



Proposed new dining block to Barnes Infant and Junior School, Mount Road, Sunderland. Statement of Community Engagement

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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

This Statement of Community Engagement has been prepared on behalf of Sunderland City Council (SCC). It supports an application for the construction of a new shared dining hall between Barnes Infant and Junior Schools, Mount Road, Sunderland. The redevelopment will involve the construction of a new dining hall facility with additional educational spaces and glazed links to the existing Schools. The aim of this report is to set out our engagement strategy and outline the comments which have been received through community engagement.

1.2 Planning Application Documents

The planning application will comprise of the following:

- Planning drawings;
- Planning Application Forms, Certificates and Checklist;
- Planning Supporting Statement;
- Statement of Community Involvement (this document);
- Design and Access Statement;
- Drainage Strategy;
- Transport Statement.

2. Methodology

The school site is located between Mount Road and Wycliffe Road within the predominantly residential area of Barnes.

Due to the current Government restrictions, it was not possible to host a public consultation event. As such our community engagement took place in the form an online consultation which was available from 02/07/21 until 09/02/21 (Appendix 1).

The consultation event was advertised through a letter drop which was delivered to all properties immediately surrounding the proposal, a total of 66 addresses. A map of the letter drop can be found in Appendix 2.

The letters (Appendix 3a) were accompanied with a leaflet (Appendix 3b), providing information on the proposals and direct residents to Sunderland City Councils webpage where an online 'exhibition' was hosted with full details of the plans and proposals and contact details to submit any comments

Local ward Councillors and the headteachers of each School were also informed of the on-line consultation event.

3. Results

Overall there were two responses received of which one was received via the dedicated email address (consult@sunderland.gov.uk) and one via telephone.

Positive comments received	Negative comments received
Very lucky to be having a new building and is a nice building.	Regarding the plans, I strongly reject them. The building you propose does not blend into the local area and any new erection should be in keeping with the style of the existing school buildings. I find it ironic that you are proposing such a modern building which stands out like a sore thumb and yet you have made issue with people in the street using different bricks to build their garages. Makes no sense to me
	Current issues with the refuse storage on site causing issues with noise, smell, and pests. Can this be resolved in the new building?

4. Conclusion

Following the on-line consultation period, the comments received have been considered by the design team in finalising the proposed scheme and will continue to assist the Design Team during the finalising of the proposal.

Appendix 1: On-line consultation

Barnes Infant and Junior School dining hall development proposal

Sunderland City Council would like to hear your views/comments on a development proposal for a new shared dining hall facility at Barnes Infant and Junior School.

The existing dining building currently offers dining and kitchen facilities to the ground floor and prepares school meals for several schools in the local area (relocated). The first floor is currently rented out to a local boxing club which will also be relocated.

The school is an older school with classrooms and facilities which are typical of a school of this age and lacks the more varied teaching experiences newer schools offer. Both School cannot currently offer special needs education due to their limited facilities and access arrangements.

The Proposal

The Council is proposing to demolish the existing dining hall and create a new building to accommodate dining facilities and flexible learning spaces for use by both the Infant and Junior Schools.

The new building will incorporate dining facilities and small group teaching spaces on the ground floor. The first floor will also incorporate three larger flexible teaching spaces.

Outdoor learning in a range of environments can enhance physical and mental development for pupils of all ages and has become very much part of the everyday teaching environment. The proposal has been designed to maximise the outdoor teaching facilities available to the children attending both schools, albeit vertically as the school has limited space to spread.

The new building would include a mix of outdoor areas including at ground floor (between the existing and new building), a first-floor roof terrace overlooking the school yard and a second-floor roof terrace (see the [Barnes dining hall development proposal plans](#) and [Barnes dining hall development location plan](#)).

An accessible lift has been incorporated into the scheme to allow accessibility to all floors and roof terraces of the new building. Glazed link bridges are proposed between the existing schools and the new building allowing secure, covered and level access. This also enables further accessibility to the existing infant and junior schools which cannot currently provide special needs education.

The new building has been designed to meet the needs of both the infant and junior educational requirements whilst providing a new facility that can be used independently

for school holiday provision and community use if necessary.

The school role numbers will remain as existing and no additional staff or visitor car parking is proposed. The existing service yard will be retained and re-used to serve the new facilities as a service yard as it requires delivery access to the new kitchen area.

The proposals for the new dining block and additional outdoor play areas will enable the demands of future growth to the local area to be satisfied, whilst offering accessible education facilities to both existing schools and additional flexible learning spaces to suit further curriculum activities not currently available.

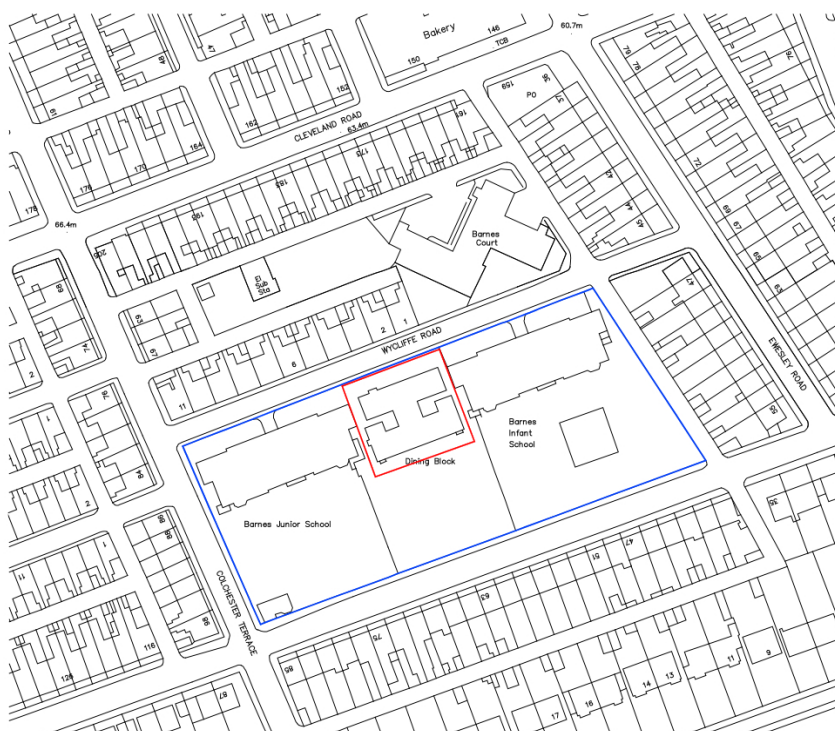
Please send your views/comments to consult@sunderland.gov.uk, alternatively contact

Ami Capper on 07435 338 536 or Linzi Milley on 07944 731 158

The council will take into consideration all views and any additional evidence received by **Friday 9 July 2021**.

Amendments and modifications to the development proposal will be made where appropriate. The council are now preparing a planning application for the development proposal.

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SITE LOCATION PLAN
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Proposed south elevation onto Mount Road

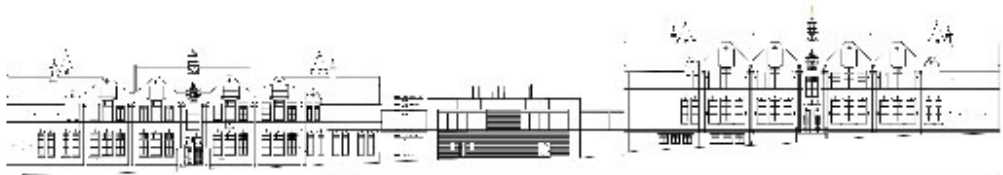
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Appendix 2: Map of letter drop



Appendix 3a: Letter to residents

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Address line 3
Address line 4
Address line 5
Postcode



Office of the Chief Executive
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Tel: 0191 520 5555

Web: www.sunderland.gov.uk

Date: 22nd June 2020

Our

Your

ref: PL/BARNES/AC

This matter is being dealt with by: Ami Capper; 07435338536 or 07944731158;

consult@sunderland.gov.uk

To the Occupier,

**PRE-CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT OF BARNES DINING HALL AT
BARNES JUNIOR SCHOOL, MOUNT ROAD, SUNDERLAND, SR4 7QF**

Sunderland City Council would like to hear your views/ comments on a development proposal for a new shared dining hall facility at Barnes Infant and Junior School.

The current dining hall facilities were built in the 1950's and are no longer fit for purpose.

The proposal will provide a new shared dining facilities as well as increased educational spaces and areas for outdoor teaching.

The inclusion of an elevator and level access connections to both Barnes Infant and Junior Schools enables each educational facility to provide inclusive access which meets the requirements of the community in its entirety.

Accompanying this letter is a summary of the development proposals, proposed site plan and imagery.

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions the council are unable to host any public consultation drop-in events, as such consultation will have to be online. Further details on the development proposals can be found using the following link:

<https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/schools-consultation>

If you can't access the online consultation material but would like to make comments or ask questions please contact Ami Capper at consult@sunderland.gov.uk.

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If you have any queries regarding the consultation, please do not hesitate to contact us on the contact details listed above.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Rowan', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Alan Rowan
Retained Education Function Lead

Appendix 3b: Leaflet

Barnes Infant & Junior School Dining Hall Development Proposal



Existing Facility

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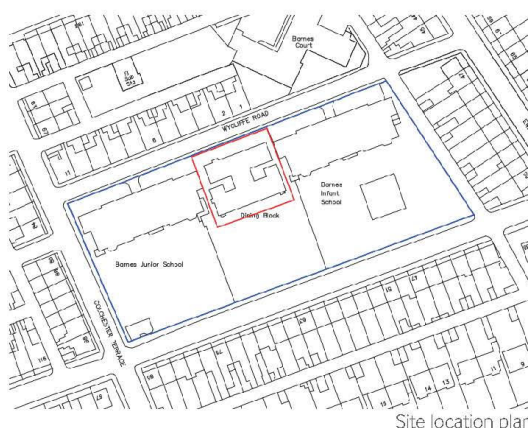
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Site location plan

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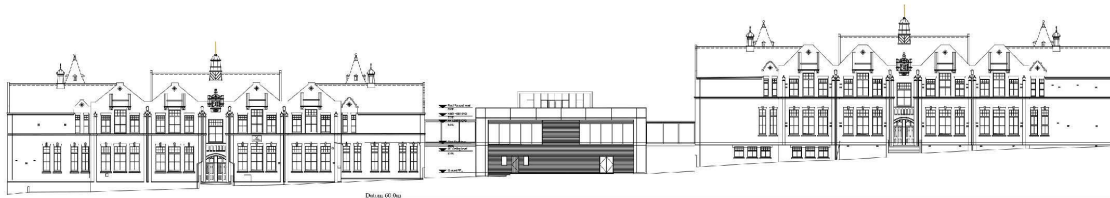
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Proposed north elevation onto Wycliffe Road



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North Elevation

PROPOSED NORTH / STREET ELEVATION
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