

Appendix A2 – Summary of projects

Project Rainbow Phase 3 – Independent Living Facility

Address:

City of Bristol College, Ashley Down Centre, Ashley Down Road, Bristol, BS7 9BU.

Aims:

Project Rainbow is an initiative to provide independent living experience for young people, aged 18-24, with SEND. The overall aims are:

- To prepare young people with SEND for adulthood and to equip them with the skills to live independently.
- To enable young people to build on their existing skills and develop their confidence to challenge themselves in new areas – emphasis is on progression.
- To provide a safe, supported environment for young people to experience independent living, with trained staff on hand, and to develop mutually supportive relationships with their peers.
- To reduce the demand for social care, as on leaving education/training, young people will be more independent within their communities. The young people may also have some form of meaningful activity / employment and could be living independently or at least need less support in semi-independent living.

Proposals:

Project Rainbow Phases 1 & 2 relate to the Brislington Centre and three additional residential pods within the grounds. The Brislington Centre, in a suburban setting, provides accommodation with shared common facilities for 13 young people.

Building on the success the Brislington Centre and increasing demand, the proposals for Phase 3 are to construct a new building on the Ashley Down Centre to provide an additional and alternative offer. The urban setting will provide wider experience through the utilization of the many amenities at, or near to, the Ashley Down Centre.

The proposed two storey building will provide 12 bedrooms plus a communal kitchen, lounge and dining room.

Programme:

Subject to various commercial & statutory approvals, governance etc., the circa programme is to commence construction in the Spring 2022 for completion in the Spring 2023.

Elmfield School for Deaf Children – Primary relocation

Address:

(Former) Bristol Education Centre, Sheridan Road, Upper Horfield, Bristol, BS7 0PU.

Aims:

Elmfield School for Deaf Children provide education to children with profound severe and moderate levels of hearing impairment, some with additional special needs. The school is currently located in a 1960's building which is not well suited for teaching children with complex hearing issues. The school building is also in deteriorating condition with M&E and building fabric requiring ongoing investment. The aims and ambitions are to provide:

- A modern, purpose made facility with enhanced technology & acoustic design.
- Access to mainstream teaching with collaboration of the curriculum and shared spaces.
- Wider support for children and their families.
- Additional pupil places for children with specialist hearing needs.
- A reduction in operational and maintenance costs.

Proposals:

To relocate Elmfield School to the Bristol Education Centre (BEC) which is adjacent to, and shares the site of, Upper Horfield Community School (UHCS). The BEC, which has previously been used as an office for Early Years support staff, needs significant repair and refurbishment. The proposals are:

- Demolition of the link building to create a shared Entrance with UHCS.
- Full refurbishment of the BEC and areas near to the new Entrance within UHCS.
- Partial demolition of the corner of the BEC to enable a vehicular access to be created around the wider school site to enhance vehicle / pedestrian safety.
- Outdoor landscaped areas for play and learning.
- To create additional teaching capacity for a further 24 children in Early Years & Primary.

Programme:

Subject to various commercial & statutory approvals and governance etc., the circa programme is to commence construction in the Spring 2022 for completion in the Spring 2023.

Claremont School Refurbishment and Expansion

Address:

Henleaze Campus, Henleaze Park, Henleaze, Bristol, BS9 4LR.

Aims:

Claremont School provides education to children aged 2 to 19 years with physical disabilities & complex health needs. The school in Henleaze is centred around a Victorian building, with various extensions from 1960's onwards, all in various states of disrepair. Claremont Secondary provision is located alongside Redland Green School in Redland.

At the Henleaze site there are a wide range of significant suitability issues, especially considering the very specialist needs of the children, due to the condition of the buildings and various level changes across the site and within the buildings. Further, the school is also having to manage complex provision over two sites in accommodation that is not well suited to the specialist needs. The aims and ambitions are to:

- Provide appropriate facilities for the very specialist teaching needs.
- Increase pupil capacity.
- Improve efficiency for school resources and management of services by consolidating all provision in one location (Early Years, Primary, Secondary, Post-16). This will also remove the need for transition at the age of 11, which is already a stressful experience for the pupils.
- Reduce maintenance liability and running costs.
- Remain in Henleaze for community inclusion and integration, noting the close proximity to the high street which is readily accessible and level.

Proposals:

To redevelop the school in Henleaze to enable all school years to be located on one site with accommodation that is designed and constructed to meet all specialist needs. The proposals are:

- Demolition of most of the building extensions whilst retaining the central Victorian building.
- Construction of a new two-storey school building, designed to meet the specific specialist needs of the pupils (environmental control, sensory learning as well as mobility).
- To provide a building which will be level and accessible access throughout, with appropriate storage
- To create additional teaching capacity for a further 14 children across all school years.

Programme:

Subject to various commercial & statutory approvals, governance, and funding availability etc., the circa programme is to commence construction in early 2024 for completion in the Summer 2025.

Programme betterment, if possible, and options for temporary accommodation during the redevelopment of the site are currently being explored.

Year 7 Secondary bulge 2022/23**Address:**

Various Secondary schools, predominantly in the North and East of the City.

Aims:

Due to the delayed opening of two Secondary Schools under the DfE's Free Schools Programme, there will be a shortage of Secondary places from 2022/23. The aim is to respond to the delayed opening by providing temporary secondary places from 2022/23, by nominal pupil increases at various schools and by capital investment for full 1FE or 2FE at circa six schools.

Proposals:

Capital intervention works may include a range of the following, but not limited to:

- internal refurbishment of various areas (typically to increase Science provision and welfare) plus works to increase dining capacity.
- external works to support external play & sports, sheltered dining provision and associated catering.

Programme:

Subject to various commercial & statutory approvals and governance etc., the circa programme is to undertake and complete construction works over the Summer break 2022. There is recognition that the delivery of some aspects of the projects may not be possible to complete by 31st August 2022 (long lead-in of specialist items, Planning Approval, market volatility etc.). In such scenarios the works will be prioritised and fully coordinated with the schools.

Education Capital Team

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