



Proposed New Primary School

Land to the west of Heywood Street, Cheetham Hill, Manchester

Consultation

The Department for Education, Star Academies and Conlon Construction would like to welcome you to an online consultation event where you can have your say on the draft plans for a proposed new primary school.

We have provided this presentation to ensure neighbours and key stakeholders, understand our proposals in further detail.

We welcome your thoughts on the proposed scheme and the consultation will run until 19th December. You can provide your comment via the feedback form provided on our website or via email to the following address:

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Background

The proposed development is being brought forward by the Department for Education, Star Academies and Conlon Construction.

Star Academies is one of the country's leading education providers, and their schools promote excellence in everything they do. In every school, the entire staff team – working in partnership with parents and the local community – is committed to nurturing today's young people and inspiring tomorrow's leaders. They are a values-based organisation, committed to enhancing social mobility and raising the aspirations of children and young people.

Avison Young are acting as the planning consultants on this scheme, coordinating the consultation and planning process.



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The Site

The site is located in the Cheetham Hill area, to the north of Manchester City Centre. The site is known as Bignor Street Park, and is located to the west of Heywood Street.

The site is mostly comprised of grassed open space, used for social cricket, and also includes a hard surfaced multi-sports area at its northern end.

The site is located within a popular residential location and will target a local catchment for future children.



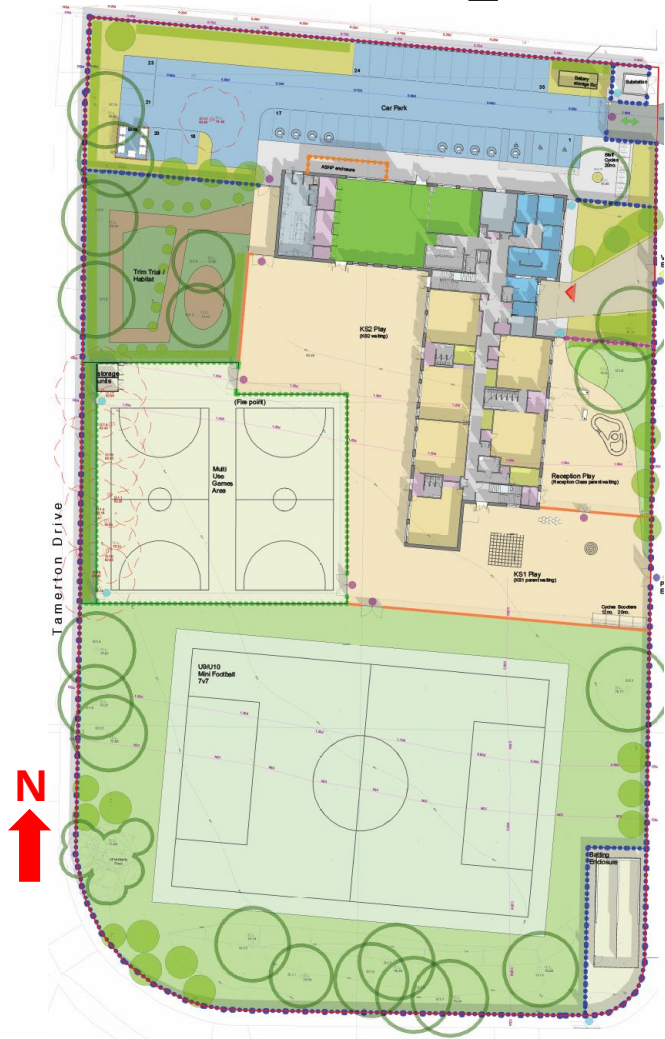
The Proposed Development

The proposal is for a two-form entry primary school, which will be referred to as 'Olive School'. The school and associated car parking is proposed to be located in the northern section of the site, fronting Brentfield Avenue/ Heywood Street and will be two storeys in height.

Olive School is proposed to serve a local catchment, and as a high quality, purpose built school it will address an identified need within the community. The school will have a capacity for around 420 pupils.



The Proposed Development



Technical Considerations

Loss of sports pitches and Open Space:

In accordance with Manchester City Council ("MCC") planning policy, the development of sport and open space is appropriate where equivalent or better replacement provision is provided in the local area. Discussions have been undertaken with MCC and Sports England in this regard and the current position is that a financial contribution will be paid by the development in order for MCC to provide improvements and new facilities in the local area, namely at Smedley Lane and Cheetham Park. On this basis it is clear that the development of the site will result in better replacement provision in the local area.

In addition the proposal also includes a separate community provision of an outdoor 'batting practice' enclosure with two cricket style nets on site which will be available for community use through a community use agreement

Site layout, scale, design, landscaping:

The proposal has been designed to respond positively to the surrounding character and context. Positioning the building further back from the boundary ensures that privacy distances to the residents on Heywood Street are respected; reduces the risk of an overspill of pupils and parents onto the road during drop off / pick up periods and reduces the impact of a two storey building for the immediate neighbours.

The building has been arranged in a L-shape configuration to create a sheltered Reception class and Infants play area and to accommodate a mini football pitch at the southern end of the site. The positioning also provides direct access to the external spaces from all ground floor classrooms, in line with Trust's requirements and wider education vision.

The proposed planting of trees as a visible and acoustic barrier between the new building and adjacent residential properties on Heywood Street will work in harmony with its natural surroundings creating an inspiring and healthy environment for the children. Wildlife, biodiversity and outdoor learning of the local flora and fauna, will be encouraged through the careful selection of plants.

The high quality design and associated substantial landscaping scheme will create an attractive final scheme.

Highways Access:

Access is proposed to be provided via a new access point of Heywood Street. The application will be supported by a pedestrian & cycle audit, parking beat survey and road safety audit to demonstrate the acceptability of these arrangements.

Feedback and Next Steps

To recap, we would welcome your views on the proposals and would encourage you to visit our website to share your views either

online by completing the feedback form

or

sending feedback by **19th December 2022** to:

planningconsultations.uk@avisonyoung.com

Your comments will help us to develop our final scheme before the planning application is submitted.

The intention is that a planning application will be submitted in January 2023.

