



Response to consultation relating to Local Development Plan 2018-2033

This response to the consultation is in reference to housing developments in Old Colwyn. Ysgol Bryn Elian is a successful school which is currently oversubscribed as described in the council's document.

What the council's document BP 45: Population increase, Housing and Education fails to identify is the fact that Ysgol Bryn Elian is oversubscribed because of parental choice. 267 pupils who attend the school are out of its traditional catchment area as parents have exercised their right to choose a Secondary school for their child. Approximately 40 of these pupils have come into the school following an independent appeal hearing where the school declined their application and parents went forward to appeal the decision. The decision not to accept these pupils was due to the fact that the school was above or beyond legal capacity.

The school would not be oversubscribed, in fact, not full if only pupils from the catchment area attended.

This has a major bearing on section 6 of the council document, section 6.2 . Ysgol Bryn Elian would have capacity to accommodate pupils over time to accept all pupils in its catchment area, to include new housing developments negating the need for the statement that there is capacity at Ysgol Eirias to accommodate the additional growth.

We would object to pupils in our catchment area being sent to another local school by changing the catchment area. If pupils from our catchment area choose to go to another school, then that should be down to parental choice and not a change in catchment.

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