



Community Impact Assessment Report - consultation on changing the catchment area of Ysgol Felinwnda

1. Background Information

1.1 The Area

The catchment area of Felinwnda is situated near the villages of Saron and Dinas on the outskirts of Caernarfon, and serves the villages and area nearby. The catchment area is located 3.9 miles from Caernarfon. According to the 2021 Census 1,421 people live in the Llanwnda ward.

In September 2023 there were 49 learners aged between 3-11 living in the Ysgol Felinwnda catchment area, with 3 of those pupils attending Ysgol Felinwnda. This means that 94% of learners in the catchment area (between 3-11 years old) are attending out-of-catchment schools, with 61% of the learners attending Ysgol Bontnewydd and 13% attending Ysgol Llandwrog.

1.2 The Economy

According to the 2021 census, 60.1% of people aged 16 years and over within the Llanwnda ward are economically active, and 0.2% of these are unemployed. 38.3% of people in the same age group are economically inactive, with 2.5% of these being long-term ill or disabled. The type of industry in which the population is active varies in the area, with the highest rate (26%) working in professional occupations.

(Source: 2021 Census, Office for National Statistics)

According to the 'Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (2019)', the employment rate of the Llanwnda ward, compared to other wards in Wales, is ranked 1254 out of 1909 LSOAs (Lower Super Output Areas) in Wales, which places it in the least deprived 50%.

1.3 Deprivation

The Llanwnda Ward is rated within the 50% least deprived wards in Wales (ranked 1046 of 1909).

Several fields draw up these general indexes, including income, employment, health, education, access to services, community safety, physical environment and housing.

Nevertheless, it is noted that the Llanwnda Ward is within the 20-30% most deprived areas in Wales in the field of 'Housing'. The indicators of this field are the proportion of people who live in an overcrowded home (bedroom use), and the proportion of people living in homes that do not have central heating.

In addition, the Llanwnda ward is within the 10% most deprived areas in Wales in the 'access to services' field, i.e., deprivation, as people are unable to access the various services considered essential for daily living. The indicators include the average public transport and private travel times to a number of services such as supermarkets, surgeries, primary and secondary schools, post office, public library, pharmacy, leisure centre and private travel time to a petrol station.

There is a summary below of how the Llanwnda area is located in the context of other areas in Wales according to the Wales Index of Multiple Deprivation (2019):

Area	Rank in Wales, out of 1909 LSOA areas. (1 = most deprived and 1909 = least deprived)	Most deprived % in Wales
Employment	1254	
Income	1092	
Health	1435	
Education	1437	
Housing	388	Within the 20-30% most deprived
Physical environment	1020	
Access to services	116	Within the 10% most deprived
Community safety	1513	

1.4 The Community

A number of activities are held in the Llanwnda Ward, including;

- Sensori Sara
- Reading Club
- Ras Rhostryfan
- Coffee morning
- Cylch Ti a Fi
- Cylch Meithrin
- Merched y Wawr
- Zumba
- Y Gymdeithas

In addition, there are several facilities in the catchment area, including a community centre, shops, garage, public transport, narrow gauge railway station and children's play area.

1.5 Summary of the various facilities in the community of Felinwnda and the nearby catchment areas (September 2024)

	Felinwnda	Llandwrog	Bontnewydd
Community Centre / Village Hall	✓		✓
Chapel/Church	✓	✓	
Public Transport	✓	✓	✓
Shop	✓		✓
Café/Pub		✓	
Post Office			✓
Pharmacy			
Library			
Children's Playing Field	✓	✓	✓
Bank			
Residential Home for the Elderly			
Leisure Centre			
Garage	✓		
Tourism Attraction	✓	✓	✓
Cylch Ti a Fi + Meithrin	✓		✓

2. Schools in the nearby catchment areas

2.1 Context of the schools in the alternative catchment areas according to Estyn Inspection Reports

As part of Estyn reports, the schools are placed within their context, and their community connections are detailed. This is the context given to Ysgol Llandwrog and Ysgol Bontnewydd by Estyn inspectors.

Ysgol Llandwrog

"Ysgol Gynradd Llandwrog is situated in the village of Llandwrog, approximately six miles from the town of Caernarfon."

Source: Estyn Report, July 2019

Ysgol Bontnewydd

"Ysgol Gynradd Bontnewydd is situated in the village of Bontnewydd, approximately two miles from the town of Caernarfon in Gwynedd. It serves the village and the surrounding area, including the villages of Caethro and Llanfaglan."

Source: Estyn Report, February 2017

2.2 Schools' statistical information

School	Capacity		Numbers (September 2023)		Surplus Places R -Yr 6	Legal Category	Linguistic Category
	N	R-Yr 6	N	R-Yr 6			
Bontnewydd	26	182*	28	180	2 (1%)	Community	**3
Llandwrog	10	75	8	29	46 (61%)	Voluntary Controlled Status (VC) The Church in Wales	**3

*It is anticipated that the new Ysgol Bontnewydd building will have a capacity of 210 (Reception to Yr 6) and 30 nursery.

**The definition of Category 3 is a school with a strong Welsh ethos, supporting and enabling the learners to use the Welsh language in all social contexts in and outside the school.

2.3 Schools that children in the Felinwnda catchment area attend

According to the September 2023 school census, there were 49 primary age learners living in the Felinwnda catchment area.

The table below indicates to which schools the learners who live in the Felinwnda catchment area have attended over the last 5 years.

School	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Felinwnda	22%	18%	4%	7%	6%
Llandwrog	16%	12%	10%	10%	13%
Bontnewydd	54%	62%	80%	64%	61%
Maesincla	0	0	0	2%	0%
Rhostryfan	1%	2%	0	0	6%
Y Gelli	3%	0	0	0	0
Yr Hendre	3%	4%	2%	10%	6%
Other	1%	2%	4%	7%	8%

Source: September 2019-2023 Census

3. Assessment of the probable impact on the community

Positive	Neutral	Negative
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OPTION 1: TRANSFER FELINWENDA CATCHMENT AREA IN ITS ENTIRETY TO THE YSGOL LLANDWROG CATCHMENT AREA

Impact Criteria	Description	Status of the impact and the work
Impact on Health and Well-being	<p>Although 23% of the learners in the Felinwnda catchment area live within 2 miles of Ysgol Llandwrog, as there are no safe paths leading from the Felinwnda catchment area to Ysgol Llandwrog it would be required to offer transport to all learners, as they cannot walk safely to the school.</p> <p>Being in a larger school can offer more play opportunities and participation in team sports, and as a result it can have a positive impact on the health and well-being of learners.</p>	Neutral
Implications of the change on public transport provisions	<p>Public bus (number G6) runs between the village of Saron and Llandwrog already, but there is no bus which offers transport between the villages of Dinas, Llanwnda and Llandwrog.</p> <p>It is not anticipated that the option would have an impact on the provision of public transport.</p>	Neutral
The impact on broader community safety	It is not anticipated that transferring the Felinwnda catchment area as a whole to the Ysgol Llandwrog catchment area will affect broader community safety.	Neutral
Would the option encourage families and school-age children to leave the community, or would young families be less likely to move to the community	Ysgol Llandwrog school is located approximately 2 miles from the catchment area of Ysgol Felinwnda, and a significant proportion (13%) of the children in the catchment area attend Ysgol Llandwrog. As a result, it is not anticipated that families with young children would leave the community should the Felinwnda catchment area as a whole be transferred to the Ysgol Llandwrog catchment area.	Neutral
Impact on other services provided locally	<p>The Cylch Meithrin and Cylch Ti a Fi are located at Canolfan Bro Llanwnda. Several other activities are also held at the Centre.</p> <p>As a substantial number of parents of children in the Felinwnda catchment area already choose to send their children out-of-catchment area, it is not anticipated that transferring the Felinwnda catchment area as a whole to the Ysgol Llandwrog catchment area will have a significant direct impact on other locally-provided services, and the community use of Canolfan Bro Llanwnda.</p>	Neutral
Detrimental effect on the community's broader economy	As the majority of the learners in the Felinwnda catchment area already attend alternative schools, it is not anticipated that transferring the Felinwnda catchment area as a whole to the Ysgol Llandwrog catchment area will affect the broader economy of the community.	Neutral
The general impact on the local community	As learners in the Felinwnda catchment area attend out-of-catchment area schools, it is not anticipated that changing the catchment area will affect the current situation.	Neutral

OPTION 2: TRANSFER THE ENITRE FELINWNTA CATCHMENT AREA TO THE YSGOL BONTNEWYDD CATCHMENT AREA

Impact Criteria	Description	Status of the impact and the work
Impact on Health and Well-being	<p>As 85% of the learners in the Felinwnta catchment area live within 2 miles of Ysgol Bontnewydd, and that there are some safe paths to school, there will be an opportunity for some learners to walk to the school. As a result, it could have a positive impact on the health and well-being of the learners.</p> <p>Being in a substantially larger school could offer more opportunities to play and participate in team sports, and consequently it can have a positive impact on the health and well-being of the learners.</p>	Positive
Implications of the change on public transport provisions	A number of public buses already run between the villages of Llanwnta, Dinas and Bontnewydd, but none of the buses offer transport between the villages of Saron and Bontnewydd. Public bus 12 serves between Llanwnta, Dinas and Bontnewydd, as well as a number of public buses serving between Dinas and Bontnewydd, including the T2, T22 and G4. It is not anticipated that transferring the Felinwnta catchment area as a whole to the Ysgol Bontnewydd catchment area will affect public transport provisions.	Neutral
The impact on broader community safety	It is not anticipated that transferring the Felinwnta catchment area as a whole to the Ysgol Bontnewydd catchment area will affect broader community safety.	Neutral
Would the option encourage families and school-age children to leave the community, or would young families be less likely to move to the community	Ysgol Bontnewydd is located approximately two miles from the Ysgol Felinwnta catchment area, and a high proportion (61%) of the children of the catchment area already attend Ysgol Bontnewydd. As a result, it is not anticipated that families with young children will leave the community should the Felinwnta catchment area as a whole be transferred to the Bontnewydd catchment area .	Neutral
Impact on other services provided locally	<p>The Cylch Meithrin and Cylch Ti a Fi are located at Canolfan Bro Llanwnta. A number of other activities are also held at the Centre.</p> <p>As a substantial number of parents of the Felinwnta catchment area children already choose to send their children to out-of-catchment area schools, it is not anticipated that transferring the Felinwnta catchment area as a whole to the Ysgol Bontnewydd catchment area would have a significant direct impact on other locally-provided services and the community use of Canolfan Bro Llanwnta.</p>	Neutral
Detrimental effect on the community's broader economy	As a number of the Felinwnta catchment area children already attend Ysgol Bontnewydd, it is not anticipated that transferring the Felinwnta catchment area as a whole to the Ysgol Bontnewydd catchment area will affect the broader economy of the community.	Neutral
The general impact on the local community	As the learners in the Felinwnta catchment area attend out-of-catchment area schools, it is not anticipated that changing the catchment area will affect the current situation.	Neutral

OPTION 3: DIVIDE THE FELINWNTA CATCHMENT AREA ACCORDING TO THE DWELLINGS THAT ARE GEOGRAPHICALLY CLOSER TO YSGOL LLANDWROG AND YSGOL BONTNEWYDD

Impact Criteria	Description	Status of the impact and the work
Impact on Health and Well-being	<p>As 94% of the learners in the Felinwnta catchment area live within 2 miles of Ysgol Llandwrog and/or Ysgol Bontnewydd, and that there are some safe paths to Ysgol Bontnewydd, there will be an opportunity for some learners to walk to the school, and as a result, the option would have a positive impact on the health and well-being of some learners.</p> <p>Being in a larger school can offer more opportunities for play and participating in team sports, and as a result, it could have a positive impact on the health and well-being of the learners.</p>	Positive
Implications of the change on public transport provisions	<p>For the learners who live in houses that are geographically closest to Ysgol Llandwrog, public bus (number G6) already runs through the villages of Saron and Llandwrog, but no bus offers transport between the villages of Dinas, Llanwnda and Llandwrog.</p> <p>For learners who live in the geographically closest houses to Ysgol Bontnewydd, several public buses already run between the villages of Llanwnda, Dinas and Bontnewydd, but none of the buses offer transport between the villages of Saron and Bontnewydd. Public bus no.12 serves between Llanwnda, Dinas and Bontnewydd, as well as several public buses serving between Dinas and Bontnewydd, including the T2, T22 and G4.</p> <p>It is not anticipated that realising this option would have an impact on the provision of public transport.</p> <p>Should the learners of the Felinwnta catchment area take advantage of this public transport provision, the number of those learners would be relatively low and therefore, it is not anticipated that splitting the houses in the Felinwnta catchment area according to the closest school geographically (to Ysgol Llandwrog and Ysgol Bontnewydd) would affect the public transport provisions.</p>	Neutral
The impact on broader community safety	It is not anticipated that splitting the houses in the Felinwnta catchment area according to the closest school geographically (to Ysgol Llandwrog and Ysgol Bontnewydd) would impact broader community safety.	Neutral
Would the option encourage families and school-age children to leave the community, or would young families be less likely to move to the community	Ysgol Llandwrog and Ysgol Bontnewydd are located approximately 2 miles from the Ysgol Felinwnta catchment area, and a high percentage of the children from the catchment area already attend Ysgol Llandwrog (13%) and Ysgol Bontnewydd (61%). As a result, it is not anticipated that families with young children would leave the community should the houses in the Felinwnta catchment be split according to the closest school geographically (to Ysgol Llandwrog and Ysgol Bontnewydd).	Neutral
Impact on other services provided locally	<p>The Cylch Meithrin and Cylch Ti a Fi are located at Canolfan Bro Llanwnda. Several other activities are also held at the Centre.</p> <p>It is not anticipated that splitting the houses of the Felinwnta catchment area according to the closest school geographically (to Ysgol Llandwrog and Ysgol Bontnewydd) will have a significant direct impact on other locally provided services, and the community use of Canolfan Bro Llanwnda.</p>	Neutral
Detrimental effect on the community's broader economy	As the majority of the children from the catchment area already attend Ysgol Llandwrog and Ysgol Bontnewydd, it is not anticipated that splitting the houses of the Felinwnta catchment area according to the closest school geographically (to Ysgol Llandwrog and Ysgol Bontnewydd) would impact the broader economy of the community.	Neutral
The general impact on the local community	As learners in the Felinwnta catchment area attend out-of-catchment area schools, it is not anticipated that changing the catchment area will affect the current situation.	Neutral

6. Conclusion

The content of this assessment shows that it is not anticipated that neither of the 3 options being consider would have a negative impact on the community.

It is not anticipated that any of the 3 options would encourage school-age families to leave the community, as the learners living in the catchment area of Ysgol Felinwnda already attend other schools, including Ysgol Llandwrog and Ysgol Bontnewydd. Similarly, it is not anticipated that young families would be less likely to move into the community should any of the 3 options be implemented.

In addition, as 94% of the learners of the Felinwnda catchment area live within 2 miles of Ysgol Llandwrog and/or Ysgol Bontnewydd, and that there are some safe paths to Ysgol Bontnewydd more specifically, it is anticipated that option 2 and 3 would have a positive impact on the health and well-being of learners by offering an opportunity for some learners to walk to school.