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 The Community Council have a number of questions regarding the proposal for the Kear Campus Replacement which was recently agreed by the Executive committee, publicised in the council’s magazine and social media outlets . It would be appreciated if answers could be provided prior to our meeting on 17th October 2022.

* What criteria was used to score the potential sites and can this be provided to the CC?

The assessment of the potential sites for the new KEAR campus is attached.

* Do you have a concept design or footprint that can be provided to CC - what was provided to the committee to compliment the paper? The design is very much only at concept stage at this time. I have attached a plan of what it could look like.
* What is the anticipated opening date of the facility? Timescales for the project have not yet been confirmed as the implementation of the project is very dependent on funding from the Scottish Government’s Learning Estate Investment Programme (LEIP) Phase 3. The outcome of this bid will be known by the end of December 2022. Should the Council’s bid be successful, a detailed implementation and consultation programme will be developed in early 2023. The deadline for completion of projects funded through LEIP 3 is December 2027.
* The Feasibility study carried out in 2019 to identify the unique requirements of SEBN. Can this be provided to the CC? The feasibility study is a working document and used to develop the Council’s proposals. It is not an approved Council document as such we would not propose to make it available for wider circulation.
* What designates a Stage 3 intervention? South Lanarkshire Council recognise a Stage 3 intervention to mean, ‘additional support required in a stand alone ASN establishment eg KEAR’.
* What is the total number of pupils that will attend the facility and what age range of pupils will be attending? The proposal would be to develop the facility for up to 60 pupils.
* Section 6.3 of the report to committee intimates consultation and process taking 6-8 months although GRANT funding APPLICATION has to be submitted by October 2022. How does this stack up with the lengthy consultation? The Statutory consultation timescales will be built into the overall project programme should the funding application be successful and the Council wish to proceed.
* Wider community use is proposed. How do you intend the consultation process to run in order that all points of view are obtained? There is a Statutory Consultation process outlining the Council’s legal requirements in terms of consultation for proposals to relocation a school. This is outlined in the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010. The Council, however, is keen to maximise Community involvement in the development of the school and would be keen to meet with local groups, out with this statutory process, to help develop the proposals and involve the community.
	+ What charges will be applied to this facility to the community for use? (commercial rates?) Again, the full extend of facilities available for community use has still to be developed. However, it is assumed that standard Council charges for use of facilities would apply.
	+ Talks about allotments. Can you provide more detail on the number and sizes of the allotments? Is it accessible on a 24-7 basis? No detailed work has been undertaken in this respect. The school are keen to engage the pupils in outdoor activity and also to encourage community role models to assist in the development and running of this facility.
	+ Café, will it only be open during school and term time? Again, this facility has not been fully developed and we would be keen to engage with the community to assess their needs and aspirations as the project develops.
	+ Will the public be able to use the café during the school day? Will it be open at night for local use? The intention would be for the facility to be open at agreed times during the school day. The intention is that the facility would be run by the pupils and therefore would not be open out with school hours. However, we would be happy to engage with the community to discuss the operation of this facility.
	+ Skills space, what is this and will it be open to the community? The skills space is a general purpose area which could be fitted out with a range of equipment depending on the skill being taught. The room could be available for community use.
	+ Talks about use out with school hours this needs to be defined. Would access to it technologies. Again, the Council would be keen to develop these facilities in consultation with the local community.
* Would a section 75 be but in place or a memorandum of agreement or similar binding the use of the facility to the community. A Section 75 Agreement is not an appropriate legal agreement for this purpose. Education Resources would propose to involve the Council’s Community Participation and Development team in developing proposals for the new facility.
* What transport assessment has been carried out regards ferrying in pupils. How many vehicle movements are proposed per day.? No detailed traffic assessment has been carried out at this time. This would form part of the initial design process should the funding be approved for the project.
* What land surveys have been carried out. I.e. contamination / mining at Union Street and can copies of the reports be provided? No detailed land or ground surveys have yet been undertaken on the site at Union Street. A Desk Top survey has been undertaken and this is attached.
* We may have more questions that arise and will come back to you should this be the case.
* What is the proposed timescale of the tender, what process will be used to undertake the tender. As outlined above the detailed implementation programme would be developed after confirmation of the LEIP 3 funding. This would include tender timescales.

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Secretary.

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