

Sutton new Secondary School – site options

Over the next few years the number of students needing places in Sutton’s secondary schools will increase significantly.

To help meet this need, the Greenshaw Learning Trust submitted proposals to establish a new 8-form entry comprehensive secondary school in Sutton in 2017. In March the Department for Education (DfE) approved the proposal.

Sutton Council had identified two possible sites for a new secondary school: an area of land they had bought on part of the Sutton Hospital site in Belmont and the disused All Weather Pitch at Rosehill.

How a new secondary school could be located at the Rosehill All Weather Pitch

The new secondary school that Sutton needs could be located on the disused All Weather Pitch (AWP) at Rosehill with minimal impact on the open parkland and green area. The vast majority of the park would be unaffected.

The evidence for this is found in Sutton Council’s own feasibility report on the Rosehill site, published on the Council website.

The Greenshaw Learning Trust has considered the Council’s proposals and made a number of suggestions that would reduce the impact of the proposed school.

How a school could be located on the Rosehill AWP



(Plan taken from the LBS Feasibility Report produced by Atkins for LBS April 2015)

The land at the Sutton Hospital site

In March this year the Council bought a small part of the Sutton Hospital site, adjacent to Chiltern Road, that it says is suitable for a new school.

The feasibility report commissioned by the Council shows that to meet just the DfE's minimum site requirements for the new school the site would need to be around twice the area of the land that the council has purchased.

The proposed option in the Council's feasibility report would see a 4-storey building on what is currently grass, next to Chiltern Road; such a development would be out of character and dominating in an area of primarily two-storey houses. The site would be cramped with parking for only 74 cars, the MUGA right up against the site boundary and little space for screening and landscaping.

As it would have no on-site or adjacent recreation space, students would have to be bussed to playing fields elsewhere.

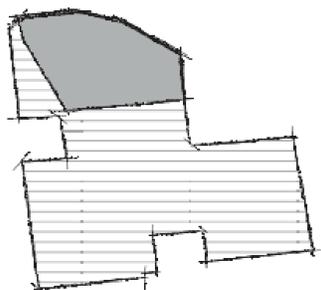
The Sutton Hospital site is classified as a 'brownfield site' – however, the area of land that the Council has purchased is currently around 50% grass with many mature trees.

In earlier discussions about the need for a new school in Sutton, the Greenshaw Learning Trust had looked at the Sutton Hospital site as a whole, and concluded that there were viable options for building a school there, but the land that the Council has purchased is not the part of the site that would be most appropriate for a school.

The Greenshaw Learning Trust believes that the land the Council has bought on the Sutton Hospital site will not accommodate the proposed school that the DfE has approved.

The proposed school site

The area shaded grey is the land Sutton Council has purchased for a school, in relation to the whole Sutton Hospital site.



The Council's proposal for a school at the Sutton Hospital site

How the Council's proposed school would look from the junction of Chiltern Road and Cotswold Road.



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