

## New Sutton Secondary School (NS3)

### Project Update: Issue 4, September 2016

This is the fourth NS3 project update. For further updates and basic information on the project please visit

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### Update on Consultation and Developing Design

- A consultation meeting took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July which was attended by approximately 75 people and the alternative massing options shared in the last update were consulted upon. The feedback from this event informed further development of the design.
- A further two meetings were held on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of September, the Residents Reference Group and the final public engagement meeting respectively, to review the final designs. Approximately 70 residents attended the public engagement meeting, where a presentation of the final building designs, landscape solutions and conclusions from the transport assessment were shared. Some of the key features of the school were presented at this meeting including:
  - Outstanding sustainability credentials - this school will be the first PassivHaus secondary school in the country in line with the world class aspirations for the London Cancer Hub.
  - Exemplar educational environment with built in flexibility to accommodate the different perspective providers.
  - Fully masterplanned with the London Cancer Hub in mind, whilst respecting the existing context.
- Ongoing pre-application advice has been taken from the Local Planning Authority, Transport for London (TfL) and the Greater London Authority (GLA). The feedback has been positive but only when formally submitted will the scheme be fully evaluated.
- Officers intend to submit the final design to the Local Planning Authority by the middle of October with a planning committee expected in January 2017. Some basic images of the proposed school are shared below however the more detailed presentation delivered at the engagement meeting has been provided on the [Council website](#)

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3D Visuals  
View from proposed Green Spine



View from West school entrance



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### Appointment of Free School Provider

- On the 16th of September the DfE announced that **The Harris Federation have been appointed as the successful provider** of the proposed free school on the Sutton Hospital Site.
- The Harris Federation run 41 primary and secondary academies in and around London and every one of their academies which has been assessed by Ofsted has received either a 'good' or 'outstanding' accreditation, with 64% of their students achieving 5 or more A\* to C grades at GCSE level, in 2015.
- The first engagement meeting between Harris, the Education Funding Agency and the Design Team will take place on the 20th of September. This meeting will be an opportunity to discuss the plans for the school, the 'pre-opening' process, the governance of the project now the provider is on board and the timeline of key decisions to be taken.

### Update on Appointment of the Contractor

- Willmott Dixon Construction has been appointed as the Contractor for the project and engagement between them and the Design Team is underway.

### Transport and Travel Update

- The Transport Assessment has been largely completed and approved in principle by LBS highways. This will be made publicly available once the planning application is submitted.
- Catchment analysis was requested by and shared with TfL in order to determine which routes will require extra bus provision in order to serve the school. It is not expected for TfL to make recommendations on bus provision until after the planning application has been submitted.
- Safety audits on pedestrian routes and the proposed pedestrian crossings have been undertaken and the results are shared in the Transport Assessment.
- A park and stride solution has been agreed with Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals Trust and a 'voluntary exclusion zone' has been set out in the School Travel Plan.
- With regards to pedestrian crossings to accommodate the pupils, the TA has recommended;
  - An improvement to the uncontrolled crossing on Chiltern Road to include a pedestrian refuge at the junction with Brighton Road and Cotswold Road which will allow students to cross the carriageway in two movements.

- Improvements to the uncontrolled pedestrian crossing on Cotswold Road at the junction with Brighton Road and Chiltern Road to include widened dropped kerbs and tactile paving.
- Upgrades to the uncontrolled crossing on Brighton Road to the north of the junction with Cotswold Road and Chiltern Road to a pelican crossing facility.

### **What will we be doing next?**

- Engagement meetings with the provider, finalising internal layouts of the school to best suit their methods of curriculum delivery.
- Completion of all the technical aspects of the Planning Application.
- Submission of the Planning Application by mid-October.
- Formal planning consultation period October 2016-November 2016.
- The planning application should be taken to Planning Committee in January 2017.

### **Questions? Want to find out more?**

All of the information from the engagement meetings is posted on the Council's website together with Frequently Asked Questions. You can also contact us using the email address below:

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