**Proposed new High School in Chorlton for Prospere Learning Trust**

**Introduction**

CHS South is a brand new secondary school at the heart of the South Manchester local community. We opened in September 2018 with a cohort of 180 Year 7 students and are currently based in Lowry House, Mauldeth Road, Chorlton.

CHS South offers all our students:
- An Arts rich, inspiring academic programme of study supplemented with high quality vocational qualifications.
- An absolute commitment to the highest quality teaching in all curriculum areas.
- A rich and diverse enrichment curriculum providing a wealth of creative, cultural and social experiences for students.

We provide:
- An ethos rooted in high expectations and high aspirations, nurturing positive, respectful and responsible young people.
- High quality pastoral care and support ensuring that all students are focused on their learning journey.
- A resolute focus on supporting and inspiring all of our students so that they have an excellent foundation for future success.

We will develop:
- Successful & independent learners who seize every educational opportunity.
- Students who are able to discover and explore, problem solve and take risks, visualise the future and achieve with confidence.
- Students who represent us as well-rounded, confident and respectful citizens.

This is an exciting time for the school as we work with our partners in the DfE and BAM Construction to influence site and building designs to incorporate the features we want to see in our new school ready for opening in September 2021. These designs will obviously develop as we consult over the next few months and we will keep everyone up to date with the process of design and construction.

We hope the information provided gives you a flavour of the tremendous opportunities our new building will provide for all our students and for our local community.

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**Timeline:**

- Initial development of proposals: May and June 2019
- Local Engagement Sessions: 15 August 2019
- Submit planning application: 23 August 2019
- Period for Consideration: 15 Weeks
- Planning Committee Meeting: 12 December 2019 (TBC)
- Start of construction: February 2020
- School opens: September 2021

**Next Steps:** It is intended that a Planning Application will be submitted to Manchester City Council Planning Department on 23 August 2019. The Local Planning Authority will then provide an opportunity for members of the public to comment on the final proposals.

We welcome your comments on the new school proposals. Comments can be made by completing the feedback forms available here in person or via our online survey. The web address to view the consultation boards and complete the survey online is listed on the feedback form available. The web address is www.wyg.com/planning/consultations/chssouth

Alternatively, you can email or post your comments to: WYG (c/o Peter Campbell), Quay West at MediaCity, Trafford Wharf Road, Trafford Park, Manchester, M17 1HH, peter.campbell@wyg.com

Closing date: Monday 19th August 2019
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Why do we need this school in Chorlton?

- Manchester's population is continuing to grow at a rate that makes it the fastest growing city in the UK.
- Larger primary school intakes are beginning to feed through to secondary schools.
- In September 2017, 5,988 children were offered a Year 7 place in a Manchester secondary school. Projections for September 2019 suggest 7,151 children will require a Year 7 place. There is not sufficient capacity in existing schools.
- Ensuring residents have access to high quality schools within their local area is central to Manchester City Council's 2016 "Our Manchester" strategy.
- The Council's capital funding to expand existing schools, referred to as Basic Need Funding, is limited. Therefore new free schools need to be built, funded directly by the Department for Education, and operated by approved providers such as Prospere Learning Trust.

Source: Manchester City Council, School Place Planning & Admissions Report, 5 September 2017

Admissions

CHS South is a mixed, comprehensive school serving the local communities of South Manchester with an admission number of 180 for entry in Year 7, increasing to 240 in September 2021. The school will accordingly admit this number of pupils if there are sufficient applications. When the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming the school, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order.
2. Priority will next be given to children based on their exceptional medical or social needs or those of their parents.
3. Priority will next be given to the siblings of pupils attending the school at the time the application is received, where an older sibling is in Year 11 siblings will not be prioritised under this criterion.
4. Other children

Further details can be found in the school's admission arrangements which can be found on the school's website.
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Where will your new school be?

Proposed Site Plan

- Existing Sister School: Chorlton High School
- Proposed New School: CHS South
- Mauldeth Rd West
- Metrolink Line
- GMP (The Hough End Centre)
- Broughton Park Rugby Club
- Metrolink Link Line

Aerial Site view - showing change in level associated with bridge & metrolink lines
Aerial view of existing site access point & road junction
Google street view of site access point & road junction
What community facilities will there be?

These could include:

**Indoor Sport facilities:**
- Sports Hall accommodating:
  - 4 badminton courts.
  - Additional markings for netball and basketball.
  - Space for table tennis, football and trampolines.
- Dance Studio
- Changing facilities

**Indoor Community facilities:**
- Auditorium & Stage facilities
- Dining Hall with catering opportunities
- Library (IT Rich)

**Outdoor community facilities:**
- MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area)
- All Weather Pitch (Sport England Standard)
- Parking
- School Building
- Sports Block
- MUGA (4no. Netball Courts)
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What is the construction plan?

Construction Timeline:

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Our Construction Partner, BAM, will register the project with the Considerate Constructors Scheme. This means BAM will be committed to being clean, safe, environmentally conscious, and respectful to the site neighbours during the construction stage, and will try to cause as little inconvenience as possible.

Key site logistics considerations:

- Considerate site working hours.
- Early completion of carpark and hardstanding for use as material laydown, site compound and parking.
- Site cabins located well away from residential houses.
- Site and compound lighting will consider neighbouring properties.
- Wheel cleaning measures in place to avoid depositing mud on the surrounding roads.
- All construction related vehicles to park within the site boundaries, with no off-site parking allowed. Site personnel will be encouraged to car-share or use public transport.
- Scheduled deliveries to avoid peak times.
- Off-site vehicle hold point for large deliveries, with vehicles called in by the Bam Gate Van, avoiding congestion around site entrance and minimising disruption along Mauldeth Road West.
- Dust and noise mitigation measures.
- Regular communication with local residents through newsletters, social media and site open days.
- Open door policy for neighbours to meet with our Project Manager and raise any concerns.
- Regular litter pick around site boundaries by BAM operatives.
- Site registered with Considerate Constructors Scheme.
What about Transport and Parking?

On site the level of parking provision is determined by the Council and it is proposed to maximise the number of spaces within that policy (around 76 spaces for staff).

Cycle parking (around 130 spaces) will also be provided in accordance with Council guidance.

Space within the site to allow for pupil drop off and pick up by cars is also proposed.

Traffic and parking surveys at certain locations on the local road network have been carried out which will inform the assessment process that is carried out as part of the planning application process. A travel plan including measures to encourage staff and students to use modes of transport other than private cars is also being prepared. Independent surveys of pedestrian and cycle routes to the site will be undertaken to ensure that they are as safe as possible and fit for purpose.

The school will introduce measures to encourage staff and students to use modes of transport other than private cars. The proposed school site is located to provide ease of movement and to encourage sustainable travel modes as it’s close to a main bus route. Pedestrian access to the site will be provided from Maudleth Road West to the west and east of Chelsfield Grove and Withington Road respectively. A new vehicle access will be formed to the west of the current location (which will be closed).

The design proposals will include:

- New access off Maudleth Road West
- Widened pedestrian crossing facilities on Maudleth Road West to west of Chelsfield Grove
- Improvements to Alexandra Road South junction to aid pedestrians
- 130 space cycle parking provision for pupils and staff
- 115 space car parking provision including 6 accessibility bays, 39 pupil drop off / visitor bays
- Dedicated service yard
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What will your new school be like?

[Images of school facilities: Dining Hall, Auditorium, Library, etc.]
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Landscape and Ecology

The landscape design creates a safe and stimulating environment for pupils, providing both social spaces and educational resources.

The key site layout proposals are:
- A large parent drop off area with safe routes for pupils to access the entrances with separate staff parking area for ease of management. Cycle parking for 180 bikes.
- Sports provision includes full size All Weather surface pitch and four court Multi Use Games Area (MUGA), a 100 metre grass running track and potential for cricket nets.
- A range of external learning and social spaces, including a performance area, D/T space, kitchen garden, external dining area and ecology area within existing trees.
- Reprovision of the Greater Manchester Police dog training and horse paddock areas.
- Secure 2.4m high fence lines to the perimeter.

Ecological and tree planting proposals:
- Provision of ecological enhancements such as bird and hedgehog boxes, native species tree and shrub planting with berries and flowers, and meadow wild flower planting to encourage a range of insects and birds.
- An ecological management plan will be developed for the site.
- The layout of the site and car park has aimed to minimise the impact on existing tree planting to provide a mature landscape setting, minimise the impact on neighbouring residents and promote positive wildlife preservation.
- Unfortunately 41 trees are required to be removed for the development of the school and grounds. The majority of these trees are low quality based on an arboricultural survey. The proposals do provide for 53 new trees to be planted, predominantly native species to compensate along with additional native hedgerow planting.

Proposed Landscape Plan