



Falkirk Council
Children's Services

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Date: 11th November 2024

Dear Sir/ Madam

Statutory Consultation notice – Proposal to relocate the Inclusion and Wellbeing Service (IWBS) from the Laurieston to the Dawson Centre.

Falkirk Council is consulting on a proposal to relocate the Inclusion and Wellbeing Service (IWBS) from the current location at Laurieston Campus, Bog Road, Falkirk, to the Dawson Centre Campus, David's Loan, Falkirk.

This notice provides a summary of the proposal: it is a requirement for you to be notified of the consultation as a consultee, in accordance with Schedule 2 Section 1 of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 as amended. A full copy of the Proposal Document is available at: <http://participateplus.falkirk.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/proposal-to-relocate-the-inclusion-and-wellbeing-service>

Falkirk Council is conducting a public consultation from **Monday 11th November to Friday 23rd December 2024**. During this period, you will be able to make representation to Falkirk Council in respect of the proposal.

It is important that everyone we are consulting tells us what they think about the proposal. Please read this notice and summary and then consider the contents of the proposal document. You can then tell us what you think of the proposal by making written representation and/or by attending the public meeting. This notice and summary tell you how to do that.

We will consult by:

- Providing a Notice of the consultation and a summary of the proposal to the relevant consultees (this is that Notice and summary).
- Publication of the [Proposal Document](#)
- Placing an advert in the local press advertising the consultation
- Placing information on our website – <https://www.falkirk.gov.uk/services/council-democracy/consultations-surveys/>
- Putting information on our consultation hub <https://participateplus.falkirk.gov.uk>
- Holding a public meeting to explain the proposal
- Asking all consultees to tell us what they think of the proposal

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A full copy of the proposal document is available:

- On our website at <https://www.falkirk.gov.uk/services/council-democracy/consultations-surveys/>
- By written request to educ.consultation@falkirk.gov.uk or Falkirk Council, Children's Service, Suite 1A, Falkirk Community Stadium, 4 Stadium Way, Grangemouth, FK2 9EE
- In printed form free of charge at Suite 1A, Falkirk Community Stadium, 4 Stadium Way, Grangemouth, FK2 9EE

The Proposal

Falkirk Council is proposing that:

The Inclusion & Wellbeing Service (IWBS) will be relocated from the Laurieston Campus, Bog Road, Falkirk to the Dawson Centre Campus, David's Loan, Falkirk from April 2026 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Reasons for this Proposal

This is being proposed for the following reasons:

- The current premises do not meet the needs and aspirations of the service and is not considered a positive environment for children and young people,
- The school facilities within the existing Laurieston Campus are considered Poor ("C" rated) in terms of overall Condition and Bad for Suitability ("D" rated).
- The temporary modular units are at the end of their life
- The accommodation is not fully accessible
- the quality of outdoor spaces is poor and
- being in a mainly business / industrial location.

Falkirk Council, as an Education Authority is required to secure adequate and efficient provision of school education (Section 1 of the Education Act 1980); and to endeavour to secure improvement in the quality of school education in schools that are managed by them (Section 3 of the Standards in Scotland's Schools Act 2000). This is reflected in the Falkirk Council Plan 2021-2030 priority: "Promoting opportunities and educational attainment and reducing inequalities"

A **public meeting** has been arranged at:

- Langlees Primary School, David's Loan, Falkirk, FK2 7RG on Wednesday 27th November 2024 at 18.30

The public meeting is open to all interested parties. At this meeting, council officers will give a presentation of the proposal, answer questions on it and record the oral representations of anyone who attends. There will be opportunity to complete a consultation response form.

Representations to the Proposal

This letter and the Proposal Document advises how you can make representation to this consultation process. You are invited to have your say on this proposal.

You can attend the public meeting and/or you can make written representations.

- On-line: <https://participateplus.falkirk.gov.uk>
- By email to: educ.consultation@falkirk.gov.uk.
- By Letter to: IWBS Relocation Consultation, Falkirk Council Children's Services, Suite 1A, Falkirk Community Stadium, 4 Stadium Way, Falkirk, FK2 9EE

Respondents should state the capacity in which they are expressing their views and agree to their statement/comments being published as part of the Statutory Consultation process and published in the final Consultation Report (all other personal information will be redacted).

Falkirk Council is seeking your views on the proposal during the consultation period, it does not assume that the proposal will go ahead. All points raised during the consultation period will be included in the final Consultation Report before being presented to Elected Members where a decision will be taken as to the outcome of this process.

What to do now

- Please read the full [proposal document](#)
- You are invited to attend the public meeting which will be held at Langlees Primary School, David's Loan, Falkirk, FK2 7RG on Wednesday 27th November 2024 at 18.30
- All responses must be made online, or in writing by Friday 23rd December 2024.

Following the consultation, all points raised will be carefully considered and Elected Members will then decide if the proposal should go ahead.

If the proposal goes ahead, any young people from the IWBS service will be relocated to the Dawson Campus from April 2026 or as soon as possible thereafter

Yours faithfully,

Jon Reid
Director of Education