

## **Proposal to build a new Glenboig Primary School**

**Public Meeting held Thursday 28 November 2024 in Glenboig Primary School**

**Notes/Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**Start 18:11**

**End 19:40**

### **Present:**

A Henry, Senior Education & Families Manager

M Dolan, Education & Families Manager

J Woodward, Acting Senior Education & Families Manager

L McBride, Education & Families Manager

C McCabe, Hub Strategy Manager

L Macpherson, Education Project Coordinator

D Lees, Education Project Coordinator

**Q Question**

**A Answer**

**S Statement**

MD welcomed stakeholders and introduced panel. MD explained the reason for the proposal and outlined the statutory process.

MD presented the proposal to staff including Educational Benefits.

CM presented proposed site for new build primary school and the process and timescales for a new build including the intelligent brief.

CM advised that the contractor will involve pupils in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) projects during the construction process . Parents and pupils will be involved in the design to

discuss ideas, visiting other schools and speaking with other children and staff who have previously been involved in new builds.

Current school opened in 2006, the same year as Glenboig and Gartcosh growth area was considered. The existing campus will be handed over to Our Lady and St Joseph's Primary School (OLSJ).

MD discussed previous new builds including Newmains/St Brigid's, Riverbank and Chryston Hubs. Visits can be arranged for staff to Chryston (PS) Hub due to similarities of this proposal.

MD reiterated this is a proposal, we have a statutory process to follow to gather feedback from stakeholders and present to Education Scotland and Committee prior to approval/non-approval.

MD opened the floor to questions:

**Questions:**

- Q** In the committee paper, current zoning advised catchment area is Chryston (HS) Hub it should be Coatbridge High School.
- A** We will rectify and log it as inaccuracy and omission.
- Q** How many houses will be built?
- A** Plan is for over 1,000 houses in the Glenboig area. The red-line boundary land currently being scoped for the new build has 210 houses allocated but will be reduced due to hub being situated there We want to build hub and also maximise space for housing. Approx 25 houses per hectare.
- Q** Will the new incoming road be for all traffic?
- A** The road and footpath will be upgraded including appropriate space for buses. However, everything depends on where hub is finally sited.
- Q** Are trees being cut down?
- A** This is part of planning application, but the expectation is that trees will be removed. Residential value for new build houses is in the flat areas. A full appraisal will be undertaken including a cost benefit analysis. At the end of the study a decision will be made where hub is located and where houses will be built.
- S** We want to know how it is going to be; we knew this would happen. At our back gates we have land then trees, we think the new build will come to our back gates.

- S** CM advised we are unable to answer at the moment, however you can take enquiry to North Lanarkshire Council regarding this if this proposal is approved. You have a right to observation on the planning application.
- S** MD advised we take cognisance to all information and feedback, and we will take this to elected members in a paper to seek approval if the consultation recommendations are as such. We have to go through statutory consultation which will, if approved, include planning.
- Q** Why is it a hub and not a school?
- A** We now build hubs to show use for full community and not just the school. Out with school hours the building can be used as a community hub. Very good community groups within this area and we want to compliment other agencies, not compete.
- The nursery will remain in Our Lady and St Joseph's Primary School (OLSJ PS) and LCSC provision which will be in Gartcosh Community Hub. The proposal replacing a primary school. Hubs are designed in a way that spaces can be locked off for community but keep school bubble safe.
- Q** Outdoor provision, as I am interested because I am a football coach?
- A** We have a synthetic pitch on this site, we will liaise with Sport Scotland. We look at locality needs and if approved, we could look at a MUGA for proposed site.
- S** A concern is that there are numerous injuries on synthetic pitches.
- Q** Are Glenboig football team a stakeholder to be involved in discussions?
- A** We ask colleagues in Communities to invite stakeholders and that would be for colleagues that deal with those stakeholders on the list. Glenboig community trust will have direct links to NLC Communities Officers.
- Q** If more houses are built it will put pressure on Nursery. Are there plans for future provision?
- A** Nursery centre can offer mixed models within this setting and as some of you may be aware it sometimes it costs more for council space than private sector space, if we add too many spaces, this could suggest we are then competing. Need to wait for demand due to house building.
- Q** Is nursery part of Gartcosh hub?
- A** Yes
- S** MD advised the overall school population in North Lanarkshire Council has dropped by 900 pupils over the last ten years. The number of primary school pupils is decreasing

and the number of secondary school pupils is increasing. Therefore, there will be spikes of pupils within year groups.

- S** CM explained we have projected for next 20-30 years. There is a drop in under 16 and over 65 population. School numbers are dropping, increase is in growth due to new housing developments. For every 10 houses built we get 3 children. We keep flexibility and have good modelling and we are confident both schools will cope with long term projections.
- Q** Probability of a building site near 'live' school whilst hub and houses are being built together?
- A** CM advised that is not seen as a risk. We have current construction builds within close proximity of other buildings. Our contractors are experienced in health and safety and only undertake tasks at relevant times.
- Q** What will the access be to the hub, there is no pavement from my housing estate currently?
- A** There will be active travel links including upgrades to roads, including 4 metre paths to allow pedestrians and cyclists to travel. We are subject to the same the rules as a contractor. If we are told to connect paths, we will do this. This will be part of planning applications and how they want us to link active travel plans. We have 'outside red line boundary' plans and if there is an ask to look at other issues out with the original contract we will.
- Q** Is there plans to build new houses at the park?
- A** Any area within red line boundary with a sustainable urban drainage system is within plan. We can't put any more strain on the network. However just because red line boundary is there, this does not mean it will all be housing.
- Q** Will there be more entrances and pedestrian crossings?
- A** This will be part of the intelligent brief. I am confident our planning colleagues will ensure there is access to the hub as quick as possible.
- Q** Why no swimming facilities? School currently pays to bus children to swimming.
- A** NLC has sports strategy which directs the swimming pool agenda within NLC. NLC previously had some swimming pools situated within secondary schools but they were removed.
- Q** Will there be provision for Additional Support needs pupils?
- A** There will be an LCSC provision within the new Gartcosh hub.
- S** It is positive to hear it's not fully open plan.

- Q** Are we doing away with the forest? Nursery do utilise it and want to keep in mind other stakeholders?
- S** Glenboig Hub is absolutely needed, however where it is situated it may interfere with the forest area and wider community.
- S** MD provided clarification of difference between forest and forest schools.
- Q** Will you remove the only forest in the area?
- A** We would ask you to give this feedback as part of the consultation. If you have concerns or want this proposal to be approved. We would ask you to raise this through the formal/feedback process.
- S** CM advised we are technically splitting the campus but still working as a team, the nursery is a community link between both schools.
- S** MD stated that we have approval to seek to go out to consultation, need to go back to committee for approval or refusal to go ahead.
- Q** Can nursery staff respond to consultation?
- A** Yes, anyone can.
- S** MD encouraged everyone to raise valid points including the positive, through this proposal and we will listen to all stakeholders.
- S** Stakeholder raised that “In my opinion this is done and dusted”.
- S** MD stated this is not a done deal, this is a process with statutory requirements. This is an opportunity to raise your concerns.
- Q** Were OLSJ and nursery consulted?
- A** Email was sent to Headteacher to cascade to staff and parent/carers. OLSJ Headteacher confirmed that they had cascaded the email to all staff, parents and carers.
- Q** If trees are knocked down, are they replaced by replanting?
- A** This would be a Planning Department decision.
- Q** Is it private or social houses?
- A** CM Housing Department will decide this after feasibility study. It could be a mix. We have quotas on how many houses we want to build as a local authority.
- Q** What is plan B if proposal is not accepted?

- A** We would need to understand objection and then deal with that. It depends on what the objection is.
- S** MD advised elected members to have given approval to go to consultation. When all stages have been visited, we will be able to answer on specifics based on information we have or able to ascertain.
- Q** Is the issue that the current school may be over capacity by 2026 by a third?
- A** We will work with colleagues and establishment to manage and monitor.

MD asked if there were any further questions or any comments. MD asked if everyone was in agreement, and that there were no further queries during the formal part of this public consultation that we would end the meeting early. All agreed and MD stated that if there were any questions that they felt could be voiced officers would be here to answer and advise.

MD closed the presentation and thanked everyone for their time and encouraged all stakeholders to fill in the feedback forms or via email address. Confirmed presentation, notes of meeting/FAQs will be updated on website by 5 December 2024.