

Scout Hut Project Consultation with Local Residents

Presentation and Meeting, Wednesday, 30 October 2019, St Olave's Grammar School

The notes below reflect comments made and concerns raised by local residents at the meeting or made by email prior to the meeting.

Responses were made by Liz James, School Business Manager, St Olave's, Jen Frewen, Architect, TSA and representatives of Third Orpington Scouts

SECURITY

Comment

The site, being derelict, is a target for vandals and in fact had been vandalised on 1 August 2019 and intruders have been seen on the site since.

There is a history of young people climbing onto the roof and breaking windows.

Who should residents report concerns about the site to, apart from the Police?

Response

The School is aware of the vulnerability of the building and wants to move forward quickly with the project so that work can start to secure the site and install CCTV cameras which will be monitored as part of the School's security management system.

The architects will carefully consider how to mitigate against this as part of the design solution, including boundary treatment and access. This will be clarified in the planning application.

The school's site manager, Steve Rogers, is the key contact for security concerns. He is contactable via srogers@saintolaves.net

COMMUNITY USE

Comment

Residents welcomed the revival of the Scout Hut and availability for community use.

What sort of activities would take place at the venue?

Response

The School's intention is to become more outward-looking, a more responsible neighbour and contribute to the good of the community.

The planning application will be for mixed use: educational and community. The main activities anticipated will be:

- Scouting activities on Wednesday and Thursday, occasionally at weekends;
- school activities during parts of the school day and extra-curricular activities from 3.30pm;

<p>Would the school seek a drinks licence and allow noisy events into the evening?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • availability to community groups by agreement with School, according to lettings policy (eg, band practice, drama rehearsal, yoga group); • social occasions for community groups (eg. PARA annual gathering) • Art exhibition space. <p>No, there is no intention to make this a noisy party venue. It is not being designed with this use in mind.</p>
<p>TRAFFIC AND PARKING</p>	
<p>Comment</p> <p>Where would users park?</p>	<p>Response</p> <p>The safety of users will be the determining factor in evaluating the best routes to accessing the site (St Olave's students/pedestrians/car users). Use of the existing car parking on the school site and traffic on Goddington Lane and Park Avenue are being evaluated as part of this process. A decision will be made by the time of the Planning Application.</p>
<p>TREES AND LANDSCAPING</p>	
<p>Comment</p> <p>Will trees be cut down? Who is responsible for the landscaping?</p>	<p>Response</p> <p>The School is responsible for landscaping as the freeholder. There is no plan to cut down trees – the School has a tree consultant to advise on the safety and ecology of trees on site and this will form part of the ongoing management of the landscape.</p>
<p>NEXT STEPS</p>	
<p>Comment</p> <p>How will residents know what is happening next?</p> <p>How long will the project take?</p>	<p>Response</p> <p>The school website will be updated with information about the project at each stage (including the information given at this meeting) and the details of the planning application will be posted. Bromley LA will inform local residents that the planning application has been received. In the meantime, enquiries of the school can be made via office@saintolaves.net</p> <p>Impossible to say with certainty, however, ideally, to apply for planning permission before the end of 2019 and to complete the build by early 2021.</p>