

# Charleston Academy

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## Pre-Planning Application Public Events

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# Background

1. The capital programme approved by the Council in December 2021 included an increased budget of £16M for the first phase of the redevelopment of the Charleston Academy campus.
2. Phase 1 comprises a classroom block extension accommodating Science, Technical, Art and Music; the demolition of the single-storey Art/Technical block; conversion of vacated rooms in the main building for other subjects; refurbishment of other areas in the main building.
3. There has been extensive dialogue with colleagues in Planning about the masterplan for the eventual redevelopment of the entire campus.
4. They have requested that the masterplan includes the long-term replacement of Kinmylies Primary School, and the planned new nursery annexe building.
5. An application for Planning Approval in Principle for the masterplan is required before separate applications for Full Planning Permission for the Phase 1 extension and the nursery annexe can be submitted.

## Current Position

1. At the Council meeting in June 2022, a report on the impact of the cost pressures facing the capital programme was considered in private. Members agreed to carry out a review of the capital programme later this year, which will look at the phasing of the programme of works for the Council's capital projects.
2. However, it was also agreed that design and planning work would continue on all the major school projects at pre-construction stage.
3. Morrison Construction have been appointed as contractor for the Phase 1 project and for the new nursery building.
4. It is intended that the application for Planning Approval in Principle for the masterplan will be submitted in January. This will follow on from the minimum 3 month Pre-Application Notice period during which public consultation events are held.

# Key Design Criteria

1. Site Location/Orientation.
2. Site Shape/Layout/Context e.g. core paths and neighbouring properties.
3. Road and Pedestrian Access, Parking and Drop-Off.
4. Existing Buildings, Services and Utilities.
5. Building Form – e.g. number of storeys, size of footprint.
6. Energy Performance – all of our buildings now have to achieve more challenging energy standards and targets.
7. Capacity – the design masterplan must be flexible to take account of any future changes in roll numbers or curriculum delivery.
8. Educational Functionality – accommodation requirements, adjacencies, public access and security.
9. Design Development – process takes account of all these criteria, and benefits of alternative approaches.

## Next Steps

1. Encourage feedback from public and online events.
2. Take on board the feedback from these events prior to submitting the application for Planning Approval in Principle for the masterplan in January.
3. Continue to develop the design for Phase 1 once the planning application is submitted.
4. Also continue to develop the design for the new nursery building.
5. Existing Academy Buildings – Various works will be required in the coming years to keep the buildings operational; a phased programme of roof replacement works will commence in 2023.