



Welcome



Artist's impression of aerial view of the proposed new building

Welcome to our exhibition on plans to regenerate Sawston Village College. Bowmer + Kirkland has been selected by the Department for Education (DfE) as the main contractor. They are here today with other members of the project team to talk to you about the proposals.

Sawston Village College boasts a heritage setting and unique character, however, some of the current building stock and site layout are inefficient for the demands of a modern curriculum.

The DfE has tasked Bowmer + Kirkland with planning for the future of the College; to better accommodate pupils and staff, reduce running costs, bolster the collegiate style layout, protect its historic listed buildings and provide improved facilities for the local community to share.

The project team has been working closely with the College, Anglian Learning and officers at South Cambridgeshire District Council in preparation of the proposals.

Before we submit our planning application we welcome feedback from the community. Please share your views via our website, by clicking on the QR code above or by filling in one of the feedback forms available here today. If you have friends or family who were unable to attend, the exhibition display is available on our website.

"The regeneration of Sawston Village College is a transformational opportunity for our staff, pupils and the community we are privileged to serve. We are proud to be the first village college founded by Henry Morris in 1930. His vision was for a school which would nurture a lifelong love of learning for people of all ages, in an environment that offered inspiration. Based on Cambridge University courtyards, our original Grade II listed buildings reflect these ideals, and these values are still at the heart of our work nearly a century later. The proposals we are asking the community to consider will help protect those ideals and values for generations to come."

Jonathan Russell, Principal

Our proposal



A major investment from the DfE



Protection of Sawston Village College's historic listed buildings



Transformation of the learning environment for all pupils and staff



A sustainable new building which will enable savings on running costs



High quality architectural design reflecting the College's heritage and unique character



Improved and accessible facilities for the local community to share

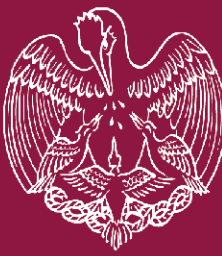


Flexible external and internal learning spaces more suitable to a modern curriculum



Comprehensive construction management plan to help minimise disruption to neighbours

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Project team



Artist's impression of dining space



Artist's impression of courtyard



The Department for Education (DfE) is responsible for children's services and education, including early years, schools, higher and further education policy, apprenticeships and wider skills in England. Sawston Village College was prioritised through the DfE's School Rebuilding Programme due to the need to address the condition issues in some of the non-listed existing buildings.



Anglian Learning is a multi-academy trust based in East Anglia comprising of 16 schools. Led by Jonathan Russell, Principal and our Director of Operations, our central team's brief to the architects was to undertake the regeneration plans with our vision and values in mind. Our priorities have included aspirational teaching and learning environments and the provision of a multi-purpose dining hall. Working collectively, the College's historic listed buildings are protected and the new building meets the DfE's aim of achieving carbon net zero in addition to future proofing the infrastructure for the future.



Bowmer + Kirkland is appointed to the DfE's national construction framework and is the contractor selected under this framework. Bowmer + Kirkland is one of the UK's largest privately owned construction contractors and is active in most market sectors, including education. Bowmer + Kirkland will manage all aspects of the project to ensure work is carried out safely, on time, to the right quality and with the least disruption possible to neighbours.



CPMG Architects has significant expertise in the design of learning environments and collaborate closely with Bowmer + Kirkland. CPMG's approach is centred on listening and understanding, to ensure designs are tailored to the needs and aspirations of the school, and to respond to the individual constraints and opportunities of each particular site.



Ares Landscape Architects has worked with Bowmer + Kirkland in collaboration with the DfE for many years to develop and create site masterplans and successful educational external spaces throughout the UK. Ares has forged a relationship with Bowmer + Kirkland that has helped define effective and successful educational sites each unique for the individual schools' needs.



Hexa Consulting is highly experienced in transport planning in the education sector supporting project teams with the production of Transport Statements, Assessments and Travel Plans and on discussing highways matters with the Highways authority.



DPP Planning are a national town planning consultancy advising both public and private agencies on the delivery of development projects. DPP are advising Bowmer + Kirkland and the DfE on the Sawston Village College proposals. DPP's role is to manage the planning process, advise on planning issues raised and to liaise with planning officers at South Cambridgeshire District Council.



Stonyrock are working with the project team to facilitate the community engagement on the proposals. Stonyrock provide clients with the tools to engage with neighbourhoods throughout the planning process from scheme conception to completion. By enabling conversations Stonyrock help the project team understand the views of residents and other stakeholders.

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Design



Artist's impression of aerial view from the south-east

The brief from Anglian Learning was to match their mission and values to enable inclusive and aspirational learning in every classroom, empower leaders across every academy, and ensure inspiring, exciting opportunities and educational success for their learners, people and communities.

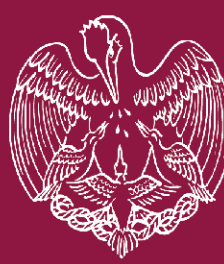
In planning for the regeneration of the 1200 pupil place (11-16 years) Sawston Village College the architects followed a comprehensive set of design principles including:

- reflection of existing sense of calm, simplicity and building tones
- energy efficiency – achieving net zero carbon in operation
- massing of building broken down to visually reduce scale
- ensuring the school can remain occupied and operational throughout construction
- improved safeguarding and stronger connectivity to outside spaces
- simplified opportunities to share facilities in the evening and at weekends, as part of the College's commitment to extending learning and working with the community.
- materials and building technology that create a low acoustic environment taking advantage of natural light

Artist's impression of courtyard colonnade, view east to new building from sports fields and pedestrian approach to the new building entrance



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Layout



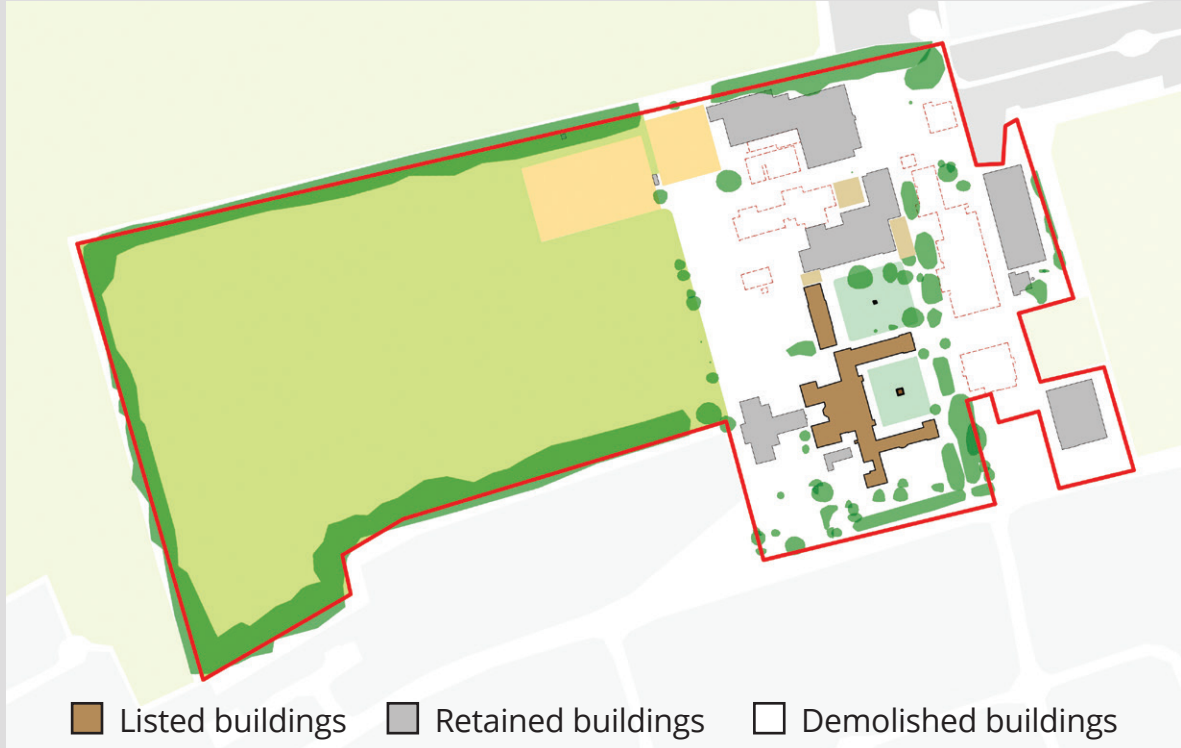
Masterplan

Key features of the proposed masterplan include:

- new courtyards created, in keeping with original collegiate layout
- new coach drop-off facility outside of pupil social spaces
- enhanced pupil pedestrian access and movement around campus
- simplified vehicle movement routes to community sports
- consolidated car parking and deliveries, with improved access control
- consideration of fire tender and emergency vehicle access
- new rich landscaping including dedicated SEND garden and habitat area
- improved outdoor social opportunities and covered dining areas
- generous views and connections between linked external spaces.

Existing site

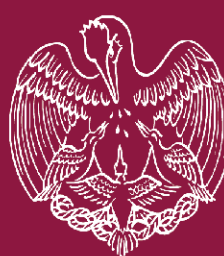
The College site is home to 17 buildings of varied condition, size and importance. The proposals see the retention of the two grade II listed buildings (library and Henry Morris Hall) and the one locally listed building (Marven Centre). The majority of the remaining blocks will either be re-modelled or refurbished. Seven existing buildings will be demolished.



Artist's impression of aerial view from the south-west



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Heritage assets

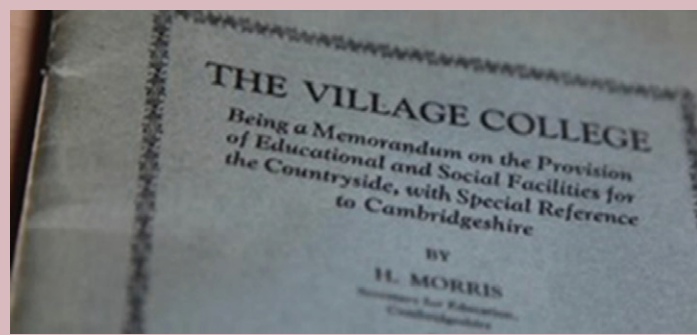
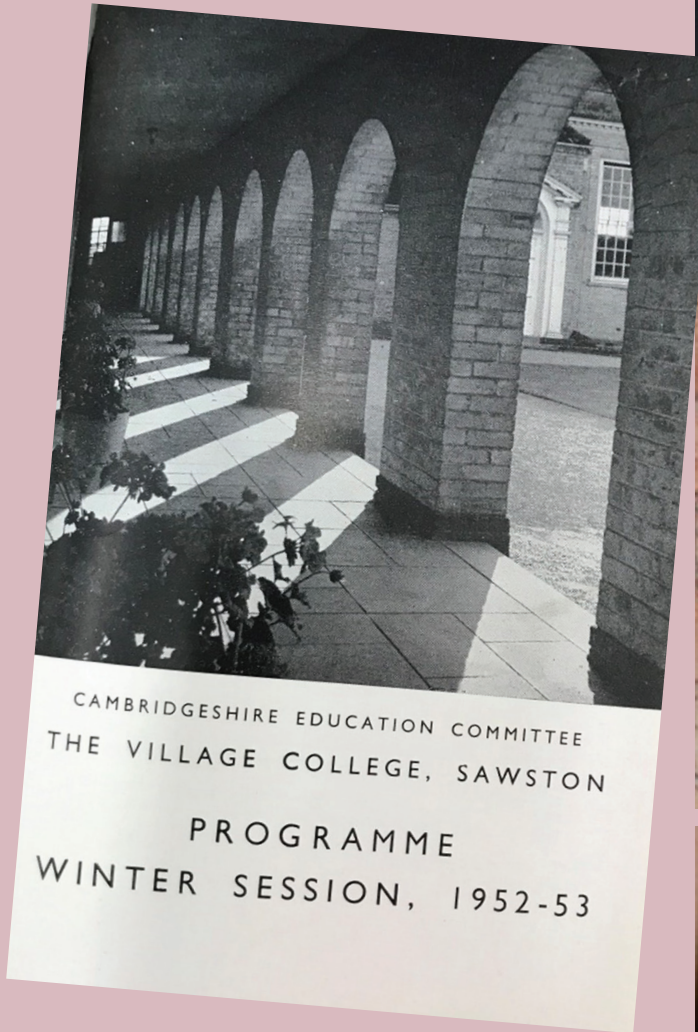
The listed and protected buildings will continue to thrive at the heart of the College with the redevelopment designed to support their important legacy. The image on the top left is the Grade II listed College library. The image on the right is the Grade II listed Henry Morris wing which includes the school reception, hall and some general classrooms. The image bottom right is the locally listed Marven Centre which will benefit from some refurbishment and remodelling as part of the plans.



College History

Sawston Village College is committed to the ideals and ambitions of Henry Morris.

- Well-built, with interesting architecture
- Building itself as a ‘silent teacher’, both inspiring and facilitating learning
- Cultural focus: libraries and art on the walls
- Workshops, science laboratories, and a plot of land for learning about agriculture
- Community education: available for adults in the evenings and at weekends
- Opened in 1930 by HRH Prince of Wales
- Expansion in 1979 opened by HRH Duke of Edinburgh
- Original buildings Grade II Listed in recognition



Marven Centre

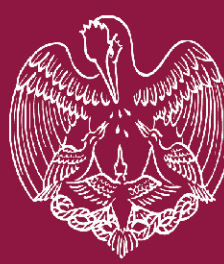
The Marven Centre which operates as Sawston Cinema and has been known variously as Spicers Theatre and the Youth Centre, was built in 1932 and has been used by generations of the local community for many different functions, from its opening to the present day.



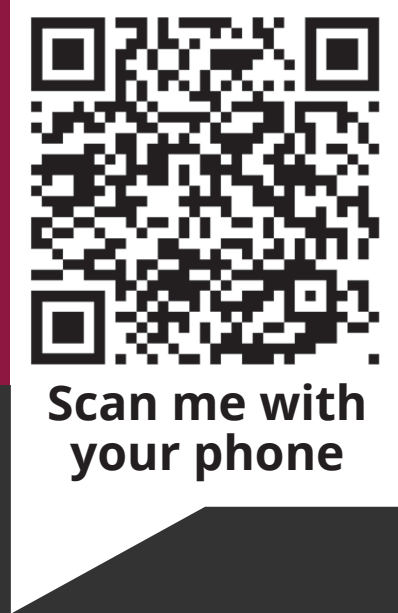
The building is well-loved and well-used by a wide range of community groups but is now in need of attention. It is prone to flooding, leakages, and is in poor decorative order. The redevelopment of the College includes refurbishment and remodelling of the hall and facilities.



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Internal design

The internal design features of the proposed new building include:

- strong curriculum clusters for DT/Maths, Languages, Art, ICT
- dedicated SEND cluster on ground floor with garden access
- clearly celebrated entrance and animated circulation spaces
- improved passive supervision of communal areas
- flexible events space in dining, easily zoned for out of hours use
- dining offering views to western playing fields.



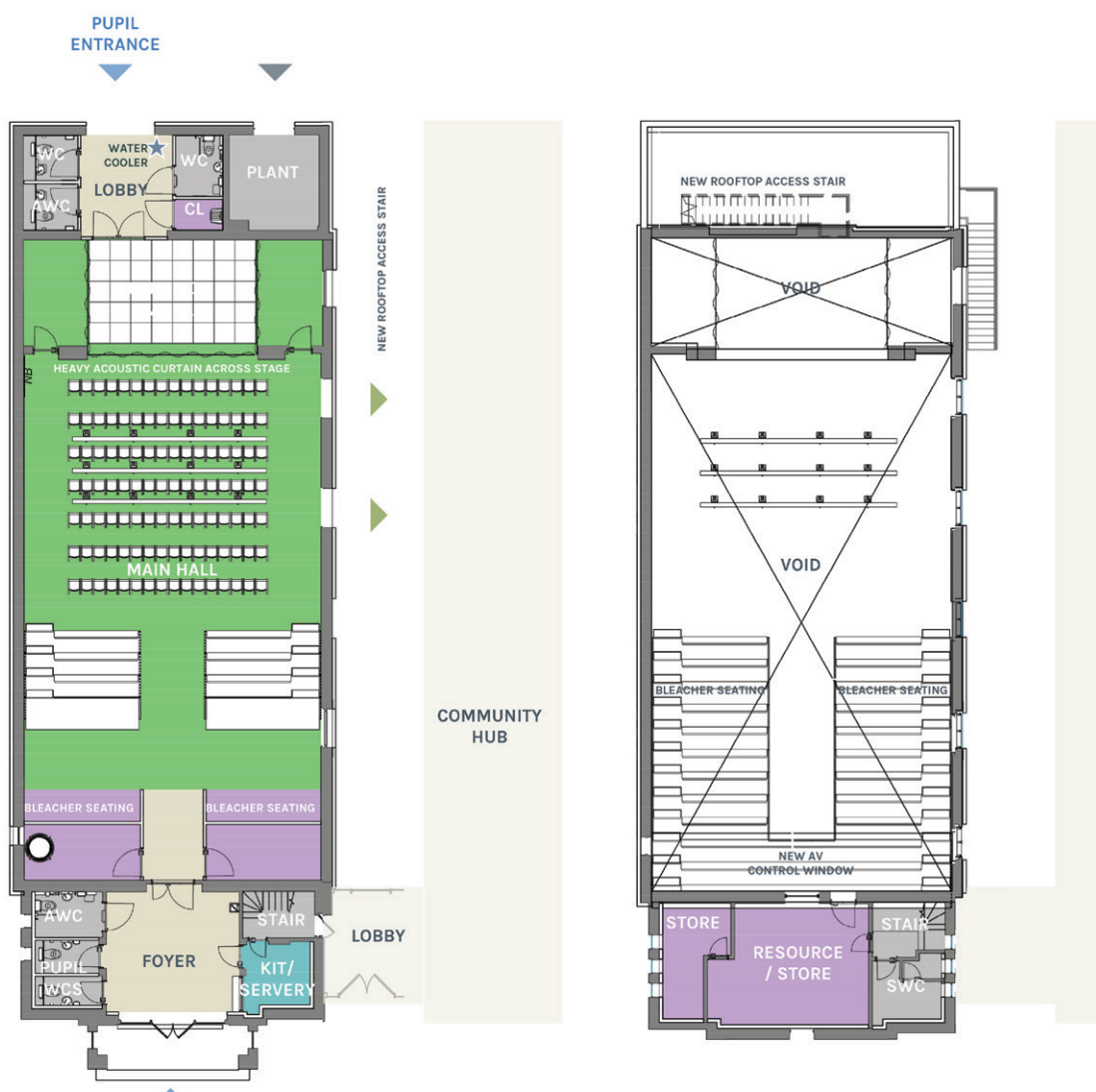
Proposed ground floor plan



Proposed first floor plan



Proposed sports centre extension floor plan



Proposed Marvin Centre floor plan

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Circulation and parking



Pupil Pedestrian Entrance



Pupil, Staff & Visitor Vehicular Entrance

The proposals for Sawston Village College do not include an increase in pupil or staff number therefore there will be no increase in transport demands or car movements. The proposed layout includes a number of improvements to circulation and parking around the College site:

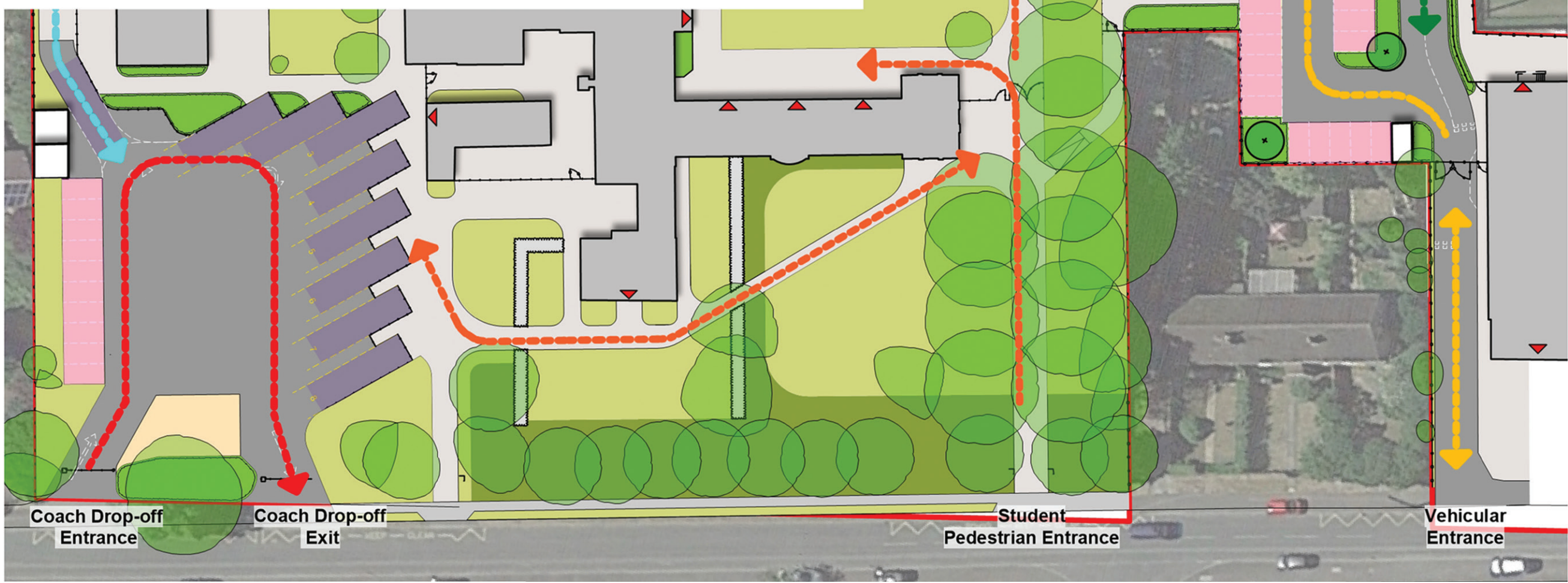


Raised table adjacent to Spicer wing

-  improvements to Marven Centre and Spicer Wing pedestrian access with raised table, planted divisions and timber knee rails
-  traffic calming measures and pedestrian priority throughout the site
-  two lines of security enable visitor and then staff and community pedestrian and vehicle access
-  updated coach drop off zone with pupil waiting area which accommodates eight extra large coaches and ten taxi bays.



New coach drop-off area



Key - vehicle circulation

-  Pedestrian Circulation
-  Staff & Visitor Vehicular Circulation
-  Staff Vehicular Circulation

-  Sports Centre Vehicular Circulation
-  Coach Drop-off Vehicular Circulation
-  Services Vehicular Circulation
-  Emergency Vehicular Circulation

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Masterplan with local context

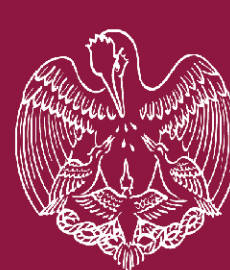


Bowmer + Kirkland will establish noise mitigation and air quality (dust management) plans. A Construction Management Plan will ensure construction traffic is monitored with mitigation in place to minimise disruption to the local community.



The series of photos above show some of the stages of Bowmer + Kirkland's off-site manufacture process

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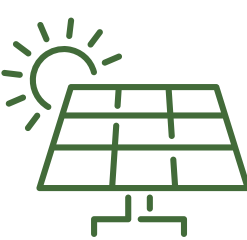


Sustainability credentials



Artist's impression of cross section showing dining on ground floor and MFL on first floor

The new building has been targeted by the Government as being Net Zero Carbon in operation. Bowmer + Kirkland use a 'Fabric First Principle' which ensures the fabric, heating, ventilation, water and lighting systems are designed to be energy efficient and robust. The following sustainability and biodiversity supporting aspects are being considered for the new building:



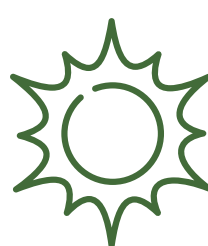
use of photovoltaic panels (PVs) and green roof



maximising of daylight penetration in design to reduce use of artificial lighting



minimisation of construction waste and ensuring a high percentage of what is generated is diverted from landfill through reuse or recycling



solar gains are kept at a manageable level allowing comfort to be achieved without the use of air conditioning



effective surface water management



ground sourced heat pumps



reduction of CO₂ emissions through incorporation of high insulation standards



reduction of water use in building facilities



additional trees will be planted, whilst majority of existing trees will be maintained



introduction of habitat areas as well as bird and bat nesting boxes and bug hotels

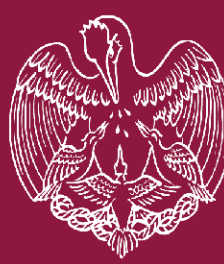


compliant with latest building regulations and the DfE's standards of Be Lean, Be Clean and Be Green.

Artist's impression of cutaway plan of proposed new building ground floor



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Social value



For Bowmer + Kirkland, the main contractor, creating social value means making a positive impact on peoples’ lives and local communities. For the proposed Sawston Village College scheme, we will strive to meet the DfE Framework’s and South Cambridgeshire District Council’s social value expectations, and to comply with the Public Services (Social Value) Act by:

- creating a social value plan, setting project-specific KPIs (key performance indicators) and monitoring progress
- understanding community needs and collaborating with relevant stakeholders to meet them
- using a social value calculator (TOMs) to quantify social value (in £)
- documenting social value impact through case studies
- having a dedicated social value resource.

Once planning permission has been granted Bowmer + Kirkland will set targets on the following KPIs:

- spend with local suppliers
- employment of local labour
- notify the local Jobs Hub of site vacancies
- engage local apprentices
- provide local T Level placements
- participate in local education programmes
- offer site visits for local schools and organise art for site hoarding.

Next steps

This exhibition display and a fly through of the plans are available on the project website

Please share your feedback via the forms available today, using the QR code or via the website **by 5th February 2024**

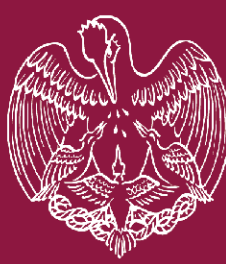
The project team will review your comments together with those from other stakeholders before submitting a planning application to South Cambridgeshire District Council

The detailed application documents will be available on the Council planning pages ahead of the local authority making their decision on the application

If the plans are approved we aim to start on site in the spring with construction being phased over two years including final landscaping

Thank you for coming to our exhibition.

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