Purpose of Report

This is a report on the consultation about the site for the replacement St Ambrose-Drumpark secondary campus. It recommends the Townhead Road site.

Recommendations

The learning and leisure services committee is recommended to approve

1. that in August 2010 or such earlier or later date as is determined by the implementation of the project
   (a) secondary education at Drumpark ASN school will be discontinued and a new build replacement ASN secondary school will be provided
   (b) a new build replacement school will be provided for the existing St Ambrose RC High School
   (c) all pupils in attendance at the secondary stage of Drumpark ASN School on the discontinuance date and at the existing St Ambrose High School should attend the replacement school
   (d) the sites for the replacements schools will be in Drumpellier Park at Townhead Road as shown in Appendix D to this report
   (e) community facilities to replace the Townhead Community Centre will be included in the new build.

2. the preparation of a consultation report on the future provision for Willowbank School and its submission to a future meeting of the learning and leisure committee

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1. BACKGROUND

1.1 At its meeting on 23rd October 2007 the learning and leisure services committee approved the issue of a consultative document that proposed the following:

(i) the building of a new St Ambrose High School on one of three sites

(ii) the subdivision of Drumpark ASN School and the relocation of the secondary sector as a separate school onto a campus to be shared with St Ambrose High School

1.2 The three sites in the consultative document are referred to as Townhead Road (Option 1), Blair Road (Option 2) and the existing St Ambrose site (Option 3). The consultative document is attached as Appendix A.

1.3 This report covers the outcome of the consultation process and makes recommendations for the way forward.

2. THE CONSULTATION

2.1 The learning and leisure services widely consulted the communities affected by the proposals. The proposals were advertised in the press and copies of the documents were issued to interested parties, including council members, MSP’s, MP’s, parents, parent councils, school staff, pupils, associated primaries, unions and community groups. Copies were made available in local libraries. As part of the consultation representative of the council attended a parents meeting at Drumpark Secondary School, a parent council meeting at St Ambrose High School, a public meeting convened by a local councillor and a public meeting convened by learning and leisure services. Written comments on the proposals were invited in terms of the Education (Publications and Consultations etc) (Scotland) Regulations 1981.

2.2 At the request of the local community the consultation period was extended from 30th November to 12th December 2007.

3. RESPONSES

3.1 Nearly 500 considered responses to the consultation were received both from individuals and on behalf of groups. The following groups, organisations and elected representatives made detailed submissions:

- Elaine Smith, MSP
- Drumpark senior management team
- Drumpark staff
3.2 In addition, over 1,300 pupils expressed their preference in ballots organised by the schools and standard petition letters signed by over 500 people were received.

3.3 All the submissions are listed in Appendix B and Appendix C and are available for public reference in Learning and Leisure Services, Kildonan Street, Coatbridge.

3.4 The main issues raised in the responses are summarised in section 4.

4 RESPONSES: MAIN ISSUES

4.1 Elaine Smith MSP

Ms Smith welcomed the proposal to replace the two schools and emphasised the benefits of co-locating them on one campus. She did not state a preferred option but expressed concern about both rebuilding on the existing St Ambrose site and the loss of green space. She raised the possibility of another location. The submission emphasised the importance of consultation, both with community and young people in the schools.

4.2 Drumpark senior management team

The head teacher had previously supported in principle the co-location of Drumpark ASN School with St Ambrose High School. This submission re-emphasised the support and indicated a preference for the Townhead Road site because it would provide the best opportunities for extending the liaison between the schools, including pupil access to facilities and collaboration between the staff groups. She highlighted the safety advantages of an integrated campus.

4.3 Drumpark staff

The majority of staff at Drumpark were in favour of the Townhead Road site on the grounds of pupil safety.

4.4 Drumpark pupils

Drumpark pupils were consulted on the proposals and invited to give their views on an individual class basis. Of the eleven classes in the school, ten preferred the Townhead Road site and one preferred the Blair Road site.
4.5  St Ambrose parent council

The parent council welcomed the rebuilding proposal and supported the Townhead Road option. The submission argued that it would allow more effective integration with Drumpark, more inclusive opportunities for the two communities and the development of enhanced facilities on a self-contained campus. The parent council suggested that the Townhead Road site would better protect the safety and security of the pupils and allow more effective community use.

4.6  St Ambrose parent teachers' association

The parent teachers' association selected the Townhead Road site as their preferred option, stating that this would provide a safer and more inclusive facility for the school and promote community use.

4.7  St Ambrose head teacher

The head teacher submitted an extended response to the proposals strongly supporting the co-location in principle and the Townhead Road option. She based her case on educational and safety arguments. For effective integration and inclusion, she considered that the two schools should be closely adjacent. Only the Townhead Road site would deliver a fully self-contained campus with safe access to all the facilities. She highlighted the educational aspirations of the school, including the development of a curriculum for excellence, vocational education, the specialist music provision and a range of learning and sporting activities using the outdoor facilities.

4.8  St Ambrose pupils

All pupils were involved in the consultation exercise as part of their social education programme. The teachers were instructed to lead the discussions impartially and the pupils were given the opportunity to record their preferences in a ballot. The support for each option is shown below.

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4.9  St Ambrose staff groups

Support staff, a trade union and a range of subject departments responded to the consultation. They all supported the Townhead Road site on the basis that it was considered to provide the best educational environment, particularly the integration of all the facilities on the one site and the best opportunities for implementing inclusion principles. Several responses welcomed better provision for vocational education, music and performance and for community use. It was also argued that the lower profile building on Townhead Road would harmonise better with the local environment.
4.10 St Bridget’s Primary School and St Francis of Assisi Primary School parent councils

Both parent councils expressed their preference for the Townhead Road site.

4.11 Roman Catholic Diocese of Motherwell

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Motherwell expressed a preference for the Townhead Road site, considering it to provide the most opportunity for an inclusive and integrated environment. It also expressed its support for St Brigid’s and St Francis of Assisi Primary schools remaining in the catchment of St Ambrose High School. Though now in the City of Glasgow local authority the Diocese noted that the schools have always been in the Diocese of Motherwell area.

4.12 sportscotland

Sportscotland indicated that it will require to be a statutory consultee if existing sports pitches are lost in the construction and highlighted recent guidance on the provision of indoor and outdoor facility requirements. It did not give a view on the options for siting the schools.

4.13 Individual responses

As detailed below, a large majority of responses from individuals supported the co-location of St Ambrose High School with Drumpark ASN Secondary School on the Townhead Road site. Most of the submissions against option 1 did not offer a preferred alternative.

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4.14 Petition submissions

The petition submissions (503) were all against the Townhead Road site but did not offer a preferred alternative. The petition raised the following issues:

1. the safety of the site, given that it was previously a landfill site and uncertainties about the underground conditions
2. the loss of the community playing fields and open space
3. the safety of Townhead Road because of heavy traffic
4. the relocation of the community centre

At the public meeting, members of the local community also questioned the council’s entitlement to build on the site and suggested that more options should have been considered.
5. SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

5.1 The table below collates the views expressed in the consultation.

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6. DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUES

6.1 The responses to the consultation fall into two broad groups. The first group comprises those opposed to the rebuilding of St Ambrose HS and Drumpark Secondary School in Drumpellier Park at Townhead Road. The objections centre on the availability and suitability of the site, the loss of green space and safety considerations. The second group supports the rebuilding on the Townhead Road site, claiming that it best meets the educational requirements of the St Ambrose and Drumpark pupils. Only a small minority of the responses support the rebuilding on the existing St Ambrose site or on the Blair Road site. This section discusses the issues raised by the responses.

6.2 Group 1: Objections to the Townhead Road site.

6.2.1 Site and ground conditions

The department accepts that the site conditions are difficult, requiring extensive preparation because of mineworkings and its previous landfill function and associated gas emissions. As a result site preparation would be expensive. Similarly, there would be substantial site preparation costs at the other sites. The contamination materials at Townhead Road would be removed and transported to a licensed removal site under strict conditions. As in many parts of North Lanarkshire there were mineworkings in the vicinity but the map and ground investigations have indicated that any difficulties can be resolved. The final decision on building construction would take account of further detailed investigations.

6.2.2 Loss of playing fields and green space

Concern was expressed that the playing fields and open space would be lost to the community because of the proposed campus and that the attraction of Drumpellier Park would be undermined. These concerns are largely unjustified. Firstly, not all the pitches or open space would be lost and to compensate two grass pitches and one all-weather surface would be included in the development. These would be available for community use. In addition, the remaining facilities would be upgraded. Secondly, given that the Townhead Road site is a considerable distance from the main park and centre it is anticipated that visitors will be unaffected by the new schools. Finally, it is important to note that the campus would be designed to take account of the local environment. For example it would
be screened from the road and adjacent buildings, and would lie up to 10 metres below the road level.

6.2.3 Relocation of community centre

Concern was expressed that the community provision at Townhead Road would be reduced if the existing centre is replaced by the proposed development.

The department emphasises that community provision would be incorporated into the campus close to the existing centre and provide an enhanced facility.

6.2.4 Safety of Townhead Road

Concern was raised about increased traffic on Townhead Road because of the school development, particularly with it being the route for heavy vehicles using the nearby container terminal.

Any proposal would require to satisfy the safety demands of the roads and transportation specialists. Consideration is currently being given to a relief road that would take haulage traffic away from Townhead Road via Gartsherrie and the Gartcosh motorway link. Furthermore, any development at Townhead Road is likely to lead to an improvement of traffic flow on Blair Road.

6.2.5 Entitlement to build on the site

It was claimed that the Townhead Road site was gifted by the Buchanan family for community use by the people of Coatbridge and that any building on this land would be contrary to the terms of the gift.

The legal advice to the department is that the site is available for building and that it is not restricted by any conditions associated with the gifting. The right to build is assumed by the title owner, particularly with the 2005 legislative removal of the rights of superior feu holders. In any event, the proposal site is largely on ground bought by a previous local authority for council functions. Already, a sports pavilion, golf driving range and community centre have been built in the park area. However, it is important to note that any permission to build would still require planning approval.

6.2.6 Availability of other sites

It was suggested that the council disregarded other possible sites and that these would have been more suitable. The three included in the consultation were the only ones which met the essential criteria of council ownership, site size and catchment area location.

6.2.7 Willowbank School

The consultation raised the future plans for Willowbank School.

Willowbank School does not form any part of these proposals. Future consideration will be given to the replacement for this inadequate building.
6.3 Group 2: Support for the Townhead Road site

6.3.1 As noted in section 4, the support for the Townhead Road site was based on the argument that it best meets the educational requirements compared to the two other options. Firstly, it would allow greater integration of the campus facilities. The playing fields would be within the grounds and the building could be designed to provide an open environment and to maximise the interaction between the two schools. While on campus, the pupils would be safer due to the facilities being self-contained, particularly the playing fields and parking provision. Secondly, some responses suggested that the Townhead Road site is a better and safer location, less built up and more distant from adjacent busy roads.

6.3.2 St Ambrose site

The service accepts the claim that building on the existing St Ambrose site would have major negative educational implications, both during the construction phase and longer term. During the building period the whole school would be decanted, probably to the Coatbridge High School building, bringing disruption to normal learning and teaching. Additional costs for adaptations and pupil transport would be involved. However, it is considered that effective arrangements could be made and it is important to note that the Coatbridge High School site is accessible for pupils travelling by train from the Glasgow East catchment area. A further impact would be a 2 – 3 year delay in the rebuilding of Greenhill Primary School on the Coatbridge High site.

Compared to the Townhead Road site, the existing St Ambrose site is small and would significantly constrain campus design. The service acknowledges various educational disadvantages of the St Ambrose site. Firstly, it would not be an integrated campus. Drumpark School and the outdoor sports facilities would be in the park on the west side of Blair Road, making collaboration between the two schools more difficult and generating road crossing safety risks for pupils and staff. Secondly, due to the higher rise design, the St Ambrose environment would be less attractive and less accessible. Thirdly, congestion and pupil safety problems on Blair Road associated with the commuter traffic and the railway station, and the proximity of the schools to the adjacent residential area would not be resolved.

6.3.3 Blair Road site

The service also acknowledges that the Blair Road site would allow a more limited range of educational opportunities compared to the Townhead Road site. Again, because of a restricted site, the development would not be an integrated campus. The two schools would be co-located but the outdoor sports facilities would be outwith the main campus across the railway line in Drumpellier Park. Although road crossing risks would be greatly reduced, the problems associated with proximity to a residential area and competition on Blair Road would not be resolved.

6.3.4 Finally, it is important to note problems associated with all three sites. Firstly, the site preparation costs, particularly for Townhead Road, are high. There is less certainty about the existing St Ambrose site since it is not possible to complete an intrusive survey but there are extensive peat deposits at Daisy Park. Secondly, all three sites would result in the loss of green space. It can be argued that building at either Daisy Park or the existing St Ambrose site would have a greater impact than
the Townhead Road site because Blair Road is already built up and there is serious parking congestion.

7. CONCLUSION

7.1 There were three main outcomes from the consultation on the rebuilding of St Ambrose and Drumpark. Firstly, there was unanimous support for the principle including the provision of community facilities. Secondly, from the school community, there was very strong support on educational grounds for the Drumpellier Park site at Townhead Road. Thirdly, there were strong representations led by the local community against the Townhead Road site on environmental and heritage grounds.

7.2 The department has taken careful account of the issues raised by the local community. Some of the concerns are not wholly justified. Firstly, the site is partly on land bought by a previous authority and has already been built on or deployed for other council functions. Use is not restricted by the terms of the bequeathment of the Drumpellier Park area by the Buchanan family to the people of Coatbridge. Secondly, while some open green space will be lost, the school facilities will be available for community lets. In addition, some of the existing pitches and recreation area will not be affected and these will remain open to the community. Other concerns have some validity and the department will ensure that any associated risks are either avoided or effectively managed. Firstly, the department will seek specialist reassurance that any site-related risks, including any underground mineworkings and the presence of landfill materials are fully resolved in the construction. Secondly, access to and from the campus will take full account of the traffic on Townhead Road and road specialists will be fully involved in finalising the design. Pedestrian access to the campus, including transport arrangement and the walking route from Blairhill station, will be carefully reviewed to ensure pupil safety. It is also anticipated that the local community will be consulted in later stages of the project, particularly those design aspects which affect the local environment.

7.3 The recommendation of learning and leisure services is that the new St Ambrose High School/Drumpellier ASN Secondary campus should be located on the Townhead Road site on the basis that it best meets the educational requirements. It is also considered that the concerns expressed about the site are either not justified or can be addressed. The learning and leisure committee will be kept informed about the progress of the project, including the site preparation proposals and costs.

8 RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 The learning and leisure services committee is recommended to approve

1. that in August 2010 or such earlier or later date as is determined by the implementation of the project

(a) secondary education at Drumpark ASN school will be discontinued and a new build replacement ASN secondary school will be provided

(b) a new build replacement school will be provided for the existing St Ambrose RC High School
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NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
LEARNING AND LEISURE SERVICES

EDUCATION 2010 PHASE 2 PROPOSALS

CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ON
THE REBUILDING OF
DRUMPARK ASN SECONDARY SCHOOL
AND
ST AMBROSE RC HIGH SCHOOL

This document has been issued by the Learning and Leisure Services Committee of North Lanarkshire Council for consultation in terms of the Education (Publication and Consultation Etc) (Scotland) Regulations 1981
1. **BACKGROUND**

1.1 Education 2010, the rebuilding and upgrading of schools, is a very high priority for North Lanarkshire Council. There are three aspects to the strategic vision which underpins the programme:

1.1.1 **An educational vision:** School refurbishment and replacement improves the conditions for learning and teaching. There will be enhanced access to a wider and richer curriculum and greater opportunity for young people to develop to their full potential.

Social inclusion will be encouraged by co-locating additional support needs schools on the campus of selected schools.

The provision of early years facilities in primary schools will create local education and care opportunities as well as continuity and progression for the children.

Community facilities within schools will be enhanced. A number of new-build campuses will have integrated community facilities designed to cater for the specific needs of the locality. These facilities will be available for community and school use both during and outwith school hours. The facilities will offer learning, sporting and leisure opportunities.

1.1.2 **A corporate vision:** The development of schools as community hubs will support the wellbeing of communities by meeting social, economic and environmental needs in an integrated way. With inter-service collaboration the educational campus will deliver a wide range of council services. The overall package will ensure that a high quality education service is available to the whole community. There is a strong emphasis on the social and economic regeneration of the whole council area particularly deprived communities.

1.1.3 **A best value vision:** Education 2010 has a strong commitment to best value principles. It will ensure not only a high quality education provision but also the efficient use of resources in the short and long term. The rationalisation of existing buildings will release resources for investment on other services.

1.2 Phase 1 began in 2002 with the rebuilding of 24 schools and various other facilities as part of the public private partnership.

1.3 In November 2006 the council approved a phase 2 project, including the replacement of St Ambrose RC High School. The purpose of this document is to explain the options for the replacement and to gather the views of interested parties. The responses to the consultation will be reported to the learning and leisure committee so that a final decision can be taken.
2. THE OPTIONS IN DETAIL

2.1 The options included in this consultation for the replacement St Ambrose RC High School and Drumpark ASN Secondary School are detailed below:

Option 1
Both schools located in Drumpellier Park at Townhead Road. (Site A on the attached map)

Option 2
Both schools located in Drumpellier Park at Blair Road. (Site B on the attached map)

Option 3
The replacement Drumpark ASN Secondary School in Drumpellier Park at Blair Road and the replacement St Ambrose RC High School on the existing school site. (Sites C and D on the attached map)

**Option 1**

This proposal is to construct a new low profile building of St Ambrose RC High School, Drumpark ASN Secondary School and associated community facilities in Drumpellier Park at Townhead road at a projected cost of £38.4m.

It provides the opportunity to locate facilities currently at Townhead Community Centre within the new build and to relocate Willowbank School into this remodelled facility (this would be subject to a separate proposal and consultation). Additionally there is scope to upgrade outdoor facilities including provision for athletics.

This site is both large and open and affords good access by road and rail. Substantial groundworks including the removal of considerable material off site and ground consolidation due to previous mineworkings are required. Due to the proposal to build on playing fields and open space a referral to Sportscotland would also be necessary.

**Option 2**

This proposal is to construct a new 3-storey St Ambrose RC High School and Drumpark ASN Secondary in Drumpellier Park at Blair Road opposite the existing St Ambrose site at a projected cost of £36.7m.

It provides the opportunity to locate facilities Townhead Community Centre within the new build and to relocate Willowbank School into this remodelled facility (this would be subject to a separate proposal and consultation). Outdoor sports facilities would require to be provided outwith the main campus on the northern side of the railway within Drumpellier Park.

This site is both large and open and affords good access by road and rail. Substantial groundworks due to previous mineworkings and the removal of material are required.

**Option 3**

This proposal is to construct a new build Drumpark ASN Secondary and parking for both schools in Drumpellier Park at Blair Road and to re-construct a new build 4/5 storey St Ambrose RC High in the existing school site at a projected combined build cost of £37.2m.

Although the new build for Drumpark would be on a large open site St Ambrose would continue to operate on a congested site with remote outdoor facilities. This arrangement would also incur a 2 year decant for St Ambrose RC High School probably to a vacated Coatbridge High School building and lead to fewer opportunities for Drumpark pupils to access mainstream facilities.
The Blair Road site opposite the existing St Ambrose RC HS is both large and open and affords good access by road and rail. Substantial groundworks due to previous mineworkings and the removal of material are required.

3. REASONS FOR THE PROPOSALS

3.1 St Ambrose RC High School is in poor physical condition with facilities that do not meet the need for the modern curriculum. The building drew criticism in the recent HMI report. The following matters are considered to require particular attention

- The condition of the building is sub-standard with high energy and maintenance costs
- The building is not fit for purpose – poor heating, cooling and ventilation; limited classroom storage, power points and specialist fixed equipment; restricted opportunity to offer flexible curriculum; poor social facilities including dining, assembly and toilet areas; shortage of staff working and interview areas.
- Specialist facilities are dated and inadequate
- Existence of poor access conditions adjacent to a main road and restricted traffic / pedestrian circulation within campus
- Playing fields are remote

A new school for St Ambrose would promote education aims and the wider aspirations of the school community and the council. It would provide

- A modern facility for education in the 21st century
- A recognition of the school’s ‘music comprehensive’ status
- Enhanced specialist facilities including improved provision for ICT
- Integrated social, play and outdoor facilities for the school and the community
- Improved access, drop-off and parking
- A sustainable building with low running costs

3.2 Drumpark School is in poor physical condition with facilities that do not meet the requirements for pupils with additional support needs and for the modern curriculum. From an education and inclusion perspective there is a need to separate the all-through schools into dedicated primary and secondary stages. Additionally the following matters are considered to require particular attention

- The condition of the building is sub-standard with high energy and maintenance costs
- The building is not fit for purpose – small classrooms; small size and restricted shape of specialist areas; poor heating, cooling and ventilation; shortage of classroom storage, sinks and power points; inadequate social facilities and working areas; lack of display areas
- Specialist facilities are inadequate
- Access, drop-off and parking are limited
- Playground and outdoor space is restricted

New schools for Drumpark, both primary and secondary, would promote education aims and the wider aspirations of the school community and the council. It would provide

- A modern, inclusive and integrated facility for education in the 21st century
- Enhanced specialist facilities including improved provision for ICT
- Integrated social, play and outdoor facilities for school and community
- Improved access, drop-off and parking
- A sustainable building with low running costs
4. IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS

All of the following are dependent on approval

4.1 Benefits

The opportunity exists for all pupils and staff to benefit from improved facilities that enable teaching and learning by modern methods, future flexibility and enhanced access, safety and security. All pupils will have better opportunities to integrate socially and educationally.

4.2 Accommodation

The opportunity exists to provide a range of specialist facilities including the provision for music, outdoor teaching spaces, sports halls and fitness room, all weather sports pitches along with modern science laboratories, craft, design and technology areas, information technology and home economics rooms.

Community facilities will include meeting spaces, kitchen and general facilities for day time use and access to a range of internal and external facilities for out of school hours use.

4.3 Transport

Current North Lanarkshire policy

Free transport will be provided for resident North Lanarkshire secondary pupils living more than two miles away from the new school building by the shortest safe walking route. Transport will continue to be provided for additional support needs pupils.

The development will include a bus turning area, pupil drop-off zone and on-site parking.

4.4 School Rolls and Zoning

The current and projected rolls for St Ambrose RC High School are as follows:

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The capacity of the new secondary building will be 1150. St Ambrose has an average of 40 placing requests each year.

The capacity of the new Drumpark building will be 80.

It is expected that all pupils in the schools on the date of completion of the project will transfer to the new campus.

4.5 Staff

(a) Learning and Leisure Staff

The new building will be staffed in accordance with current roll-related staffing standards.

Dependent on roll, all Learning and Leisure staff in St Ambrose RC High School will transfer to the new campus when it is completed.
Staff in Drumpark Secondary School who are dedicated to secondary children will transfer to the new campus when it is completed. An additional headteacher will be appointed to Drumpark School. All other staff, for example those who are involved with both primary and secondary children, will be consulted about their aspirations on an individual basis.

Professional associations and trade unions will be consulted about staffing matters.

(b) Staff employed by other council departments

It is anticipated that the new buildings will be supported by the council services including facilities management, maintenance and catering. Employees in the existing facilities will be redeployed to the new campus, if possible. All will be fully consulted about their future as will the appropriate trade unions.

4.6 Involvement in Design

It is intended to involve the schools and wider community in designing the new facilities.

5. RESPONDING TO THE PROPOSALS

5.1 The learning and leisure committee has agreed to adopt a number of proposals related to the project covered by this document. These proposals form the basis of the formal consultation process and are included as Appendix 1.

5.2 This consultative document is being issued to all interested parties. All interested parties are therefore invited to send their views on these proposals to Murdo Maciver, Head of Service, Learning and Leisure Services, Municipal Buildings, Kildonan Street, Coatbridge ML5 3BT no later than 30th November 2007. Alternatively, comments (to include name and address) can be made by e-mail to maciverm@northlan.gov.uk

MM/PM
September 2007
APPENDIX 1

The learning and leisure services committee is recommended to adopt the following proposals:

1. In August 2010 or such earlier or later date determined by the implementation of the project:
   a) secondary education at Drumpark ASN School will be discontinued and a new build replacement ASN secondary school will be provided in Coatbridge.
   b) all pupils in attendance at the secondary stage of Drumpark ASN School on the discontinuance date should attend the replacement school.
   c) a new build replacement school will be provided for the existing St Ambrose RC High School.

2. The sites for the replacement schools will be in accordance with one of the three options detailed at 2.2 in this report.

3. That the consultative document attached to this report be issued and made available to all interested parties.

4. That all interested parties be invited to make written representations to Murdo Maciver, Head of Educational Resources, Learning and Leisure Services, Kildonan Street, Coatbridge, ML5 3BT or by e-mail (to include name and address) to maciverm@northlan.gov.uk no later than 30th November 2007.

5. That the head of educational resources be asked to prepare a report on the response to the consultation to the next meeting of the learning and leisure services committee.
Appendix B

Teresa Collins, Head Teacher, Drumpark School
Drumpark Staff
Drumpark Pupils
Teresa Anne Deeney, Chair, St Ambrose High School Parent Council
St Ambrose High School PTA
Ellen Rafferty, Head Teacher, St Ambrose High School
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Glasgow City Council
David Marshall MP, Member of Parliament for Glasgow East,
Councillor Douglas Hay, Glasgow City Council
Stephen Cummings, Planner - Facilities Development, Sportscotland
Harry Marshall, Chairperson, Parent Council, St Bridget’s Primary School
Chair of the Parent Council, St Francis of Assisi Primary
Elaine Smith MSP, The Scottish Parliament
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