

23rd November 2020

Dear Resident,

**Invitation to review an Online Public Exhibition relating to proposals for a new teaching block for New Rickstones Academy and the provision of new Sixth Form, Residential and Hydrotherapy facilities for Southview School, Conrad Road, Witham.**

Essex County Council (ECC), as the Education Authority, proposes to provide new build accommodation for the expansion of New Rickstones Academy and the provision of a new sixth form, Residential facility and hydrotherapy pool for Southview School on the New Rickstones Academy site.

This project will provide a new two storey teaching block for New Rickstones Academy which will include practical spaces such as Science, Food Technology and ICT. For Southview School, a new two storey building which will provide teaching accommodation for 24 sixth form students, a residential facility for up to 10 students and a hydrotherapy pool will also be provided. The ECC project design team has been working with the both New Rickstones Academy and Southview School to develop proposals that would meet both school's educational needs and fits well on the site.

We would like to invite you to an online exhibition to review the latest draft proposals online and to have your say before the proposals are completed for submission to the County Planning Authority as a full planning application. Comment forms are available online and we would be grateful if you could take your time to complete this so that we can capture and consider the views prior to the submission of the planning application.

The online exhibition will be available from **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 to Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020** and can be viewed at either:

<https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/infrastructure-delivery/new-rickstones-academy-and-southview-school-consul>

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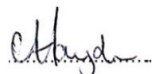
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Please note that the consultation documents will be unavailable until Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

We will consider all comments received prior to submitting a detailed planning application to the County Planning Authority. A summary of the pre-application consultation responses will also accompany the submitted planning application.

We hope that you will be able to take the opportunity to view the draft plans and to have your say online. If you have questions in the meantime, or are unable to visit the website and would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact the Project Sponsor at the email address below.

Yours faithfully,



Claire Hayden, Project Sponsor

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