

## Attachment 4

### Feedback from recent Thurso High School POD Proposal – Ms D Wood

1. **HIGH SCHOOL:** During construction of the new High School, how is pupil safety and possible disruption going to be minimised?

*There will be a separate site entrance, restricted access at start of school day, lunch and home. Hours of build e.g. 8am – 6pm.*

2. How is the traffic going to be managed during the construction phase, and will a transport plan be made available for public comment?

*There will be a transport plan as part of planning application and the public will be able to view and comment.*

3. Will Parent Forums/Councils be consulted on the design for the new school?

*There will be a stakeholder group formed probably in June which will include Parent Councils.*

4. At an initial meeting with Council Offices before summer, we were told a focus group would involve Parent Council reps. This did not happen – why?

*It will happen – see above.*

5. Will the plan include traffic management improvements, especially if there is a new primary school and other organisations sharing the site? Would a new primary share pick up/drop off points or would they be separate?

*There will be separate areas for buses, but a pupil pick up/drop off point will be shared. A traffic Impact Assessment will highlight improvements. Traffic could be minimised by separate start/finish times for both schools but this would be for schools to decide.*

6. If there is a new primary school on the same site, would it have separate playgrounds, sport grounds etc?

*The primary site will be secure, however the high school site will still be open to public access.*

7. The high school site is a finite size, if there is to be a new high school, primary, plus others how is it all going to fit? Does acquisition of the old mart site form part of the plan?

*Site has been tested for primary and high school – tight but doable. They will each have their own playground but shared sports facilities. Acquisition of mart site looked into, but expensive and the more that's paid for it, means less for schools.*

8. Is it planned to keep the public separate from the school campus?

*As above, primary secure but outside high school area will be accessible by public.*

**9. PRIMARY SCHOOL/S:** Having one primary school for all of Thurso would make it the biggest in Highland. Would this be the best option for our children?

*Could work, but not the best option.*

**10.** If there is a single primary school on the existing High School site, how will transport and likely increase in traffic during drop off/pick up be managed?

*There would potentially be an increase in pupils getting the bus, there could be improvements to footpaths, lighting etc.*

**11.** If there is a reduction in primary schools, is there a consultation process to be followed i.e. with parents? How long would this take?

*Yes to first question*

*Don't know to second*

**12.** If there were to be two primary schools, where would they be located? If one is at the high school site where would the other one go?

*No decision has been made*

**13.** Are all building works going to be done together or will it be a phased build?

*High School first, then primary if that's the option chosen*

**14.** How confident are you about keeping to your time scale?

*Confident*

**There will be a decision made in June on option for Schools**

**The Parent Council will be involved in the design phase**

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