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PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE A NEW BUILD JOINT CAMPUS PRIMARY SCHOOL IN THE ORBISTON AREA OF BELLSHILL FOR LAWMUIR PRIMARY SCHOOL AND SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL WITH ASSOCIATED EARLY YEARS AND CHILDCARE PROVISION

The Education Committee of North Lanarkshire Council has agreed to consult on the proposal to build a joint campus primary school for Lawmuir Primary School and Sacred Heart Primary School along with expanded provision for Early Years and Childcare.

The proposal is that, on the construction and opening of a new joint campus school facility, on a site which will incorporate the current Sacred Heart Primary School site in addition to the site of the Orbiston Business Centre, Lawmuir Primary School and Sacred Heart Primary School will move into the new facility.

Since the proposed new build will incorporate the site of Sacred Heart Primary School, it will be necessary to decant the primary school to an adjacent site within the existing Lawmuir Primary School campus until the new joint campus school is ready for occupation.

It is also proposed to incorporate an expanded level of Early Learning and Childcare provision within the new build facility in line with the needs of the area taking due account of the requirement to expand provision in Early Learning and Childcare from 600 hours to 1140 hours by 2020.

Full details of the proposals in the form of a statutory consultative document are attached. Further copies can be obtained, if required, from this office, the schools affected, local libraries and the council website. Public meetings will be held in both schools to allow for further discussion of the proposal, arrangements as follows:

Lawmuir Primary School: Monday 27th November 2017 at 7:00pm
Sacred Heart Primary School: Tuesday 28th November 2017 at 7:00pm.

Written representations on the proposals should be made to School Consultation, Lawmuir and Sacred Heart, Education, Youth and Communities, Municipal Buildings, Kildonan Street, Coatbridge, ML5 3BT on or before 20 December 2017.

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Alternatively, comments can be submitted by e-mail to lawmuirsacredheartconsultation@northlan.gov.uk.

The consultation document can also be viewed online at <http://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=1164>.

A report on the consultation will be made available at the above location in early 2018. I will write to you separately to advise you of the actual date of publication of this report nearer the time.

Yours faithfully

Isabelle Boyd

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Statutory Consultation

**Proposal to provide a new build joint campus facility for
Lawmuir Primary School and Sacred Heart Primary School and
to incorporate Early Years and Childcare provision**

EDUCATION, YOUTH AND COMMUNITIES



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NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL: EDUCATION, YOUTH AND COMMUNITIES

Proposal to provide a new build joint campus facility for Lawmuir Primary School and Sacred Heart Primary School and to incorporate Early Years and Childcare provision

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Lawmuir Primary School is a non-denominational primary school which was built in 1957 and is located in Footfield Road, Orbiston, Bellshill. It is a part single, part three storey school of framed construction with brick and timber cladding and a mixture of flat and low pitched felted roofs.
- 1.2 The current capacity of the school accommodation is 422 with the current role sitting at 320 in August 2017.
- 1.3 Sacred Heart Primary School is a Roman Catholic school was also built in 1957 and is located in Liberty Road, Orbiston, Bellshill. It is a part single, part three storey brick and timber clad framed construction with flat felted roofs.
- 1.4 The current capacity of the school accommodation is 332 with its current role sitting at 263 in August 2017.
- 1.5 Sacred Heart Primary School currently also has a nursery class with provision for 20 places.
- 1.6 The location of both schools and the proposed new build site are shown on the map in Appendix 1. No change is proposed to the catchment area of either school.
- 1.7 As part of this consultation exercise the Education, Youth and Communities service also proposes to include Early Years and Childcare provision on the new build joint campus and invites views on this aspect of the proposal also. Any resultant Early Years and Childcare provision will take account of the increased statutory entitlement of 1140 hours from 2020.

2 CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 In terms of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, the Education Authority is required to publish details of, and consult on, any proposal to change the site of any school. See section 10 for more information about the statutory consultation process.
- 2.2 North Lanarkshire Council will not make any decision, or put any changes into effect, until the consultation period has been concluded in line with statutory requirements.
- 2.3 The consultation period will be a total of 43 days, which includes 30 school days, excluding one in-service day. It begins on Wednesday 8th November 2017 and concluded on Wednesday 20 December 2017.
- 2.4 The consultation will involve pupils, parents/carers, Parent Councils and staff of the schools involved as well as other associated stakeholders and statutory consultees.

- 2.5 Two public meetings will be held, the first at 7pm on Monday 27 November 2017 in Lawmuir Primary School, the second at 7pm on Tuesday 28 November in Sacred Heart Primary School.
- 2.6 Council officers will be present at the public meetings to discuss the proposal and there will be an opportunity to ask questions. It is appreciated, however that there is a limited time at the meetings to discuss everything fully and not everyone is comfortable with speaking publicly. To make sure that all issues are covered advanced notice of specific questions or issues to be raised will be accepted in writing only up to two days in advance of the meetings see contact details at 2.9.
- 2.7 At the end of the consultation process, a report will be prepared for North Lanarkshire Council detailing all responses received, summaries of their content and a statement from HMIE on the educational aspects of the proposal. An officer response to the issues raised through the consultation will also be incorporated in the report. Copied of the report will be available, prior to consideration by the council, in both schools, local libraries and online. It is envisaged that the report will be published on 9th March 2018. The Key dates are set out in Appendix 2.
- 2.8 An online version of the documents are other items related to the consultation can be found Online <http://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=1164>.
- 2.9 Further information on the proposal can be obtained by writing to School Consultations, Education, Youth and Communities, Municipal Buildings, Kildonan Street, Coatbridge ML5 3BT. Tel 01236 812596 or by emailing school consultation lawmuirsacredheartconsultation@northlan.gov.uk.
- 2.10 All interested parties are invited to submit their comments on or before Wednesday 20th December 2017

3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1 The proposal in this document is to build a new joint campus facility for Lawmuir Primary School and Sacred Heart Primary School. There are two main reasons for this proposal:
- (1) The pupils currently at Lawmuir Primary School and Sacred Heart Primary School, along with those in current Early Years and Childcare provision, will benefit educationally by attending new build schools which can offer a wider range of educational opportunities (see Educational and Community Benefits sections below).
 - (2) The capital investment will provide local opportunities for economic investment.

Table 1: Lawmuir Primary School

Primary				Nursery			
Capacity	Roll	Surplus Spaces	Occupancy %	Cap	Roll	Surplus Spaces	Occupancy %
422	320	102	76	*	*	*	*

* Lawmuir Primary school has no associated nursery.

Table 2: Sacred Heart Primary

Primary				Nursery			
Capacity	Roll	Surplus Spaces	Occupancy %	Cap	Roll	Surplus Spaces	Occupancy %
332	263	69	79	20	20	0	100%

3.2 It is proposed that the joint campus school will be sited on the proposed area of land shown in Appendix 1. This comprises the existing Sacred Heart Primary School site in addition to the site currently occupied by the Orbiston Business Centre. This site is approximately 6.5 acres in size (subject to final confirmation), considerably larger than the site occupied by Lawmuir Primary which is 4.5 acres in size (subject to final confirmation). The narrow corridor of land between the two existing school sites is constrained by existing house building which makes it unlikely that the proposed joint campus new build schools would be accommodated on both parts of the site.

3.3 During the period of the new build it is proposed to decant Sacred Heart Primary and Nursery School into temporary accommodation adjacent to Lawmuir Primary School. Further work on the most suitable location for the decant site will be required if the proposal is approved.

3.4 The hatched area of land adjacent to the site is currently occupied by a play area. It is proposed to include this area as part of the joint campus site and to re-locate the play area elsewhere on the proposed new build site without loss of amenity. This will create a proposed new build site with a more regular shape.

If, following this statutory consultation, the Council proceeds with the proposed joint new build campus, then the statutory planning process will be followed as required until completion of the project.

3.5 If, after consultation, the Council proceeds with the proposal, the new site will be occupied by the schools concerned on completion and handover of the new facility. Prior to that, Lawmuir Primary will continue to operate on its current site. Sacred Heart Primary will operate on a decant site until completion of the project.

4. EARLY YEARS AND CHILDCARE PROVISION

4.1 The Scottish Government is currently implementing a significant expansion of Early Years and Childcare provision moving from 600 hours to 1140 hours of entitlement. The Education, Youth and Communities service, on behalf of the Council, is planning a significant expansion of current provision in Early Learning and Childcare provision with no discontinuation of service.

5 EDUCATION BENEFITS STATEMENT

- 5.1 The provision of a new joint school campus for both schools provides the opportunity to make available to pupils the most modern standards of school facilities and resources to support the delivery of the curriculum for excellence. The new facilities will offer flexible learning experiences which will contribute to the four context for learning:
- Ethos and life of the school
 - Curriculum
 - Inter-disciplinary learning
 - Personal achievement
- 5.2 The condition of the new joint school building will be a significant improvement on the current establishments. The new school will be fully accessible and equipped with modern technology to ensure the best learning opportunities are afforded to every child.
- 5.3 A new modern joint campus primary school will signal to the whole community that North Lanarkshire Council values 21st century learning. This new build will represent best value through the effective and efficient use of Council resources.
- 5.4 The new school will benefit from design practices which are informed by recent new developments in North Lanarkshire and elsewhere in Scotland and which support the varied range of teaching environments that best deliver learning.
- 5.5 Spaces for learning will be designed in such a way as to allow a range of teaching styles and approaches including: active learning, interdisciplinary learning and outdoor learning.
- 5.6 Experience in new school buildings has demonstrated that a new and flexible learning environment inspires pupils and has a positive impact on the general health and wellbeing of learners, increases their aspirations, attainment, achievement and positive destinations at a later stage in their education. This is evidenced through improving trends in attainment and achievement of our young people.
- 5.7 The curriculum will provide the opportunity for learners to achieve across all curricular areas and develop skills, attributes and capabilities through courses aligned with the design principles of Curriculum for Excellence: challenge and enjoyment, breadth, progression, depth, personalisation and choice, coherence and relevance.
- 5.8 Children and young people will be provided with a broad range of opportunities for personal achievement and interdisciplinary learning across all curricular areas by building on best practice in curriculum design in North Lanarkshire schools.
- 5.9 The proposed site is very accessible and will incorporate part of the existing Sacred Heart Primary School site. Existing pupils will, therefore, have similar walking routes and journey to the new joint campus school, once completed.
- 5.10 By locating the school at the heart of the new community it will provide a hub for learning, activities and facilities that will make a contribution to improving people's health and wellbeing, adding to the strength and vibrancy of its community.

- 5.11 The proposed new joint campus school will provide excellent facilities for children, families and other users outwith core school hours. The new school will provide accessible facilities that could be used to help meet the learning, leisure and social needs of the community.
- 5.12 The provision of high quality technology for learning will provide the potential to transform ways of learning and teaching by giving young people and staff flexible and ubiquitous access to a fully digital learning environment.
- 5.13 The shared flexible learning and teaching spaces in the new joint campus school will enable staff to work together in a collaborative manner and provide more opportunities for co-operative working between pupils.
- 5.14 The new school will be fully accessible to disabled learners as required by the Equality Act (2010). This will be ensured through the delivery of the Council's:-
- Equality outcomes
 - Promoting Inclusive Design Protocol and
 - Partnership with North Lanarkshire Disability Access Panel.
- 5.15 The new school will be designed in such a way as to promote accessible, inclusive learning which will meet the needs of all learners including those with Additional Support Needs.
- 5.16 The new school will build on current, and facilitate new, opportunities for effective integrated working with other services and partner agencies and will provide necessary support to children and families in the new school catchment area.
- 5.17 The new school's design, construction and operation will be environmentally and energy efficient; contributing directly to delivering the year-on-year reductions in greenhouse gas emissions introduced by the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 and provide a rich context for learning for children and young people about sustainability now and in the future.
- 5.18 The inclusion of Early years and Childcare provision in the new build proposal will provide a fully up-to-date setting for Early Years provision in the Orbiston area.

6. COMMUNITY BENEFITS STATEMENT

- 6.1 The current Schools and Centres 21 Framework has delivered added value through:
- A number of apprenticeships that have been created on the construction of the new schools.
 - Local employment opportunities.
 - Meaningful learning and engagement between the framework partners and the project schools.
 - Over 70% of the total investment being procured through local supply chains.

- 6.2 In order to maximise the level of local community benefit regular meetings take place with framework contractors and the Council Schools and Centres 21 Team. As we move forward at the pre-qualification stage contractors appointed to the framework and their supply chains will be required to actively participate in the achievement of social, environmental and sustainability policy objectives relating to local regeneration, social and economic growth, recruitment and training along with local supply chain initiatives. In addition sustainability will be a key objective on the construction of the new schools thereby contributing to the Councils target of reducing our carbon footprint.
- 6.3 As well as the educational benefits allocated to the specific school projects there will be wider educational benefits to the North Lanarkshire Community in that with the significant level of savings required to be made over the next few financial years the best value argument is that we would be utilising resources more efficiently and effectively. This is in line with 2003 Best Value Legislation and also the demands of the Education Scotland Act 1980.
- 6.4 Bellshill Local Area Partnership, incorporating Bellshill Learning Community has a broad range of community based organisations providing services and activities to all sections of the local community. In particular Bellshill Cultural Centre, Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre, Bellshill YMCA and the Focus Youth Project. They are seen as an important part of Bellshill Locality for delivering activities, learning and capacity building.

7. IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS - Appropriate supporting evidence or information

7.1 Rolls and Capacities

The projected rolls exclude placing requests but include house building estimates.

Table 3 : rolls and capacities following rebuild of Lawmuir and Sacred Heart Primary School

School	Capacity	Roll 2017		Roll 2019		Roll 2021		Roll 2023		Roll 2025	
		Roll	%	Roll	%	Roll	%	Roll	%	Roll	%
Lawmuir PS	367	320	87%	319	87%	313	85%	312	85%	313	85%
Sacred Heart PS	317	263	83%	275	87%	269	85%	271	85%	266	84%

The projected rolls exclude placing requests but include house building estimates.

7.2 Transport to school

Council Policy currently provides free transport to those pupils living more than 1 mile from their zoned Primary School or where an appropriate walking route is not available. Education, Youth and Communities will arrange for an assessment of the walking routes to the site of a new school and appropriate road crossing patrols will be established if considered necessary.

7.3 Staffing

The proposal should not have significant implications for teaching or non-teaching staffing. Any matter which arises will be dealt with within the terms of local and national agreements.

7.4 Secondary Education

The current zoning arrangement for secondary education is that pupils attending Lawmuir Primary School transfer to Bellshill Academy whilst pupils attending Sacred Heart transfer to Cardinal Newman High School. No change to the primary to secondary transfer arrangements will be required as a result of this proposal. Parents who wish their children to attend an alternative secondary school will require to submit a placing request for their preferred school.

7.5 Class Sizes

Class structures are decided by the head teacher in accordance with authority guidelines and take account of a range of factors, including teacher deployment, school policies, the available accommodation and pupil numbers at each stage.

7.6 Future use of the existing school buildings

Education, Youth and Communities will declare the existing school buildings surplus to its requirements should the proposal be approved. Thereafter, the council's Property Services will make recommendations on their future use or disposal in line with council policy.

7.7 Financial implications

Based on previous experience of new build projects within North Lanarkshire, it is anticipated this proposal will have a limited impact on school revenue budgets.

7.8 There are several options for pupils attending Lawmuir Primary School and Sacred Heart Primary School by placing request.

Since the proposed site is adjacent to both existing schools, it is anticipated that there will be no impact on pupils attending either school on a placing request. The following options exist for pupils in this position. Firstly, they can transfer to the new school. Secondly, they can enrol in their designated catchment area school or thirdly, submit a placing request to another school. The parents of these pupils will be given the opportunity to discuss their preference with Education, Youth and Communities staff. Parents remain responsible for transport costs where an existing placing request to the new build school is continued.

8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

8.1 The Equality Impact Assessment, Stage 1 Initial Screening has been carried out using the Council Equality Impact Assessment Toolkit. This indicates that a full impact assessment (Stage 2) is required and information gathered during the consultation exercise will inform the assessment of impact on protected groups. The Equality Impact Assessment will inform the post consultation stage if the proposal is adopted.

9 INACCURACIES OR OMISSIONS

- 9.1 Where inaccuracies or omissions are discovered within this proposal document, the Council will determine whether relevant information has been omitted or, if there has been an inaccuracy. Appropriate action will then be taken by the Council which may include issuing corrections, issuing a corrected proposal document or an extension of the consultation period. In any of these eventualities, all relevant consultees (and, where applicable, the notifier(s) of any omissions or inaccuracies) and Education Scotland will be advised of the appropriate action.

Notifiers of any omissions or inaccuracies will also be given the opportunity to make representations if they disagree with the Council's determination of and any action on the matter, which may result in the Council making a further determination/decision on the matter.

10 THE STATUTORY CONSULTATION PROCESS – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 10.1 The current requirements for consulting are set out in the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010. This consultation will be carried out in accordance with the Act.

- 10.2 This consultation has been planned in order to meet the following statutory requirements:

- (1) The consultation document sets out the details of the proposal.
- (2) The proposal paper details the educational benefits of the proposal and other relevant information;
- (3) The proposal paper will be published and widely advertised.
- (4) North Lanarkshire Council will seek to determine whether there are inaccuracies or omissions within the proposal paper and take such action as it considers necessary.
- (5) The consultation period will be a period of at least 6 weeks, including at least 30 school days.
- (6) Prior to the commencement of the consultation period, the authority will give notice of the proposal to the relevant consultees. The relevant consultees are defined in the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, and are as follows:

Statutory consultees:

- The Parent Council of affected schools
- The parents/carers of the pupils at the affected schools
- Parents whose children are expected to attend the affected schools within 2 years of publication of the proposal document

- Pupils (where they are considered to be of suitable age and maturity)
- Council employees at the affected schools
- Trade Union representatives
- Church representatives of the affected schools

Other stakeholders who will be contacted:


- Education Scotland
 - Elected Members
 - SPT/local school transport providers
 - Police Scotland
 - Roads Department colleagues
 - General Public
 - Community Councils
- (7) During the consultation period, the authority will hold and be represented at public meetings on the relevant proposal.
- (8) The council will involve Education Scotland in the consultation process. This will culminate in Education Scotland preparing and submitting an independent report on the educational aspects of the proposal.
- (9) Following the consultation period, the council will prepare and publish a consultation report. The report will be published at least three weeks before a final decision is taken on the proposal.
- (10) The consultation timeline provides further information on the timescales for various stages in the statutory process.

Proposed Site for new build joint campus schools

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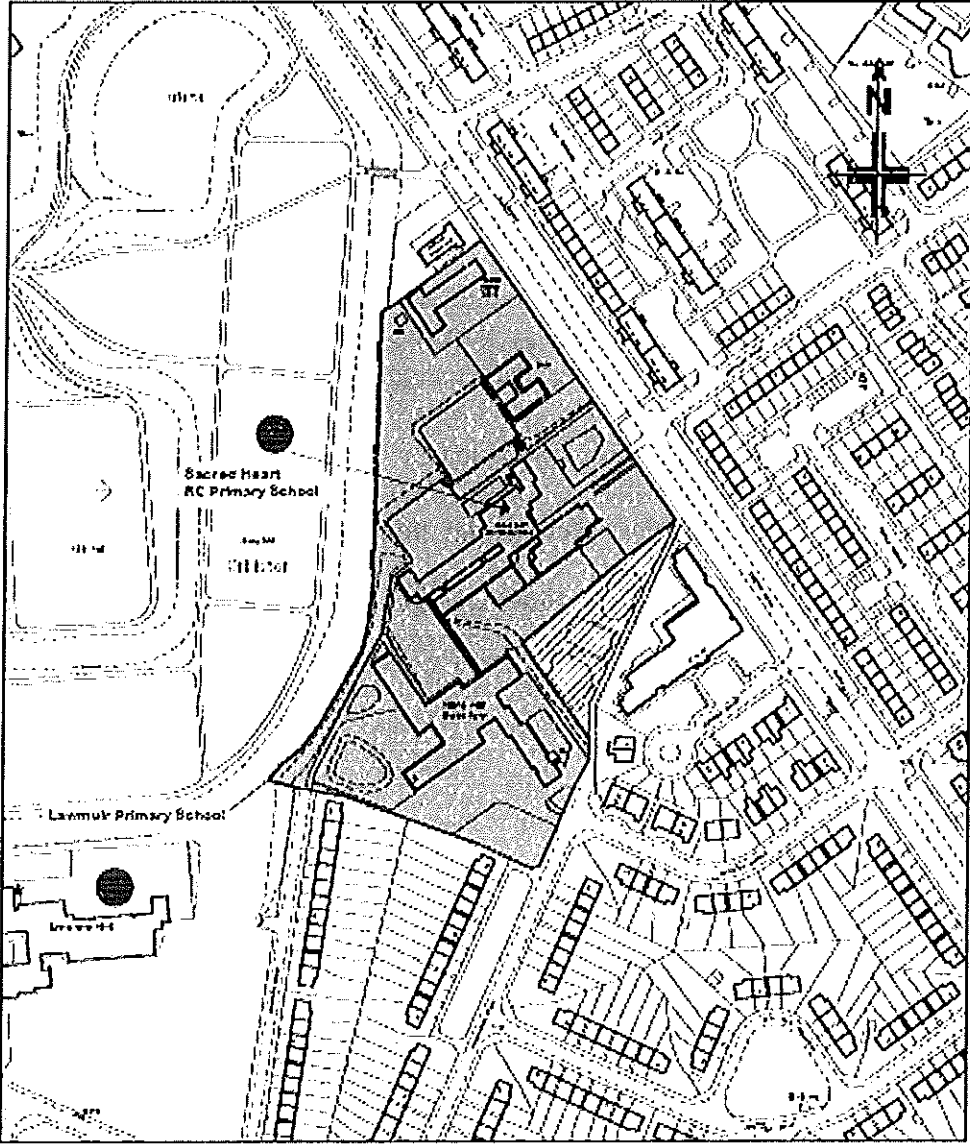
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LOCATION PLAN - For Information Only

Title: Sacred Heart Proposed Site Scale 1:1k T.S. 

Town: Bellshill Date: 17/10/17

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Consultation Timeline

Stages	Timeline	Date
1. <i>Committee Date</i>		Tuesday 7 November 2017
2. <i>Consultation Starts Phase 1</i>	Minimum of 6 weeks To include 30 calendar days	Wednesday 8 November 2017
3. <i>Public Meeting</i>		Tues and Wed 28 and 29 November 2017
4. <i>Consultation Ends</i>		Wed 20 December 2017
5. <i>Report to Education Scotland Phase 2</i>	3 weeks	Fri 26 January 2018
6. <i>Education Scotland produce report</i>	3 weeks	16 February 2018
7. <i>Consultation report published Phase 3</i>	No specified timescale	9 March 2018
8. <i>Time for further consideration</i>	3 weeks	30 March 2018
9. <i>Final Committee Decision</i>		15 May 2018 (Education Committee) 21 June 2018 (Council)
10. <i>Further stakeholder representations</i>	3 weeks	Friday 13 th July 2018
11. <i>Call-in deadline for Scottish Ministers</i>	5 weeks	17 th August 2018
12. <i>Review panel constituted by Scottish Government</i>	1 week	24 th August 2018
13 <i>Final deadline for informing council of Scottish Government Review Panel decision</i>	16 weeks	14 th December 2018
14. <i>Council Implement Decision</i>		

Consultation Response Form

Proposal to provide a new build joint campus facility for Lawmuir Primary School and Sacred Heart Primary School and to incorporate Early Years and Childcare provision

Your Views

1. Do you support the construction of a joint campus primary school?

Yes No

Do you have any comments on the construction of a joint campus primary school?

2. Do you support the construction of a joint campus primary school on the land specified in the attached location plan i.e. on the site of Sacred Heart Primary School and Orbiston Business Centre?

Yes No

Do you have any comments on the construction of a joint campus primary school on this site?

3. Would you support the inclusion of Early Years and Childcare provision within the curtilage of the joint campus facility?

Yes No

4. Please add any further comments you would wish to make in the space provided below.

Your main interest in responding

1. What is your main interest in responding to this consultation?

I am a parent/carer of a child attending Lawmuir Primary School

I am a parent/carer of a child attending Sacred Heart Primary School and Nursery

Other interested party

Please return to: School Consultation , Lawmuir and Sacred Heart, Education, Youth and Communities, Municipal Buildings, Kildonan Street, Coatbridge, ML5 3BT or email lawmuirsacredheartconsultation@northlan.gov.uk with your views.

