Inspiring schools

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Information for community groups - Irlam and Cadishead Community High School

You may have heard about our exciting plans to transform secondary education in the city.

Our vision is to improve educational standards and help all pupils to achieve their potential. We want to create schools that are a source of pride and also provide practical resources for local people of all ages and backgrounds in the community. We have the opportunity, under the government's Building Schools for the Future programme, to create buildings for the 21st century, provide choice and a greater range of services at each secondary school.

In the future we want schools to be about more than the classroom - our vision sees schools as the heart of their community.

What does the refurbishment at Irlam and Cadishead Community High School involve?

We plan to refurbish Irlam and Cadishead Community High School. The detail of the refurbishment, what the school will look like and internal changes, will be worked up over the next few months as this school will be completed in the first phase of the programme. Works will start by 2008 and will be completed by 2009 (these dates may be subject to changes).

School staff, pupils and governors will be involved in setting high design standards.

The proposal is to refurbish the school and build an extension to locate Salford City Council's neighbourhood management office on the site.

We are proposing to build the extension on land facing Station Road, where there have previously been school buildings. The proposals do not affect the current playing fields and the school will not need to close while the works take place. The existing Sixth Form will continue to be provided.

Access would remain unchanged and, as the size of the school will remain comparable, we are not anticipating any additional traffic issues.

Feedback on the public consultation

We have just completed a citywide consultation about these plans. 86% of people who took part and identified an interest in Irlam and Cadishead Community High School, supported the proposal to refurbish the school as a 900 place high school, 4% had no opinion and 2% disagreed with the proposal. We are committed to full feedback on the citywide public consultation at the end of November. **More information will be available at:** www.salford.gov.uk/bsf.

The next steps

An outline planning application will be submitted at the end of November, which is to establish that the proposal is acceptable in principle. Local people will be invited to express views when the application is submitted. Notices will be published in a local newspaper and households/businesses in the immediate vicinity of the site will be sent a letter.

Information will be available on the council's website in December: www.salford.gov.uk/planning-press-notices.htm

If the application is approved, a detailed planning application will follow at a later date, when more information will be available on the design and appearance of the building.

We hope you will support these proposals as Irlam & Cadishead Community High School will provide a valuable community facility.

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