be a valid consultation when no maps were provided,when asked, showing the present catchment areas?!</p> <p>Splitting the community of Llanwddyn / Llanfihangel into two secondary catchments is unfair. It will have a detrimental effect of community cohesiveness.</p> <p>We are most concerned that if the proposals went ahead then Welsh medium provision at Ysgol Llanfyllin would decline / or be removed. This would then mean that many families in the Penybontfawr / Llangynog area would either not be able to educate their children through medium of Welsh which would be a shame after having a first-class primary Welsh medium education at Pennant, or many would drive to Bala for Welsh secondary education (just as they do for daily football etc at the moment - so it wouldn't be too much of an issue!)</p> <p>School buses will be criss-crossing the community of Llanwddyn -</p>	Please see response reference 332 above.

	buses going to one school will be driving past children waiting for a bus to another school!	
334	<p>Ysgol Llanfyllin: Llanwddyn community should not be divided into two secondary catchment areas. The idea of sending any to Llanfair doesn't make sense. The road between the two places is difficult in the summer let alone in the autumn/winter. It might be a shorter distance as the crow flies between the likes of Cownwy valley and Llanfair but the journey time would be substantially longer to Llanfair rather than Llanfyllin.</p> <p>If this is part of a plan to cut Welsh medium provision at Llanfyllin, please be aware that those of us in the North of the county ie Ysgol Pennant catchment, would travel to Bala for Welsh medium education rather than trek to Llanfair or stay at Llanfyllin and just have English medium education. Travel time is such an important factor to factor in. It is really important that the needs of the children are considered.</p>	Please see response reference 332 above.
335	<p>Ysgol Llanfyllin: For English medium education Bryn Hafren is shown as a feeder school for Llanfyllin. However, if pupils from the same catchment want to study through the medium of Welsh they will have to go to primary school in Welshpool, and secondary school in Caereinion. This makes no sense when they could complete both their primary and secondary education in Llanfyllin where, at least for their secondary education they would be able to mix with their peers from the same community and share the same school transport. This would be far better for friendships and community cohesion. It would also reduce transport costs as there would already be a bus running from Crew Green to Llanfyllin. There is no bus to Caereinion. Far from encouraging more pupils to learn through the medium of Welsh I believe that providing free transport only to Caereinion will have the opposite effect.</p> <p>I also believe that it is a mistake expecting pupils from the Llandysilio and Arddleen catchments to travel to Caereinion to access Welsh medium secondary education. It is a long way to</p>	Please see response reference 332 above.

	<p>travel and this community has never had links to Caereinion. People from this area do have links with Llanfyllin and many travel to the GP practice there. When I was making my own decision about which school to send my children to I would not have chosen a Welsh medium education for them if I had known that they would have to travel to Caereinion rather than Llanfyllin. Again, I fear that this proposal would result in fewer children completing their education through the medium of Welsh, not more.</p>	
336	<p>Ysgol Llanfyllin: Llanfyllin is a dual stream through school. The Welsh catchment is out of sync with the English. This needs to be rectified otherwise you will be increasing travel time for pupils to attend Llanfair for Welsh and vastly increasing transport costs. Money which is in short supply and should be used for increased learning experience and not wasted in unnecessary travel costs.</p>	Please see response reference 299 above.
337	<p>Ysgol Llanfyllin: You have designated areas such as crew green and four crosses in the Welsh medium Llanfair catchment. Crew green is in the Llanfyllin catchment for English and four crosses should be. Llanfyllin is a dual stream school. These areas should be in the Llanfyllin catchment. Financially it makes sense on so many levels eg bus costs as well as travel time for pupils and potentially increased Welsh medium children in the dual stream.</p>	There are different catchment maps for the English stream at Ysgol Llanfyllin and Bro Caereinion and the Welsh stream. We will review to ensure that they are accurate according to nearest suitable provision.
338	<p>Ysgol Llanfyllin: On behalf of Ysgol Meifod (as Headteacher) I would like to raise the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The majority of pupils go to Ysgol Llanfyllin (High) <p>Figures last year / this year / Oswestry (loose from Powys)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This proposed map clearly shows Ysgol Meifod is in the Caereinion cluster when it has a large area and was split between the 2 schools until now. 	Please see response reference 299 above.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meifod is the only English Medium school in Caereinion cluster – Are we in the correct cluster of schools? • Transport costs are a concern. As parents we are concerned about the map not showing Ysgol Meifod in the Llanfyllin catchment and therefore transport costs arising for some of our children, who live in the Caereinion area of the map. • We are concerned about the future loss of 6th form places. As pupils not having free transport to Llanfyllin may result in pupils moving across the border into Shropshire for this provision. 	
339	<p>Ysgol Llanfyllin: Ysgol Meifod is clearly in Llanfair Caereinion Catchment according to this document and proposed catchment maps. But, more than half of our children go to Ysgol Llanfyllin for their high school provision. This is very concerning as Ysgol Meifod is currently considered in both catchments. This change and the catchment maps change will have enormous financial impact on the parents of Ysgol Meifod who choose to send their children to Ysgol Llanfyllin in the future.</p> <p>We wish Ysgol Meifod to be considered to be in both catchments especially as Ysgol Meifod is the odd one out in the Caereinion catchment (the only all English-speaking primary) and if Bro Caereinion does become a category 2a or full Welsh speaking school then no-one from Ysgol Meifod will go there. This document and proposed catchment maps therefore put Ysgol Meifod and it's future in jeopardy.</p> <p>We request receipt and consideration of this response,</p>	Please see response reference 299 above.
340	<p>Ysgol Llanfyllin: I am emailing as part of the Powys School Consultation process.</p> <p>My son currently attends Carreghofa Primary School (Year 4) and we are looking ahead to the future and which Secondary School we would like him to attend.</p> <p>At the moment we would prefer that he went to Llanfyllin High</p>	Please see response reference 330 above.

	<p>School, but looking at the catchment area we are a few hundred yards outside of the catchment. We live on the border in Llanymynech (SY22 6HB) and are just on the English side. The concern we have is that he would be unable to attend Llanfyllin and he would not be eligible for the school bus.</p> <p>So I would be grateful if it might be possible to forward my opinion that extending the catchment area to enable young people who live on (or just on the English side of the border) would be very beneficial.</p>	
341	<p>Ysgol Llanfyllin: In terms of commenting on the catchment area part of this public consultation, we reside a very small distance from the England, Wales border in Llanymynech. Our children have embraced the Welsh system by attending (youngest still does) Carreghofa Primary School which is the village school in this community, with the other nearby school Bryn Offa in Pant being full at the time anyway due to Covid restrictions, bubbles etc. and our other catchment area school on the English side being Trefonen which was simply unrealistic compared to an established school right on our doorstep, where our children can mix with all the other children from their village.</p> <p>As they made their friends and started to learn the Welsh language, as well as the Welsh system already understanding and coping with the additional needs of our eldest son, the sensible choice was to continue within that system and attend Ysgol Llanfyllin. As we live that short distance over the border we are obliged to pay over £240 a term, despite him leaving from the very same bus stop, but just walking an extra few yards to the other pupils.</p> <p>A small change to encompass both sides of our Llanymynech village would ensure that kids going to school together are not penalised financially when they want to continue their education</p>	Please see response reference 330 above.

	<p>in the Welsh system, which to be absolutely honest suits our two children down to the ground, and we are more than happy for them to learn Welsh especially as living in a border town, we are immersed in both. We are seriously having to consider, given all the current financial crisis going on, whether our youngest child who also wants to continue in the Welsh system is viable when you have to account for £580 per term.</p>	
342	<p>Ysgol Pennant: Llangynog Community Council does not support the proposed catchment area changes for Primary schools</p> <p>Dividing the very rural community of Llanwddyn/ Cownwy into three primary catchments is wrong. It will have a detrimental effect on community cohesiveness.</p> <p>We are most concerned that if the proposals went ahead then numbers at Ysgol Pennant would decline which could result in the closure of our local school leaving no Welsh medium primary provision for our children. Not what Welsh Government targets are striving for!</p> <p>School buses will be criss-crossing the community of Llanwddyn - buses going to one school will be driving past children waiting for a bus to another school - where's the logic in this?</p>	Please see response reference 332 above.
343	<p>Ysgol Pennant: Pen-y-bont-fawr Community Council does not support the catchment area changes</p> <p>How can this be a valid consultation when no maps were provided,when asked, showing the present catchment areas?!</p> <p>Splitting the community of Llanwddyn into three primary catchments is unfair. It will have a detrimental effect of community cohesiveness.</p>	Please see response reference 332 above.

	<p>We are most concerned that if the proposals went ahead, numbers at Ysgol Pennant, Penybontfawr would be affected which could ultimately mean a reduction of numbers of children educated through the medium of Welsh in the area of Ysgol Pennant were to close due to falling NOR.</p> <p>School buses will be criss-crossing the community of Llanwddyn - buses going to one school will be driving past children waiting for a bus to another school!</p>	
344	<p>Ysgol Pennant: It seems wrong that tge Llanwddyn community is proposed to be split into three primary school catchments and two secondary school catchments! This doesn't make sense - there will be school buses crossing each others paths and passing children waiting for a bus to a different school! Llanwddyn was promised transport to either llanfyllin or ysgol Pennant when its own school was closed. These proposals could have a negative affect on the numbers at Ysgol Pennant and at Ysgol Llanfyllin.... Is this the aim of PCC - judging by their track record, possibly so? Is this part of the plan to remove secondary welsh medium provision from Llanfyllin? Many pupils from ysgol Pennant would end up travelling to Bala for Welsh secondary education rather than making the ridiculously long journey to Llanfair. Hopefully, this is just an oversight and all those children in the Llanwddyn / dyffryn Cownwy / lake Vyrnwy area will get transport to either Pennant or Llanfyllin.</p>	Please see response reference 332 above.
345	<p>Ysgol Pennant: The catchment area for ysgol pennant doesnt include further than abertridwr. There are a number if children outside this catchment area who are already in pennant school, or will ge going in future! It is not right, that they are no longer showing in the catchment area. This is the area they are from and where their friends and</p>	Please see response reference 332 above.

	community are. They shouldnt be moved to another catchment area that they are not familiar with!	
346	<p>Ysgol Pennant: I don't understand why you are excluding areas that would naturally fall in to the catchments area of Ysgol Pennant (based on logistics and the past agreement / promise made when closing Llanwddyn school). It's not just about drawing a line on a map you need to address the transportation issues that will be caused by this.I fear that there is a bigger agenda here that we are not being made aware of.</p> <p>With all due respect Ysgol Pontrobert is a very small school (based on numbers & capacity) and somehow it is avoiding any mention of closure during school restructuring and seems to be getting an increased catchment area. Yes it's a Welsh medium school but so is Ysgol Pennant which carries far greater pupil numbers. We have already successfully fought off an unjustified school closure but I can see that this is going to be another method to get this raised again.</p> <p>Some of the areas you are dividing up would also have progressed to Llanfyllin High School but Banw & Pontrobert (majority) pupils normally transfer to Llanfair Caereinion High School</p>	Please see response reference 332 above.
347	<p>Ysgol Pennant: Mae dalgylch yr Ysgol fel y dangoswyd yn yr ymgynghoriad yn LLAI na'r presennol. Yn ogystal â gadael rhannau o bentref Llanwddyn allan o dalgylch yr ysgol, rydych yn ei gwtogi ar ochrau tuag at Lanfyllin a Llanrhaeadr ym Mochnant. Mae hyn yn gyrru fi i feddwl bod hyn yn rhan o Gynllun Powys i gau Ysgol Pennant. Powys Agored a Blaengar? Na, dwi ddim yn meddwl!</p>	Please see response reference 332 above.
348	Ysgol Pennant:	Please see response reference 332 above.

	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am writing to you in regards to Powys County Council's Welsh medium primary catchments, i'm disappointed to see that the catchment area is being changed. I live in Llanwyddyn and have three children aged 9, 7 and 4. My children are all enrolled at Ysgol Pennant, Penybont Fawr. My eldest son is in year 4 and my daughter is in year 2 and my youngest in the reception class. My children adore their school as do we their parents. The ethos and environment of the school is a happy and well balanced one and our children have developed confidence and benefited greatly from their time there. We are incredibly lucky and proud to have such a wonderful and successful school within our local community.</p> <p>We as a part of Llanwyddyn community were promised when the school closed here that Ysgol pennant was for our children. PCC made that statement themselves when they closed Ysgol Llanwyddyn.</p> <p>Transport journeys would take longer for some children. A primary aged child shouldn't be on a bus no longer than 40 minutes</p> <p>PCC again you are going against their own policies .</p> <p>Penybont Fawr is our neighboring village where we shop and socialize and we are all familiar faces and a larger community so it only seems</p> <p>right that all children from Llanwddyn can remain travelling to Ysgol Pennant. (Ysgol Pennant is for the children of Llanwyddyn)</p> <p>Secondary school - My children will go to Llanfyllin High school as that is the closest secondary school in our area, and will be going with Friends, children from school and our community, Which will help make the transition a more pleasant experience.</p> <p>Please consider the above points when reading my letter as we strongly and firmly believe that Ysgol Pennant has a big role to play in our children's future and the future of the local community,</p>	
349	Ysgol Pennant:	Please see response reference 332 above.

Ysgol Pennant is an 80 pupil strong Primary school and the largest 1st language welsh medium primary school in the in the Llanfyllin catchment> The proposed catchment doesn't offer scope for expansion and looks to split the area surrounding llanwyddin into 3 catchments, this is potentially harmful to future pupil numbers in a thriving school with the highest Estyn results of its neighbouring primary schools. Ysgol Pennat provides Llanfyllin High school with 1 of the largest cohorts of Welsh Speaking children who continue their welsh medium education in Llanfyllin., Following the closure of Llanwyddyn Primary school, promises and assurances were given by Powys county Council that pupils would have free transport to their preferred school, Ysgol Pennant. Due to historical habits and the rural geography, people living in the area between llanwyddydn and Banwy and Llanwyddyn and Pont Robert tend to mostly travel on the roads to Penybontfawr / Llanfyllin, with many having their families registered with llanfyllin group medical practice and having formerly attended llanfyllin high school.To remove the free transport of pupils to their preferred Primary school and offer others which would see them attend a primary school then a high school (llanfair) again away from there preferred or more obvious area llanfyllin seems to go against what you are trying to achieve. This could lead to mini buses of children criss crossing each other on their journeys to & from school, and divide children of wide spread rural communties who would naturally come together at a typical focul point, i.e. the school itself or events organised by it, between multiple schools, and see the parent communtiy, who would naturally bond together over their childrens shared school, split in a very damaging way, it could impact on their sense of "Hiraeth" or belonging.I would urge you to reconsider the implecations to the future pupil numbers of a success story of a school like Ysgol Pennant, it should be championed and encouraged to flourish not see its catchement eroded in favour of smaller further away schools, outside of the typical geography the people of llanwyddyn and surrounds frequent. It bears repeating that this kind of division coming from a lack of local knowledge can

	<p>also deeply impact rural communities who rely on the social focus of a school to bring them together, forming life long links, fostering a sense of belonging and the community that springs up around a school often compliments the wider community. I urge you to take up further discussions with the Community Councils of the affected areas of Llanwyddyn, Penybontfawr & Llangynog as they will be able to offer detailed geographical references to better evidence the issues I have mentioned.</p>	
350	<p>Ysgol Pennant: The boundaries shown will impact on the provision of school transport affecting a number of pupils who are part of the nurturing Welsh medium provision at Ysgol Pennant - creating upheaval and disruption to their education.</p>	Please see response reference 332 above.
351	<p>Ysgol Pennant: To whom it may concern ,</p> <p>I have still not received a reply for my previous email regarding the consultations for catchment areas with transport . This was two days ago...and I am aware other parents have received a reply .</p> <p>As stated in my first email , my sons attend Ysgol Pennant , Penybontfawr. We live in the area of Llanwyddyn, SY10 0NJ - therefore under the Llanfyllin catchment and well within our rights of having school transport as we live 7.4 miles from Ysgol Pennant .</p> <p>Under this new catchment area we are under banwy/Llanfair area (no sense at all , as these areas are further from the Llanfyllin catchment) To Penybontfawr it takes us 20 minutes , to Banwy or Llanfair it is 30-35 minutes . I sincerely hope PCC do not expect me to take my children to Penybontfawr each day due to this new catchment area . Moving schools is not an option , period . I will not send my sons to a school that they have no personal connection with .</p>	Please see response reference 332 above.

	<p>My eldest son is due to start Llanfyllin high school in September therefore he will need a minibus to the main high school bus ...which is what is being done now.</p> <p>I cannot fathom how ridiculous this consultation is! Do PCC know the area of Llanwyddn at all? Leave things how they are , you are destroying small communities bit by bit by idiotic consultation such as these!</p> <p>And once again , we have had school transport from Blaen Cownwy (our address) to Ysgol Pennant for nearly the last forty years..I will fight PCC all the way with this consultation!</p>	
352	<p>Ysgol Pennant: I'm concerned having been a Llanwddyn resident all my life that pupils from the Cownwy Valley will now be expected to go to Banwy. They are a part of our community. I certainly don't feel that it's acceptable to cut our community and expect children to move school or their parents will have to drive them to Pennant. This certainly needs to be looked at again and perhaps a site visit would be a good idea to fully understand our circumstances.</p>	Please see response reference 332 above.
353	<p>Ysgol Pennant: Stop trying to destroy our communities, children from this area will be going from their normal school to a completely new and unfamiliar environment, they have made life long freinds of which they would never see. Please reconcider the catchment area for the blaen Cownwy.</p>	Please see response reference 332 above.
354	<p>Ysgol Pennant: Ysgrifennaf i ddatgan syndod at y newid ffiniau a fydd yn rhannu dalgylch yr hen ysgol Efyrynwy yn dri. Nid oes problem gyda'r ffin cyfredol ac felly nid oes angen ei newid. Cystal ag y mae ysgolion Cwm Banwy a Pontrobert nid yw ffyrdd yr ardal yn cynnig trafndiaeth hawdd i'r ysgolion hynny. Ffocws naturiol y gymuned gan gynnwys Cwm Cownwy i'r gorllewin, Maes Dyfnant i'r de ac mor bell a chyffordd B4393/B4395 i'r</p>	Please see response reference 332 above.

Dwyrain, ydy pentref Llanwddyn/Abertridwr. Felly mae hi wedi bod erioed ac fe ddylid cynnal a meithrin y gymuned honno. Gwneir hyn drwy gludo plant bach yr ardal fel uned i Ysgol Pennant a phlant hŷn yr ardal fel uned i Ysgol Llanfyllin. Mae'r cynllun newydd digynsail hwn yn ceisio rhannu'r gymuned rhwng tair ysgol gynradd a dwy ysgol uwchradd. Cynllun i rannu cymuned a chynyddu costau diangen ydy hwn gyda dim manteision addysgol.

Disgwyliaf drafodaeth gyda swyddogion yn lleol oni bai bod y ffiniau cyfredol yn cael eu hail osod fel ag y maent.

Yn Gywir
Bryn Davies
Cynghorydd Sir Powys County Council
Ward Llanwddyn

Change of Ysgol Pennant catchment boundaries in the Llanwddyn area.

I write to express surprise at the change of boundaries that will divide the former Ysgol Efyrynwy catchment area in three. There is no problem with the current boundary and so there is no need to change it.

As good as both Ysgol Cwm Banwy and Ysgol Pontrobert are, the road network does not offer sensible Transport routes to these Schools.

The natural focus of the Community from Cwm Cownwy to the west, Maes Dyfnant to the south and the B4393/B4395 junction to the east is the village of Llanwddyn/Abertridwr. It has always been so and this community deserves to be maintained and nourished. This is done by transporting the youngest children as a unit to Ysgol Pennant and the older children as a unit to Ysgol Llanfyllin.

This new unprecedented proposal aims to divide the Community between three primary Schools and two secondary Schools. It is a plan to divide a Community and increase costs un-necessarily with no educational benefits.

	I expect local discussions with officers regarding this plan unless the current catchment boundaries are reinstated as they are.	
355	<p>Ysgol Pennant: To whom it may concern ,</p> <p>I'm extremely concerned with the catchment area planning for school transport . With this recent consultation our address is coming under the Llanfair/Banwy school catchment , my sons are in Ysgol Pennant , Penybontfawr and my Eldest will be attending Llanfyllin high school this September .</p> <p>I sincerely hope Powys County Council don't expect me to travel with four children every day because of this new catchment planning , it is ridiculous!</p> <p>We live on the Cowny road of Llanwyddn , SY10 0NJ! For the last 40 years Powys county council have provided transport to Ysgol Pennant from our address (my husband being one of those children) so why change it now? I will fight Powys County council all the way with this issue if this changes were to effect us! We live 7.4 miles from Ysgol Pennnat so my children have every right for school transport from our door step to Ysgol Pennant!</p> <p>You have let me and the community down by getting rid of the 4x4 transport four years ago , and now this consultation has enraged me in every possible way!</p>	Please see response reference 332 above.
356	<p>Ysgol Pennant: I notice from your consultation document that the catchment area which was previously served by Ysgol Efyrrwy, Llanwddyn, is now being split between 3 schools viz. Ysgol Pennant, Ysgol Pontrobert and Ysgol Cwm Banwy. Since the closure of Ysgol Efyrrwy [of which I am a former Chair of Governors] in 2009, pupils from Llanwddyn and the surrounding area, who would previously have attended Ysgol Efyrrwy, have been allocated places in Ysgol Pennant, an arrangement which has worked well. I therefore</p>	Please see response reference 332 above.

	<p>suggest that the current catchment area of Ysgol Pennant be retained including all homesteads east of Llanwddyn to the junction of the B4395 and B4393 and south of Llanwddyn to Maes Dyfnant.</p> <p>I should also like you to consider the likely effect of changing the current primary on the future secondary catchment areas for pupils from Llanwddyn in that, those attending Ysgol Cwm Banwy or Ysgol Pontrobert will be expected to attend Ysgol Bro Caereinion, whereas those attending Ysgol Pennant will be expected to attend Ysgol Llanfyllin, creating the prospect of [mini-]buses cross-crossing each other on the local roads in order to take pupils from neighbouring homes to different schools. Llanfyllin is far more accessible to pupils and their parents than Llanfair Caereinion and it has, crucially, the medical practice which serves every pupil in the Llanwddyn area.</p> <p>It is difficult to convey the negative effect of your proposals simply by completing this form so I look forward to a site visit from your officers at the earliest opportunity.</p>	
357	<p>Ysgol Pennant: Just writing to express my opinion on the catchment area change.</p> <p>I'm just sending my concerns over the village of Llanwddyn. I don't quite understand the need to change it? Also the random choice to send one part of the community to Banwy/Llanfair direction.</p> <p>Not an expert's on the roads around there and can't vouch for the condition of them either however probably not the safest or quickest route for the children?</p> <p>The village of Llanwddyn is where those children would go to be part of a community so they need to continue to be sent to the same school as the village.</p>	Please see response reference 332 above.
358	Ysgol Pennant:	Please see response reference 332 above.

	<p>I have still not received a reply for my previous email regarding the consultations for catchment areas with transport . This was tow days ago...and I am aware other parents have received a reply .</p> <p>As stated in my first email , my sons attend Ysgol Pennant , Penybontfawr. We live in the area of Llanwyddn, SY10 0NJ - therefore under the Llanfyllin catchment and well within our rights of having school transport as we live 7.4 miles from Ysgol Pennant .</p> <p>Under this new catchment area we are under banwy/llanfair area (no sense at all , as these areas are further from the Llanfyllin catchment) To Penybontfawr it takes us 20 minutes , to Banwy or Llanfiar it is 30-35 minutes . I sincerely hope PCC do not expect me to take my children to Penybontfawr each day due to this new catchment area . Moving schools is not an option , period . I will not send my sons to a school that they have no personal connection with .</p> <p>My eldest son is due to start Llanfyllin high school in September therefore he will need a minibus to the main high school bus ...which is what is being done now.</p> <p>I cannot fathom how ridiculous this consultation is! Do PCC know the area of Llanwyddn at all? Leave things how they are , you are destroying small communities bit by bit by idiotic consultation such as these!</p> <p>And once again , we have had school transport from Blaen Cownwy (our address) to Ysgol Pennant for nearly the last forty years..I will fight PCC all the way with this consultation!</p>	
359	<p>Ysgol Pennant: I am emailing with regards to the proposed plans to change school transport from Llanwyddyn. It has been linked to Banwy, and</p>	Please see response reference 332 above.

	<p>Pontrobert with regards to the transport links. This is ridiculous, there are many households from this area that use Ysgol Pennant, therefore they need the bus transport and are entitled to it!! Please please stop changing things!!!</p>	
360	<p>Ysgol Pennant: Another Llanwddyn mum here reiterating the feelings of others in the community re: potential cessation of transport to and from ysgol pennant/ llanwddyn.</p> <p>I would like to strongly voice my opposition to these proposals as providing my own transport to and from school on certain days wouldn't be possible for us, and therefore Keira would need to be home schooled part of the week without being penalised for absence.</p> <p>I hope you understand our need for the transport to remain and I look forward to hearing from you soon.</p>	Please see response reference 332 above.
361	<p>Ysgol Pennant: I strongly object to the proposals in the above document. Ysgol Pennant is a thriving school which is the closest to Llanwddyn (6 miles) the other schools are 9.5miles and 12 miles away. We are talking about young children who should be schooled as close to their home and friend network as possible. Sending children from 1 small area to 3 different schools is ludicrous, that's 3 buses going in different directions twice a day which is no good for the environment. Free transport will only be provided if the child goes to the school linked to their home address and they will struggle forming long term friendships close to home if they are going to different schools.</p>	Please see response reference 332 above.
362	<p>Ysgol Pennant: I am very concerned to learn about the proposed changes in the catchment area for Llanwyddn, and the associated free transport arrangements. Llanwyddn has always had strong links with Ysgol Pennant in Penybontfawr and it would be counter-productive to place Llanwyddn in a catchment area relating to the Banwy Valley.</p>	Please see response reference 332 above.

<p>There are Llanwyddn children already happily enjoying their schooling in Ysgol Pennant and it would be terrible if their free transport service was removed. Also if any of their siblings were then only allowed to go to Banwy Valley schools it would make life extremely difficult for the parents. Anyone who understands the geographical nature of the area would realise that Llanwyddn is much better served by Ysgol Pennant than by Banwy Valley or Llanfair Caereinion.</p>	
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