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**Public Participation
Item No. 11 – Second Tranche Campus Proposals**

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Statement from Ms Carol Grant the Head Teacher from Pewsey School

When I applied for the role of H/T at Pewsey Vale, one of the key attractions was the campus – with the leisure centre, Primary School and now the new Childrens' centre on the same site we have the opportunity to become a 'Learning Hub' in the true sense of the word.

Working closely with all our campus partners has always been a top priority for the school and we are all committed to providing the best possible services for our community. As a school, we benefit from some excellent resources and I would like our facilities to be able to be used more by the community. We have already managed to move a little way towards this, with groups like Pewsey Running Club and Slimming World basing themselves with us, but without committing to extensive extra staffing costs, which, as a small school, we have been unable to find, these opportunities have been limited.

The proposed Campus Hub, which would join the school to the Leisure Centre, would enable us to share resources and facilities to maximise the opportunities for our community.

Bob has already talked about the communities' commitment to the campus, which saw it raise the funds for the initial swimming pool in the 1960's. This is our opportunity to create a fantastic new flexible facility that would meet the needs of the community for the next 50 years. We are unlikely to ever have the opportunity for an investment such as this again. Our isolated, rural community is starved of the services and facilities it desperately needs and this is our chance to put that right, not just for now, but for future generations, so I would particularly recommend the enhanced option to you.