

**NOTES A MEETING WITH BARBICAN RESIDENTS HELD ON TUESDAY 18/09/12**

**PRESENT**

**COL AND SCHOOL STAFF**

Andrew Douglas	Deputy Head CLSG
Ned Yorke	Bursar CLSG
Howard Hillier-Daines	City Surveyor's Department
Sarah Styles	Barbican Estate Office

**BARBICAN RESIDENTS**

Jane Smith – Barbican Association Chair

Gillian Laidlaw (Mountjoy House)

Angela Starling (Gilbert House)

Philip Sharples (Thomas More House)

**REPRESENTING ST GILES CHURCH**

Revd. Katharine Rumens

**CONTENT OF MEETING**

The Barbican residents had not asked for any items to be discussed in advance and did not raise any at the meeting.

The school had only one item for discussion, which was an update on progress of the project to extend the Main Hall with a single storey extension filling in the adjacent sunken garden.

The meeting consisted of the showing of a series of slides showing plans and artist's impressions of the intended design of the extension, with explanations and discussion. Particular attention was focused on the extension external appearance and especially the roof which will be visible at street level and overlooked by some residents' flats from above.

It was explained that the intention was for the roof to be partly glass and partly a solid "green" roof. There was also some description of the space that would be created internally as an extension to the Hall.

The school gave an explanation of the next steps in the informal consultation process. All residents on the Barbican e mail system will be e mailed with a short summary of the proposal and plans and artist's impressions attached. Hard copies of this mailing will be displayed on all notice boards in

blocks. Residents will be able to make appointments to come into the school to look at a small display and to see where the proposed extension will be built.

Once the proposal has gone to planning, there will be the usual arrangements for a formal consultation stage.

The reaction of the residents present was generally very favourable. They did not foresee any insuperable objections from residents. Possible areas of concern are:

- Reflections from the glass sections of the extension roof
- Noise
- Increased use of the Hall by the school or hirers arising from the building of the extension

Concerns about the possible effects of reflected sunshine on neighbours are already being taken into consideration. The glass surfaces will be very nearly flat with only an almost imperceptible slope to them to allow rainwater to run off, so reflection should be minimal and that which there is, is likely to go mainly into the school building. The choice of types of glass for the roof will be made with the objective of minimising reflection in mind.

It was explained that the extension will be soundproofed to a high level and that it will be a sealed unit with ventilation being mechanical to minimise the escape of noise. It was agreed that the equipment necessary to enable mechanical ventilation will be designed and positioned to be as quiet as possible.

It was confirmed that the school's intention in building the extension was to address limitations to our existing programme, such as providing additional space at public examination times to reflect increases in the numbers of students taking papers and to provide more space for occasions such as Open Mornings for prospective parents which currently feel overcrowded, and not to change or extend the range of activities by creating extra space.

The atmosphere of the meeting was amicable throughout.