

The Future for Willows High School 21st Century Schools

14 JUNE – 23 JULY 2021



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We want to hear your views!

We are relocating Willows High school and this presents an exciting opportunity for you to help shape the future of the school

An engagement period will take place from Monday 14 June and we want to hear your views. We especially want to hear the views of children and young people, who will be play an important role in developing a new vision for the school.

The six week non-statutory engagement process will give pupils, the school and the wider community the chance to have a say on how Willows High School could develop to meet the needs of the community it serves.

Your views and opinions will play an integral part in shaping the future for Willows High School including the curriculum, a rebrand and the development of the new school building.

A series of drop in sessions, have been arranged where you can talk to us about the new school.

These are listed below:

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Share your ideas on what should be taught at Willows High School

In 2022, a New Curriculum for Wales will be rolled out and as part of the community engagement process, we want to hear your ideas on what should be taught at the school and how it should be delivered.

These views will help the school design a curriculum to support its learners to become:

- ambitious, capable learners, ready to learn throughout their lives
 - enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work
 - ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world
 - healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.
- (Four Purposes NcfW 2022)

Share your ideas on the new building for Willows High School

Delivered under Cardiff Council and Welsh Government's 21st Century, Band B Schools Programme, the existing Willows High School is to be relocated to Lewis Road.

New School Building

The new school site will be situated on three parcels of land at Splott Market, Portmanmoor Road and 3G pitches at the former tennis centre.

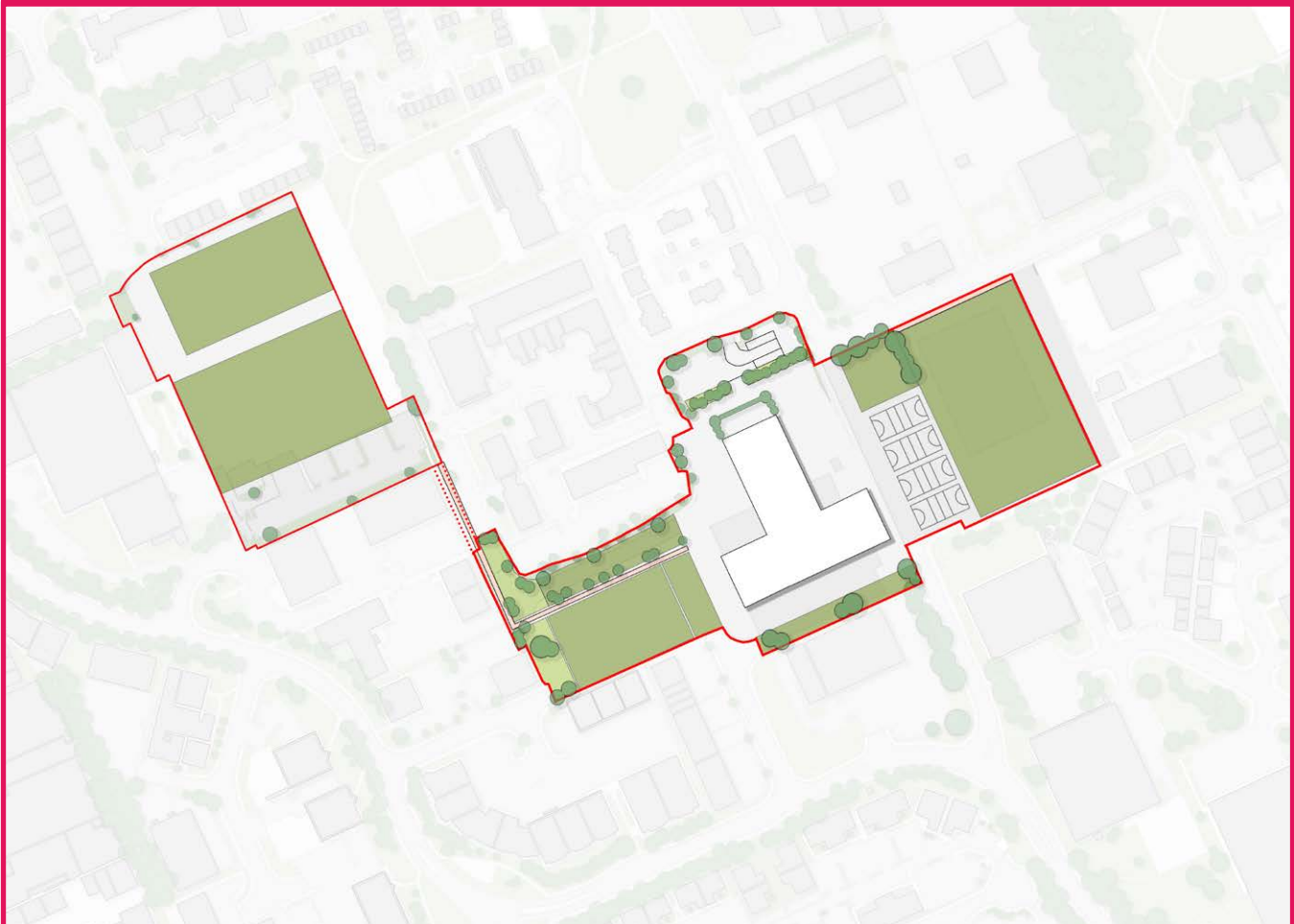
This provides enough space for the new school building without taking away any existing open spaces.

The new school will have places for up to 900 learners, age 11-16; made up of 180 pupil per year group (six forms of entry).

The new school building will allow for future expansion if needed.

The design and build of the school will allow for future expansion up to 240 pupils per year group.

Example layout (based on three storey building). Please note this is not the final layout. Possible partial closure of Lewis Road subject to design/statutory processes



In recent years the Council has delivered a number of brand new schools including Eastern High, Cardiff West Community High School and work is under way on the new home for Fitzalan High School.

Cardiff West Community High School



Eastern High



Like these schools, the new Willows High School will have a modern design and brand new facilities including state-of-the-art educational amenities in a brand new building.

Pupils will have access to a high quality learning environment which will support teaching and learning.

A list of facilities to be part of the design for the new school include;

- Classrooms
- IT/business studies rooms
- Science laboratories
- Art rooms
- Design & Technology rooms
- Music rooms
- Drama Studio
- Learning Resources areas
- Dining/social areas
- Sports facilities



Sports Facilities

The new build school will have easy access to high quality new sports facilities locally including:

- 3G pitches, which will be leased to the House of Sport for clubs and the community to use in the evening.
- Cardiff Central Sport and Community Centre (CCSCC) at Ocean Park, which can be used by the whole community outside of core school hours.

Partnerships will be made with other sports facilities in the area for Physical Education lessons. There is also the opportunity for them to provide training and career opportunities. Other sports facilities are:

- 3 court tennis centre
- Splash Central- swimming
- Cardiff academy of Fencing



Helping the Environment

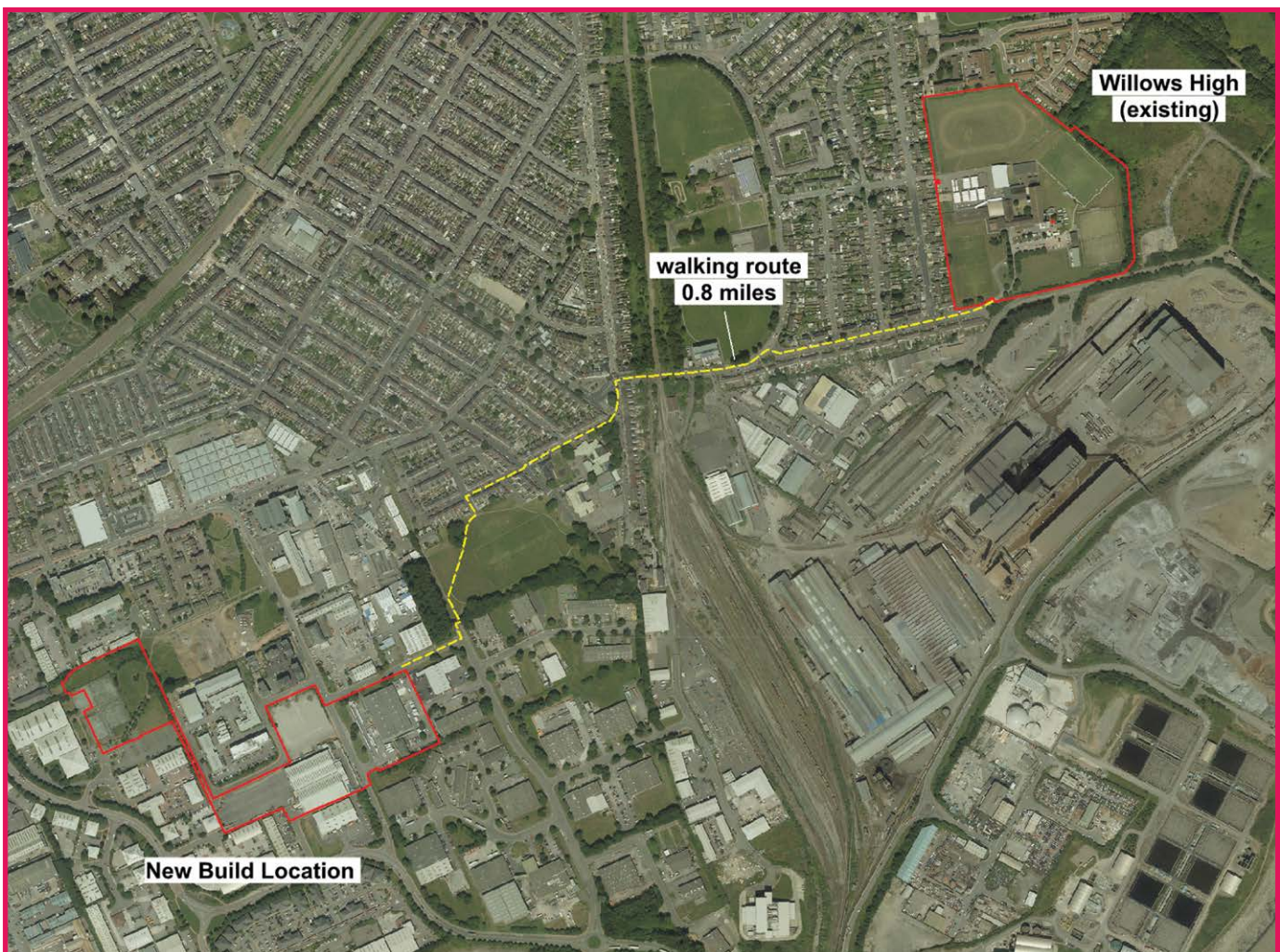
Getting to School

The new school site is less than a mile away from the current site. This means that the journey to school may be slightly shorter for some pupils and slightly longer for others.

Those pupils living within the catchment are no further than 3 miles away from the new location.

Walking Route

Plan showing possible walking route from the current school site

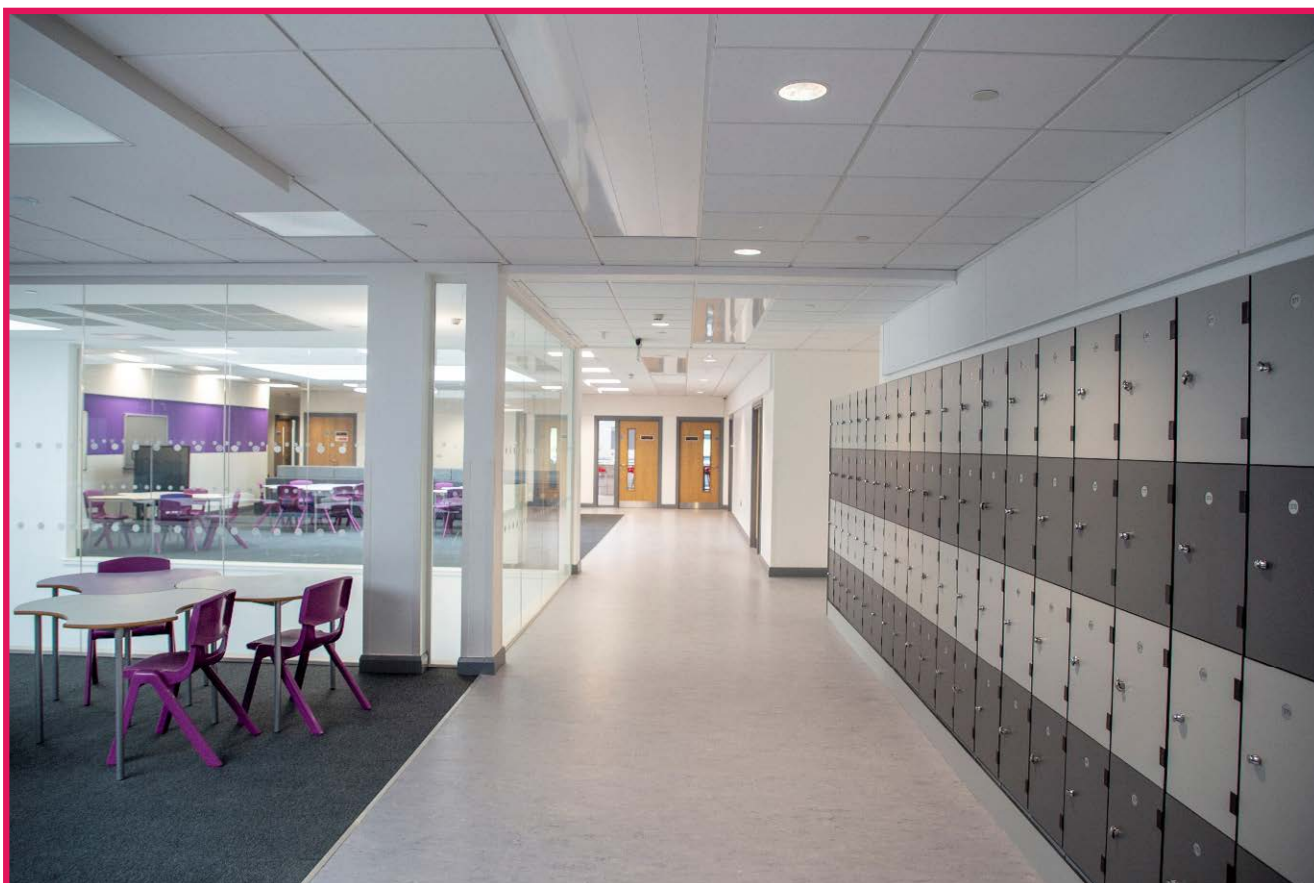


The Council is committed to active travel and we have a dedicated Active School Travel Team who work with schools to support them in the safe delivery of active travel plans, specific to each individual school.

Facilities at the school will include secure cycle parking spaces (similar to the photo below) and lockers for storage of cycling clothes and equipment.



Image from Cardiff West Community High School



Have Your Say!

Willows High School is your school and we want your views to help shape its future and help transform the lives of local learners whilst providing opportunities to local people and the wider community.

What would you like this school to offer its pupils, parents, the local community and neighbouring areas?

You may wish to consider the following;

- What do you like about the plans for the new school?
- Do you have any suggestions to make it even better?
- How can the new school benefit the community?
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- What do other schools have that you would like to see at Willows?

By taking time to share your ideas about the new school, you will help us understand where resources should be invested.

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You can also give your views or ask us questions by emailing SchoolResponses@cardiff.gov.uk or by visiting the QR code



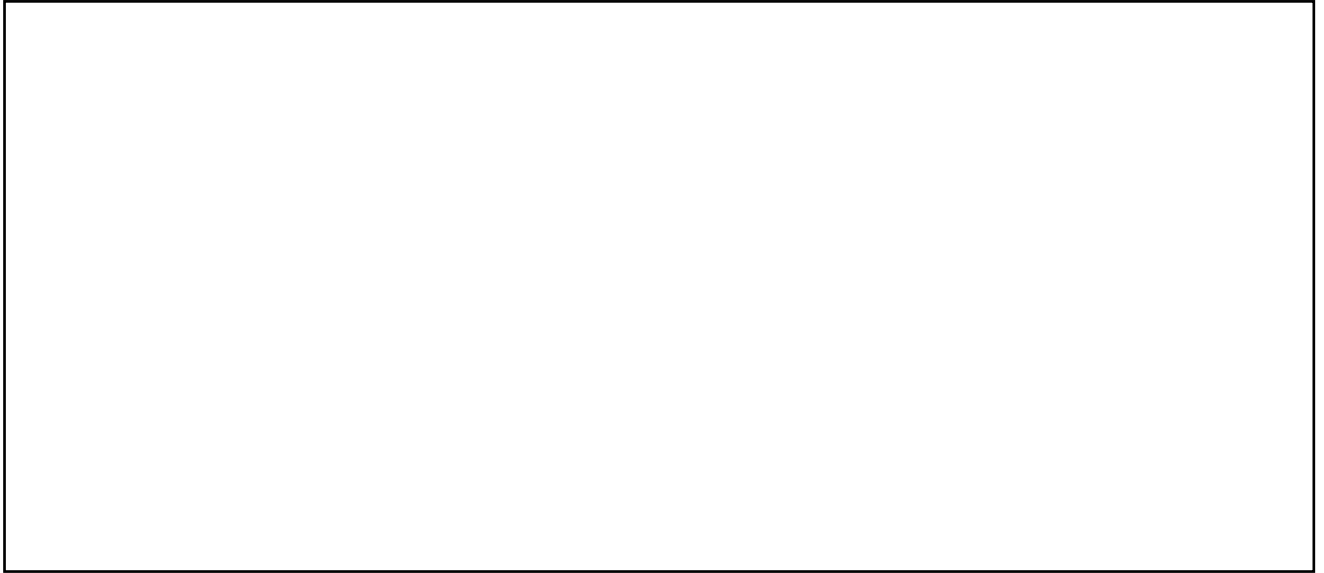
You can complete this response form online at www.cardiff.gov.uk/willowshighschool

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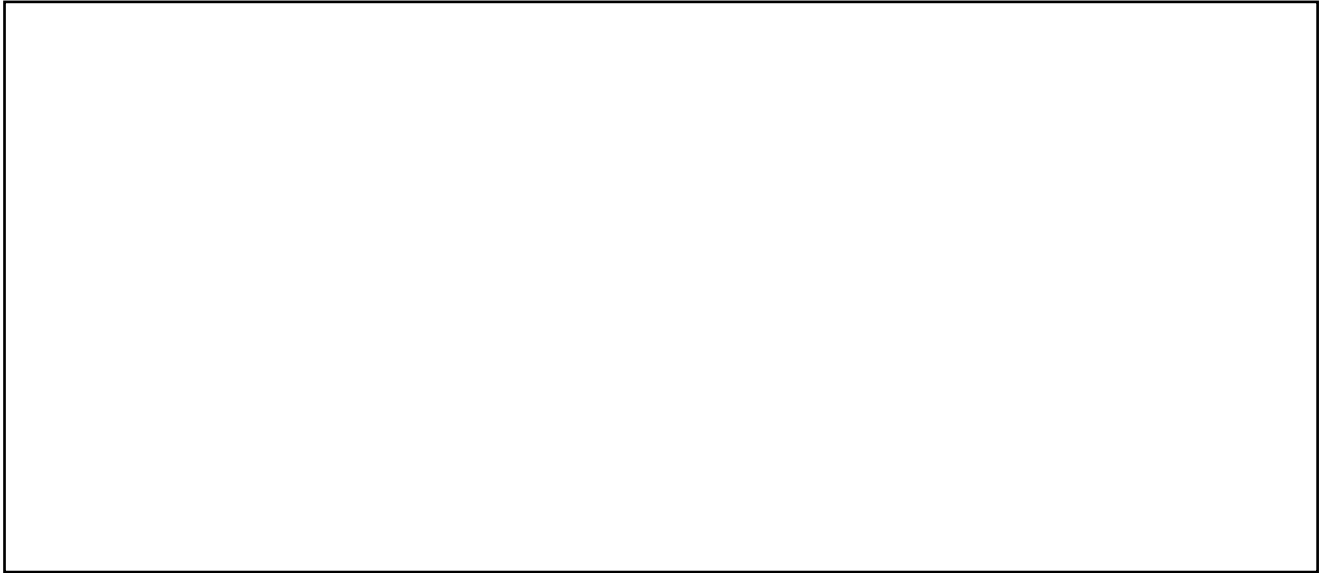
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*Please confirm which schools you are affiliated with

1. What do you like about the plans for the new school?



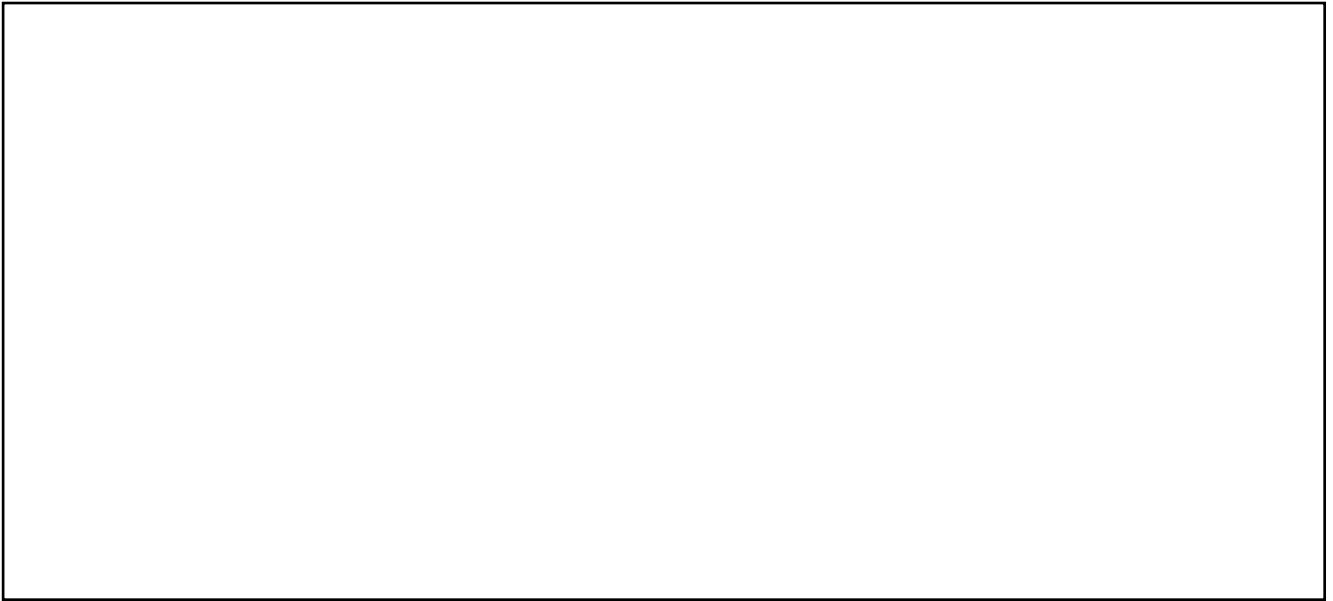
2. Do you have any suggestions to make it even better?



3. How can the new school benefit the community?



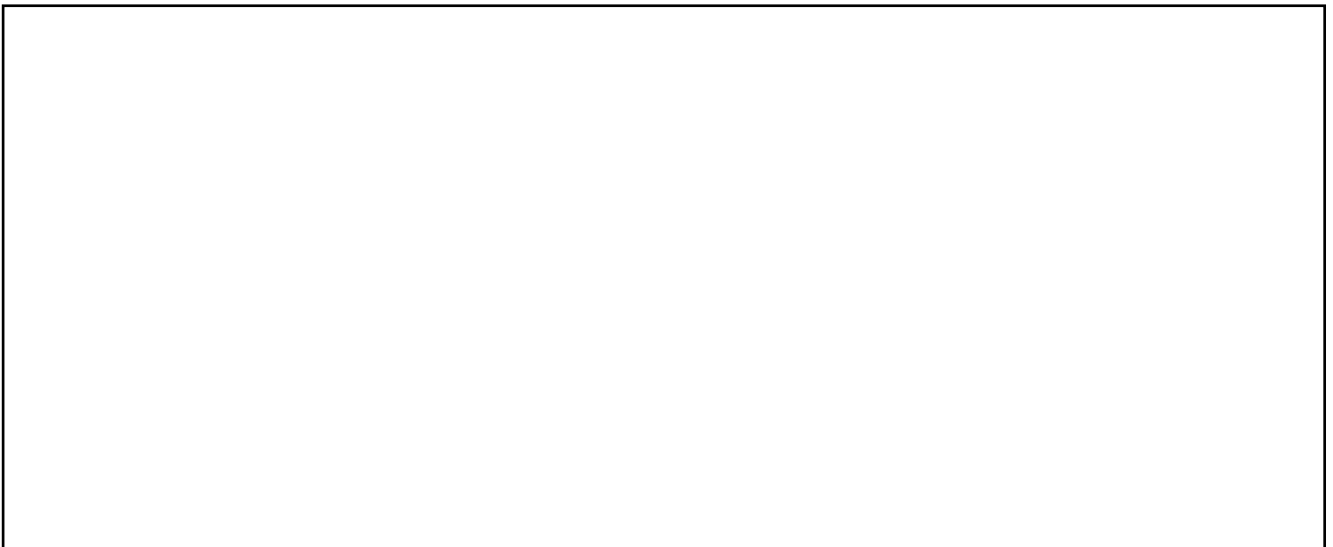
4. How can the community benefit the new school?



5. What do other schools have that you would like to see at Willows?



6. What is good about the current Willows that we can continue in the new school?



Next steps

During the summer holidays the views expressed during this engagement process will be looked at. Willows High School will use this information to help shape the vision for the school.

Autumn Term - Using this information we will be able to ask for feedback on the new vision for the school, which will help shape the design brief and requirements for the school.

After this, we will appoint a contractor to design and build the school. Once we have a design it will go to planning, which will include a statutory consultation process.

Further engagement will take place when a set of design drawings are available.