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PUBLIC CONSULTATION - PROPOSALS FOR ELM TREE PRIMARY ACADEMY'S NEW CAMPUS ON THE SITE OF THE FORMER PHOENIX COLLEGIATE SCHOOL, FRIAR PARK ROAD, WEDNESBURY

We are writing to inform you of the exciting proposals for our new school campus on the site of the former Phoenix Collegiate School, Friar Park Road, Wednesbury, which is being designed and constructed by The Elliott Group.

A planning application for these proposals is due to be submitted to Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council shortly, however, ahead of submission, the project team would welcome your comments on the proposals.

A public consultation event was due to take place, however, in light of Government advice regarding COVID-19, the project team instead invite you to view details of the proposals online and provide your views and comments by email and/or post. Further information, including plans and computer-generated images of the new school campus, can be found at www.dppukltd.com/elmtree.

The new school will be known as Elm Tree Primary Academy and will be a primary special educational needs (SEN) school for pupils from ages 5 to 11 years with a diagnosis of Autism and Moderate Learning Difficulties. The new primary school will complement High Point Academy, the new secondary special school for pupils with ASD, which is currently under construction on the southern part of same site.

The school will comprise of a single, one-storey teaching block sited to the north of the High Point Secondary School and will accommodate up to 126 pupils. The development will also include new hard and soft landscaping works and a new staff car park. Access to the school will be off Friar Park via an access road shared with High Point Secondary School.

It is anticipated that construction of the school would commence shortly after planning approval is granted.

The project team look forward to receiving your comments on the proposed development. Please submit any comments you may have via the comments form on the website, where they will be logged, and a member of the project team will answer any questions you may have. Alternatively, if you do not have access to the internet, please contact DPP Planning on [0113 8197280](tel:01138197280) and they will be happy to provide further information via post. We would appreciate your comments on or before the **19th February 2021**.

Please note that once the planning application is submitted to the council, there will also be further opportunity to comment.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sharron Philpot'.

Sharron Philpot
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