

Redevelopment of Outwood Academy Redcar

Consultation

Outwood Academy Redcar and Outwood Grange Academies Trust (the multi academy trust) would like to know your view on the proposal to modernise and refurbish the Outwood Academy Redcar school buildings.

Students, parents and staff will be aware that the academy's buildings are very dated and that some are in need of significant repair and modernisation so that it can offer an environment fit for 21st century education.

The Trust has previously successfully supported the Academy with capital bids to replace some roofs and to address immediate fire safety issues, however, in the absence of further government funding for the project, we propose to fund the modernisation from the proceeds of the sale of a surplus portion of the Academy's land.



The most significant issues facing the Academy are:

- Year round problems with heating, cooling, ventilation
- Sports hall which is unsuitable for modern sports usage, perspex windows, insufficient lighting, no heating, single paint layer on brick internally, no storage
- Poor circulation and inefficient use of space
- Roof leaks during heavy rain in a number of areas
- Leaking and broken windows in some blocks, single glazing windows across academy
- Worn out fixtures and fittings
- Heating issues across site, convector heaters are extremely inefficient, with no interlinking automated heating (BMS) controls
- Car park surfaces in poor condition
- External paving in poor condition and in need of replacement
- Perimeter fence and hedgerows in poor condition and need of removal/repair
- Layout of school disjointed and not fit for purpose
- Most internal walls need re-skimming

- Electrical re-wiring ultimately needed in many parts of the building
- Worn carpets in corridors and circulation space needs replacing with more hard-wearing vinyl
- Fire alarm and intruder alarm systems need interlinking between the three buildings
- Kitchen catering facilities insufficient for need
- Insufficient air conditioning in ICT rooms
- Asbestos across site, impeding installation of improved ICT systems; ideally needs removal (please note that all asbestos is safely managed on site and does not pose a risk)

Without significant investment, the building may become unable to sustain a modern school.

What is the proposal?

Redcar Academy saw a significant school improvement transformation in its move to Outwood Academy Redcar from 2016 onwards, recently securing a 'Good' Ofsted rating. To secure the academy's continued improvements and to ensure it can continue to serve its local community, it has to obtain funding for a building refurbishment project. At present the significant level of capital funding required is not available through any government capital funding projects.

Outwood Grange Academies Trust believe that the only way to secure the funding to refurbish the academy, including improved sports facilities is by releasing and selling surplus land. This release of land must be approved by the Secretary of State for Education, following local consultation.

The section of land proposed to be sold is on the opposite side of the A1042, Kirkleatham Lane to the Academy and covers approximately 35629m². Due to the busy road and the existing significant sports fields on the academy site, the Academy does not currently use these playing fields and has not done so for approximately 10 years. The area proposed for disposal comprises open grassland and a small area of woodland.

The proposal above would leave the Academy with less than the minimum recommended external space for a secondary school of 860 students (using the Building Bulletin 103 guidance for recommended area for schools).

Existing and Proposed Site

The proposal would be to sell the area marked in red vertical stripes and retain the area marked in purple diagonal stripes.



What would be the outcome of selling the land?

If the disposal is approved, the Trust will seek to sell the land.

Given the proximity to other housing, it is anticipated that the land may be sold for residential development, however, any proposal would be subject to a full planning application process, which would include local consultation with both residents and the Academy.

All the proceeds, in their entirety, from the sale of the land would be used to enhance the external and internal sports facilities of Outwood Academy Redcar and fund the refurbishment of the Academy buildings.

The refurbished buildings and facilities would enhance the Academy's offer to local parents and children and to the Redcar community.

How do I comment on the proposal?

In order to give your views about the proposal please fill out this [feedback form](#)

If you have any queries or would like further information you can contact us at:

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The consultation period will run from 7 February to 21 March 2022.