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Education and Family Support Directorate

Consultation - Post 16 BCBC

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To whom it may concern,

I am extremely concerned that there is the possibility that CCYD is going to lose its 6th Form.

I chose CCYD for my child because it provides education from 11 to 18 and having spoken to Teachers I am confident that the consistent results children are coming away with, shows it is a great option for my child. Therefore, I am sure that you can understand my disappointment to hear that my child may not have the option to attend CCYD 6th Form. The alternatives do not work for us as a family, I do not want my children having to travel down a valley and back up another one or have to go into Bridgend town. Has anyone thought of the reality of the travel time involved for the young people? At the moment they leave the house at 7.40 to get to school for 8.30, if they have to then go to an alternative 6th form this travel time will only increase leading to an extremely long day for a young person, this will likely affect their concentration and therefore their ability to learn.

I have heard that space may be an issue for CCYD to house a growing 6th Form, please can you explain why the area that is currently housing Children’s Services can’t be given back to the School to house the 6th form? Or why can’t the extension that already has planning permission go ahead?

I would like to have feedback on my questions.

Yours faithfully

A very concerned parent