

## Non-Technical Project Summary

### Introduction

Asbri Planning Ltd has been appointed to undertake this 28 day consultation exercise on behalf of Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council. The consultation is being undertaken in advance of the submission of a formal planning application for various alterations and additions to Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Aberdar.

### Site Location/Description

The school site is located within the village of Cwmdare, on the north western side of Aberdare. It is within a residential area, surrounded by housing to the immediate south, west and east, and by Bryndar Community Home to the north. To the west the school is bordered by Laburnum Drive and to the east by Cherry Drive and Cherry Court. Further to the east is Aberdare park.

The existing school site comprises an existing building, constructed in 2003 and an additional 2 classroom demountable unit, installed in 2006. The existing buildings on site are considered insufficient to meet plans for future expansion at the school. The school's current capacity is 372 pupils, plus 60 nursery places.

### Proposals

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council wish to extend educational provision at Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Aberdar. The proposal comprises the construction of a part two storey, part single storey extension to facilitate classroom and hall extensions together with a new purpose-built, fully accessible Welsh medium childcare facility and car park extension. The proposal aims to increase the school capacity to 420 pupils, plus 60 nursery places. The existing demountable units are proposed to be removed following the construction works.

The proposal also includes an additional hard surface play area. This will replace part of an existing grass playing field area to the south of the school buildings, that the school is unable to use for much of the year due to the effects of poor weather conditions.

The existing school car park will be extended as part of the scheme. A parcel of council-owned land in the adjacent site of Bryndar Community Home has been identified for the extended school parking area. The total parking provision for the expanded school will be 42 car spaces. This amounts to an increase of 19 car spaces from the existing 23 spaces. Cycle parking provision is also proposed to increase as part of the development.

The main vehicular and pedestrian access to the site would remain via Laburnum Drive. It is proposed that an additional pedestrian access is provided on Cherry Court, solely for use by those children attending the Welsh medium childcare facility.

A Transport Statement was prepared to inform the proposals and this document is available for review as part of this consultation.

### Supporting Documents

As this is an early consultation exercise a number of technical reports are in the process of being prepared. These documents will be available for review as part of the formal planning application and will include:

- Design & Access Statement
- Ecology Report
- Tree Report
- Drainage Report
- Site Investigation
- Archaeological Report.

*Mae'r ddogfen yma ar gael yn y Gymraeg / This document is available in Welsh.*