

City Academy – Project Webpage Brief

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Langley Walk extension and refurbishment

CORE Education Trust has developed exciting plans to improve teaching and learning at City Academy’s Langley Walk site.

City Academy’s 750 pupils have until recently been split across two City Centre sites with teaching taking place for different year groups in the Jewellery Quarter and at Langley Walk on Bath Row.

This page lays out our plans to provide additional space at an improved Langley Walk site and offers the opportunity for everyone in our community to provide us with feedback as part of pre-planning application public consultation.

Once we have received and reviewed everyone’s comments on the plans, we will submit a detailed planning application to Birmingham City Council.

The proposals will create enhanced facilities for all pupils. The existing Langley Walk building was designed as offices but will now be extended to include a main school entrance on Cregoe Street, a new indoor sports, performance and social space, and a rooftop multi-use games area.

The refurbishment will improve classrooms, laboratories and design studios, as well as creating more open communal areas for enhanced safety and surveillance.

How can I find out more and have my say?

Images



**main image at the top* Caption: “A CGI of the proposed extension of City Academy along Cregoe Street.”*



“The existing office-style building is not best-suited for education uses, including corridors which are too narrow for appropriate surveillance and monitoring.”

Before submitting a full planning application, the project team would like to know what the school community, our neighbours, and the wider public think about the plans.

We will hold a **live webinar at 6pm on Thursday 20th October**. Members of the project team will present the proposals and answer questions. Please register for the webinar [here](#). Following the live broadcast, a recording of the webinar will be uploaded to this website for viewing and consideration at any time..

If you want to participate in the consultation, you can email the project team at contact@cityacademyconsultation.co.uk or call Freephone **0808 1688 296** to leave a message for a member of the team to call you back.

You can also find more detail about the proposals on this website and share your feedback with us immediately by clicking [here](#).

Please submit your feedback **by Thursday 27th October 2022**. We look forward to hearing your views.

THE PROPOSALS

The proposed extension and refurbishment will transform a building that was designed as offices into a place better suited for learning, with better-equipped classrooms, laboratories and art and design studios.



“Currently the main entrance is situated on Langley Walk. These proposals would create a new entrance on Cregoe Street, to better signal the school’s location and enhance City Academy’s identity on Cregoe Street.”

The application includes a new main school entrance on Cregoe Street, a new indoor sports, performance and social space, and a rooftop multi-use games area on the fourth floor. A new vertical atrium will celebrate an open staircase, allowing for better circulation of pupils and staff sightlines around the building.

The extension will replace the existing car park and outdoor sports area on Cregoe Street, solving pedestrian conflicts and bottlenecks on Langley Walk at the beginning and end of each day. Additional cycle parking will be provided as part of the proposed works.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When will you be submitting a planning application?

We expect to submit a planning application later this year following consideration of pre-application feedback from the public. The planning application is likely to be determined in Spring 2023.

When would construction begin?

Should the planning application be approved, construction is expected to begin in Summer 2023.

How tall will the extension be?

The extension will stand at 4 storeys against the existing 6-storey building. Included on the top of the extension will be the Multi-use Games Area (MUGA) to replace the existing ground-level sports area.



“A new Multi-use Games Area will sit on the fourth storey of the extension and replace the existing sports area on Cregoe Street.”

How would traffic access the site?

The existing car park will be removed. As part of a strategy to reduce City Academy's impact on the local area and environment, pupils and staff will be encouraged to travel to the site by sustainable modes of transport. Provision will be made for blue badge holders on Cregoe Street.

How will I be able to have my say?

Members of the public are encouraged to provide feedback via the project website.

The pre-application public consultation includes a 1-hour webinar at which the public will be invited to ask questions of the project team.

All feedback we receive will be taken into account as the project team finalises detail of the planning application.

Project contact details will remain live after submission of the application should any further feedback come to mind ahead of determination of the application.

FEEDBACK

Your views are important to us and we would like to receive and review your feedback before we finalise our proposals and submit a full planning application to Birmingham City Council.

You can share your feedback by:

- Completing our online form below
- Joining our live webinar at 6pm on Thursday 20th October. You can register to attend here.



“A new vertical, sunlit atrium will be included in the extension to improve the flow of pupils and staff throughout the building.”



“The new and refurbished classrooms will enhance the learning and teaching environment for pupils and teachers at City Academy.”

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- Emailing us at contact@cityacademyconsultation.co.uk
 - Calling our Freephone number on **0808 1688 296**

We ask that you submit your feedback by **Thursday 27th October**.

Feedback form

1. Do you support the refurbishment of the existing Langley Walk office-style building into a bespoke education campus?

Strongly support; Support; Undecided; Oppose; Strongly Oppose

2. Do you support the provision of new and improved indoor and outdoor sports facilities in a city centre location?

Strongly support; Support; Undecided; Oppose; Strongly Oppose

3. Do you have any further comments?

[Insert Comment Box]

Name:

Email address:

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