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1.0 PUBLIC CONSULTATION SUMMARY

A Public Consultation was hold on the 14th of September 2020 at Barnes Primary School to engage with as wide a cross section of the community as possible, to seek their views, and for these views to inform the design review.

The consultation event attracted people from all age groups with the majority of the participants being parents and local neighbours.

1.1 Publicity

To start the consultation process and let residents and parents know of the Specialist Resource Provision (SRP);

- Letters were distributed to households in an area defined in the appendix A.
- Parents were notified via newsletter on the 8th of September.

1.2 Location

The process was affected by the COVID19 restrictions by that time. Therefore, two external areas were selected to place consultation boards. In each area there was a maximum 6 people and social distancing was maintained.



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1.3 Public Consultation

Each group was constituted by:

- A member of the School
- A member of the Design Team
- A member of the Council
- A member of Achieving for Children
- Two members of the Community

In each area, the team had the opportunity to explain the proposal presented in three consultation boards.

Consultation board are included in the appendix B.

1.4 Feedback

Generally, the feedback received during the consultation was positive. However, there were some neighbours who had some concerns.

The team produced a feedback form and residents were asked to fill them in with their comments and/or ask any specific question they would like to have answered.

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, the team asked residents to complete the form at home and send them to the email address provided.

The consultation process remained open till 24th of September and by then, the team received 8 emails.

All comments were collated and a list of the main objections is summary below:

- Impact of the proposal on daylight, sunlight and outlook
- The height of the building and its impact on nearby heritage assets
- Loss of trees and parking
- Concerns about the impact of the construction process.

All the feedback forms and emails are included in the Appendix C.

1.5 Response and design review

All of the above items have been pro-actively integrated into the design development with further information provided within the design section of the DAS, Planning Statement and Transport Statement as part of the full planning application.

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APPENDIX A. PUBLIC CONSULTATION AREA

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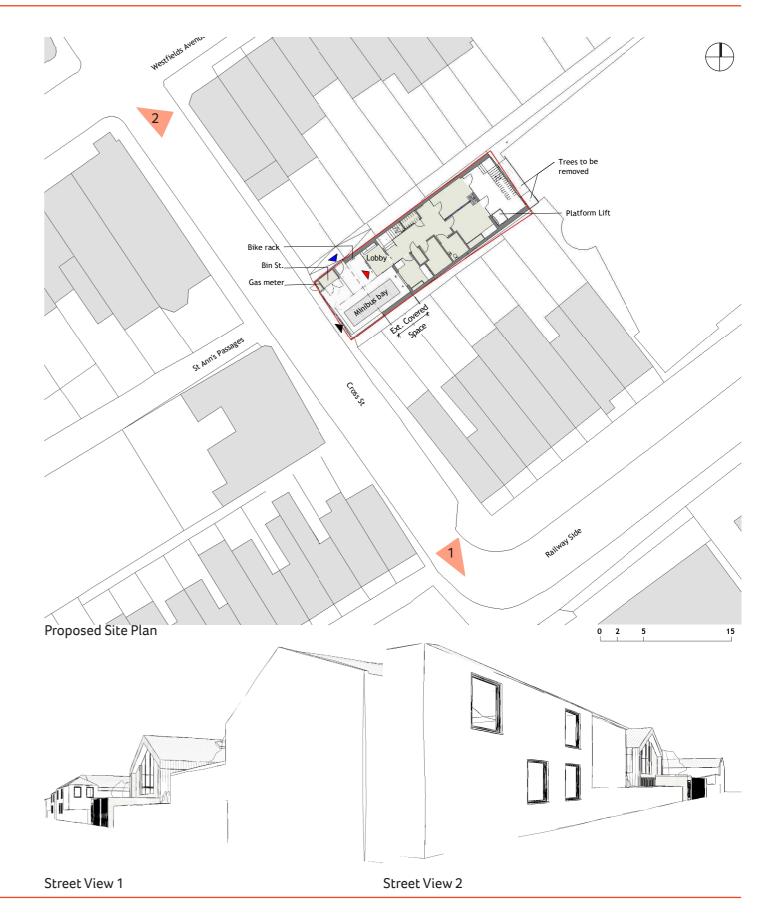


APPENDIX B. CONSULTATION BOARD PANELS

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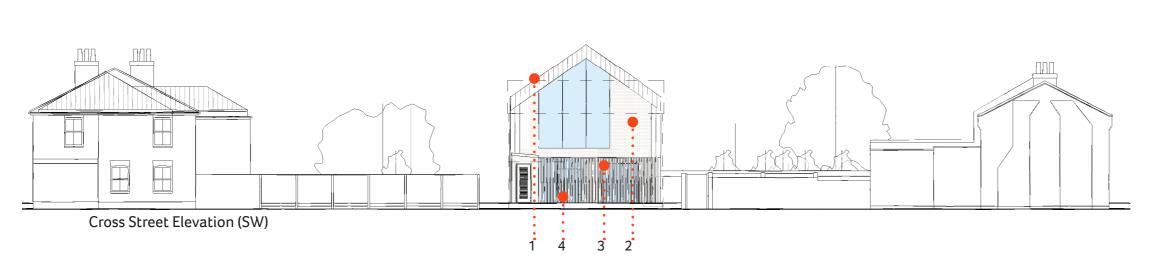
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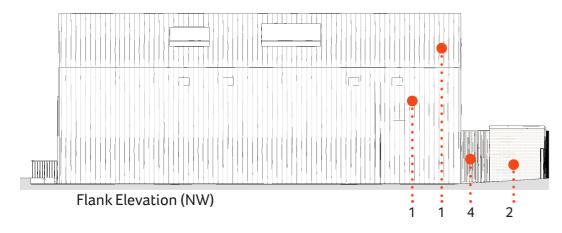




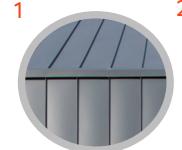
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Standing seam







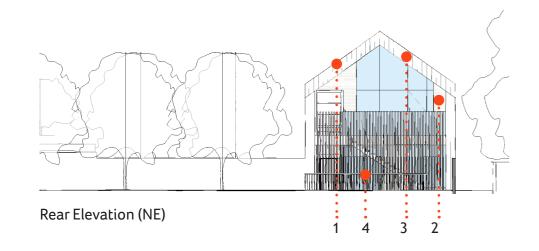


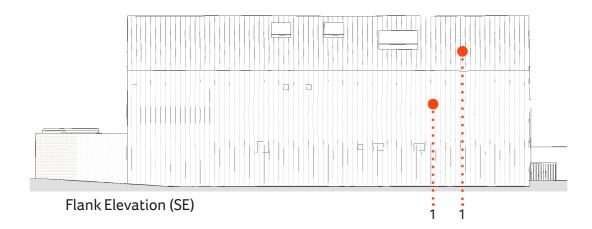
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Street View



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MATERIAL PALETTE





View from the KS2 playground





APPENDIX C. FEEDBACK FORMS AND EMAILS

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BARNES PRIMARY SCHOOL – PROPOSED NEW SPECIAL RESOURCE PROVISION

Public Consultation Feedback Form

Date - 14th September 2020

Thank you for attending the planning consultation. Please use the space below to leave any feedback on the proposals. We will summarise your comments within the Statement of Community Engagement which will accompany the planning application.

Name:	Jonathan Olley			
A dalam a				
Address:	51 Railwayside			

Whilst I am fully supportive of the creation of a facility to educate children with ASD, I strongly object to the nature and footprint of the proposed building on this site.

The planned structure will significantly increase the footprint of the current building. At the consultation, I was assured by that the building would not go forwards of the current front wall of School House. This is clearly not the case Furthermore, the nature of the structure is wholly unreasonable. All of the gardens (bar no.50) and rear aspects of the Railwayside cottages will face directly at a brick wall, only a few feet away. This will significantly change the environment for residents which is not only deeply inconsiderate but also likely to significantly impact the value of our properties.

This is a particularly sore issue given that our cottages have previously had planning requests rejected for first floor extensions – something which all other Railwayside cottages are permitted to do. The reason for those rejections has been that this is a heritage area. How is a building of this height and style, blocking the rear aspects of our properties, possibly inkeeping with this? It is difficult to ignore that this feels like one rule for residents, another for the council. When designing this structure, has any consideration been given to the affect this will have on neighbouring properties. With the many options of design available, it certainly does not feel that way.

In addition, I do not believe how this site will accommodate regular use by a minibus without causing further inconvenience to residents. It is likely that this will see the removal of parking spaces to allow the minibus to enter/exit – something that is already in very short supply.

Other than the land being currently owned by the school/council and is therefore financially beneficial, I struggle to see how this location is remotely suitable for its intended purpose. This is a densely populated area that has significant congestion issues already which this project will only exacerbate further.

Finally – there are many sites within the borough that are currently being redeveloped. Why this project cannot be accommodated at one of those, I do not understand. At a time when there is a housing shortage in London, removing a family sized house seems illogical.

An honourable project which is being shoehorned into the wrong location. I hope common sense will prevail.

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Name:	David Whatley, Katarzyna Nowak				
Address:	52 Railway Side, Barnes, SW13 0PN				
E-mail:	Tomori.Alafia@RichmondandWandsworth.gov.uk				

PLEASE INSERT YOUR COMMENTS BELOW AND RETURN TO:-

Tomori.Alafia@RichmondandWandsworth.gov.uk

Whilst we support the provision of a special needs unit we are disappointed with the scale of the building being proposed to replace the School House.

We strongly oppose to the scale of the build as presented at a public consultation on Monday 14th September, on the grounds of:

- 1) adverse townscape and visual effects on local residents and on the townscape character of a conservation area.
- 2) the proposed development is disproportionate to the plot size which adversely effects the properties on Railway Side and Westfields Avenue.
- 3) there has been a lack of thought on how to reduce the impact of this development on the nearest neighbours whilst still providing the space required for the project to be a success. For example using a similar model to that of the development of housing on the former garages by St Michael's Church in Thorne Passage/Charles Street, could deliver a similar capacity but reduce the impact of the development on the immediate neighbours.
- 4) during any construction phase several of the residents (including both of us!) will be working (or trying to) within less that 2m of the construction site. We do have garden offices and studios and during the piling exercise the level of noise was unbearable, even in the furthest from the site room within the house. Not to mention the swearing!!! What is the proposed mitigation or relief from this inevitable noise?

- 5) the council takes the preservation of the character of the conservation area (i.e. where the site is located) very seriously and applications for modest extensions to the properties on Railway Side have been refused for that very reason.
- 6) the lost of light and overshadowing across the No 50-56 Railway Side gardens especially mid to late afternoon.
- 7) limited and affected visual amenity from Railway Side.
- 8) affect on parking, loading and turning on Cross Street / Railway Side this development will inevitably mean the further loss of parking for local residence due to the required minibus turning.

We would like to refer to the following planning policies:

National Planning Policy Framework (2019) - Paragraph 127:

"Planning policies and decisions should ensure that developments:

- a. Will function well and add to the overall quality of the area, not just for the short term but over the lifetime of the development;
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"To ensure development respects, contributes to and enhances the local environment and character, the following will be considered when assessing proposals:

- 1. compatibility with local character including the relationship to existing townscape, development patterns, views, local grain and frontages as well as scale, height, massing, density, landscaping, proportions, form, materials and detailing;
- 2. sustainable design and construction, including adaptability, subject to aesthetic considerations;
- 3. layout, siting and access, including making best use of land;
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"Development proposals likely to adversely affect the significance of heritage assets will be assessed against the requirement to seek to avoid harm and the justification for the proposal. The significance (including the settings) of the borough's designated heritage assets, encompassing Conservation Areas, listed buildings, Scheduled Monuments as well as the Registered Historic Parks and Gardens, will be conserved and enhanced by the following means: 1. Give great weight to the conservation of the heritage asset when considering the impact of a proposed development on the significance of the asset."

I am writing to object to the proposed Barnes Primary School ASD Provision, as presented at a public consultation on Monday 14th September, on the grounds of adverse townscape and visual effects on local residents and on the townscape character of a conservation area.

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Given the potential significant adverse effects on residential amenity and on the setting of the conservation area I would strongly object to the location of the ASD unit in this location. There are alternative locations within the school that could accommodate such a development which would be better integrated with the school and would not have such a detrimental effect on local properties which will suffer inevitable loss in value.

I trust that the council and school will demonstrate the exploration of alternative options and set out clearly the design rational in a Townscape and Visual Impact Assessment and Heritage Assessment

Yours sincerely Claire McHarrie CMLI 54 Railway Side 20.09.2002

55 Railwayside, Barnes, SW13 0PN

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To: Tomori.Alafia@RichmondandWandsworth.gov.uk

RE: Proposed Primary School ASD Provision

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Sincerely

Stevie McGarrity-Alderdice

from: Nicholas Billingham

56 Railwayside Barnes SW13 OPN

telephone: 02088765391

Dear Tomori Alafia

Following the meeting to show us the present plans for this proposed new building at Barnes Primary School I am writing to place on record my strong objection as owner and occupier of 56 Railwayside to the proposal for such a large building. While I accept the desirability of such specialised facilities, the planned building is wholly unsuitable for the surrounding area and will severely and adversely impact on my house and the house at 55 Railwayside occupied by my husband as well as other neighbours' houses.

My objections fall under the following headings:

- 1) The site is in the middle of a conservation area and the building is wholly out of keeping with this both in its style and size. If the conservation area is to mean anything it cannot be permitted.
- 2) The garden shared by Nos 55 and 56 and the outlook from both houses which at present is open at the rear to the light and pleasant aspect will be blocked off by a 20ft blank wall totally obscuring the present view.
- 3) Uprooting existing mature trees will also severely damage the view and amenities and would seem to be contrary to the policy of tree preservation in the borough.
- 4) It is very unclear how the building work could be carried out on this scale without causing considerable and lengthy disruption for the neighbours and it is uncertain that the existing old rear wall will be kept.

The design of the building must be reconsidered and if it is to occupy the proposed site it should be no more than a single storey. If a building on the present scale is to proceed it must be sited differently and there would seem to be plenty of other options to avoid damage to the area. It could be moved further to the east so as not to impinge on the existing residential houses (thereby freeing up more space at the front for vehicles etc which would reduce the likely additional congestion in Cross Street) or a site could be found in grounds at the rear of the school utilising the original entrance in Westfields avenue.

I would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this letter of objection.

Yours sincerely,

Nicholas Billingham

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Clara Wooller

90a Westfields Avenue London SW13 0AZ

Dear Tomori

I completely disagree with the monstrosity that is planned for the School House plot in what is supposed to be a "heritage site". As residents, we are already battling for parking and space in an already very built up area and yet you want to build this ugly, forbidding building in a small and quaint little area. School drop off is already a huge issue for us, as parents stand all over the pavements, sit on our walls and are generally very disrespectful of our quiet corner of Barnes.

Not only will the new building be blocking out residents skylines and evening sunlight, which is completely unacceptable, we will now have children able to see into our garden and kitchen which completely ruins our privacy.

I would like all of these comments discussed further so that we do not have our lives and homes ruined by these plans.

Kind regards

Isabella 07718603555