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Kennedy calls on Rush residents to take part in school consultation process

A NEW consultation process designed to give local residents a say in the establishment of schools in their areas has been launched and Dublin North Deputy Michael Kennedy (FF) has called on residents in Rush to make their feelings known.

Deputy Kennedy said: “Under plans announced today by the New School’s Advisory Committee (NSAC), it is proposed that a new co-educational Gaelscoil school be established in Rush, under the patronage of the Catholic Irish Medium Schools organisation.”

“The NSAC is inviting submissions from the local community and I would advise concerned local residents to fully participate in this consultation process, in order to ensure that this facility is best prepared to serve the community.”

“Opinions are sought over whether the school will meet the needs of the community; if the proposal for a Gaelscoil in the area is desirable; and if it, along with the existing schools in the area, provides enough diversity of educational delivery.”

“I welcome all attempts to include the community in the planning of schools and this latest consultation process is a sign of the progressive approach being adopted by the Minister for Education, under Fianna Fail.”

“I further welcome plans for the delivery of another Irish-language school to the Dublin North area; so far, they have proved to be not only extremely popular but also excellent educational facilities,” concluded Deputy Michael Kennedy.

Submissions can be made to:

The Secretary, New Schools Advisory Committee, c/o Department of Education and Science, Tullamore, Co Offaly.