

Information for community groups - a new academy at Salford Quays

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.

Part of our vision is to create an academy - to replace Hope High School. If approved, the academy will be run by a sponsor the Oasis Trust, as an all-ability school for 900 pupils between the ages of 11-16 years. It will have a specialism in the media industry and a focus on enterprise. The academy will also provide education and training for 16-18 year olds - a further 250 students. The academy will link to the proposed mediacity:uk development which is the prospective new home of both key departments of the BBC and a cluster of media and creative companies at Salford Quays.

The academy will provide a valuable resource for the whole of the surrounding community.

Where will the new academy be?

It is proposed to locate the academy in a new building on land at the corner of Trafford Road/Broadway on the site of the Broadway Industrial Estate.

The site has a number of buildings on it and negotiations are already taking place with interested parties and a number of businesses to secure their future.

The next steps

There are a number of opportunities for you to express your views on different aspects of these proposals.

An outline planning application will be submitted at the end of November, which is intended 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-notice.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.

The Oasis Trust will lead a public consultation in January 2007 on the opening of the academy and will welcome the input of the community.

Our programme plans for works to start on site by 2008, with the academy open by 2010 (these dates may be subject to changes).

We hope you will support these proposals as the academy will provide a valuable community facility.

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