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Dear Consultee

In line with the requirements of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and School Organisation Code 2018, we are writing to inform you about the Decision Notice issued in connection with the following proposal.

On 7th April 2021, Caerphilly County Borough Council's Cabinet agreed the proposal to expand **Trinity Fields Special School and Resource Centre** via a new building extension and outdoor play space to accommodate an additional 80 pupils.

The Cabinet considered the proposal, the statutory objections submitted, the Local Authority response and the recommendations of the Education Scrutiny Committee held on the 22nd March 2021.

It was noted that there were 238 statutory objections received. The concerns raised are summarised in the Objection Report together with the responses from the Local Authority.

Full details and all relevant documentation in relation to the proposal including the Objection Report can be found at [https://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/involved/Consultations/21st-Century-Schools-consultation-\(1\)](https://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/involved/Consultations/21st-Century-Schools-consultation-(1))

The Cabinet were satisfied that the proposal would:

- Enhance the quality and standards in education and how effectively the curriculum is being delivered at the Trinity Fields School site
- Meet the predicted demand for places for those with complex needs
- Improve accessibility and positively contribute to the equality agenda for our most vulnerable learners

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Referral of local authority decisions to the Welsh Ministers

Under section 54 of the School Standards and Organisations (Wales) Act 2013 where a proposal has been approved by a local authority the following bodies may, before the end of 28 days beginning with the day of the decision, refer the proposal to the Welsh Ministers for consideration:

- Another local authority affected by the proposal
- The appropriate religious body for any school affected;
- The governing body of a voluntary or foundation school subject to the proposal;
- A trust holding property on behalf of a voluntary or foundation school subject to the proposal; and
- A further education institution affected by the proposal.

If you require any additional information, please contact the 21st Century Schools Team on 01443 864817 or email 21stcenturyschools@caerphilly.gov.uk

Regards

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