



Responses to further issues raised

Transport, parking and flooding issues were raised at previous consultation sessions and have been taken forward by the design team (see previous consultation responses).

Build a new separate school for St Sophia' PS

In the current financial climate it would not be prudent to build an entirely new school when there is a school with 76.28% occupancy on the same site. The projected occupancy for 2016/2017 was 78.7% so the school is still slightly below the Council's projected figures.

No need for a 3G pitch/noise pollution/why have an all-weather pitch when taking space from one school to another.

The 3G pitch will provide opportunities for quality outdoor PE and extra-curricular needs of both schools. The location will minimise noise pollution for near neighbours. The installation of the 3G pitch has had no impact on the space in either of the schools.

Concern about the walkway between the schools/not a co-location with a long corridor in the way

Whilst this may have been a necessary re-design due to the location of ground-source heat pumps, it has provided an opportunity for shared play space to be located in a more central location giving better access to children from both schools. St Sophia's parents have not raised concerns about this walkway between their classrooms and their supplementary area where STEM, creative arts, ICT related activities will take place.

The walking space between the gym hall extension and roadside for nursery and lower school entrance.

It is acknowledged that this is a tight space and will require careful management. It is anticipated that the majority of children will not use the main entrance.

The current layout does not promote co-location.

The sharing of social spaces both indoor and outdoor will promote collaboration between children in both schools. Staff will also benefit from opportunities to collaborate with peers from the co-located school.

Doesn't meet the needs of both schools. No choices with plans, no options. Co-located but should be separate buildings.

Head Teachers have had input to the designs which were drawn up following previous consultation events. There was a significant change to the design in light of feedback received at one of the early consultation events. Separate buildings would impact on opportunities for shared use of facilities.

Not a co-location with corridor in the way/would it not be cost effective to build a full new school?

There was always a corridor there, it is now slightly longer due to issues with underground pipes. A completely new separate school would not be cost effective and there is capacity at Galston PS to use the small amount of its space for St Sophia's (Galston PS also benefitted in terms of its space with the re-design following early consultation sessions).

Concerns for children with cochlear implants

There will be two closed classrooms available, one is being converted as part of the build.

All 14 classes are being used this year

There are additional rooms available if required.

Space within the schools/square metres per child

The new build and existing school both conform to requirements in terms of space per child.

The plans as they have evolved have not been co-produced as a result we have a lack of options.

There has been a number of consultation sessions at which feedback was provided. Significant changes were made to the initial design of the building following feedback from both school communities. All feedback has been considered and implemented if it is in the best interests of both school communities.

The current plans are not great for either school with regards to the walkway.

St Sophia's parents have not raised any issues with the walkway - it is considered a positive aspect with the new location of a larger play area easier to access for both schools. The walkway does not impact on the flow within Galston PS.

Rationale for the co-location no longer applies.

Co-location still very much applies - there was always a walkway proposed. The only difference is that the walkway is a little longer for St Sophia's children to access their supplementary space - this is not an issue for the Head Teacher.

Need to fund a proper school rather than still trying to make it fit.

St Sophia's will be a 'proper' school co-located in a building that provides an improved learning and teaching environment for all its pupils and their parents support this approach. The co-location provides an opportunity for the Council to make more effective and efficient use of buildings within the school estate.

Galston PS cannot be extended so why are classrooms being taken away when more space could be built onto St Sophia's.

The Council has projected occupancy levels for the next five years which take into account house building in the area. The actual figure for 2016/2017 at Galston PS, is slightly below that projected by the Council therefore there is no indication, at this moment in time, that the two classrooms allocated to the St Sophia's build are required or that this action will result in the need for an extension to Galston PS in the future. Additional funding could not be justified for adding accommodation that is not currently required or, based on the most up-to-date information, likely to be required, in the near future.

Concern about 2 hours of quality PE

- The extended dining/sports facility being built onto the Galston PS building will provide space for 2 hours of quality PE for pupils from both schools. Its design will provide opportunities to increase utilisation of the space, for example, immediately before and after lunch. The all-weather football pitch will also mean that outdoor space is available throughout the year for quality PE.

Both schools should have equal resources/both should have a library when attainment in literacy is a priority

- Both schools have supplementary spaces available. It is for the Head Teacher to determine how best to use the spaces based on their respective school's priorities.