

3 December 2020

## To Board of Governors, Staff and Parents/Guardians of Clounagh Junior High School

Dear Sir/Madam

## **Development Proposal No 574**

Craigavon Senior High School will operate on a single site, 26-34 Lurgan Road, Portadown, with effect from 1 September 2022, or as soon as possible thereafter

(The Education Authority will seek major capital investment for the construction of a new build Craigavon Senior High School, on a location to be determined, pending Department of Education approval and funding being obtained)

The Education Authority is re-running the pre-publication consultation on Development Proposal No 574 from 3 December 2020 to 11 February 2021.

The decision to re-run the pre-publication consultation is based on the time difference from the initial pre-publication consultation 14 January – 13 March 2019 resulting from Development Proposal No 574 being the subject of a Judicial Review and area planning activity being stood down, in April 2020, due to Covid-19.

Following the outcome of the Judicial Review received on 5 March 2020 and the resumption of area planning activity on 8 October 2020, the Education Authority is now re-running consultation on the above Proposal and is seeking any additional comments, **not already submitted or reported in the Consultation Report dated 11 April 2019**. The comments received during the pre-consultation period 14 January – 13 March 2019 will carry forward into this re-run of the pre-publication consultation.

The pre-publication consultation will be undertaken, via questionnaire, with the governors, staff and parents of Craigavon Senior High School and the governors, staff and parents of the four junior high schools, the two grammar schools and primary schools in the area as well as Trustees and Board of Governors of local affected schools and other interested parties in the local community likely to be affected by the proposal will also be consulted.

The pre-publication consultation is being taken forward in accordance with Article 14 of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986. Under this legislation, the Education Authority is obliged to consult the trustees and managers of any school or schools which would, in the opinion of the Education Authority, be affected by the proposals.

Therefore, I would be grateful if you would draw the matter to the attention of the Board of Governors, staff and parents/guardians of your school and forward any comments they may wish to make via the online response form:

Online Pre-Publication Response Questionnaire - Craigavon SHS

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Responses can also be submitted by email to <a href="mailto:areaplanning3@eani.org.uk">areaplanning3@eani.org.uk</a>. The Authority will also consider all written responses received during the consultation process addressed to: Area Planning, Education Authority, 17 Lough Road, Antrim, BT41 4DH. All responses to be received no later than 11 February 2021.

Please note that any letters of objection or support may be published on the Department of Education's website, with appropriate redactions, if they are included in full in the submission on which the outcome of the proposal is decided. Comments on the proposal will be subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A consultation document (the rationale for taking forward the Development Proposal), the initial Consultation Report (11 April 2019) and Judicial Review Judgement are available on the Education Authority's website on the link below:

https://www.eani.org.uk/school-management/area-planning/pre-publication-consultations.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Yours faithfully

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