

Public Selected FAQs

Kineton High School

November 2021

About the Development Proposals

What is being proposed?	A Full Planning Application for demolition of the existing school buildings (except the science block) and the construction of a new teaching block, new sports hall and associated landscape, drainage and parking provisions has been submitted to Stratford on Avon district Council.
Will there be an increase in pupils and staff?	There will not be an increase in pupil or staff numbers. The new facilities are being designed for the current 1,100 pupils.
How much will the works cost and where is the funding coming from?	The work is being funded by the Department for Education (DfE) as part of the Government's School Rebuilding Programme. The cost agreement is currently confidential between DfE and Wates.
What will be demolished?	Existing teaching blocks and the sports hall will be demolished, including the outdoor swimming pool. The science block will be the only existing school building retained.

Details of the new facilities

What will be included in the new teaching building?	The new teaching block will comprise three storeys and accommodate a range of classrooms and workshops, a library, a main hall and dining space, as well as associated staff and student welfare facilities.
What will be included in the new sports block and other sports facilities?	<p>The new sports block will contain a 4-court sports hall, activity studio, fitness suite and PE classroom with a variety of associated accessible changing facilities.</p> <p>The existing hard-surfaced netball courts will be resurfaced, with new markings and boundary fencing.</p> <p>A new Basketball court will be provided to the rear of the retained science block.</p>

	<p>The grass playing pitches and the existing Astroturf pitch will remain as they are today.</p> <p>During the first phase of construction activity, a temporary sports hall will be installed next to the retained under 11 rugby pitch. The plan is for this to be in place for a period of only 8 months, whilst the new sports hall is completed.</p> <p>The location of the new sports block allows for out of hours public access, improved visibility and accessibility to the community, providing long-term benefits for all.</p>
Will the new school sports facilities be available to members of the public?	Yes, all the sports facilities will remain a community asset and be made available for public use.
How tall will the new sports block be?	The studio will be 8.3m high and the main block is 10.8m high.
What will be included in the new car park?	<p>The school's car park will be reconfigured to enhance the flow of peak time traffic and increase capacity. The new car park will include 108 parking bays with 7 disabled bays and 10 fast-charging electric vehicle charging point (EVCP) bays. Dedicated cycle and pedestrian routes will be marked out. There will be 52 cycle parking spaces.</p> <p>There will be 14 coach waiting bays to improve safety at drop off and collection time, improving the flow of the car park and Banbury Road at peak times.</p> <p>The plans will utilise the existing entrance and exit access roads, to the new buildings and retain the one way system for safety.</p>
Will the building be environmentally sustainable?	<p>In line with the government requirements, the Department for Education is committed to reducing carbon emissions to zero across its estate by 2050.</p> <p>The new school buildings will achieve Net Zero Carbon in Operation (NZCiO). All new school buildings are to be future-proofed to avoid the risk of overheating by testing the building design with an alternative standard to the current Overheating Risk Assessment Criteria.</p>
Will the new buildings overlook or overshadow neighbouring properties?	There will be no windows overlooking neighbouring properties and the new buildings' size and position has

been altered to ensure the distances to neighbouring properties are within planning policy.

Existing trees are being retained wherever possible and new planting will help screen the new buildings overtime.

A shadow study of the new buildings has shown that no neighbouring properties will be in shadow after 09:30, even in the winter months, when trees along the school boundary will already have been casting long shadows in the mornings

What new security arrangements will the school put in place to protect neighbouring properties from antisocial behaviour?

Wates and the school are working together to ensure the space behind the new sports block is not a security risk and instead acts as a green buffer between residential properties and the school buildings.

The project team is consulting with the Design Out Crime Officer and the school to decide what interventions need to be put in place to ensure both the school and the local community are kept secure.

What is being done to mitigate the noise created by the new sports block?

A planning stage environmental noise assessment has been undertaken based on the site noise survey undertaken during July 2021. Consideration has been given to noise impact from the sports hall on nearby residential properties. The sides of the sports hall facing the nearby houses will not feature any windows or vents, therefore the only possible noise break-out will be through the walls and double fire doors. As the sound insulation of the sports hall is maintained without any openings, activity noise generated within the sports hall itself will be reduced significantly by the building façade. Noise levels at nearby residential properties are not predicted to exceed World Health Organisation, Sport England or Stratford on Avon guidance for external residential amenity.

Options	
<p>What alternative options were considered for the location of the buildings</p>	<p>As part of the site appraisal and need to minimise temporary accommodation for pupils, various locations were considered for the buildings prior to the preferred option being agreed upon.</p> <p>The proposed location of the sports block, to the south west of the teaching block, was ultimately chosen because it provides several benefits for the school, community and the build programme.</p> <p>The final option was chosen to minimise impact on existing education and facilities within the school,</p>

	<p>including retention of existing sports courts, pitches, and trees, whilst maintaining access for students, staff and community throughout the 3-year construction programme.</p> <p>The new sports hall will also bring the sports facilities to the public side of the school site, celebrating Kineton’s sporting credentials and allowing easy and clear access for the community.</p>
Why can’t the option presented by the previous contractor in April 2021 be preferred?	The school, Wates and the DfE believe locating the sports block to the front west of the site is the best option from an education, community use and deliverability perspective.
Have any changes been made following the information event on 3rd November?	The large alder tree on the western boundary of the site, referred to in the plans as T50, is now being retained whereas previously it was going to be removed.
Highways	
Will there be an increase in vehicle numbers locally to access the new facilities?	<p>The proposed development will not lead to any material increase in trips on the surrounding road network.</p> <p>The analysis confirming this has been affirmed by the local highways authority and is included in a Transport Statement which was submitted as part of the planning application.</p>
Will you / do you incentivise sustainable travel?	<p>A Travel Plan has been prepared which sets out a range of measures to encourage all pupils, staff and visitors to adopt sustainable travel habits. This will be regularly monitored and reviewed.</p> <p>There will be 52 sheltered cycle parking spots in the reconfigured car park. The new car park will include 10 fast EV charging points.</p>
Will the new EV bays be accessible to the public?	10 EV charging bays are being provided, with capacity for more to be introduced overtime. The safe and accessible conditions of their use is being considered by the school.
Will there be a new site entrance?	The two existing site access points from Banbury Road will remain unchanged.
Programme and construction	
What are the timescales for the project?	<p>Subject to planning permission being granted, work will start onsite in April 2022.</p> <p>The first phases of development will see the installation of a temporary sports hall and associated welfare provision – which will be in place for around 8 months.</p>

	<p>Only once the main teaching block and sports hall are completed, will the existing school buildings be decanted and demolished – allowing these areas of the site to be laid out for improvements to landscaping and parking purposes.</p> <p>The expected project completion date is January 2025.</p>
<p>How will the project impact local residents?</p>	<p>A Construction Management Plan is being submitted with the planning application which sets out how environmental impacts (including noise, dust and traffic movements) will be controlled during the building work.</p> <p>The public will continue to have access to onsite facilities throughout the build programme.</p> <p>The project team is sharing information with the school’s neighbours to help them understand how the new buildings will affect the outlook from their properties.</p> <p>There will be no windows overlooking neighbouring properties and the new buildings’ size and position has been altered to ensure the distances to neighbouring properties are within planning policy.</p> <p>Existing trees are being retained wherever possible and new planting will help screen the new buildings overtime.</p>
<p>What is the impact upon exams?</p>	<p>The contractor will work closely with the school to minimise noisy work at the most sensitive times. There will be regular communication between the contractor and school throughout the programme to minimise noise and disruption.</p>