

## New Sutton Secondary School (NS3)

### Project Update: Issue 1, March 2016

This is the first of what will be regular updates on the development of a new secondary school on the Sutton Hospital site. Further updates will be posted on the Council's website as the project progresses.

This update is intended for anyone that is interested in the school or the chosen site. If you have any questions about the content of this update please contact [newschool@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:newschool@sutton.gov.uk). Basic information on the project can be found on the Council's website by [clicking here](#) including a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section which will answer most of the basic questions about the project.



### Where we are now

The Site – the preferred site for the school has been chosen at the Sutton Hospital Site. The location of the site can be found [here](#). The site is 1.6 ha and is comparable with a number of other secondary schools in the Borough in terms of the number of pupils per m<sup>2</sup>. The site is not large enough for onsite playing fields but this is not unusual – this is the case with many schools in Sutton (e.g. Cheam High, Greenshaw, Sutton Grammar). In addition, there is an offer from Wallington County Grammar School for the Free School to access offsite provision at Old Walcouthians (subject to negotiation) and the school itself will have modern fit for purpose facilities in terms of a Sports England grade Sports Hall and a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) on site.

The hospital buildings that were partially located on the site have now been demolished by Epsom and St Helier Trust and the site has been passed to the Council. The internal boundaries of the site will be marked out by surveyors and hoardings erected.

The Vision – The Council has developed an [educational brief and vision](#) for the new school which is an integral part of the [London Cancer Hub](#).

The Provider – three Academy Trusts have submitted bids to Government to run the School – they are the [Diocese of Southwark](#), [Cheam Academies Network](#) and [Harris Federation](#). The outcomes of these bids will be determined by the Department for Education and will be known between July and September this year. The Council has met with each of the providers to discuss and agree the educational brief and vision for the school.

Developing Designs for the School – A programme team is now in place and [Architype](#) have been



appointed as our lead consultants with [Lloyd Wilson Partnership](#) as our education consultants. An accommodation schedule for the school is now complete with early design work underway. Most surveys of the site have now been completed with the exception of the Transport Assessment which will be complete in July.

Developing partnerships – Officers have met with the Institute of Cancer Research who have confirmed their interest in working with the school on the site and for it to operate as part of the London Cancer Hub. This will likely include ICR representation on the school's Governing Body in future (subject to the provider).

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

These are some of the key things that we will be doing in the next couple of months:

- Completing feasibility work to determine the preferred option for how the school will be delivered on the site and the costs of that option.
- Undertaking a detailed transport assessment to understand the likely impact of the school on the highway and surrounding network as well as preparing a Travel Plan for the school.
- We will be meeting with Haptic (lead on the London Cancer Hub Development Framework) to ensure our emerging plans for the school fit in with the master plan for the wider Sutton Hospital campus.
- We will be starting our engagement with the Local Planning authority to check that our preferred options are acceptable in planning terms.
- We will be publicly consulting on the 'preferred option' in May, June and July to see what residents and other interested parties think about our proposals (dates and venues to be confirmed [here](#) soon).
- We will be preparing a planning application to be submitted to the Local Planning Authority by August 2016.
- We will submit a high level business case to the Education Funding Agency to approve 'in principle' for the LA to deliver the building project on their behalf (should a Free School be approved).

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