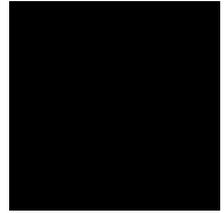


Banchory Academy Parent Council

c/o Banchory Academy



FAO: Aberdeenshire Planning Policy Team

Re: Proposed LDP

Banchory Academy Parent Council would like to express support for Aberdeenshire Council's decision to retain site R3 in Banchory for potential educational facilities. The wish for a new academy is widespread in the Banchory community, as evidenced by the response to the Banchory Community Action Plan in 2017.

Although a new learning plaza has recently been completed in the current school, which will benefit the next few years of pupils, the premises as a whole are showing their age in terms of both condition and suitability. While we understand that Aberdeenshire Council will not commit to a new academy for Banchory yet, there is no doubt that Banchory will require a new academy in the near future to meet the demands of modern education and maintain the excellent standards that Banchory Academy has traditionally been noted for. Having land set aside is a massive bonus. This particular site is accessible by foot for most young people in Banchory and it is close to amenities, especially the new sports centre.

Best regards,

Banchory Academy Parent Council