

Appendix 7 – Comments from the Local Member

“As the Local Member, I have noted the content of the report and the objections submitted, and I continue to object to the proposal to close Ysgol Nebo.

I acknowledge the challenges facing the school in relation to pupil numbers, surplus places and costs. However, it is important to note that the proposal to close the school has not arisen as a result of any shortcomings in the quality of education provided, and that the report itself acknowledges that learners at Ysgol Nebo make good progress within a small-class environment.

I continue to support the Governing Body’s alternative proposal to retain Ysgol Nebo as a mainstream school and to develop its role in providing nurturing provision for children requiring additional support. I believe that this presents an opportunity to build on the strengths of Ysgol Nebo and to develop provision that could deliver wider benefits for children across Gwynedd.

I am also concerned about the potential impact of closing the school on the Nebo community and on the Welsh language. The closure of a rural school is not a decision that can easily be reversed, and its implications extend beyond pupil numbers and the cost per learner alone.

For these reasons, I continue to object to the proposal to close Ysgol Nebo and ask the Cabinet to give further consideration to the alternative proposal before reaching its final decision.”