

# New secondary school premises to serve Brecon and its surrounding communities

## An introduction and information for stakeholders



## Introduction

In September 2016, it was announced by Powys County Council that the Outline Business Case for new school buildings for a secondary school in Brecon had been approved. This came at the same time as the outcome of the second Schools Re-organisation consultation which confirmed that there would continue to be an 11 to 18 Secondary School for Brecon.

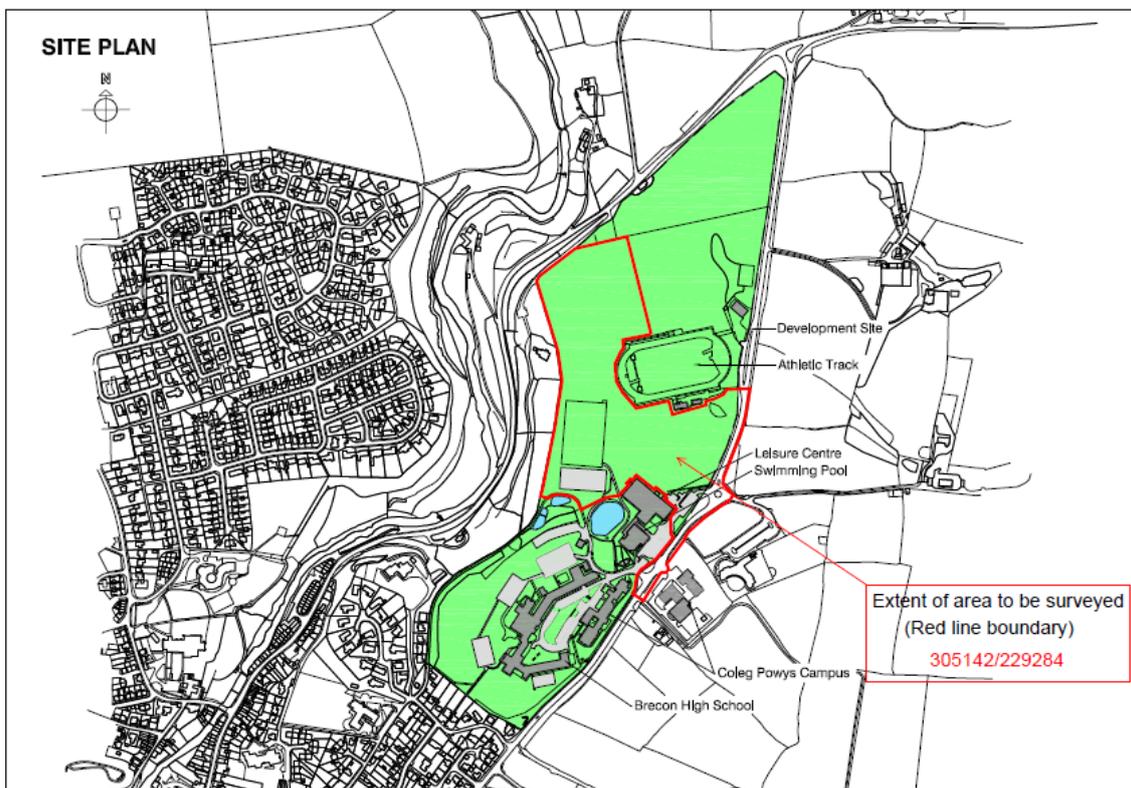
In the period up to the end of December 2016, the school had met with officers of the Local Authority to contribute to the initial planning stages of this very significant project and led to the publication of tender documents to seek a design and build contractor to deliver the new secondary school for Brecon.

The outline details of the project are

- An 11 to 18 school
- Built for 750 pupils (including 150 in the Sixth Form)
- A total budget for all aspects of the project of £22 million
- Building of the new school is expected to begin in January 2018, with the new premises open to staff and pupils in September 2019

## Where will the new school be built?

The map below gives an indication of the proposed site for the new school. The area outlined in red is the area for consideration provided as part of the tender documentation. As a guide, it is expected that the new buildings would be positioned in the area between the Leisure Centre and the athletics track



This is a very complex project but one that has a very simple aim – to provide the very best facilities and accommodation to allow the current and future pupils of Brecon High School to achieve their very best academically, emotionally and socially.

One of the ways we are seeking to achieve this is not just to rely on existing new school developments, current ideas or seeking a status quo. We have already begun the process of talking with our staff to gather ideas in respect of what facilities we may be seeking and how we can provide the very best learning to our pupils. This is a unique opportunity.

As part of the preparation for engaging with the successful design and build contractor we are seeking ideas from different stakeholders. This includes governors, parents and members of the community. Pupils will be more directly involved as the project progresses.

#### How can you contribute your ideas?

Please use the **Stakeholder Response Form** to provide your thoughts and ideas to contribute to ensuring that the new school buildings are fit for purpose and meet the needs of our staff and pupils for many years to come. Prior to completing this form, you may wish to consider the following questions

- Given the new school will be built inside the Brecon Beacons National Park, how should this influence how the school should look?
- How should pupils travel to school – how can we encourage different travel methods?
- How should we ensure the safeguarding needs of our pupils are met?
- Are there aspects of the school building that are a priority e.g. to be environmentally friendly?
- What facilities would you want to be available for the pupils?
- How would you want the community to be able to use the school – during the day and outside of school hours?
- Are there any innovations that you are aware of (via your work or experiences) that may be suitable for inclusion in the new school e.g. toilet facilities, layout of office space, security or audio visual facilities?

This is not an exhaustive list of questions, but is designed to help you to make a response as a stakeholder to influence the design of our new school premises. Please visit our school website, which has a specific section for the new school building project, containing further information about the progress of the project. It can be found at

<http://www.brecon-hs.powys.sch.uk/en/new-building-project/>

A copy of this leaflet will be available, along with the stakeholder response form on this web page.

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