

Impact	Negative/ positive	Mitigation	Comment
1.Pupil numbers will decrease in Welsh-medium schools due to the attraction of new build English-medium school in the area	Negative	-Large investment in improving facilities and capacity in Welsh-medium schools including YGG Pontardawe, YGG Trebannws and YG Ystalyfera Bro Dur (north campus) -Enhanced financial support for YG Ystalyfera Bro Dur (and neighbouring cluster schools) -Welsh-medium (WM) ALN provision in YG Ystalyfera Bro Dur -Enhanced promotion campaign for WM schools in the YG Ystalyfera Bro Dur cluster	Large investment has already taken place in all of the named schools. YG Ystalyfera Bro Dur has benefited from new builds, refurbishment of an existing building and a new on site wraparound childcare facility will be completed in April 2025. The YG Ystalyfera Bro Dur cluster has had significant additional financial support from Cymraeg 2050 element of the LAEG funding to support transition work, increase transition numbers and provide language immersion support for secondary pupils. -Strategic plans are already underway for this provision. Consultation for Welsh-medium primary and secondary ALN LSCs will take place in 2025 -Significant investment (WLGA grant funding) has already taken place to produce prospectuses, school promotional videos and a

		-‘Y Cwm’ Welsh language immersion provision is located in YGG Pontardawe for up to 16 pupils per term to increase parent and pupil confidence in Welsh-medium education at all staged of primary education - Additional Welsh-medium childcare places	series of Welsh language education promotional videos for the cluster Additional Welsh-medium childcare places have already been created in YGG Pontardawe, YGG Trebannws and a new provision in YG Ystalyfera Bro Dur will be completed in April 2025 in an effort to prevent drift over the border to neighbouring counties.
2.Welsh language in the community would decline because of possibility of greater number of English-medium pupils.	Negative	-Limit the size of the school to accommodate existing pupils	The new school would have to accommodate the number of eligible pupils from the catchment. Currently, pupils from the catchment attend newer schools in Powys. The attraction of a new English-medium school within their NPT catchment could reverse the trend of Godre’r Graig catchment pupils attending schools in Powys. The smallest new build school would be a one form entry for 210 pupils and 45 nursery (a significant

		- establish working groups to consider thematic issues relating to the Welsh language in the community e.g. provision and take up of Welsh for adults, language confidence building events, Promoting the use of Welsh by private and voluntary organisations, activities and entertainment for young people and young adults, employment and economic development -Implement targets set out in the WESP, Outcome 5, promoting and facilitating the use of the Welsh language and increase its use in everyday life within schools and the wider community -Ensure that targets within the Welsh Language Promotion Strategy assists with promoting the Welsh language within the community -Ensure close and effective engagement with Menter Iaith, Urdd, Tŷ'r Gwrhyd to provide opportunities	increase on current numbers attending Godre'r Graig). There is a significant lack of existing infrastructure in the village of Godre'r Graig to implement the mitigations outlined. The village of Ystalyfera, Llangiwig and Pontardawe will need to be incorporated into this target without diluting the focus on the village of Godre'r Graig. -Topics and themes each term within the school has a localised element and a wider all Wales aspect. -As above, the village of Ystalyfera, Llangiwig and Pontardawe will need to be incorporated into this target due to the lack of existing infrastructure -The LA has implemented a WLGA grant to provide an Urdd officer to work with pupils in the school (and
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		and promote the benefits of the Welsh language within the community -Ensure that Cymraeg Campus action plans/strategies will be used within the proposed school to ensure regular opportunities for learners, staff and the wider community to engage in activities that increase confidence in the Welsh language and promote Welsh modern culture and history. This will lead to an increased awareness of the relevance/ importance of Welsh in their everyday lives. This will be monitored and supported by the Local Authority's Welsh in Education officer and Curriculum Development Officer (Welsh in English medium).	other EM schools in the Swansea Valley) -The school are currently engaging with Cymraeg Campus
3. Less opportunities for promoting and growing the Welsh language as this is an English-medium school	Negative	-Local Authority to increase the current Welsh language provision in line with the proposed language continuum in order to develop a Welsh language community within the school. -As in 2, ensure that Cymraeg Campus action plans/strategies will be used within the proposed school to ensure regular opportunities for learners, staff	-There is a risk that this could negatively impact on the number of pupils attending YG Ystalyfera Bro Dur primary phase, which already has surplus capacity. - The school are currently engaging with Cymraeg Campus and currently, topics and themes each term within the school has a

		and the wider community to engage in activities that increase confidence in the Welsh language and promote Welsh modern culture and history. This will lead to an increased awareness of the relevance/ importance of Welsh in their everyday lives. This will be monitored and supported by the Local Authority's Welsh in Education officer and Curriculum Development Officer (Welsh in English medium). - the proposed new school would be encouraged to work closely with partners including Academi Hywel Teifi, Tŷ'r Gwrhyd, Menter Iaith, Urdd to ensure provision and promotion of learning opportunities for non-Welsh speaking learners, parents / carers and grandparents or those who are hesitant in the language in order to raise their confidence and assist with their children's education.	localised element and a wider all Wales aspect -Ty'r Gwrhyd and Menter Iaith are currently based in Pontardawe although Menter Iaith do send officers to schools outside of the town.
4. More pupils choosing English-medium secondary education (because of the increased number of primary places in the new build)	Negative	- Support and strengthen the work of the YG Ystalyfera Bro Dur cluster and parents' confidence in the Welsh language -As a result of Curriculum Developments for Wales, there will be	-As in impact 1, this work has already/ is currently taken place. -Although that this may increase the visibility of the Welsh language

		Local Authority level support for the proposed new build school to develop the visibility of the new curriculum with the focus on confidence in the Welsh language.	within the new build school, it will not assist with reaching WESP Outcome 1,2,3 targets as pupils will be in a predominantly English-medium school (80%+ of subjects will need to be taught through the medium of Welsh to become a designated Welsh-medium school).
5. Location more prominent so better choice for parents therefore favouring English-medium over Welsh-medium school	Negative	-enhanced promotion of YG Ystalyfera Bro Dur through continuation of the significant investment (WLGA grant funding) that has already taken place to produce prospectuses, school promotional videos and a series of Welsh language education promotional videos for the cluster	-the proposed new location is in a visible, prominent position on the A4067 thus making English-medium education more visible and easier to travel to for commuters (no prominent safe walk to school routes on new site therefore a high percentage of commuters)
6. Greater opportunities for community, including Welsh language groups, to make use of facilities	Positive/ neagative (depending on language medium of community groups)	-Implement targets set out in the WESP, Outcome 5, promoting and facilitating the use of the Welsh language and increase its use in everyday life within schools and the wider community. The proposed school could facilitate opportunities and events promoting the use of the Welsh language. -Ensure that targets within the Welsh	There is a significant lack of existing infrastructure and population in the village of Godre'r Graig to effectively implement the mitigations outlined. The village of Ystalyfera, Llangiwig and Pontardawe will need to be incorporated into this target without diluting the focus on the village of Godre'r Graig.

		Language Promotion Strategy assists with promoting the Welsh language within the community. The proposed school could facilitate opportunities and events promoting the use of the Welsh language within the community.	