
The non-statutory pre-engagement with communities was presented both face to face and electronic.

There were sessions held by core Project Mull Team Members in Tobermory on 11 August 2022, and in Buinessan on 07 September 2022. During these sessions a number of questions were asked and it was agreed that these questions along with the answers given, would be collated to ensure all could see and understand the responses provided.

There were also a series of pupil engagements

Q. Could the Council collaborate with BE-ST (<https://www.be-st.build/>) to consider sustainable and innovative solutions to the challenges of island building and climate conditions? This is an opportunity to aim for the highest standards, and not just build to cost

A. If the Council is awarded funding through LEIP there are a number of consultants who will look at all aspects of the build

Q. We would also request clarification of the meaning of the following sentence. "of these mull is considered to be top priority based on suitability of existing estate."

Q. Why do we need a new school?

A. The Learning Estate Strategy agreed by elected members at Council in August 2021 i(e!)m

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Q. Would community facilities be as difficult to access as Salen Community Hall attached to Salen Primary

A. The intention is to create an island community asset with facilities available for community to use as appropriate.

Q. I wonder is one hybrid could be explored so that high school children could be educated on the Ross? Given that we are looking at new models, we could explore new models of teaching?

Q. Gaelic & ELC and if people living more remotely will need to travel further for school.

A. There are elements of funding to look at enabling the infrastructure capabilities for future digital technologies to encourage new models of teaching. LEIP funding could allow for new models of teaching for example using digital technology to deliver learning to different sites

There were a number of questions around what would be included:

Q. What will the new school have in it? Will there be school dinners? Will there be a gym hall?

Q. Will there be a cinema? Will there be computers? Would there be common rooms like Hogwarts?

Q. Will there be lockers? Will there be school breakfasts? Would the new school have a library?

Q. How many toilets will there be? How long would school last? Will there be a drama studio?

Q. Will there be a place for different religious beliefs to practice and pray? Q. Would wrap around care be part of the campus?

Q. Could we please have some bee classes? Will Gaelic Medium Education be available in the new school?

A. Some great suggestions and ideas which are all things that will be drawn out through engagement during the design development stage of the project

Q. If funding available why not add a hostel on to the campus so if parents from the south of the island don't want their children to travel to Oban High could still get taught on the island and they are only about two hours away if they need to get in touch

Q. Hostel for Bunessan pupils?

Q. Maybe a solution could involve a small hostel being built or ONE bus to transport numbers from the Ross of Mull.

Q. Will the new school have a hostel?

Q. If a campus was built nearer Tobermory, would there be accommodation for children?

A. Hostel accommodation does not qualify for LEIP funding. If there was a clear desire from the Islands to deliver this, there would need to be alternative funding to support it

Q. does this mean the assumption is already there that pupils from Iona and the Ross will go to Oban?

Q. Will our children still have the option to attend Oban High School and will the hostel be funded for us still?

Q. Would the option of Oban still be available?

A. There will still be an option to attend Oban High School



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Q. Feedback on what Oban High kids said during their consultation, please? And were they given this opportunity for it to be anonymous?

A. Pupils who live on Mull and Iona were given the opportunity to contribute. All responses and comments were anonymous. There were some queries asking for assurance that attending Oban High would still be an option (see questions noted at "Hostel" section)