

Section 77 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 to dispose of school playing field land

**Sale High School,
Norris Road, Sale.
M33 3JR**

NOTICE OF CONSULTATION OF DISPOSAL OF SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD

Application Sites: Parcel of land south of Sale High School, off Buxton Crescent, Sale M33 3LG - view plans below

Thank you for visiting our information page about the intended land disposal at Sale High School. We hope that it answers your questions as to the consultation we are undertaking

Sale High School owns a parcel of land, adjacent to the school playing fields and south of the school off Buxton Crescent. Previously this was used as school playing fields. However, for over twenty years the school has not used the land. We are now undertaking an application under section 77 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 to dispose of the land. ***Please see attached red line plans which indicate the area of land proposed for disposal below.***

Sale Proceeds

Our prime reason for doing this is that the school needs to raise capital to work on the building. Anyone who knows the school will be aware that many of the buildings are dilapidated, antiquated and in a very poor state of repair. There are urgent needs to be addressed such as inadequate heating, poor quality changing and toilet facilities, leaking roofs, poor insulation which means the building is draughty and costly. It is simply not the building that we would wish our children to be educated in. Our children deserve much, much better. Any development of the land after sale would be subject to all of the normal planning arrangements and further consultation would have to take place as part of this planning.

Background to disposal

We have worked tirelessly with Trafford to raise revenue to address the building. However, Trafford simply haven't the money to support the necessary development. Trafford have applied to central government on our behalf to source funding but we were not successful. We have also considered other ways to raise funds.

At one stage, the school considered Academisation in the hope that this would enable the school to tap into sources of funding. However, this wasn't the case so the school did not continue pursuing. Trafford authority, our governing body and councillors are aware of the plans to dispose and are supportive as is our MP Mike Kane.

Part of the revenue raised will be used to provide high quality sports facilities on the grounds- including a multi-use games area- an all-weather pitch- that will be brilliant for our students and also available under our current community lettings.

As I said previously, the land is not currently used by the school – it is surplus to our requirements. We are aware that it is used by the community- a right of way will continue to be available- but my duty of care to ensure that I have the best possible facilities for our students comes first. Having looked at every possible avenue the disposal of the land provides the best opportunity for us to get the funds we need

Disposal of former school playing fields requires Secretary of State approval via a Section 77 application. This consultation will feed into this application and an analysis of the comments will be forwarded to the Secretary of State.

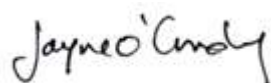
Have your say

If you wish to make any comments on the proposed disposal please email to consultation@salehighschool.org.uk or send them to:

Head teacher's PA
Sale High School,
Norris Rd,
M33 3JR

Your comments should be received by the close of the consultation period Friday 18th June 2021.

With thanks,



Ms J O'Grady
Head teacher.

Aerial photograph showing red line plan of land to be disposed



Plan of land to be disposed below

