

## **Boroughmuir High School Design Consultation Stakeholder Information - 23 May 2013**

Boroughmuir High School's vision is to ensure a confident, nurturing and inclusive learning community where *all* achieve their true potential and embrace life's challenges. Our aim is to help them in this, by creating an inspirational and sustainable school for 1,165 pupils.

The school design must be sensitive to the unique canal-side location but also respond well to the immediate local urban area and ongoing development of the Fountainbridge area and the canal quarter in particular.

Internally the building is organised around a central atrium, providing a variety of teaching and learning areas suitable for different sized groups and educational experiences. The building has dramatic and inspirational spaces that enjoy physical and visual links to the canal and the outside spaces.

With imagination we propose to make best use of this site. Among other features the school (and local community) will enjoy purpose designed performance / assembly space, enhanced sports facilities including a novel roof-top multi-use games area and a higher level external terrace extending from the social/dining space.

### **Find out more**

[www.edinburgh.gov.uk/newBoroughmuirSchool](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/newBoroughmuirSchool)

The website is being developed as a record of the project and will include links to council reports and background papers. The page is being updated tomorrow (Friday 24 May) with new images and information from tonight's meeting. As the consultation progresses we will add to the website in response to frequently asked questions and more information will be added to this page throughout the design process.

### **Project Newsletter**

A newsletter will be delivered to schools on Monday for distribution by pupil post. The newsletter will also be available online (as above) and for schools to host on school websites and to send on via text.

### **Leaflet for local residents**

We want to ensure that people living close to the Fountainbridge site and on Viewforth are aware of this consultation. A leaflet is being produced to tell them about the proposal and advertise the meeting for residents on 20 June. It will include details of where they can find out more and how to send in their comments. Copies will be available in Fountainbridge Library and St Bride's Community Centre.

### **Parents meeting**

Tuesday 4 June (7.00pm) at St Oswald's Hall, Montpellier

It is expected that this meeting will focus mainly on the school design from an education and learning perspective and to address issues for parents. A presentation will be given on the project and the design proposals. This will be followed by a question and answer session with the architects and members of the Project Team.

### **Public meeting for local residents**

Thursday 20 June (7.00pm) at St Bride's Community Centre, Oswald Terrace, EH11 2DZ

It is expected that this meeting will focus more on the external design of the building and how our proposals may affect those living locally who will be close to the school site and may have interest in the canal and new park developments.

### **Fountainbridge Library**

More information will be here available in the local library from the end of May to mid-July.

If you'd like to meet someone informally to find out a bit more about the project then you could come along to one of the following library 'drop-in' sessions:

- Thursday 6 June 10.00 - noon
- Tuesday 11 June 15.00 - 17.00
- Wednesday 19 June 14.00 - 16.00
- Monday 24 June 16.00 - 18.00

### **School Exhibitions**

An exhibition will be on display in Boroughmuir High School throughout June. It is a busy time in the school, so do stop by and have a look if you are in school for any other reason. A travelling exhibition will spend a week in each cluster primary school. A drop-in session will be arranged during that week to give parents a chance to find out more, to ask questions or leave comments. Dates for these visits are to be finalised but will be posted online. Look out too for more information from your primary school to let you know when we are coming.

### **Other 'drop in' road show events**

Drop in sessions are also being organised for a number of other local venues. Details will be available on the project website and posters will go up locally to promote these. Schools will be asked to share information with parents. The list of events will be added to throughout the consultation period so keep checking the website to find out what is on.

## **Sending us comments**

We want to hear views from as many people as possible. We would encourage everyone to take time to take part in this consultation, either in person at one of our events and/or by sending us their thoughts and ideas.

Email [newSchoolBuildings@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:newSchoolBuildings@edinburgh.gov.uk)

Or write to: The Boroughmuir Project; The City of Edinburgh Council; Level 1:2 Waverley Court  
4 East Market Street; Edinburgh EH8 8BG

**Comments should arrive by 12 July 2013**



Canal bridge at Viewforth, looking to main entrance and linear park



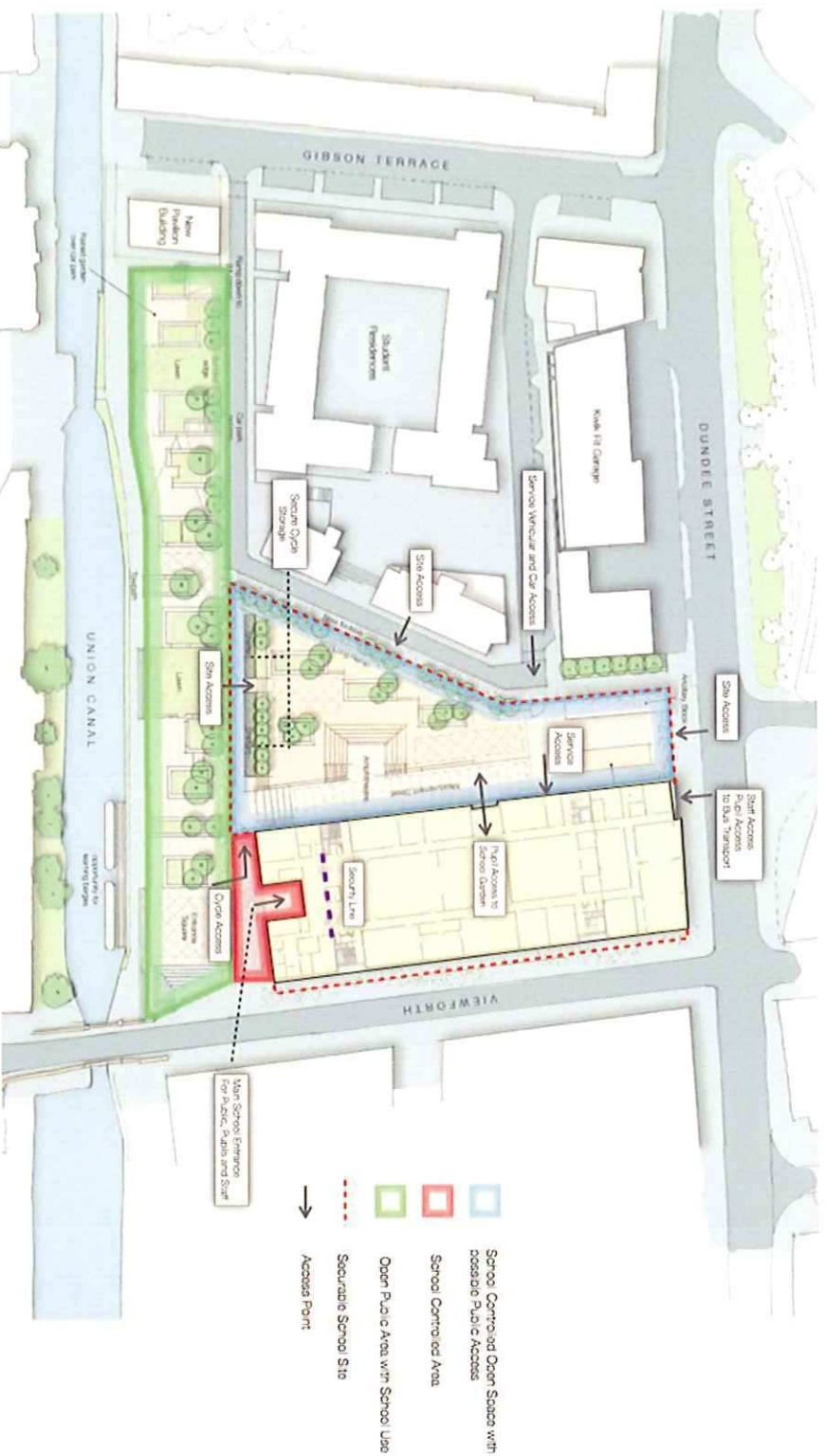
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View from linear park, looking to school and social space

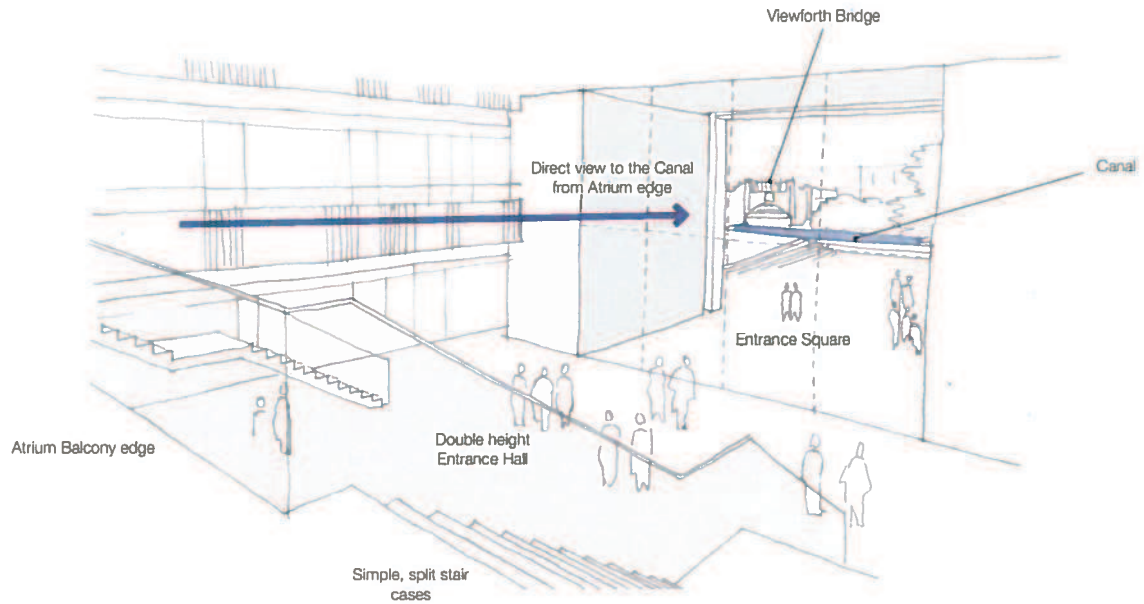


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# Site layout with security strategy

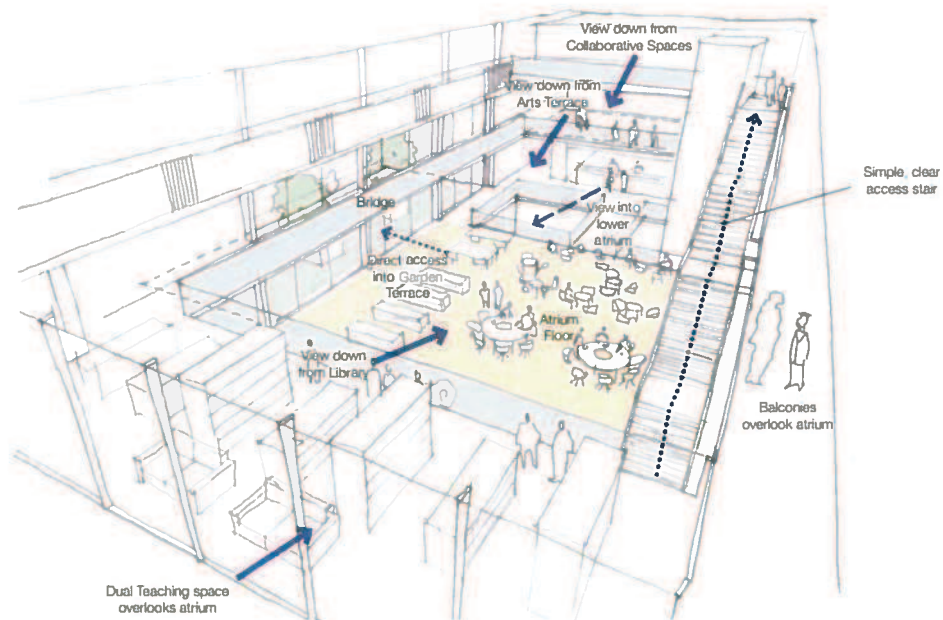


## Design development



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## Design development – internal views across atrium – collaborative spaces



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**Illustrative: atrium social space with external view**



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**Illustrative: from Dundee Street, showing lit roof-top games area**



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