



The James Gillespie's campus – a unique setting

Pre-planning consultation

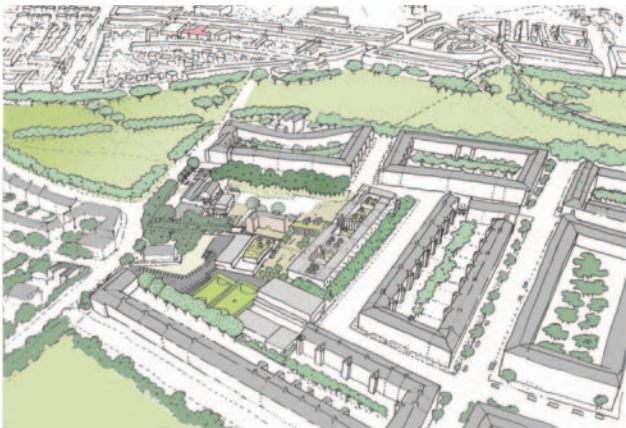
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The long heritage of James Gillespie's campus provides a unique and exciting setting for education. The Council now proposes to replace James Gillespie's High School within the existing school grounds. At the same time the Primary School will be extended

and improved, with the nursery and gym buildings replaced and two classroom spaces added. On-site playing fields will also be created as part of the new development. All of the high school's existing buildings, apart from Bruntsfield House which is A-listed, would be demolished.

A key priority is to make sure that Bruntsfield House remains the central focus of the campus and that our proposals are sympathetic to its setting. Discussions with Planning and Historic Scotland have been crucial in shaping the proposals to make sure that those areas of significant interest are protected, including the avenue from Whitehouse Loan, key views of Bruntsfield House from outside the campus and many of the trees around the site.

The architects have also been working closely with the schools to make sure that their new buildings meet



Aerial view looking north west

the future needs of the curriculum and to recreate the strong campus feel that is much valued by them.

Why are we consulting the public now?

We want to submit planning applications for the projects in the summer but we need to hear from the community's perspective before this can happen.

It is a really important stage as it will help us to shape the designs and refine the plans before anything is put forward to the Planning Authority. Over the next few weeks there will be lots of opportunities to look at the initial proposals and offer suggestions, comments and feedback. Your comments will all be considered.

We would like to encourage you to take time to take part in this pre-planning consultation, either in person at one of our events and/or by sending us your thoughts and ideas. We will then come back out in June with more developed proposals and to give feedback on how the plans have changed and why.

Write to us

All comments, ideas and suggestions are welcome but should reach us by 22 April. This will allow us time to consider all the issues and reshape the proposals before coming back to speak to the community in June. You should be aware that any comments you make at this pre-application consultation stage are for our use in shaping our proposals. It is not the same as making a formal comment on the planning submission to the Planning Authority but you will still be able to do this, if you wish, once we do apply for planning permission.

Comments can be e-mailed to **newSchoolBuildings@edinburgh.gov.uk** or posted to The James Gillespie's Project, The City of Edinburgh Council, 1.2 Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh EH8 8BG.

Find out more

For more information about the proposal visit the project webpage at **www.edinburgh.gov.uk/JamesGillespiesCampus**.

There are also local events planned for this month and next where you find out more and tell us your views.

Public Meeting

Thursday 31 March at 7pm
James Gillespie's High School

Public exhibitions

21 March to 22 April
Newington Library
Eric Liddell Centre (South Wing)

Drawings will also be on show in the high school's reception area. You are welcome to pop in any weekday evening or on a Saturday morning. Staff will visit these venues to meet the public during the consultation. Dates and times of these visits, including some evenings, are still to be confirmed but will be advertised locally and on the website **www.edinburgh.gov.uk/JamesGillespiesCampus**.

Other key dates

- 4 April James Gillespie's Primary School's parent forum meeting
- 7 April James Gillespie's High School's associated primary parent forum meeting
- 13 April Marchmont/Sciennes Community Council
- 22 April comments close

Local Residents Workshop

We plan to hold an event in early May for local residents close to the site. It is important to do this as they will raise some very specific issues relating to the proposals and we would like to explore these in greater detail with them. Arrangements will be confirmed and sent out to residents later in April when we have a clear picture of which issues need wider discussion.



View to teaching building from Warrender Park Road