

Baskerville School, Fellows Lane, Harborne

Consultation Leaflet and Drop-In Event

Introduction

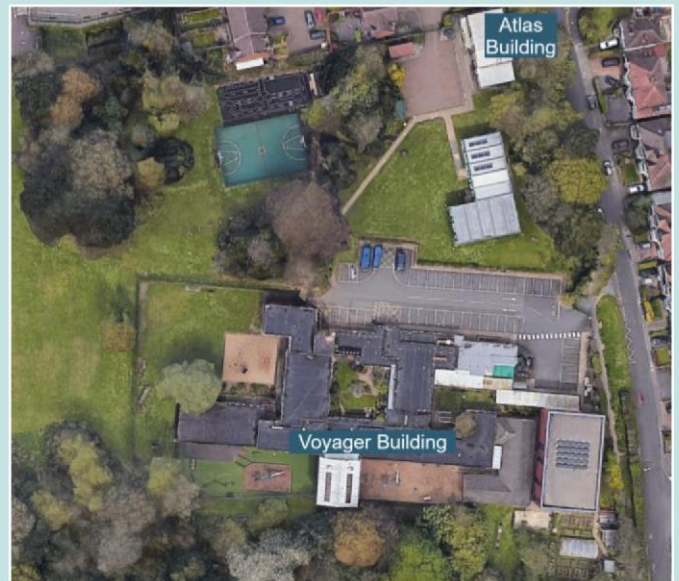
We are pleased to advise that a planning application is to be submitted by Tilbury Douglas for the redevelopment of part of Baskerville School and the construction of a new school building and associated works.

This leaflet tells you more about the proposals for the school, explains the intended phasing for the development and how you can find out more details about the proposals.

About the site

Baskerville School is located some 4km to the southwest of Birmingham city centre on Fellows Lane in Harborne. The site lies within a predominantly residential area. There is an area of woodland adjoining the school.

The school operates as a foundation special school and caters for students aged 11 to 19 years old with a diagnosis of autism and moderate/severe learning difficulties. The school has a pupil capacity of 188 with 104 staff.



In September 2023 Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) was identified within the main school building (known as the Voyager building). This part of the school was immediately closed, and temporary accommodation installed to cater for some of the students whilst others are being taught at a school elsewhere. There is clear and urgent need to replace the Voyager building and provide a building fit for purpose.



The Proposed Development

The new building will largely be positioned on the site of the existing building and will be of 2 stories in height. The building is of a simple, clean design with a contemporary feel. The materials have been carefully selected to sit within the context of the site and to be sympathetic to the local environment. Red brick will be used at ground floor level with light render above.



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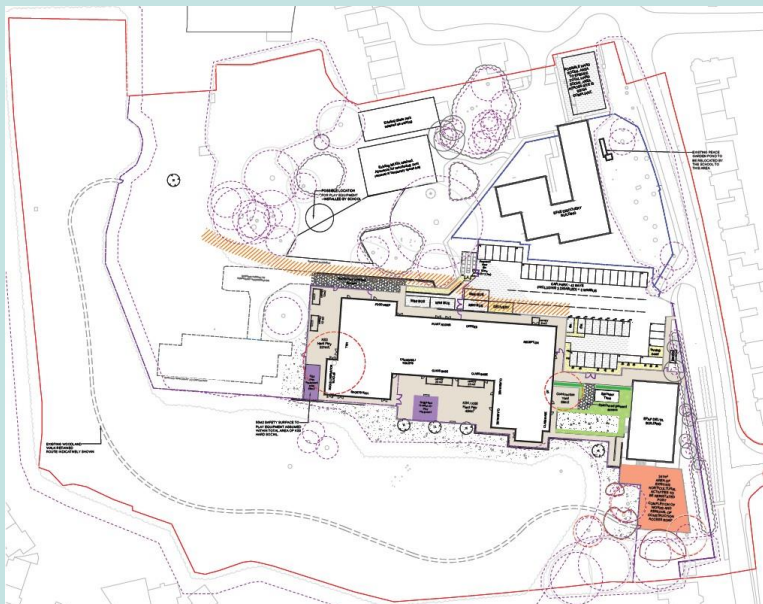
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The siting of the new block has been carefully considered and provides several important benefits. It maximises the amount of external space around the building, allowing the creation of new hardstanding areas. This will provide improved car and mini-bus circulation within the car park together with safer pedestrian movement. The additional area will also provide increased levels of informal hard social play areas for KS3 which is needed. Finally, the proposals include for the demolition of the Atlas building since these facilities are incorporated in the new building.

Parking provision will remain as existing with 42 car parking spaces in front of the new building accessed off Fellows Lane and a further 11 spaces to the north. Two accessible spaces and 4 mini bus bays are to be provided along with 1 dual EV spaces with ducting for a further 8 spaces together with 10 cycle spaces.

The building has been designed to incorporate a variety of important building sustainability measures and will be net zero carbon in operation.



Phasing of the Works

The school will be kept live during the construction process and the works will be phased. A temporary new construction access is to be provided to the south of the school, off Fellows Lane. This will minimise disruption for students and staff as well as residents living close to the site. A temporary sports hall, reception and toilet block are also to be provided at the start of the works. Once installed, demolition of the Voyager building will take place. The new building will then be constructed and when complete, the temporary structures will be removed. The Atlas building will also be demolished and the landscaping completed.

It is proposed that construction works for the new school is forecast to commence in autumn 2025 (with early works starting prior to this date) and the new school building is forecast to be occupied in autumn 2026.

Further Information and Your Views

If you have any questions about these proposals or would like to make comments regarding the scheme before the application is submitted in June, please get in touch. You can:

- Attend our community consultation / drop in event on 11th June 2025 from 4.30pm – 7.30pm at Baskerville School
- Email us at info@qaplanning.co.uk



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