

Newsletter – Issue 1

Improvements to The Bellbird Primary School, Sawston

Introduction

Cambridgeshire County Council is pleased to confirm that proposals are being developed to improve and extend the facilities at The Bellbird Primary School.

Currently, the school has capacity for up to 360 pupils, including those in temporary accommodation. The scheme will expand the school to accommodate two full forms of entry (60 children) in each year group, providing places for 420 pupils across the primary school age range (4-11 years old). Subject to a satisfactory planning process, construction work will commence in October 2018 with a view to pupils and staff being able to use the accommodation from the start of the new academic year in September 2019.

The proposed extension and alterations will include;

- A 5 classroom extension to accommodate an additional 60 pupils with new WC and cloakroom facilities. Two of the new classrooms will replace the current mobile classrooms;
- The conversion of an existing classroom into a practical room;
- Additional break-out space and storage;

The redevelopment will improve teaching and learning spaces and enhance the delivery of education. Existing temporary accommodation will be removed as part of the works.

The school has been working closely with the appointed design team to develop the initial proposals. The team recognises the importance of consulting with the local community and would welcome your views on the draft proposals as part of the ongoing development, ahead of submission of a formal planning application in Spring 2018.

Proposals

Consultation

On **Tuesday 20th March** a public exhibition of the plans is being held at **The Bellbird Primary School** between **3.00pm and 7:00pm**. The exhibition will be in the school's **Main Hall** and this invitation is open to parents and the wider community alike.

County Council officers and the design team will be present and will be pleased to discuss the design proposals with you. We welcome your views.

We look forward to seeing you on **20th March 2018**.

If you are unable to attend the exhibition itself, we would still very much like to hear from you. The draft proposals will therefore remain at the school for two weeks after the event, along with a comments box to capture any further feedback. From 21st March the plans will also be available with a downloadable response form on the school's website, which can be found at:

<http://www.thebellbird.cambs.sch.uk>

Should you wish to comment by post please reply directly to:

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Uppingham House,
Headway Business Park,
Saxon Way West,
Corby, NN18 9EZ

Once the formal planning application has been submitted a further period of formal public consultation will provide the opportunity for the local community to comment further on the design proposals. The planning application will include details of the comments received during this consultation, and will provide the opportunity for the Council to demonstrate how these comments have been considered and acted upon in relation to finalising the design proposals.

