
Report to Council

Date of Meeting: 23 March 2023

**Subject: Consultation Report - Proposal on the permanent relocation
of Lochies Primary School**

Report by: Senior Manager: Inclusion and Partnerships

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. This report provides information on the outcome of the formal consultation on the permanent relocation of Lochies Primary School.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1. On 06 October 2022, Council agreed that the new site for the permanent relocation of Lochies School , Gartmorn Road, Sauchie, FK10 3PB should be at The Pavilions, Alloa West. This decision was subject to the outcome of the formal consultation. It is recommended that Council notes the outcome of the formal consultation on the permanent relocation of Lochies School. This is a proposed new build, with an indicative opening date of August 2026.

3.0 Considerations

3.1. Background

- 3.1.1 At the Meeting of Clackmannanshire Council on 06 October 2022 it was agreed that, a statutory consultation process on the proposed permanent relocation of Lochies Primary School to Alloa West, The Pavilions should be undertaken.
- 3.1.2 The consultation required to be a formal consultation under the Schools Consultation (Scotland) Act 2010, as amended by the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 and focused on the educational benefits of the proposal.
- 3.1.3 Following the decision detailed in paragraph 3.1.1, the Council undertook a formal consultation.
- 3.1.4 Copies of the consultation document, were distributed to all parents, carers and staff from Lochies Primary School. Copies were also made available on the Council website.

- 3.1.5 The consultation document was also sent to Alloa Community Council, Sauchie and Fishcross Community Council, all councillors and identified Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS) and UNISON representatives.
- 3.1.6 Two formal consultation meetings were held with staff from Lochies Primary School on 16 November 2022.
- 3.1.7 A formal consultation meeting was held with parents/carers from Lochies Primary School on 23 November 2022.
- 3.1.8 As required by The Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, as amended by the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014, a statutory consultation was held. Education Scotland were invited and attended. This took place on 30 November 2022 at Lochies Primary School.

3.2 Outcome of the consultation

- 3.2.1 The consultation responses were gathered via Clackmannanshire Council's online consultation database, Citizen Space, which opened on 01 November 2022 and ran until 16 November 22. Postal responses were open until 05 January 2023.
- 3.2.2 There were 104 responses to the public consultation survey received online and no postal responses; 79% of respondents were in favour of the proposal, 21% of respondents were opposed to this proposal.
- 3.2.3 A report of the statutory consultation on the proposed relocation of Lochies Primary School was sent to Education Scotland – see **appendix 1**.
- 3.2.4 The consultation also gave people an opportunity to provide any further comments; these responses are detailed in **appendix 2**.

3.3 Education Scotland Report

- 3.3.1 As part of the statutory consultation, an officer from Education Scotland attended the public meeting. However, there were no members of the public in attendance. An officer from Education Scotland subsequently met with staff, parents, carers and children from Lochies Primary School.
- 3.3.2 Following this meeting, Education Scotland prepared a report on the consultation undertaken by Clackmannanshire Council to relocate Lochies Primary School. This is provided in **appendix 3**.
- 3.3.3 The summary of the report by Education Scotland concludes that the Council's proposal is of clear educational benefit for children and young people accessing Lochies Primary School.
- 3.3.4 In line with legislative requirements, a copy of the Education Scotland report was published on Clackmannanshire Council website on 1 March 2023.

Next Steps

- 3.3.5 In the report produced by Education Scotland (**appendix 3**), it is recommended that, should the proposal go ahead, the Council should continue to keep parents, staff and other stakeholders informed about progress of the new build. A programme of communication and co-creation with stakeholders is scheduled.
- 3.3.6 Education officers are aware of the perceived access challenges and transport to and from the proposed site for families. As part of the development process, the project team, which includes colleagues from across Council departments, will continue working hard to ensure solutions and alternatives to support families accessing the school and the wider site, are fully considered.

4.0 Sustainability Implications

4.1. Funding

- 4.1.1. The project may attain Learning Estate Investment Programme funding; hence the building would need to comply with metrics, which exceed the current minimum building standards. To receive 100% funding for this metric, the project would need to meet an energy target of 67-83kWh/m²/yr for core hour facilities. This operational energy target is comparable with typical new build Passivhaus schools.
- 4.1.2. Funding is provided based on a sliding scale for this metric. Consequently, although Passivhaus is not specified, it is implied by the 100% funding target. As can be seen from the table below, no funding is provided if the school exceeds 130kWh/m²/yr.

Energy Consumption kWh/sqm/p.a.	Energy Funding %
A 67- 83	100%
B 84- 99	90%
C 100 - 115	60%
D 116 -130	30%
E 131+	0%

- 4.1.3. This has resulted in several new schools in Scotland targeting Passivhaus to ensure their projects meet SFT metrics in order to achieve maximum funding.

Improved Environment Quality

- 4.2. Targeting higher standards aligns with wider environmental objectives and the primary function of the building – to support the health and wellbeing of children with severe and complex needs in a healthier learning environment. This will be done through the development of infection resilient environments, building on lessons learned from the pandemic. Applying Passivhaus principles or equivalent will facilitate this.
- 4.2.1. A massive priority for the school is the inclusion of easily accessible outdoor covered areas to allow pupils to benefit from the fantastic natural setting the site provides.

4.2.2. Targeting the highest building standards will ensure the best learning and teaching experience for pupils for the present and the future.

4.3. **Environmental Impact**

4.3.1. Specific energy performance targets will be attained which are further supported by embodied carbon targets, minimising environmental impact of the project.

4.3.2. Consideration will be given to the influence of smart building sensors on the health and wellbeing of pupils, while minimising environmental footprint and enabling shared spaces between Lochies School and the Wellbeing Hub.

4.3.3. Successful LEIP funding would require a zero emissions heating solution to be developed for the project that ensures no on-site emissions.

4.3.4. The collocation of the school with the Wellbeing Hub provides innovative opportunities to be investigated based on the differences in operating hours.

4.4. **Energy Savings**

4.4.1. Higher building standards will result in a more energy efficient building and resultant reduced running costs. These initial increased capital costs can be paid back through reduced revenue costs in operating the building.

4.4.2. The higher building standards result in a more environmentally and financially sustainable building as energy costs rise in future years.

4.4.3. The initial increased capital cost results in the best quality environment for the health and wellbeing of the pupils. In addition to achieving the primary function of the building, the increased building standards provide the added benefit of a 'payback' function through reduced revenue costs in the operation of the building. The weighting of the operational revenue costs of the building are likely to outweigh the capital build costs over the lifespan of the building.

4.4.4. Consequently, short term expenditure would result in long term gain in terms of environmental quality, user experience, building lifespan and operational costs.

Resource Implications

4.5. Funding for Lochies School relocation was agreed at Council on 9th March 2023.

4.6. Staffing – Staff have been consulted on the relocation of their school and if relocation approved, staff consultation will continue as planning progresses.

5.0 Exempt Reports

5.1. Is this report exempt?

Yes (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No

6.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

(1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box)

- Clackmannanshire will be attractive to businesses & people and ensure fair opportunities for all
- Our families; children and young people will have the best possible start in life
- Women and girls will be confident and aspirational, and achieve their full potential
- Our communities will be resilient and empowered so that they can thrive and flourish

(2) **Council Policies** (Please detail)

Clackmannanshire Council Corporate Plan 2017-2022

7.0 Equalities Impact

- 7.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?
Yes No

8.0 Legality

- 8.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes No

9.0 Appendices

Appendix 1: Clackmannanshire Council, Report of the Statutory Consultation on the Proposed Relocation of Lochies Primary School

Appendix 2: Public Consultation Comments

Appendix 3: Education Scotland, Report on the Statutory Consultation on the Proposed Relocation of Lochies Primary School

10.0 Background Papers

Consultation Paper - Report to Clackmannanshire Council, Subject: Lochies and Deerpark Primary schools Options Appraisal, 6 October 2022

The Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004 (amended 2009)

The Standards in Scotland Schools etc Act (2000)

The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

Scottish Government (2012) The Right Help at the Right Time in the Right Place
Strategic Review of Learning Provision for Children and young People with
Complex Additional Support Needs (The Doran Review), Scottish Government
(2008)

Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) UNESCO (2017) Education 2030
Agenda, UNESCO France

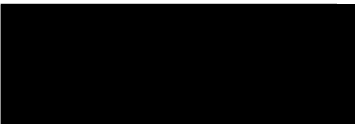
HundrED (2018) Every Child to Flourish

- 11.0 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)
Yes (please list the documents below) No

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**REPORT OF THE STATUTORY CONSULTATION
ON THE PROPOSED RELOCATION OF LOCHIES PRIMARY SCHOOL,
CLACKMANNASHIRE COUNCIL**

Tuesday 1st November 2022 until Friday 16th December 2022



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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to give information on:

- Clackmannanshire Council's proposal to relocate Lochies Primary School
- The Consultation Process
- Consultee Responses
- Note of the Public Meeting

1.2 SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

Clackmannanshire Council Education Services propose to:

- relocate Lochies Primary School to a purpose built accommodation at a site near The Pavilions Business Park, Alloa.
- This current proposal, if agreed and implemented, would result in Lochies Primary School occupying the new facility in August 2026.

1.3 BACKGROUND

Clackmannanshire Council Education Executive, at a meeting on 6 October 2022 approved Education Services proposal to commence formal consultation in relation to Lochies Primary School relocation.

During 2021-22 academic year, the Council undertook surveys of its entire learning estate and measured them against the criteria that Scottish Government use to ensure consistent reporting across Scotland of the condition and suitability of school buildings. Lochies Primary School was the only school in the Authority to be graded as a category D "unsatisfactory" in the suitability category. The condition of the building was assessed as being category C "poor". The reason for this is that the needs of children attending Lochies has changed with continued increases in severity and complexity of pupil's conditions. Children attending Lochies also require a significant amount of equipment to support their needs. Currently, the school has inadequate storage facilities to meet children's needs

Lochies and Deerpark Primary School currently share the same building. Lochies, located within a wing of Deerpark Primary School, has been retrofitted over many years to attempt to meet the changing needs of the pupils. The building was not designed to meet these needs and has reached a point where staff are meeting the needs of pupils but the building is making this increasingly challenging. This has resulted in one pupil having to attend a provision in another local authority. A new build Lochies would enrich the educational experience of pupils by providing equality, ensuring that the needs of all Clackmannanshire pupils can be met.

An outline planning application has been submitted for a housing development on the site of the former Carsebridge distillery and warehouse site which is mainly in the catchment area of Deerpark. This will mean that Deerpark primary will need additional accommodation. Lochies School also needs additional accommodation to meet the needs of its current pupils and the demand for additional spaces. Given



this, officers, partner colleagues and the design team have been considering a new site for Lochies. As Lochies pupils attend Alloa Academy EASN provision, the school is part of the Alloa cluster of schools so only new sites in the Alloa Academy catchment area were considered as potential new locations.

The council was successful in its application for Learning Estate Investment Programme funding. The project continues to be based on the development of a new school but also now includes alignment with the proposed Wellbeing Hub, which will be adjacent.

1.4 EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS OF RELOCATION

The proposal to relocate Lochies Primary School to the Pavilion, Alloa has clear educational benefits. The delivery of the curriculum at Lochies may look different to mainstream schools, as it is individualised to meet the specific needs of the children. Planning for learners with severe and complex needs is based on the Experiences and Outcomes from Curriculum for Excellence, with personalisation where required.

Learners who are not able to achieve any of the benchmarks within Early Level still require tracking and monitoring of their progression. Whilst many of these learners will move on to work at Early Level, some learners will continue to make progress at the pre-early stage.

Milestones support practitioners to track the progression of learners. They are not an alternative curriculum for children and young people with complex additional support needs. The educational benefits of the proposed learning environment are as follows:

- Appropriately resourced and accessible experiential learning facilities would mean children would have richer learning experiences – developing life skills and independence. It would also support the transference of teaching concepts into different contexts.
- Appropriate accessible space to be outdoors and interact with their environment, would provide a wide range of opportunities for outdoor learning in a safe, contained environment for all age groups. There is scope for these areas to potentially support children's broader achievements, including developing their skills when outdoors.
- Currently inaccessible areas of the school for some pupils due to fire exits not being suitable, which restricts access and participation.
- An environment where all shared areas and spaces are accessible to all across the school would enable all children to be accommodated as a whole school e.g. lunches, assemblies. These opportunities reaffirm a sense of belonging to the school group.
- The current placement of school, particularly the steep drive, makes it more difficult for the pupils to be active in their school area. Currently, wheel chair users are dependent of transport to go outwith the school grounds. The proposed new school surroundings would be more accessible enabling the learners to be more active and develop more links with the surrounding community.
- There are associated health benefits to learning outdoors. Research indicates that the use of greenspace or 'green exercise' improves health. In addition, interacting with greenspace improves emotional wellbeing and mental health.



- Multi-purpose space that can be used for other agencies e.g. NHS would reduce the amount of time lost going to appointments as children could be seen at school.
- Better IT connectivity and access to the most up-to-date assistive technology products which are designed to help facilitate greater independence for wheelchair users to explore their surroundings by increasing, maintaining or improving their functional capabilities.
- Improved sensory environment across the school to meet the varied needs of learners – appropriate lighting etc. to reduce over stimulation and spaces to regulate.
- As children grow, the size of equipment grows and Clackmannanshire Council will potentially be in another situation unable to accommodate and educate a child with complex physical needs due to building restriction, therefore having to place him/her out with the authority away from their peers and community links. There are therefore educational, social and emotional benefits for children, young people and their families to keeping children learning within their community.



1.5 TIMELINE

The following Consultation Timeline encompasses statutory legislative requirements detailed in Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.

Date	Event
06 October 2022	Report to Clackmannanshire Council – <i>Appendix 1</i>
31 October 2022	Consultation report published on Clackmannanshire Council website. Letters to all stakeholders regarding consultation process.
01 November 2022	Public Consultation open: https://clackmannanshire.citizenspace.com/education/proposed-relocation-of-lochies-school/
16 November 2022	Lochies School Staff meetings: 1.30pm and 4.00pm
23 November 2022	Lochies School - Parent/Carer meeting: 1.30 -2.45pm
23 November 2022	Closing date for request to join public meeting
30 November 2022	Public meeting 7.00pm at Lochies School Education Scotland in attendance
16 December 2022	Public Consultation Closed
05 January 2023	Last date for receipt of postal votes
07 January 2023	Report to Education Scotland
24 February 2023	Deadline for Committee Report
28 February 2023	Final Report published on Clackmannanshire Council website
23 March 2023	Clackmannanshire Council Meeting



1.6 CONSULTEES

In terms of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, any proposal to make amendments to the school estate in this case, establishment of a new education establishment, requires a formal consultation.

The Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, as amended by the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014, sets out the statutory consultation requirements.

The statutory consultees for a proposal to relocate an education establishment are prescribed as follows:

- the Parent Council or Combined Parent Council of any affected school
- the parents of the pupils at any affected school
- the parents of any children expected by the education authority to attend any affected school within two years of the date of publication of the proposal paper
- the pupils at any affected school (in so far as the education authority considers them to be of a suitable age and maturity)
- the staff (teaching and other) at any affected school
- any trade union which appears to the education authority to be representative of the persons mentioned in bullet point above
- the community council (if any)
- the Community Planning Partnership (within the meaning of section 4(5) of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015) for the area of the local authority in which affected school is situated.
- any other community planning partnerships considered relevant by the Authority.
- any other education authority that the education authority considers relevant
- any other users of any affected school that the education authority considers relevant
- in relation to any relevant proposal which affects a denominational school, the Church, Denominational Body or Scottish Hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church



1.7 CONSULTATION PROCESS

The consultation period incorporated a period of 30 school days (excluding any school holiday) from Tuesday 01 November 2022 until Friday 16 December 2022. This timescale adheres to the statutory consultation period for such circumstances which is a minimum of 6 consecutive weeks and includes at least 30 school days.

To communicate, the Education Service proposal information was delivered through the undernoted media avenues:

- Clackmannanshire Council Website:
<https://www.clacks.gov.uk/community/events/?event=3077>
- Clackmannanshire Council digital media products:
<https://twitter.com/ClacksCouncil/status/1588154643783131136>
<https://twitter.com/lochies16/status/1595181324444352518>
<https://www.clacks.gov.uk/learning/schools/lochieschool/>
- Lochies Primary School newsletter and communications routes to parents
- Local Press <https://www.alloaadvertiser.com/news/23106428.consultation-open-lochies-school-relocation-plans/>
- Made available in hard copy via central locations within Clackmannanshire Council, on request and available for postal distribution, on request

In order to ensure all parties had the same opportunity to access the consultation information, facilities were put in place to communicate the proposal in a manner best suited to the needs of the individual. To this regard, the Consultation Document was made available through the following means as and when requested:

- Translation Services
- Provision for deaf and hearing impaired, blind and visually impaired

A copy of the Consultation Document is attached as Appendix 1. Appendices 2-7 are stakeholder communications.



2. CONSULTEE RESPONSES TO PROPOSAL

Clackmannanshire Council Education Services noted comments made through a variety of means. However only those official representations submitted in the terms of the Consultation Document SECTION 5: Consultation Process and How To Have Your Say (Appendix B) have been recorded for reporting purposes.

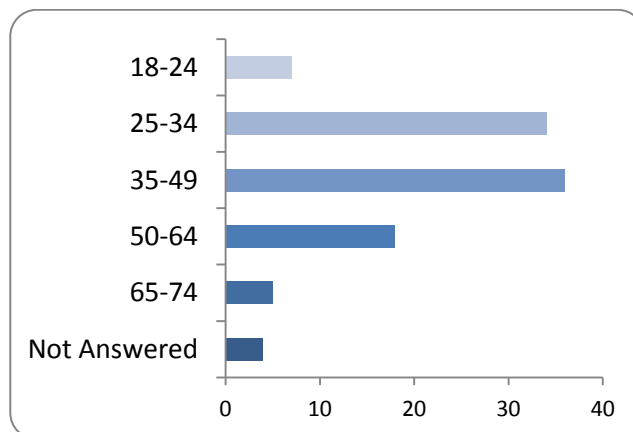
2.1 RESPONSES RECEIVED – PUBLIC CONSULTATION

This report provides the summary results from the online consultation which was hosted on Clackmannanshire Council's online Citizen Space Consultation Database. Overall there were 104 responses to the public consultation survey. As part of the consultation process and in order to ensure a rigorous and thorough examination of the responses received, Council officers read every response.

For the purpose of this report respondent comments are anonymised and key themes identified. The consultation ran from Tuesday 01 November 2022 until Friday 16 December 2022 with postal votes closing on 05 January 2023.

Not all questions were completed by each respondent and therefore 'not answered' is noted, if this applies.

- Name: There were 23 responses to this part of the question.
- Location: There were 104 responses to this question. Of respondents living within Clackmannanshire Council: 29 lived in Alloa, 7 in Alva, 4 in Clackmannan, 2 in Fishcross, 4 in Menstrie, 1 in Muckhart, 18 in Sauchie, 11 in Tillicoultry and 19 in Tullibody. Respondents outside of Clackmannanshire Council were as follows: 4 lived in Stirling, 2 in Kincardine, 1 in Perth and Kinross and 1 was undisclosed.
- Gender: There were 101 responses to this part of the question; 72 were females, 16 were males, 3 chose not to answer, 3 other (not disclosed) and 8 preferred not to say.
- Age: There were 100 responses to this question. The age groups for those who responded are below. The largest majority of respondents are within the 35-49 age groups, followed by those in the 25- 34 age group.



During the consultation period views on the proposal were welcomed in writing to Veronica Cully, Education Services, Greenside Street, Kilncraigs, Alloa, FK10 1EB. Responses by e-mail were directed to education@clacks.gov.uk. All interested parties were invited to submit their comments by close of business 05 January 2023. No further written or email responses were received.



2.2 STAFF CONSULTATION

Staff consultation took place on 16 November 2022 at Lochies Primary School. Two sessions were offered to enable the maximum staff participation. Almost all staff took part in the staff consultation exercise. Staff welcome the proposed relocation and offered ideas to support planning for the relocation to ensure optimal educational benefit. Staff comments/observations have been shared with the Education Scotland officer.

2.3 PARENT/CARER CONSULTATION

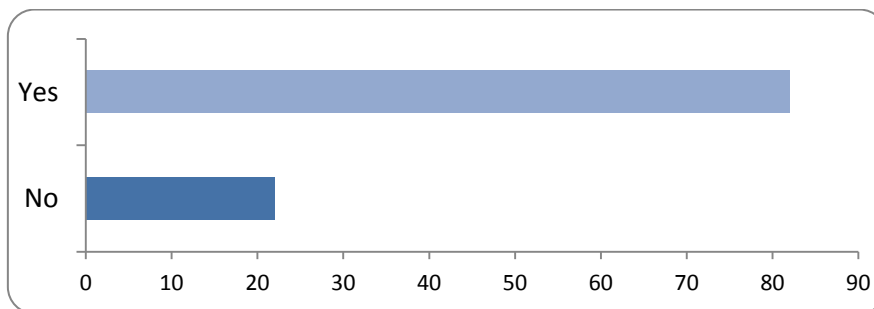
Parent/carer consultation took place on 23 November 2022 at Lochies Primary School. This was offered during the day, as this was identified as the most suitable time by parents/carers, given their enhanced caring responsibilities. Parents welcome the relocation and offered ideas to support planning for the relocation to ensure optimal educational benefit. One parent and one grandparent attended. Parent/grandparent comments/observations have been shared with the Education Scotland officer.

2.4 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

A public education consultation meeting was held on Wednesday 30th November, 2022 at Lochies Primary School. This was notified to all stakeholders, following guidance procedures and was further promoted on social media and through school and council communication routes. Council officers were in attendance and prepared to outline the key elements of the proposal and answer questions from attendees. Clackmannanshire staff in attendance included Senior Manager of Partnership and Inclusion, Quality Improvement Officer: ASN and the Headteacher of Lochies Primary School. They were joined by an Education Scotland officer; however, no members of the public attended the event.

3.0 ANALYSIS OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES

A public consultation through Citizen Space opened 01 November 2022 until 16 December 2022. There were 104 responses to the question, “Do you agree with the proposal to relocate Lochies?”



During the statutory consultation, 79% of respondents were in favour of the proposal, 21% of respondents were opposed this proposal. .

Analysis of the key concerns regarding the relocation can be categorised into similar themes. The main concern is regarding infrastructure. The children attending Lochies School require school transport via minibus/taxis and, therefore, access to and from school is not a problem for children.

The design team are aware of the perceived challenges to access and transport to and from the proposed site for families. As part of the development process, the project team which includes colleagues from across Council departments, are working hard to ensure solutions and alternatives



to support families accessing the school and the wider campus, which will include a new Wellbeing Hub, are fully considered

Several climate change and environmental concerns have been made regarding environmental impact. As this build has Learning Estate Investment Programme (LEIP) investment, the build must comply with sustainability standards which exceed the current minimum building standards requirements. Strategic work is also being undertaken to appraise potential options to further enhance the energy and environmental performance of the school and Wellbeing Hub through the adoption of other rigorous design standards to help improve quality, comfort and reduce energy consumption.

A few comments have suggested alternative sites or revamping the existing school. All viable site options have already been explored as part of the LEIPs bid. Upgrading the existing building is not a viable option. Multiple retrofits have been applied and the building can not be further adapted.

The public opinion in favour of this relocation far outweighs the opinions to the contrary. Likewise, the positive comments regarding the relocation outweigh any concerns raised by the public consultation.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

With regard to the 2010 Act and having considered all of the information received during the consultation process, as officers of Clackmannanshire Council are satisfied that no comments have been received which would have caused them to review the merits of the proposal.

Based on these findings, it is recommended that Clackmannanshire Council Education Executive agree to implement the proposal to relocate The Pavilion, Alloa. If agreed and implemented would result in Lochies Primary School occupying the new facility in August 2026.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Report to Clackmannanshire Council



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Appendix 2 – Elected Members: consultation notification letter



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Appendix 3 – Community Councils: consultation notification letter



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Sauchie and
Fishcross Community

Appendix 4 – Trade Unions: consultation notification letter



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Appendix 5 – Parent Council Chair and Parent/Carers consultation notification letter



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Appendix 7 – Public Consultee quantitative data



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Appendix 8 – Staff and Parent quantitative data



Staff Consultation
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Public Consultation 01 November 2022 to 16 December 2022
<https://clackmannanshire.citizenspace.com/education/proposed-relocation-of-lochies-school/>
 Quantitative Data

Do you agree with the proposal to relocate Lochies School to a new site at The Pavilions, Alloa?	Do you have any comments you wish to make on the proposed relocation of Lochies School to a new site at The Pavilions, Alloa?
Yes	A bigger school with easier access is long overdue for Clackmannanshire.
Yes	A new site will allow the school to be designed and built with the needs of the pupils in mind. Being able to build close to the new well being hub and with lots of outdoor space will be a huge benefit as well
Yes	A purpose built facility which takes into account the needs of disabled children would be great.
No	Although I agree it needs updating and these kids deserve a new location for the number of them we are basing health and wellbeing of the entire county and the location of services are being planned round this to me it's wrong. I fully support a new Lochies school
Yes	Appropriate parking and access needs to be carefully planned.
No	Area is too isolated and not served by regular public transport. Concerns re ground contamination also.
Yes	Be good to have a larger building with more opportunities for the children who need the support and education.
No	Between Lochies & Deerpark both schools could be doing with a re vamp and with the amount of ground at the current schools it would be possible to do so
Yes	Denatured area for school transport that's not in the playground and equipment in the play area.
Yes	Difficult to access via public transport. Road is pandemonium at drop-off and pick-up which is distressing for residents, pupils and staff.
No	Don't agree on the location of this school at all.

Do you agree with the proposal to relocate Lochies School to a new site at The Pavilions, Alloa?	Do you have any comments you wish to make on the proposed relocation of Lochies School to a new site at The Pavilions, Alloa?
Yes	Ensure ample parking when putting planning in place
Yes	Flood risk will need to be risk assessed with adequate drainage in place
Yes	Good location not too far from original site in Sauchie.
Yes	However this proposal should include a facility for Saint Mungo's.
Yes	I am not sure where the new location is however I think a lot of thought needs to be around safety, accessibility i.e. parking, one way system for drop off & pickup, children with high level of medical needs having direct access into the school, no barriers of accessing the environment around the school. Is the location suitable for children to enjoy sensory activities outdoors/outwith the school?
Yes	I feel that this location will be beneficial to the learners and staff of Lochies, opening up more links within the community of Alloa and surrounding area.
Yes	I feel the relocation will be so beneficial for the future children of Lochies. Not only having a building that is actually equipped to house them but with more space to get outdoors, to have different health professionals there and more. Will greatly improve their all round care. As well as ease some at home stresses for parents and carers.
Yes	I feel this location is easily accessible by car and by walking. Central location. Children could feel more part of the community. Could be more visible in this location. Trips to the local community would be easy to access. Lots of green space locally also. It would be lovely to have Lochies as part of the Redwell/Alloa hub.
Yes	I personally think as an asn mum my son suffers from sensory overload & would benefit more with the last option near the pavilion cricket ground. At the moment when I return my son to school after an appointment he gets overwhelmed with the noise from main stream Deerpark school. I have on numerous occasions had to take my son round the back way into to Lochies because he gets upset 😞. There is not much parking facilities either for parents for dropping off & picking up. I personally think the more space for wheelchairs etc. & sensory room etc. would be an advantage to Lochies & near more nature & cycle track & animals.

Do you agree with the proposal to relocate Lochies School to a new site at The Pavilions, Alloa?	Do you have any comments you wish to make on the proposed relocation of Lochies School to a new site at The Pavilions, Alloa?
Yes	I think it can only be a good and necessary thing. My son currently attends, and they do an amazing job every day, making it bigger and better to help more children can only be a good thing. Much necessary.
Yes	I think the relocation looks very practical and beneficial. It would give the staff and pupils at Lochies much needed better facilities, access and opportunities.
Yes	I think this move was long overdue and the new location seems a good idea as it's close to a mainstream primary school
No	If you are to move don't pick Robertson's. Still not finished Tullibody South and that's been 3 years since it opened, lots of mistakes made when building that place ever with consulting people. People changed the place with asking the people. If the council can't complete one job why start another.
No	Are the new site close to a primary school and the new Health & Well Being site?
Yes	Is there any decision on what will happen to the Lochies building if relocated? Perhaps a provision should relocate such as Alva ASD?
No	It looks like it may be built on field and trees may be chopped down, which is damaging to the environment and contributes to climate change.
No	It would be better to consider somewhere more central to the town for community links etc.
Yes	Keep Deerpark school where it is and relocate Lochies to give them more room.
Yes	Looks like a great option to relocate Lochies.
Yes	Make it safe and plenty cut.

Do you agree with the proposal to relocate Lochies School to a new site at The Pavilions, Alloa?	Do you have any comments you wish to make on the proposed relocation of Lochies School to a new site at The Pavilions, Alloa?
Yes	More accessible for all of Clacks families
Yes	More provision for children with additional needs is needed within Clackmannanshire. Bigger premises with tailored facilities are required for the children.
Yes	My bairn will be going there so this location will make it much easier for us and less upsetting for her.
No	Needs to be centralised for parents and pupils so that all within Clackmannanshire can attend. Therefore not counting on private transport that puts pupils at risk.
Yes	Or it could be relocated to the old St Mungo's.
Yes	Please make meaningful consultation with staff who works in Lochies currently, they are best placed to have input in the design and facilities required, this has not happened with recent education building and the buildings are not fit for purpose.
Yes	Public transport and parking are both vital if the school moves to the proposed area.
Yes	Public transport to this area is not available. A low road bus route should be considered.
No	St Mungo's school should take priority for relocating. Primary within a secondary is ridiculous and does NOT work. Pupil experience should come before money.

Do you agree with the proposal to relocate Lochies School to a new site at The Pavilions, Alloa?	Do you have any comments you wish to make on the proposed relocation of Lochies School to a new site at The Pavilions, Alloa?
No	The area that has been proposed already has several schools close by (Redwell, New Struan, Ochil campus, little stars nursery) it has also been proposed this area will have the new leisure facility built here. The area surrounding will become more congested, and existing infrastructure will not cope. Also will make it less family friendly and child safe especially during peak times when kids are actively encouraged to walk/scoot/cycle to school.
No	The land should not be being used. The transport infrastructure is not good enough
No	This part of Alloa is far too congested with road traffic as it is. This congestion is compounded by the fact that the park school isn't deemed well enough for the new builds around the mar policies and thus these house holds travel across Alloa to Redwell and Sunnyside, another relocation of facilities to Alloa would compound this situation even more.
No	Too out of the way. Shocking decision to move it here.
No	Why don't they use Greenfield House as nothing seems to be getting done with it?
No	Why is it even being considered, putting a school for children with additional support needs on a site so contaminated it cannot be used for housing is scandalous! The proposed site is not on an easily accessible route for walking or multiple public transport options. Another decision taken against public opinion and council staff advice!
No	Yes, Clackmannanshire council is only interested in saving money. Yes we understand we're in the middle of global pandemic and every penny counts but you have not for one second given the service users/ pupils who find change very difficult. They feel safe at Lochies and are settled there. Big changes like this are only going to cause problems for them. It will also not be easy to get to.

Do you agree with the proposal to relocate Lochies School to a new site at The Pavilions, Alloa?	Do you have any comments you wish to make on the proposed relocation of Lochies School to a new site at The Pavilions, Alloa?
No	You need to stop building on green space

Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010

Report by Education Scotland addressing educational aspects of the proposal by Clackmannanshire Council to relocate Lochies School to The Pavilions at Alloa West.

January 2023

1. Introduction

1.1 This report from Education Scotland has been prepared by His Majesty's Inspectors of Education (HM Inspectors) in accordance with the terms of the [Schools \(Consultation\) \(Scotland\) Act 2010](#) ("the 2010 Act"). The purpose of the report is to provide an independent and impartial consideration of Clackmannanshire Council's proposal to relocate Lochies School to The Pavilions at Alloa West. Section 2 of the report sets out brief details of the consultation process. Section 3 of the report sets out HM Inspectors' consideration of the educational aspects of the proposal, including significant views expressed by consultees. Section 4 summarises HM Inspectors' overall view of the proposal. Upon receipt of this report, the Act requires the council to consider it and then prepare its final consultation report. The council's final consultation report should include this report and must contain an explanation of how, in finalising the proposal, it has reviewed the initial proposal, including a summary of points raised during the consultation process and the council's response to them. The council has to publish its final consultation report three weeks before it takes its final decision. Where a council is proposing to close a school, it needs to follow all statutory obligations set out in the 2010 Act, including notifying Ministers within six working days of making its final decision and explaining to consultees the opportunity they have to make representations to Ministers.

1.2 HM Inspectors considered:

- the likely effects of the proposal for children of the school; any other users; children likely to become pupils within two years of the date of publication of the proposal paper;
- any other likely effects of the proposal;
- how the council intends to minimise or avoid any adverse effects that may arise from the proposal; and
- the educational benefits the council believes will result from implementation of the proposal, and the council's reasons for coming to these beliefs.

1.3 In preparing this report, HM Inspectors undertook the following activities:

- attendance at the public meeting held on 30 November 2022 in connection with the council's proposals;
- consideration of all relevant documentation provided by the council in relation to the proposal, specifically the educational benefits statement and related consultation documents, written and oral submissions from parents and others; and
- visit to the site of Lochies School, including discussion with relevant consultees.

2. Consultation process

2.1 Clackmannanshire Council undertook the consultation on its proposal(s) with reference to the [Schools \(Consultation\) \(Scotland\) Act 2010](#).

2.2 Clackmannanshire Council conducted the consultation in line with the requirements of the Act. The consultation period organised by the council took place between 1 November and 16 December 2022. The proposal was communicated to stakeholders via the council website, digital media outlets, the Lochies school newsletter and local press. The council made all documents available to all relevant parties by request through translation services and provision for the deaf and hearing impaired. Staff and parent consultation at Lochies School took place in November 2022. The council held a public meeting at Lochies School on 30 November 2022. No members of the public attended the meeting.

2.3 The council received 104 responses to the online public consultation. Seventy-nine percent of the respondents were in favour of the proposal and 21% were not. The main reasons given by those that opposed the proposal were about access to the site, issues with possible flooding, parking and congestion.

3. Educational aspects of proposal

3.1 The council believes that a new building will bring clear benefits for the children of Lochies School and HM Inspectors agree with them. The council carried out an options appraisal as part of its survey of the school estate. It used the Scottish Government's criteria to assess the condition and suitability of school buildings. Lochies School was the only school in the authority to be graded as category D, unsatisfactory. As a result the council considered a new build on the site of The Pavilions at Alloa West. The recent approval of a Wellbeing Hub on the same site would have the potential to share costs in terms of services and construction.

3.2 The council has outlined the educational benefits to those children from Lochies School transferring to the new building in around four years. The current building restricts the delivery of the curriculum for children with severe and complex learning needs. Learning time is lost due to the layout and condition of the building. The council believes that greater access to outdoor learning at the new site will further enrich children's experiences. Improved connectivity and access to technology should facilitate increased independence, for example, for children in wheelchairs. HM Inspectors agree with the view of the council.

3.3 All stakeholders who met with HM Inspectors were positive about the proposed new school. Parents, staff and children all recognise the benefits of a purpose-built school which will better meet their educational needs. Staff feel that the current building restricts their ability to deliver learning programmes. This is due to limited space for teaching, outdoor learning and storage. The demographic of the school has changed considerably in recent years with many children requiring greater levels of additional support. As a result, the current building has become less suitable for the cohort of children attending. Children at Lochies School feel it is important that the school name does not change.

4. Summary

HM Inspectors agree that the proposal for the new school has the potential to bring clear educational benefits for the children attending Lochies School in the coming years. Should the proposal go ahead, the council should continue to keep parents, staff and other stakeholders informed about progress of the new build.

HM Inspectors
January 2023

