



Objection Report on the Proposed Amalgamation of
Ysgol y Foryd and Ysgol Maes Owen
Kinmel Bay, Conwy



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1. Statutory Notice

Publication of the Statutory Notice

On 28th April 2025, following Cabinet approval (18th February), Conwy County Borough Council issued a Closure Notice, stating that Conwy County Borough Council propose to establish a new English Medium, mixed sex school for Kinmel Bay to be maintained by Conwy County Borough Council on the sites of the existing Ysgol y Foryd and Ysgol Maes Owen schools, for children aged 3-11 from 1st September 2026.

As a result of the proposals outlined Ysgol y Foryd and Ysgol Maes Owen would be discontinued from 31st August 2026.

This started a notice period of 28 days which allowed any interested stakeholder the opportunity to submit their views on the proposal.

The notice period began on the 28th of April 2025 and ended on the 25th of May 2025.

The consultation has been conducted in accordance with the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code, which details the required actions that must be undertaken as part of the process.

This document will set out the steps taken during the Notice Period, refer to responses received and will aim to answer and tackle queries that have been put to the Authority.

Conwy sent copies of the Statutory Notice by email link giving details of how to share any comments on the proposal. The Statutory Notice was displayed at the school gates of Ysgol y Foryd and Ysgol Maes Owen and was also published on the Conwy County Borough Council webpages bilingually along with all other documentation regarding the Proposal.

A reminder was also sent via e-mail on the 14th of May 2025 reminding stakeholders of the closing date for any comments/objections.

The table below sets out the list of recipients who received a copy of the Consultation Document, in accordance with the School Organisation Code.

Name/Organisation
Parents, carers and guardians, teachers & staff of Ysgol y Foryd & Ysgol Maes Owen
Governors of Ysgol y Foryd & Ysgol Maes Owen
Headteacher & Governors of Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan, Ysgol St George and Ysgol Glan Gele, Ysgol Sant Elfod and Ysgol Glan Morfa
Church in Wales Diocese of St Asaph & Roman Catholic Diocese of Wrexham
Denbighshire County Council Education Services
Gwynedd County Council Education Services
Welsh Minister for Education & Skills
Welsh Government Schools Management and Effectiveness Division
Assembly Member & Member of Parliament representing area subject to proposals

Local Conwy Councillor for Kinmel Bay
Kinmel Bay Community Council
Estyn
Teaching & Staff Trade Unions
GWE
Police & Crime Commissioner for North Wales
Conwy CYPP
Conwy Community First
Flying Start Conwy

2. Objections

Under section 49 of the 2013 Act when objections have been received proposers must publish a summary of the statutory objections and the proposer's response to those objections ("the Objection Report"). This must take place:

(a) in the case of a local authority that is required to determine its own proposals under section 53 of the Act, before the end of 7 days beginning with the day of its determination: and

(b) in all other cases, before the end of 28 days beginning with the end of the objection period.

The notice period began on the 28th of April 2025 and ended at midnight on the 25th of May 2025.

There were 2 responses received via post or via the online form.

The Statutory Notice web page on Conwy's website was viewed 37 times between the 28th of April 2025 and the 25th of May 2025.

3. Authority Response to the objections/comments

The comments received have been shown in the following table, along with Conwy's response.

Objection / Comment	Authority Response
I welcome the amalgamation of the two schools, as the first step in obtaining a new school building for our community.	In the event of amalgamation, the school would remain largely the same with all the existing premises being used in the most appropriate and efficient way. The new primary school will have greater flexibility to use the facilities more effectively for example community use which could also generate additional revenue whilst supporting a community ethos
No I do not agree with the proposal	There were no additional reasons given by this responder so we are unable to address any comments directly.

4. ESTYN Feedback

ESTYN did not provide any feedback at this stage but did respond during the initial consultation to say that "Estyn considers that the proposal is likely to, at least, maintain the standard of education provision in the area."

ESTYN's full response at the consultation stage can be viewed on the following webpage: <https://www.conwy.gov.uk/en/Resident/Education-and-Families/Education-Consultations/Proposal-to-amalgamate-Ysgol-y-Foryd-and-Ysgol-Maes-Owen.aspx>

5. Cabinet Decision

Conwy County Borough Council Cabinet Members met on the 18th of February 2025 to discuss the proposed amalgamation of Ysgol y Foryd and Ysgol Maes Owen and gave approval to formally publish the Statutory Notice (for the proposed amalgamation of Ysgol y Foryd and Ysgol Maes Owen).

This started a notice period of 28 days which allowed any interested stakeholder the opportunity to submit their views on the proposal.

The notice period began on the 28th of April 2025 and ended at midnight on the 25th of May 2025.

The decision on whether to formally amalgamate Ysgol y Foryd and Ysgol Maes Owen will go before Conwy Cabinet 12th of August 2025