

Fortismere Site Improvement Project

Frequently Asked Questions

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1) Why are you undertaking this project?

Fortismere is an outstanding school but we have been tolerating buildings that are not fit-for-purpose for several years. It is not financially viable to keep repairing these buildings, and the 'fixes' are only ever temporary, so we urgently need to improve our structures.

2) What will the project cost?

It is unclear what the project will cost until the Feasibility Study has been completed.

3) How long will it take?

It is hard to say long the project will take until the Feasibility Study has been completed and a clear plan has been agreed. These types of projects tend to be lengthy and can take multiple years.

4) Can we share our views?

We welcome feedback from all stakeholders and there will be a formal Consultation Process which will begin once the Feasibility Study has been completed. There are five stages to the statutory consultation process:

1) Consultation	Consultation is carried out with all relevant stakeholders. This usually takes place over a period of 4 to 6 weeks. The evidence collected is used to inform a decision on whether or not to publish a notice setting out an intention to make changes to the school.
2) Publication	A notice is published setting out that the school wants to make changes.
3) Representation	This period lasts for a fixed 4 week period and is a further opportunity for stakeholders to express their views.
4) Decision	The school takes the decision, based on all material evidence including representations received, on whether or not to implement the changes. The decision must be taken within 2 months of the end of the representation period.
5) Implementation	Construction begins.

5) Exactly what will be happening?

We are looking to replace outdated structures with something more modern and suitable, but exactly what shape this will take is unknown until the Feasibility Study is completed.

6) Where will the Sixth Form and LINC be based while work is being carried out?

This will depend on the outcome of the Feasibility Study and the agreed plan.

7) Will this cause disruption to students?

We are all committed to the fact that there will be no disruption to learning. Once a plan has been agreed and any work begins, we will, of course, ensure that all health and safety requirements are met, and more information will be shared at that time.

8) What will the impact be on local residents?

We have every intention of liaising with our local community, and we hope they will play an active role in the consultation process when it begins.

9) What about conditions in other parts of the site?

The Feasibility Study will assess the whole site in order to develop the best future option.

10) Will you be selling off land?

The Feasibility Study will explore all options for financing so it won't be possible to say until this has been completed.

11) As a Foundation School, are you allowed to conduct a project like this?

A Foundation School is funded by central government via the local education authority. All capital and running costs are met by the government. The Governing Body employs the staff and has responsibility for admissions to the school. We are working closely with the London Borough of Haringey on this project.