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Dear Resident,

PUBLIC CONSULTATION REGARDING A PROPOSAL FOR A BRAND-NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL BUILDING ON LAND AT KERESFORTH CLOSE, BARNSELY.

We are writing on behalf of Bowmer + Kirkland (on behalf of the Secretary of State for Education) to inform you of proposals for a brand-new secondary school with associated access, landscaping and outdoor space for the new Trinity Academy St Edwards, on land at Keresforth Close, Barnsley. The proposed secondary school will meet a critical shortfall in school places in Barnsley, providing 900 pupil places. At present, the first intake of pupils are housed in temporary accommodation in the town centre.

A planning application for the school is due to be submitted to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council shortly, however, ahead of submission, we would welcome your comments on the proposal.

The site extends to 7.2 hectares in size and is the site of the former Keresforth Centre and associated playing fields. The former NHS buildings occupying the site are due to be demolished shortly.

It is proposed that the main school building, associated sports hall and hard play areas will be located on the site of the former buildings. The existing playing fields to the south will be replaced with grass pitches and an Artificial Turf Pitch, all of which will be available for community use outside of school hours. We are currently in discussions with the Council about the provision and maintenance of an area of Public Open space in the south-eastern corner of the site, adjacent to Broadway.

In summary, the development comprises of the proposed construction of a new, fully serviced three storey 6FE teaching block, with separate sports block including sports field provision with the associated hard and soft landscape and a new staff carpark. It is proposed that vehicular access will be taken off Keresforth Road.

A dedicated and generous area will be provided on site for the drop-off and pick-up of pupils, accessed via Keresforth Close. Drop-off and pick-up will be contained within the site to avoid disruption on the local public highway. A separate car park will be provided for staff including electric vehicle charging and disabled provision.

Bowmer + Kirkland (B+K) are a Main Contractor working on behalf of the Department for Education (DfE). B+K are a proud member of considerate constructors who work to mitigate impacts to local businesses and residents from our construction operations. B+K have robust procedures in place to deal with deliveries outside of peak hours as well as

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dust and noise mitigation measures. Our core deliveries will take place outside of peak rush hour and no night-time or weekend working will take place. We look forward to working with our local communities as this project progresses.

We are inviting you to provide your views and comments by email and/or post. A leaflet providing further details of the plans are attached to this letter. In addition, our website is now live and the proposals can be viewed there, and feedback form completed. www.dppukltd.com/trinitybarnsley

This application is being submitted to provide urgent school places in this part of Barnsley where state of the art facilities will be provided for pupils in their secondary education.

We look forward to receiving your comments on the proposed development. Please email any comments you may have to oliver.corbett@dppukltd.com who will log your comments and be able to answer any queries you may have.

Alternatively, if you do not have access to emails, please contact us on the telephone number at the top of this letter and we will be happy to answer any further questions.

Please note that once the planning application is submitted to the Council, there will also be further opportunity to comment.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'oliver', written in a cursive style.

Oliver Corbett
Senior Planner

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Introduction

DPP Planning are preparing to submit a planning application on behalf of Bowmer + Kirkland (on behalf of the Department for Education) for the erection of a new school comprising a three storey 6FE teaching block, sports block with associated hard and soft landscaping and parking at land off Keresforth Close.

This consultation leaflet is supported by a consultation website which includes additional plans and imagery at:

www.dppukltd.com/trinitybarnsley.



The Site

The site measures approximately 7.2 hectares in size and an aerial image is shown to the left. The site has historically comprised of outdoor playing fields adjacent to Broadway, in addition to buildings used by the NHS within the site off Keresforth Close. An application to demolish the NHS buildings, which are now vacant, has been approved by Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council.

The Proposal

The proposed works involve the construction of a three-storey 6FE teaching block and separate sports block including ample sports field provision with associated external works. It is proposed that the school will be accessed via Keresforth Close, off Broadway, to the north of the site. The teaching block will be situated to the north east parcel of the site with the Multi Use Games Area, soft and hard informal spaces whilst the sports fields will be located to the east and south of the site adjacent to Broadway. As part of the sport provision it is proposed that there will be a Synthetic Turf Pitch, a Grass Football Pitch as well as grass playing fields. It is anticipated that the sports facilities will be open for community use out of school hours to provide further community benefits. Furthermore, to the south west of the site adjacent to Keresforth Close, it is proposed that a purpose built public open space area will be implemented for use of the wider community.

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Please see overleaf for plans of the proposed development.

Site Plan:

There are more plans included on the website:



Have your say

We would welcome any views or feedback in relation to the proposed development, prior to the finalisation of the proposed plans, and the submission of a planning application to the local authority. Comments can be submitted electronically via DPP Planning's consultation webpage: www.dppukltd.com/trinitybarnsley, or via email to consultation@dppukltd.com. Alternatively, please post any feedback to DPP, One Park Row, Leeds, LS1 5HN.



Introduction

Welcome to the public consultation page for the exciting proposals for a brand-new 6 Form Entry (6FE) secondary school with associated access, landscaping and outdoor space for the new Trinity Academy St Edwards, on land at Keresforth Close, Barnsley.

A planning application for the school is due to be submitted to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council shortly, however, ahead of submission, we would welcome your comments on the proposal. This consultation follows on from an earlier planning application, which was approved in early 2021, for the construction of a temporary school on the site of the existing playing fields, in order to provide accommodation for 180 pupils while the permanent school would be under construction. The temporary school did not progress however, and instead the 180 current pupils of Trinity St Edwards are now in temporary teaching accommodation at Eastgate Building, adjacent to the Barnsley College campus.

The school is being delivered by Bowmer + Kirkland (B+K) and will be funded by the Department for Education (DfE). The school will be operated by the Trinity Multi Academy Trust (TMAT) and will be known as Trinity Academy St Edwards. The Trust, which currently manages 10 academies across the North of England, strives to create first-class education that supports and drives the highest standards in both academic outcomes and pastoral care for young people and communities.

For more information on the Trust, please visit their website: <https://www.trinitymat.org/>