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JOINT STATEMENT: RAWLINS ACADEMY REDEVELOPMENT – PUBLIC CONSULTATION UPDATE

We were pleased to welcome residents, parents, staff and members of the wider community to the recent public consultation in collaboration with the Department for Education, Rawlins Academy and the appointed contractor Kier Construction. The event provided an important opportunity to share the emerging proposals, answer questions and, most importantly, hear directly from those with an interest in the future of Rawlins Academy. We are grateful to everyone who took the time to attend and provide feedback.

The project is currently at the pre-application planning stage. A significant amount of work has been undertaken to understand the opportunities and constraints of the site, including surveys, technical assessments and discussions with relevant stakeholders and consultees. The proposals presented at the consultation are still being developed and no planning application has yet been submitted.

All comments received are being reviewed and will be taken into account as the scheme is developed ahead of any planning application being submitted. A Statement of Community Involvement will accompany the application, summarising the consultation undertaken, the main issues raised and how those issues have been considered. While it may not be possible to incorporate every suggestion, the project team will explain how the proposals have responded to the principal themes raised and, where changes have not been made, the reasons for this.

What Happens Next?

We anticipate submitting a planning application later this year, following further design development and stakeholder engagement. In the meantime, the proposals will continue to evolve as consultation feedback is reviewed and discussions with statutory consultees and key stakeholders progress. Over the summer holiday period there will be further surveys carried out on the school site to help inform the emerging design proposals.

When the planning application is submitted to Charnwood Borough Council, it will be publicised and subject to a formal consultation period managed by the Council as local planning authority. The application documents will be made publicly available and residents, community groups, statutory and technical consultees and other interested parties will be able to review the proposals and submit representations directly to the Council.

Feedback already provided to the project team will be recorded as part of the pre-application consultation. However, anyone wishing to make a formal representation on the planning application should also submit their comments directly to Charnwood Borough Council once the application has been publicised.

In the meantime, we encourage anyone with questions, comments or feedback about the project to contact the project team via www.rawlinsacademyconsultation.co.uk or rawlinsacademy@cartwrightagency.com.

Issued jointly on behalf of the project team:

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