

## **Bishopsgarth School: Planning Brief Drop-in session**

### **Attendees**

22 in total

13 teachers/staff

2 Ward Councillors (Cllr Suzanne Fletcher and Cllr Julia Cherrett)

4 Parents

2 Pupils

1 Parent Governor

### **Comments:**

Teacher: How secure will the site be?

Response: Positioning of gates and fencing was explained. It was also explained that a single pupil entrance and a front entrance for staff, visitors and late pupils would be proposed.

Councillor and teachers: What are the timescales and how will disruption be managed?

Response: OBC and procurement process was explained. Construction anticipated to start in Spring 2011. A potential decant process was explained. The new block would be built first and the demolition won't be demolished until the end to manage potential disruption.

Councillor: Will there be any specifications about energy efficiency?

Response: We will state that we intend to achieve BREAM Very Good with potential for Excellent.

Teacher: Will there be an all-weather track? There isn't one in Stockton.

Response: We don't know the detail of the outdoor sports facilities as yet. The PE and Sport Task group are working on this.

Teacher: Will there be a reduction in floor space?/concerns about losing current floor space.

Response: The area per pupil is based on BB98 guidance and will be about the same as what the school has now.

Teacher/Staff: When will the scheme be approved/secure?

Response: Once the Outline Business Case has been approved which is likely to be sometime between September and November of this year.

Teacher: Will any of the walls have no windows and therefore will there be internal classrooms with no natural light?

Response: No we will aim to ensure that classrooms get as much natural light as possible.

Teacher: Not happy about the new ICT suite being remodelled and feels that the new build is happening at the wrong end of the school. Concerned that an increase in pupil numbers but no increase in floor area is going to mean that there isn't enough space.

Response: The design will ensure that the space does work for the number of pupils.

Teacher: I don't want to be faced with classes of 60.

Response: It is looking at different ways of teaching and learning. There may be an area that can cater for up to 60 which is surrounded by small break out rooms.

Teacher: The sports hall needs a small activity room as well.

Response: The sports hall is standard Sports England size. It will be discussed when we look at the drawings in finer detail.

Teacher: A shared dining hall and hall is a massive problem.

Response: The Building Bulletin guidelines state that we have to have as many multi-use rooms as possible. We need to use the space as efficiently as possible and allocating an area to be used only for a small part of the day isn't efficient use of space.

Teacher/Parent: Will we have external spaces for teaching and learning?

Response: Yes and external heart space was highlighted.

Teacher: Would it be possible to get a some kind of canope or see through roof?

Response: This is something that the bidders' may suggest at a later stage.

Teacher: Will some of the external sports area be lost?

Response: The area which is lost by the construction of the new block will be regained in the area where the demolition will take place.

Teacher: Will any of the building be on two levels?

Response: No

Parent Governor: Is there anyway that we can reduce the amount of walking traffic using Lealm Lane to reduce litter problems.

Response: We have to put in a new Puffin crossing for pedestrians and cyclists.

Parent Governor: Perhaps if the existing crossing was relocated closer to the Beck it would reduce the number of children walking through the residential area.

Parent Governor: What measures will be in place to stop children going into the residential areas at lunchtime?

Response: The site will be secure as under child protection requirements the school must know where all pupils are at all times.

Teacher: Will small external spaces be built into the design?

Response: It is too early to know yet but they could be to let more natural light in.