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West Coventry Academy new building plans

The project team behind plans to redevelop West Coventry Academy have submitted the planning application to Coventry City Council.

As part of the Government's new 10 year school rebuilding programme the £38m investment will see a complete transformation of the site and facilities including a new school building, sports centre and outdoor facilities. The proposals include a new main entrance to the site on Tile Hill Lane and improvements to parking and coach drop off/pick up.

Over the last few weeks the project team have been undertaking consultation on the plans with neighbours of the site and the school community. 80% of respondents to the project survey supported the plans, welcoming the transformation of the learning environment for all students and staff.

Although restricted on holding public events due to Covid-19 the project team were delighted to have been able to engage digitally with almost 200 people in live events and 1000 Coventry residents through the detailed project website.

Ana Neofitou, Headteacher at West Coventry Academy said, "The Department for Education funded plans are an incredible opportunity for our students, staff and the wider West Coventry area. It has been fantastic for all of us to work with the project team on the detailed design and then see it come to life in the animated film. We would like to thank our community for getting in touch to share their support."

James Beeston, Project Lead at Bowmer + Kirkland, main contractor, added, "We are really pleased that so many local people have taken the time to review the proposals to redevelop West Coventry Academy, we now look forward to continuing the journey of the plans through the planning process at Coventry City Council. B+K will work with the school to use the project as a learning tool for students and encourage them to look at the many different career opportunities in construction."

If you were unable to attend the webinars, the slides presented and an animation of the plans are available on the project website westcoventryplans.co.uk. The planning application documents



will be available on Coventry City Council's planning portal for members of the public to review and comment on shortly. It is hoped that construction works can begin on site this autumn with the school moving into their new building in spring 2024.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

Stonyrock are working with West Coventry Academy, the DfE and Bowmer + Kirkland to facilitate the community engagement on the new building proposals. **CGIs attached.**

Further information on the website at westcoventryplans.co.uk where members of the community can subscribe for updates as the project progresses. Questions about the project should be directed to info@westcoventryplans.co.uk Individuals who do not have internet access should contact the project team on 07592 570528.