

Children and Families Committee 15th September 2025

Response to Member Queries on the Proposed New School at Basford East, Crewe

Questions

1. *Councillor Gardiner requested assurance that the scheme was designed as a 2FE school to avoid the use of temporary classrooms on site.*

Response: The design of the school has been undertaken to allow for the provision of a 2FE school in the future with the build as proposed at this stage providing a nursery classroom, three infant classrooms and four junior classrooms within a two storey build. This building will have the infrastructure of a 2FE school so for example the staff room, hall, office spaces and car parking will be larger than currently required. The school also has assigned break out spaces for interventions and/or SEND.

2. *Councillor Beanland enquired if sprinklers were included within the design for fire safety reasons.*

Response: It is understood that sprinklers are included as part of the design for the new school following the addition of the nursery and in line with requirements.

3. *Councillor Wye enquired about the position of the buildings and whether there was a south facing area that could house photovoltaic panels for electricity generation.*

Response: The building will be delivered with consideration to the Councils carbon reduction targets and the Council's decision to build in accordance with the Manchester Low Carbon Framework.

4. *Councillor Smith queried the noise mitigation works and asked whether this would be included to reduce noise levels in larger areas such as the hall.*

Response: Part of the design detail will be to consider the requirements for noise mitigation and specialist consultants will advise on the requirements and any works required. The Local Authority can provide a further update on this area as the scheme progresses.

5. *Councillor Holland questioned whether consideration would be given to parking areas to alleviate traffic during drop off and pick up times.*

Response: A travel plan will be undertaken as a requirement of the planning permission and discharge of planning conditions. The rationale for the construction of new schools within new housing estates is to reduce car use as the school is primarily placed to serve the local community in which it sits.