



New College Development

Statement of Community Consultation

March 2009

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This statement explains the process and results of the consultation held to allow local people to be involved in the preparation of the planning application for the new Itchen College to be located on the former Eastpoint site.
- 1.2 It shows that the approach conforms with the Government guidance and Southampton City Council's (SCC) own guidelines set out in the Statement of Community Involvement "Planning how you can have your say", adopted in 2006 as part of the Local Development Framework. It demonstrates that public consultation and community involvement have been an important part of the process to determine the future use of the site and the plans for the new college.
- 1.3 Having followed the SCC guidelines and the suggested consultative process, we consider that the siting of the new college on the site at Bursledon Road, will bring a range of benefits to the local community.
- 1.4 Section 2 of this statement gives the background to the proposals. Government guidance on consultation is explained in Section 3 and the consequent process which was used by Itchen College is detailed in Section 4.
- 1.5 Appendices 1 and 2 show some of the materials used prior to and during the consultation exhibitions.
- 1.6 Appendix 3 contains the feedback questionnaire and consultation responses.

2 Background of the proposals

- 2.1 It is proposed that Itchen College, supported by the Learning and Skills Council, will move to the former Eastpoint site, adjacent to the Bursledon Road and that an entirely new college with state-of-the-art facilities will be constructed.
- 2.2 Proposals have been produced by the College's architects, HNW, to deliver a fit-for-purpose modern educational institution which meets the requirements of a modern learning environment. It is intended that the new college will provide state-of-the-art facilities for students and staff and that many of the facilities will be available by arrangement for use by local community groups.
- 2.3 The present college buildings in Middle Road have become overcrowded as numbers of day-time students have increased by 50% over the past 6 years. Facilities in some subject areas are becoming unfit for purpose and major refurbishment is needed. By moving to the new site a fit-for-purpose college can be built which is efficient in the use of space, which uses sustainable materials and which will be low in maintenance costs. This would greatly enhance the facilities available to students in the region and will provide a boost to the communities of East Southampton.
- 2.4 The project seeks to maximise the benefits from close proximity to both the Eastpoint Centre and the NHS facility. The site of the new college will be adjacent to the proposed new Eastpoint Centre building which will be a conference and community centre. The management of the current Eastpoint and Itchen College are exploring ways in which users of both institutions will benefit from the juxtaposition of the buildings. Use of Eastpoint for College examinations and use of the College sport facilities by Eastpoint conference attendees are two examples of the proposed partnership development. Adjacent to the proposed new college site is a National Health Service building. Discussions have begun with managers of the facility to encourage focus on the health needs of young people and in particular the needs of College students.
- 2.5 The application is the culmination of approximately two years of discussions with Southampton City Council regarding the best site for the College relocation and subsequently the plans to purchase of the Eastpoint site and the woodland area to the East.
Early discussions took place in 2007 with the councillors and planning officers regarding the design for the site and it was confirmed that there should also be consultation with local people on the design for the new College. Ongoing discussions have been held with SCC planning officers from 2007-2009 in order to progress the design of the scheme.

3 The need for community consultation

- 3.1 In February 2004 the Government published guidance on how communities should be involved within the planning system. The document *“Community Involvement in Planning: The Government’s Objectives”* outlined the Government’s aims and objectives for an improved involvement of the public in planning processes. These were also incorporated into the new Government Planning Policy Statement 1 (PPS1), which was published in February 2005. It sets out the Government’s overarching planning policies on the delivery of sustainable development through the planning system and recognises the importance of community involvement in planning. The Policy Statement makes it clear that *“the outcomes from planning affect everyone, and everyone must therefore have the opportunity to play a role in delivering effective and inclusive planning”* (paragraph 40). It further states that effective community involvement requires processes for informing people about policies and proposals in good time; enabling communities to put forward their own ideas, and participate in developing proposals and options; consultation on formal proposals and feedback.

Southampton Local Development Framework Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) 2006

- 3.2 The SCI sets out how SCC will involve the community and other stakeholders in planning within the City, including all stages of producing the Local Development Framework and deciding certain planning applications. Views of the public were sought during a formal consultation period in 2005 and the document was submitted to the Government in March 2006.
- 3.3 The SCI states *“our aim is to involve the whole community in the planning process to create a strategy for development in Southampton that meets the aspirations of the widest possible range of people”* (page 8)
- 3.4 The SCI sets out how the Council intends to involve the community in the preparation of the new Local Development Framework for the City and in the process of determining planning applications. The list of consultees in the process include:
- Government Office for the South East (GOSE)
 - South East of England Regional Assembly (SEERA)
 - South East England Development Agency (SEEDA)
 - Hampshire County Council
 - Natural England
 - Environment Agency
 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight Strategic Health Authority
 - Highways Agency
 - Companies with powers of Telecommunications, Gas and Utilities, Waste and Sewage
 - The general public
 - Town & Parish Councils
 - Amenity groups
 - Statutory Consultees

- Businesses
 - Planning and development professionals
 - Voluntary groups in the environmental, social and cultural sectors.
- 3.5 Minimum standards for planning application publicity are set out in the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995. This requires local planning authorities to publicise planning applications submitted to them. In addition to this the SCI sets out how SCC will apply its own strategy for the effective publicising of planning applications.
- 3.6 Consultation options suggested in the SCI include:
- Leaflets
 - Newsletters
 - Consultation documents
 - Exhibitions
 - Press releases
 - Meetings with existing groups
 - Workshops
 - Surgeries
 - Panels
 - Email/website
 - Online questionnaires
 - Formal written consultations
- 3.7 The SCI states that major developments should be publicised where the floor space to be created is over 1,000 m² or more or the site exceeds 1 hectare (page 26). The plans for the new College therefore needed to be made available for public consultation.

4 Consultation

- 4.1 This section contains a summary of the consultation process that has been undertaken by Itchen College prior to the submission of the planning application.
- 4.2 Having carefully considered national guidance and the SCI of Southampton City Council, it was decided that the consultation strategy should comprise:
- (a) VIP and stakeholder consultation: an evening exhibition for invited Council and community leaders, head teachers, College governors, members of Itchen Student Union, and others at Itchen College from 6-8 pm on 24 February 2009 (see invitation in Appendix 1);
 - (b) a day and evening public exhibition held in conjunction with Eastpoint Centre at Eastpoint from 2-8 pm on 26 February 2009;
 - (c) information on the Itchen College website;

Internal consultation

- 4.3 A range of internal consultation activities have been undertaken throughout the development of the proposals to ensure that the design meets the needs of the present and future College community. These include meetings with governors, senior staff, curriculum leaders, student leaders and an open meeting with all staff which was held on 23 February 2009.
- 4.4 As well as fulfilling a vital role as the legal corporation, college governors also represent a wide range of community interests. The board have had very regular meetings on the project and have provided valuable feedback.

Stakeholder consultation

- 4.5 On the evening of 24 February the VIP and Stakeholder evening was provided for local stakeholders and key community figures. Invitees to this event included a wide range of organisations and individuals, referred to within the Council's SCI. This included Councillors, officers and representatives from:
- Member of Parliament
 - Southampton City Council
 - Local primary schools
 - Local secondary schools
 - Southampton Solent University
 - University of Southampton
 - Thornhill Plus You
 - Eastpoint Centre
 - Parish of St Christopher, Thornhill
 - Daily Echo newspaper
 - Hampshire County Council

This event incorporated a range of detailed exhibition materials and was staffed by members of the project team including architects, a traffic consultant, planning consultants and college students and staff representatives.

Public consultation

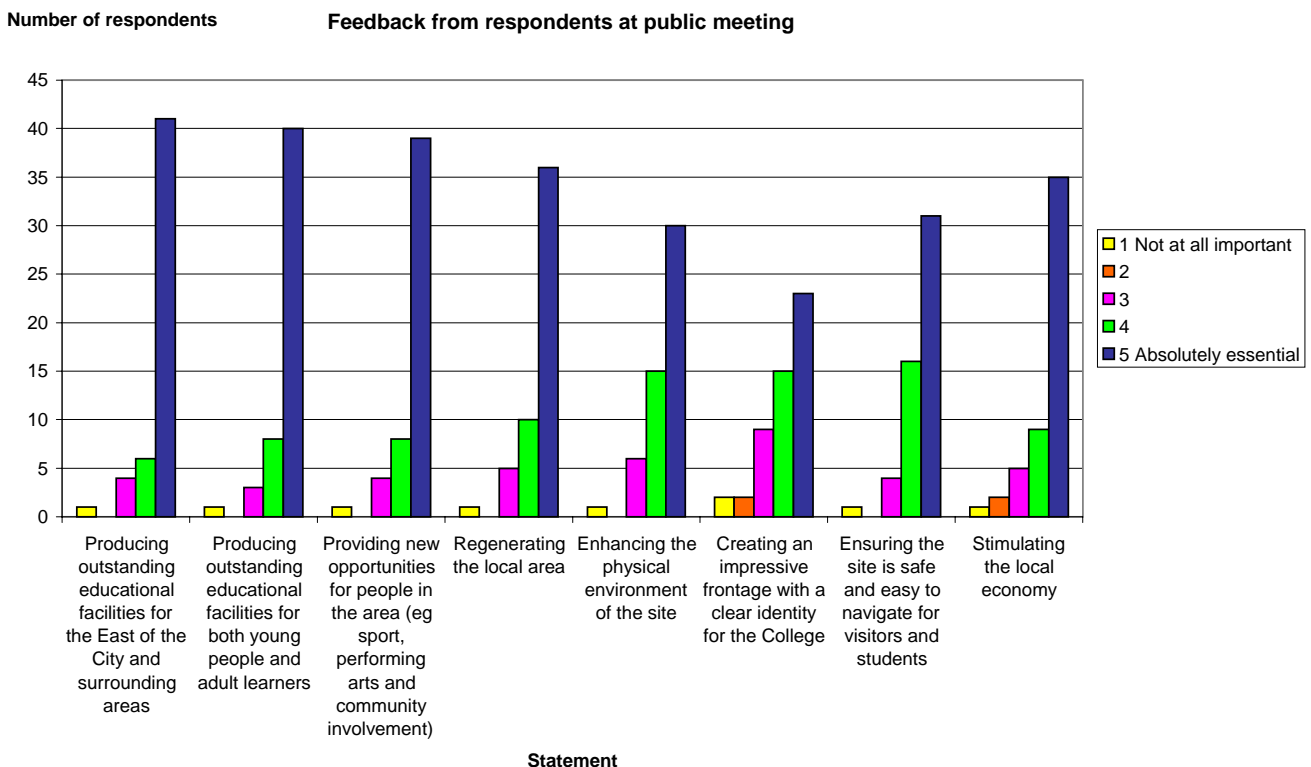
4.6 The main public exhibition and consultation was held at Eastpoint Centre on 26 February 2009. It was staffed by members of the project team, including architect, traffic consultant and college student and staff representatives. Five thousand invitations were delivered to local households. The exhibition was also advertised in a press release published by the Daily Echo and on the Itchen College website (see Appendix 1).

Visitors to the exhibition were free to look around and to discuss the proposals with the design team and college representatives. Visitor packs were provided including feedback forms to allow people to comment on the proposals.

4.7 There was a great deal of interest in the plans for the new College. Over 20 invitees attended the VIP exhibition and 134 members of the public attended the day and evening exhibition. There were 16 and 57 respondents to the feedback form respectively.

4.8 Feedback from the VIP and public exhibitions:

- Without exception all respondents were in favour of the relocation of the College to the new site (see Appendix 3)
- As shown in the graph below respondents were very positive about the new College:
 - *“producing outstanding educational facilities for the East of the City”;*
 - *“providing new opportunities for people in the area”;*
 - *“regenerating the local area”* and
 - *“stimulating the local economy”.*



- Many liked the designs and said that they will improve the site. They were in favour of the enhancement to the physical environment and that some of the woodland will be preserved.
- No respondents disliked the plans overall.
- Concerns of respondents were about the following issues:
 - traffic control and the importance of bus routes (5 comments)
 - parking (2 comments)
 - green space and wildlife (3 comments)
 - noise and lights from the Sports area (3 comments)

A detailed list of responses is shown in Appendix 3.

5 Public consultation by Southampton City Council

- 5.1 After submission of the planning application, there will be an opportunity for comments to be submitted formally to SCC. This will provide the public with a further opportunity to make representations concerning the scheme. The Council's public consultation is a statutory process and is set out in the Statement of Community Involvement. People who want to make representations must then contact SCC Planning Department.

6 Summary and conclusion

- 6.1 Public consultation on the outline plans for the new College has taken place in line with the Southampton City Council framework for community involvement in planning applications and accords with Government guidance on community consultation.
- 6.2 Consultation included:
- a public day and evening exhibition in conjunction with Eastpoint Centre;
 - an evening exhibition for VIPs and key stakeholders;
 - press release in the Daily Echo and notice of the public exhibition;
 - consultation with staff of Itchen College;
 - information on the College website
 - meetings with managers of Eastpoint Centre over the past 2 years;
 - meetings with College governors, many of whom represent local interests.
- 6.3 Over the past two years there have been a number of meetings with planning and other officers from Southampton City Council who have helped to shape the plans for the College.
- 6.4 Meetings with the officers from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Learning and Skills Council on the relocation of the College.
- 6.5 The plans have changed over the past 2 years in response to the discussions with various officers.
- 6.6 Without exception all respondents have been in favour of the relocation of the College to the new site and the benefits of having a brand new College in East Southampton.
- 6.7 Respondents who expressed concerns mentioned three key issues:
- traffic control and car parking spaces;
 - loss of some woodland and
 - noise and light from the Sports areas
- 6.8 The results of the public consultation will be taken into account in the decision-making and production of detailed plans for the new College.
- 6.9 This statement shows that the public and stakeholders have been consulted throughout the development process.

Appendix 1 – Invitations and publicity materials

Invitation to VIP event 24 February 2009



Thursday 12th February 2009

Dear

ITCHEN COLLEGE - NEW BUILD EXHIBITION

I would like to invite you to our special exhibition for selected guests on Tuesday 24th February at Itchen College. The exhibition will be open between 6pm and 8pm and senior staff will be available to answer your questions.

This exhibition and consultation event is an opportunity for you to see the architects' plans for our new college which we intend to build on a new site adjacent to the Bursledon Road. We hope to open the new college in 2012 and we welcome your views on the development.

I hope that you will be able to join us.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Barry Hicks'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Barry Hicks
Principal

VIP Invitation to Public Exhibition on 26 February 2007



Thursday 19th February 2009

Dear

ITCHEN COLLEGE - PUBLIC EXHIBITION

You will have recently received our invitation to our special exhibition for selected guests which I hope you will be able to attend.

In the event that you are unable to attend our private event, then you are welcome to attend the public exhibition that will be taking place on Thursday 26th February at the Eastpoint Centre, Burgoyne Road, Thornhill, SO19 6PB. The exhibition will run from 2pm - 8pm and Itchen staff and our architects will be on hand to answer any of your questions.

This exhibition is an opportunity for you to see the architects' plans for our new college which we intend to build on a site adjacent to Bursledon Road. We hope to open the new College in 2012 and we welcome your views on the development.

I hope that you will be able to join us.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Barry Hicks'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line underneath.

Barry Hicks
Principal

Invitation to 5000 local residents

An Invitation to a Viewing of Plans for the Redevelopment of the Eastpoint Centre and Itchen College

Time and Venue: 2.00 - 8.00 pm, Thursday 26 February 2009
The Main Hall, Eastpoint Centre

In conjunction with Itchen College, the management of the Eastpoint Centre would like to invite you to come along and view the plans that are now available for the redevelopment of the whole Eastpoint site. Members of the professional team leading the redevelopment will be available during your visit in order to answer any questions you may have.

We do hope that at some point during the day you will be able to join us to enjoy what we believe you will find an interesting and informative display.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Paul Bennett
Group Director

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College website



The screenshot shows the Itchen College website with a navigation menu and a news article. The navigation menu includes: Home, About, News, Courses, Adult Education, Enrolment, International, Sports Centre, Facilities, and Contact. The news article is titled "An Optimistic Development for Education in the City" and discusses the college's relocation to a new site on Bursledon Road in Southampton. The article includes a quote from Deputy Principal Hazel Croft-Phillips and mentions a public exhibition on the 26th February 2009. The website also features a site search function and links to an A-Z Sitemap, Print Version, and Bookmark.

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An Optimistic Development for Education in the City

Over recent years Itchen College has been one of the fastest growing colleges in the South East, our popularity increasing owing to being graded by Ofsted as "outstanding" for equality of opportunity, and our year on year increase in the number of students gaining high grades at A level.

In order to further build on this success, we are planning to relocate to a larger and more accessible site on Bursledon Road in Southampton. Our new college will provide state of the art facilities and will have excellent transport links. It is hoped that building will be completed in 2012.



Deputy Principal, Hazel Croft-Phillips, said "The new college is not being built on our current college site so the education of our students will not be disrupted and high levels of teaching will be maintained. We envisage that this will be a smooth move."

The eagerly anticipated development of the Bursledon Road site will see Itchen College mark its spot as a visually stunning gateway to the East side of Southampton. The prominent location will enable us to enhance our aims of raising the aspirations of young people in the City and to grow our Adult Education department to strengthen the learning provisions for both individuals and businesses. The Nursery @ Itchen College will continue to provide childcare for the City's residents to make learning more accessible to all.

It is projected that the relocation of Itchen College will bring in £14.3 million per annum to the local economy over a period of fifty years, a total benefit of £715 million.

We will be holding a public exhibition on the 26th February 2009 at the Eastpoint Centre so that residents in the local area can learn more about our exciting developments. Between 2pm – 8pm, residents can view the design and development plans and our staff, and the architects, will be available to discuss the plans and answer any questions.

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NEWS ROUND-UP

Health course date

A FREE healthy living course for families will start at the Riverpark Leisure Centre in Winchester on February 28. The ten-week Change4Life course highlights the links between poor diet, sedentary lifestyles and preventable illnesses. It also shows parents how to ensure their children eat better and take regular exercise.

The course is on Mondays and Wednesdays between 5 and 7pm. Contact 0800 230 0263, or visit mendprogramme.org

March steam gala

A STEAM Gala is being staged at the Watercress Line in Alresford from March 13-15. A number of visiting locomotives including the 850 Lord Nelson courtesy of the National Railway Museum and the Metropolitan Railway No.1 will be there.

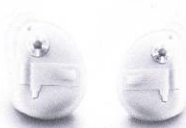


SOUTHAMPTON: State-of-the-art buildings will be opening in 2012



SHAPE OF THE FUTURE: An artist's impression of the new Itchen College building.

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College unveils relocation plans

By Clare Kennedy

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THIS is what the new multi-million pound Itchen College building could look like when it moves to its new site.

The college hopes to relocate from its present campus in Sholing to a new location at Thornhill at a cost of £48.3m. If planning permission is granted, the 1,300-student college will move from its existing Middle Road location to the Eastpoint site at Thornhill, with the aim of opening in September 2012.

The college, which, three years ago, celebrated 100 years of educating students in the city, says it has to move if it is to meet the needs of future students.

Principal, Barry Hicks, said: "Our new college will give us state-of-the-art facilities."

Deputy principal, Hazel Croft-Phillips, added: "The new college is not being built on our current college site, so the education of our students will not be disrupted and high levels of teaching will be maintained."



SHAPE OF THE PAST: Itchen College students celebrate exam results in front of the existing building.

"We envisage that this will be a smooth move."

Plans to bulldoze the existing Eastpoint Centre and fund a new replacement £10.5m purpose-built learning centre, sports and social club has already been approved by the government-funded new-deal scheme, Thornhill Plus You. Itchen College and the Eastpoint Centre will next month submit outline planning applications for their new build-

ings that will share the site off Bursledon Road.

If given the go-ahead, city education bosses are keen for Sholing Technology College to move onto the existing Itchen College site.

Most of the £48.3m for Itchen College's move, which has been two years in the planning, will come from the Learning and Skills Council.

Its new location will also mean that the college will be more centrally positioned in its catchment area east of the River Itchen.

ITCHEN College will be holding a public exhibition for residents next Thursday at the Eastpoint Centre from 2pm until 8pm. People will be able to view the design and development plans and Itchen College staff and the architects will be available to answer any questions.

COMMENT ONLINE
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Mole-check day raises nearly £900

A CHARITY mole-checking day has raised nearly £900 for Naomi House children's hospice.

The event was organised by Winchester businessman Joshua

Spencer, who is trekking across the Sahara with his partner Sarah to raise funds for the Sutton Scotney-based charity later this month. The mole-checking

day was held at Wessex Skin Clinic in St Cross, which donated its £45 charge to the charity. As well as raising money the day also identified one patient with skin cancer.



TAKE A BREAK - Daily Echo puzzles on page 22

Stunning new vision for Eastpoint Centre in Thornhill

10:24am Tuesday 3rd March 2009



[By Clare Kennedy »](#)



THIS is the stunning new building that is set to be the new home for a Southampton community centre.

Plans to build a new £10.5m building to replace the existing Eastpoint Centre in Thornhill are already under way with an application for detailed planning permission due to be submitted.

Paul Bennett, the manager of the Eastpoint Centre for the past 20 years said the existing building – formerly Hightown Secondary School – was in need of replacement.

“The new building will be excellent as it will be designed for the future. At the moment we are always having to make do with the past.”

He said the centre, which offers both social and educational opportunities, would remain open until the new building was complete.

Residents have largely welcomed the multi-million pound plans to transform the Eastpoint Centre and bring Itchen College on to the same site.

Dozens of residents attended a public exhibition to see the proposals.

Architects say that together the new buildings, to be built on the existing Eastpoint Centre site fronting Bursledon Road, Thornhill, would act as a gateway to Southampton.

The 1,300 student college hopes to relocate from its present campus in Sholing to its new Thornhill location at a cost of £48.3m.

The college is due to submit an outline planning application next month with the aim of eventually opening on its new site in September 2012.

Itchen College's deputy principal Hazel Croft-Phillips said the public exhibition of the plans at the Eastpoint Centre was important to get as many views as possible on both projects.

“We wanted to hold this public exhibition to give people the opportunity to give their views, ask questions and bring up any ideas so we can make the facilities as good as we can.”

Kevin Prestland of Atkins architects said: “We have been working with the college and drawn up these artist's impressions that go some way to what we could see at the end.”

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Appendix 2 – Summary display materials from public exhibition

Vision for the new Itchen College



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In order to further build on this success, Itchen College is planning to relocate to a larger and more accessible site on Bursledon Road in Southampton. The new college will provide:

- An innovative educational facility designed for the needs of the 21st Century;
- State-of-the-art buildings to reflect current trends in learning, workplace environments and new curriculum developments including the new diplomas;
- A sustainable building which reduces carbon footprint;
- A landmark, gateway building signalling an entrance to Southampton;
- A main road location for easy access by public transport; and
- Inclusiveness for all, regardless of gender, ethnicity or disability

The prominent location will enable the College to enhance its aims of raising the aspirations of young people in the City and to grow its Adult Education department to strengthen the learning provisions for both individuals and businesses. The Nursery @ Itchen College will continue to provide childcare for the City’s residents to make learning more accessible to all.

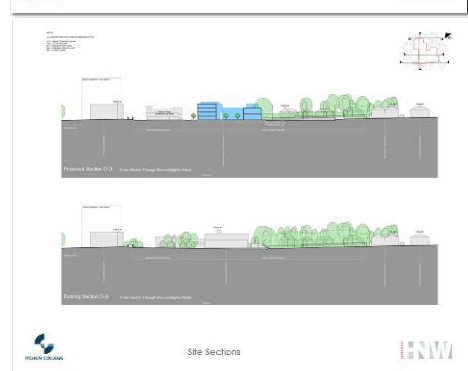
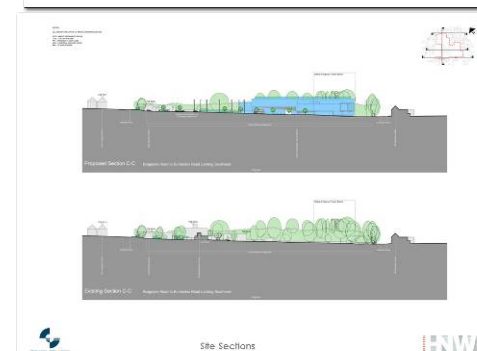
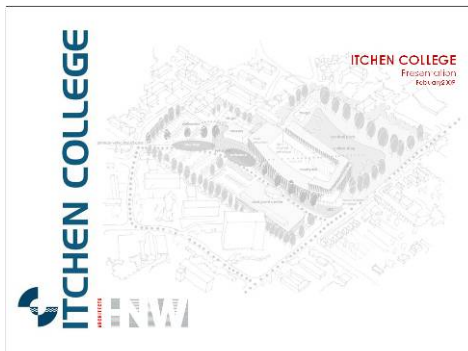
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Summary of display boards



Appendix 3 – Feedback Questionnaire



New College Development - Your opinions matter

1. We want the new College development to reflect the needs of both the local community and our students. It will help us if you can rate the aspects of our project that are important to you in the chart below:

	Not at all important		Absolutely essential		
	1	2	3	4	5
Producing outstanding educational facilities for the East of the City and surrounding areas	1	2	3	4	5
Producing outstanding educational facilities for both young people and adult learners	1	2	3	4	5
Providing new opportunities for people in the area (e.g. sport, performing arts and community involvement)	1	2	3	4	5
Regenerating the local area	1	2	3	4	5
Enhancing the physical environment of the site	1	2	3	4	5
Creating an impressive frontage with a clear identity for the College	1	2	3	4	5
Ensuring the site is safe and easy to navigate for visitors and students	1	2	3	4	5
Stimulating the local economy	1	2	3	4	5

2. What do you like best about the proposals?

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3. Is there anything else you think we should be trying to achieve with this project?

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4. Is there anything else you would like to say about the proposals?

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You do not have to give your personal details. If you decide to, they will only be used for our private records or if you have requested a response from us.

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Do you: (tick all appropriate boxes)

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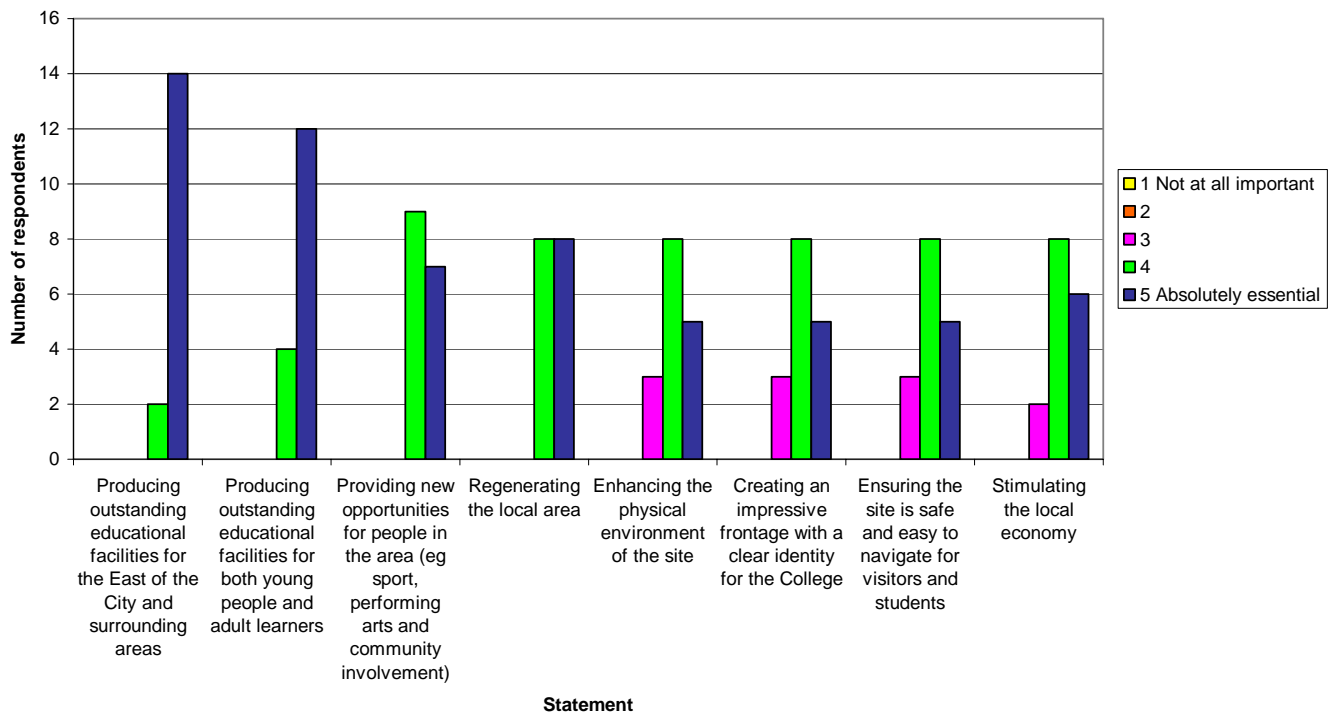
Thank you very much for your comments. Please put this form into the box provided, or return it to us by post (no stamp required) to:

Hazel Croft-Phillips, Deputy Principal, Itchen College, Freepost RLUR-KRSL-YRCZ, Middle Road, SOUTHAMPTON, SO19 7TB



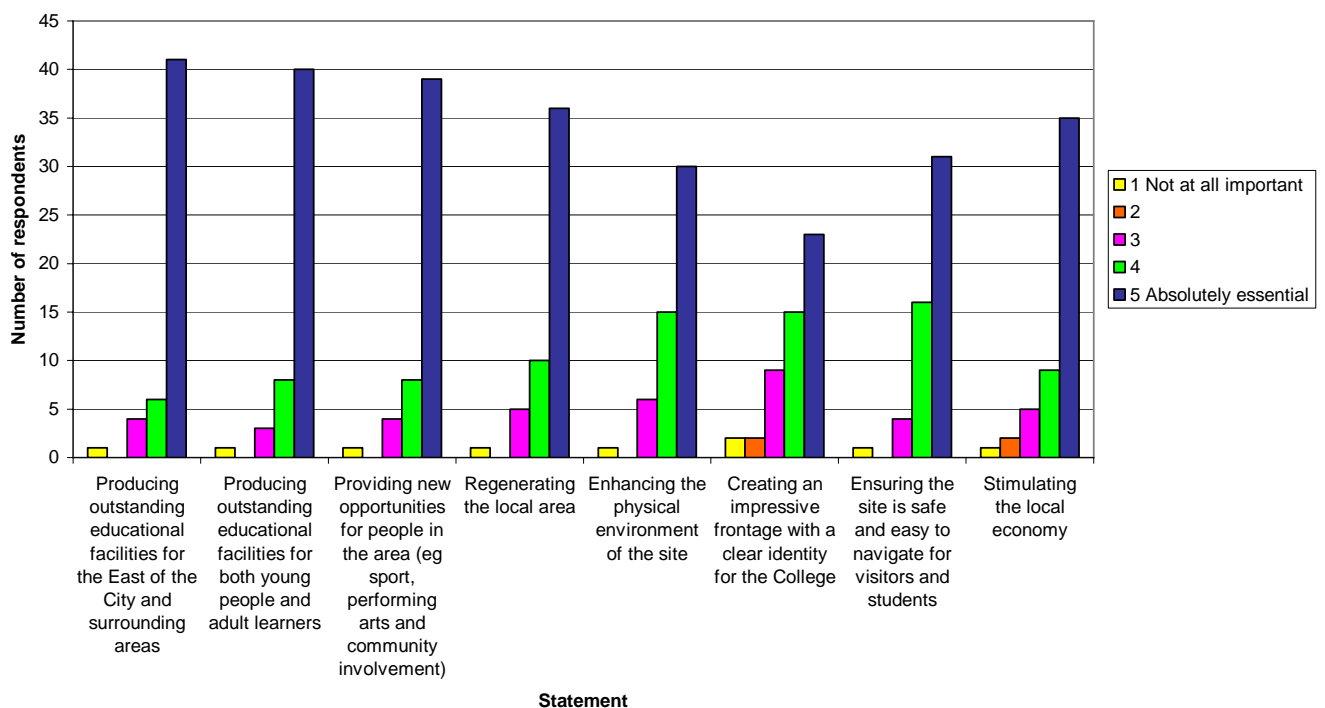
Responses - VIP event

Your opinions matter



Responses - public exhibition

Your opinions matter



Respondents' comments (VIP event)

What do you like best about the proposals?

- *Clear landmark for the City showing our commitment to education.*
- *Opportunity for expansion.*
- *Raising of aspirations locally.*
- *Curved frontage onto Bursledon Road.*
- *Idea of views of the Solent - LRC windows frontage.*
- *They provide a clear statement of excellence for pupils and business in the City.*
- *The relationship to both the local community and Eastpoint.*
- *Windows for the learning centre [LRC] will be a strong focal point and an opportunity to showcase learning.*
- *Building design would appear to try to make the college as accessible to the local community as much as possible.*
- *Location is excellent - much more visible to general public.*
- *Design of main building is excellent with the curve and quad.*
- *Being able to keep so many trees is excellent.*
- *That Itchen College will be the gateway to the City of Southampton.*
- *An impressive building that will support Southampton's vision to raise achievements and aspirations of our community.*
- *A commitment to supporting the very best in education.*
- *The quality of the design - very well thought through and presented.*
- *High quality design and the inclusion of all the possible 'green' technologies.*
- *The overall look of the presentation. It looks good and hopefully it will end up more than that.*
- *The flowing frontage that resembles a question mark in plan and the way the upper levels project beyond the ground level giving the impression that the building is floating above the ground.*

Is there anything else you think we should be trying to achieve with this project?

- *Gateway to the City - encouraging local community to access college.*
- *Local employment.*
- *The more we can involve the local community in the building and day-to-day life of the college, the better.*
- *The relocation of TSTC which again will support the view that Southampton puts education at the heart of its policies.*
- *Showing business engagement - though you may have already achieved this.*
- *Greater sense of pride in the area and the direction Southampton is heading as a city.*
- *From a teacher's perspective, an awe inspiring educational space that encourages students and staff to be ambitious and to be highly motivated.*

Is there anything else you would like to say about the proposals?

- *Lack of external covered areas for bad weather.*
Designs show a flagship building that looks environmentally effective and will allow students to study in an excellent environment.
- *Impressed that the site will be as environmentally sustainable as much as possible.*
Thank you for all the time you have taken on the proposals so far - very exciting!
- *We need to do all we can to align the project with ambitions we have for TSTC.*
- *Make sure the site has good parking, and public transport access.*
- *That all areas of the site can be accessed by community groups when not in college use.*

- *The proposal is in three distinct parts: educational building, sports hall, theatre/support/administration building. I wonder, if there is room for expansion? and storage?*

Respondents' Comments (public event)

Traffic & Public Transport

"It all looks very nice. But what about the traffic on Bursledon Road."

"I am slightly concerned at the junction which is going to be outside my house. Hopefully in the long run it will ease the traffic but feel this should be addressed. Plus student safety when crossing the main road."

"Ensure traffic doesn't become an issue to local community. We live in a quiet cul-de-sac and want to keep it that way. We also have good privacy with trees/woodland & would hope that most will be kept."

"The education side which it brings to Thornhill. Please look at anti-social behaviour it may bring & driving/road/transport (public) issues which it brings."

"Look at the public transport flow. I do feel it will be hard getting better bus routes etc - but it is a MUST!"

Parking

"More parking spaces."

"Questions. Parking 144 spaces will not be enough overflow parking? Places for community in nursery? Security of premises? Noise level? Shuttle buses will they still run?"

Green Space & Wildlife

"I think it's important to keep the trees & woodland because Bursledon Road is an extremely busy road the impact is softened by the greenery at this particular point."

"I like the design of building and layout of site leaving some greenery."

"In conjunction with the Eastpoint Centre this whole project is an important gateway to Southampton and the value of the whole important to the economy of Southampton. The care taken over the protection of nesting for birds and bats important."

Noise & Light Nuisance

"It's great to see FE coming into Thornhill. Pity there's no grass pitches. Concerns over sheltered acc. being enclosed by sports field & MUGA noise & light nuisance."

"I really like and support the idea of Itchen coming to Thornhill and am not worried about the extra noise or cars and I live very close to the site in Barrowdown Gardens."

"I am worried about the lights & noise that would come from outdoor sports activities as sheltered housing is so close by."