Dear Residents,

We would like to update you regarding the expansion of Blessed Thomas Holford School and Catholic College.

The first consultation was held on 22\textsuperscript{nd} January where 3 location options were proposed. The majority of responses were in favour of option 3 - to locate the new accommodation on the open space adjacent to Urban Road / Welman Way.

Since the consultation closed on 5 February, Executive Members and Senior Council Officers considered all the consultation responses and the pros and cons of each location option. After much deliberation, it was felt that, although Option 3 ticked many boxes; there were legal complexities which created risk that could seriously impact the programme, if pursued. Therefore, only an onsite option was considered realistically deliverable. This was communicated to all residents that supplied an email address on Friday 6\textsuperscript{th} March via the Citizen Space consultation page;

https://trafford.citizenspace.com/children/bthexpansionproposal/

The design team has since been working on an onsite solution. Updated plans will show building elevations, floor layouts and the school bus arrangements.

There were many concerns raised about the traffic and congestion around the site at the first consultation. These have been raised with the Highways team and may result in traffic management initiatives following the construction of the new block.

Due to the current lockdown situation as a result of Covid-19, we are not asking you to gather at the school but instead to view the update via the Citizen Space site given above. For the benefit of residents without access to the internet, brief details have been outlined overleaf.

The planning application is due to be submitted in the next few weeks, where further opportunities to comment will be available through the formal planning process. Notices will be placed near the school detailing the planning application number.

If there is anybody else that you feel should see the plans – please pass on the details of this update.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Fisher
Schools’ Capital Projects Manager
The following plans show the location of the new block on the current recreation area at the front of the school. The block consists of a sports hall and changing rooms with a 3 storey classroom block behind it. The recreation area has been relocated at the back of the school. A number of parking spaces have also been relocated to accommodate the block. The buses will still pick up on site – however only one bus at a time can be accommodated. Enlargement of these plans will be possible on the website.

View of new block from 6th form building.

Have your say;

You can comment online via the Citizen Space page link overleaf, by email to schoolprojects@trafford.gov.uk or writing to the address given overleaf.

The deadline for comments is Friday 15th May 2020.