

Altrincham College Expansion Consultation Comments and Responses

On Thursday 7th March 2024 stakeholders were invited to a consultation event at the school. They were shown proposed plans and invited to comment, the same plans were then available to view online via the Council's Citizen Space Consultation Hub and the online consultation continued until 22nd March 2024.

Summary;

13	people attended the event
1	person left feedback at the event
65	people commented online about the expansion
3	people emailed comments
33	in favour
17	not in favour
18	not sure
The number of comments regarding;	
20	School Place shortage
19	Construction disruption
18	Pastoral Care
12	Traffic, congestion and parking
9	Building design
5	Transport links
5	Recruitment of Staff
3	Referenced Sale High School
3	Highways improvements

There were a number of key themes and a FAQs have been produced in response to these comments:

School Place shortage

Trafford Council has a duty to provide school places for every child resident within the borough. This duty has been met by expanding a number of primary schools across the borough to meet local demand with Altrincham and Sale experiencing the greatest demand within Trafford.

As this demand moves through into the secondary sector, Trafford Council and Altrincham College are working together to create local places for families. Altrincham College, part of South Manchester Learning Trust, is now publishing a proposal for the physical expansion of Altrincham College to increase by 300 places, moving the admission number from 175 students on entry to Year 7 currently, to 235 students on entry to Year 7 from September 2026. The increase will move through the school over 5 years until each year group can accommodate up to 235 students by 2030.

There is identified additional demand for secondary school places for pupils who live in the Altrincham and Sale areas following a number of primary expansion schemes and the recent unprecedented surge of applications from children moving into Trafford midway through their primary education.

The local authority coordinates the normal round of admission into year 7. On national offer day in 2023, there was just enough capacity to offer a place to everyone who applied. However, 92 Trafford children resident in Altrincham and Sale could not be allocated places at any of their preferred schools and were allocated places at the nearest school with a vacancy. At the end of the allocation process, every secondary school in Trafford was full and some schools allocated places above their published capacity.

The priority catchment area for Altrincham College is all postcode areas within WA14, WA15 and M33, plus Trafford Authority residents within the M23 postcode. This means the proposed expansion will meet demand from across the Altrincham and Sale planning areas.

The table below shows the assessed position for each of the secondary planning areas for the school year 2023/24 as at the end of the autumn term in December 2023.

Red = Below 3% vacancy rate
 Amber = 3 to 6% vacancy rate
 Green = More than 6% vacancy rate

Planning Area	Secondary School Occupancy
Altrincham	100% places occupied Total 587 places allocated over published admission number
Sale	100% places occupied Total 147 places allocated over published admission number
Stretford	89% places occupied Total 5 places allocated over published admission number
Urmston	93% places occupied – all vacancies only for boys Total 108 places allocated over published admission number
Partington	92% places occupied Total 1 place allocated over published admission number

There are 93 secondary pupils in total expected from new housing developments in Altrincham within the next 5 years. Further additional pupils will be yielded in the medium to long term from the Places for Everyone allocation at Timperley Wedge, work is underway to analyse this expected yield over time. Developer contributions secured via Section 106 contributions will be used to contribute to this project.

Sale Schools

The Local Authority has met with all other non-selective secondary schools in Sale and Altrincham to discuss potential expansion projects, noting there are no easy expansion options due to tight sites and limitations of communal facilities within existing sites.

Ashton-on-Mersey was unable to expand within the existing site so the Council explored re-providing sixth form provision on a nearby site to unlock space but found it was not feasible from a planning and cost perspective.

The Council have worked with Sale High School to bid to the Department for Education for School Rebuild Programme funding. This bid has been successful, and we look forward to working with the

DfE to enhance the facilities at Sale High School. The project has been allocated to the second phase of the programme which is provisionally expected to enter delivery from April 2025 with an expected three-year project timeline. The DfE strongly advised against creation of any permanent or temporary additional accommodation on this site ahead of the rebuild project. It may be possible to combine a local authority funded expansion alongside the rebuild project, but this would not create any additional places until 2028 at the very earliest, depending on the DfE programme and so would not help resolve the current pressure.

Construction disruption

The construction programme has been generated to facilitate the works whilst minimising disruption by the use of temporary classrooms which will be sited in the school field. Noise will be kept to a minimum with a phased handover gradually reducing the temporary classrooms on-site.

The construction programme will be finalised once the contractor has been appointed. The contractor is experienced with working on school sites and will endeavour to work with the school to safeguard all users, ensure exams are not disturbed and programme the most disruptive and noisy works during the school holidays. Stakeholders will be kept up to date on progress via regular newsletters by the contractor.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care at the school is a high priority and will not change.

The school works hard to create a friendly, family orientated atmosphere and ethos and will endeavour to ensure that this does not change.

The school will strive to retain the friendly, family-orientated environment whilst increasing in size and always respond quickly to intervene should a bullying incident be reported.

Traffic, congestion and parking

The School frequently encourage students to be dropped off a short distance away from the school site in order for them to complete their journey on foot and will continue to reinforce this.

A traffic assessment has been carried out which identified that 50% of pupils travel to school by bus which in turn reduces the volume of traffic around the school. Based on projections, there will be a 4% increase in car usage when compared to the overall pupil numbers at the school which is classified as no impact under highway assessment criteria.

Altrincham College will be required to update their Travel plan which is designed to look at ways to reduce the number of car journeys at drop off and pick up times and encourage active travel. This will be made available to view via the planning portal.

Building design

An existing block is being demolished to ensure that outside space is not lost as a result of the development. By doing so, small areas will be consolidated to create a larger outdoor area which can be used in a more flexible way.

There are also plans to increase the dining area as part of the remodelling works within the existing school.

The Council are working with the Parks Team to timetable more access to the neighbouring Grove Park for recreational activities / PE lessons.

Transport links

Detailed information about bus services to Altrincham College can be found on the Transport for Greater Manchester website: [Altrincham College | Bee Network | Powered by TfGM](#) Currently there are a number of dedicated school buses serving the school, plus general bus routes which operate close to the school. TfGM regularly monitor usage of these services to inform future commissioning arrangements.

Recruitment of Staff

The School will continue to strive to appoint dedicated and talented staff to meet the increase in pupil numbers.

Highways improvements

This project is being funded from Department for Education Basic Need grant, allocated to Trafford for the provision of additional school places. The grant does not include for resurfacing of Highways. We will make sure that the contractor (when appointed) takes dilapidation photographs of the route into School and ensure we have a record of the condition of the Highway before starting any construction works. We have also alerted colleagues in Highways to the condition of Green Lane for consideration in future capital works.

All comments received have been anonymised and responded to individually below:

Comment 1	One of the appealing points about sending my child/children to this school was that it was smaller than some of the other local schools so was less daunting and had a more friendly feel to it. Also, the school does have a lot of bullying which will only be made worse by more children attending. Drop off/pick up is already heavily congested on the narrow road that the school is on so adding another 300 families to this will be absolute chaos.
Response 1	The school will strive to retain the friendly, family-orientated environment whilst increasing in size and always respond quickly to intervene should a bullying incident be reported. The School frequently encourage students to be dropped off a short distance away from the school site in order for them to complete their journey on foot and will continue to reinforce this. A traffic assessment has been carried out which identified that 50% of pupils travel to school by bus which in turn reduces the volume of traffic around the school. Based on projections, there will be a 4% increase in car usage when compared to the overall pupil numbers at the school which is classified as no impact under highway assessment criteria.

Comment 2	I agree that more secondary places are urgently required but have concerns about the traffic flow on the main road. My child cannot travel by bus to school and there is already significant congestion on the road at school times and this poses a safeguarding risk with children. Is there any further plans to support how school will operate with an increase capacity? Also, I have concerns about school securing the necessary teachers and specialists as it grows, there is already a significant recruitment and retention issue in the system.
Response 2	The School frequently encourage students to be dropped off a short distance away from the school site in order for them to complete their journey on foot and will continue to reinforce this. A traffic assessment has been carried out which identified that 50% of pupils travel to school by bus which in turn reduces the volume of traffic around the school. Based on projections, there will be a 4% increase in car usage when compared to the overall pupil numbers at the school which is classified as no impact under highway assessment criteria. The school will continue to meet its recruitment demands in line with the pressures that all schools are facing nationally.
Comment 3	There are already issues with picking and dropping off children and busses are overfilled. Also very little space outside for breaks that you s protected from rain and not sufficient space in the dining hall for existing pupils. How will this be addressed in this expansion?
Response 3	The School frequently encourage students to be dropped off a short distance away from the school site in order for them to complete their journey on foot and will continue to reinforce this. A traffic assessment has been carried out which identified that 50% of pupils travel to school by bus which in turn reduces the volume of traffic around the school. Based on projections, there will be a 4% increase in car usage when compared to the overall pupil numbers at the school which is classified as no impact under highway assessment criteria. An existing block is being demolished to ensure that outside space is not lost as a result of the development. By doing so, small areas will be consolidated to create a larger outdoor area which can be used in a more flexible way. There are also plans to increase the dining area as part of the remodelling works within the existing school.
Comment 4	I am happy and content with the expansion.
Response 4	Thank you for your comment.
Comment 5	are the new toilets going to be open during lesson
Response 5	The school ensures there is always a toilet available during lesson times. All other toilet opening arrangements will remain as they currently are.

<p>Comment 6</p>	<p>This expansion is due to take place when my last child at Altrincham College will be in his final GCSE year and it will undoubtedly cause disruption to learning and in school life in general. This is the main reason I would not be in favour. Also there seems to be a lot of sub teachers at present and I'm thinking if the school isn't staffed sufficiently now how will it be when there is a big increase of pupils. Where are these new pupils coming from? Will the catchment area be extended to M23 or even further a field? Will the school get a bad reputation for 'letting anyone in' just to fill places. Also need to consider the traffic and parking it's a nightmare now so it's going to get worse with more capacity. The narrow pavements the students walk to and from school on are so dangerous and everyday I see pupils, hazardously walking on the road. There should be a drive through (in and out) for parents dropping off their kids. This would greatly reduce need for cars to be parked around school.</p> <p>I hoped Altrincham College would improve and make changes for the better for the children that are there now , for the future places they have already instead of creating new places.</p>
<p>Response 6</p>	<p>The school catchment area / admission arrangements will not be changing.</p> <p>The learning and progress of all students is paramount. Yr11 will continue to be a priority year group.</p> <p>The construction programme has been generated to facilitate the works whilst minimising disruption by the use of temporary classrooms which will be sited in the school field. Noise will be kept to a minimum with a phased handover gradually reducing the temporary classrooms on-site. The construction programme will be finalised once the contractor has been appointed. The contractor is experienced with working on school sites and will endeavour to work with the school to safeguard all users, ensure exams are not disturbed and programme the most disruptive and noisy works during the school holidays. Stakeholders will be kept up to date on progress via regular newsletters by the contractor.</p> <p>The School frequently encourage students to be dropped off a short distance away from the school site in order for them to complete their journey on foot and will continue to reinforce this.</p> <p>A traffic assessment has been carried out which identified that 50% of pupils travel to school by bus which in turn reduces the volume of traffic around the school. Based on projections, there will be a 4% increase in car usage when compared to the overall pupil numbers at the school which is classified as no impact under highway assessment criteria.</p>

<p>Comment 7</p>	<p>Although I am in agreement secondary schools need to expand to meet demand, due to a huge influx of people moving to the area, my main worry is the safety of my daughter and all other pupils when arriving and leaving school. It is already complete bedlam especially at 3.05-3.15pm due to many cars parking up waiting to pick up their children, Green Lane being a narrow road means quite often it is gridlocked we no one can get past the parked cars. How will this be controlled? I can't even imagine what a further 300 pupils trying to get into school and out of school and the extra "buzz" of transport that will create. I see near misses with children running across the road between parked and subsequently gridlocked cars. There has been an increase in staff parking proposed, and rightly so, however I see no mention of the logistics and safety of a hugely increased pupil number around Green Lane for the start and close of school. This is my greatest concern.</p> <p>I am also concerned about the lunchtime and break time issues - spending a lot of time queuing and then having not much choice left and then eating fast if at all, is an issue that is already apparent. With 60 pupils more per year, how will this work going forward. Lunchtime is already tightly planned, so will this be extended?</p> <p>I feel parents would also benefit from reassurance that the expansion won't lead to the feeling that our children will be "lost" among a sea of children. Teaching staff will struggle to get to know all children anyway, and with an extra 300 pupils, how will this work? From a pastoral point of view too?</p> <p>Thank you</p>
<p>Response 7</p>	<p>Staff are on duty supervising students at the start and end of each school day.</p> <p>Double yellow lines have recently been installed outside of school on Green Lane.</p> <p>The School frequently encourage students to be dropped off a short distance away from the school site in order for them to complete their journey on foot and will continue to reinforce this.</p> <p>A traffic assessment has been carried out which identified that 50% of pupils travel to school by bus which in turn reduces the volume of traffic around the school. Based on projections, there will be a 4% increase in car usage when compared to the overall pupil numbers at the school which is classified as no impact under highway assessment criteria.</p> <p>The structure of the school day will not change. School are confident that, with a re-configured canteen space all students can be served in the time allocated.</p> <p>The school will strive to retain the friendly, family-orientated environment whilst increasing in size.</p>
<p>Comment 8</p>	<p>It is not a good idea. It will block much needed open air for students to be in at lunch and break time. Secondly, it will be started at the wrong time. It should be pushed back till after the current year 10's finish their GCSEs, that way it will effect less students revising for their GCSEs.</p>

Response 8	<p>An existing block is being demolished to ensure that outside space is not lost as a result of the development. By doing so, small areas will be consolidated to create a larger outdoor area which can be used in a more flexible way.</p> <p>The construction programme will be finalised once the contractor has been appointed. The contractor is experienced with working on school sites and will endeavour to work with the school to safeguard all users, ensure exams are not disturbed and programme the most disruptive and noisy works during the school holidays. Stakeholders will be kept up to date on progress via regular newsletters by the contractor.</p>
Comment 9	<p>Transport links from around other areas of timperley (riddings road) need to be increased as Heyes Lane is now a main feeder school to AC</p> <p>I welcome the expansion as I think AC is a brilliant but unfortunately some of the facilities need some investment so it will be great to see this happen</p>
Response 9	<p>Detailed information about bus services to Altrincham College can be found on the Transport for Greater Manchester website: Altrincham College Bee Network Powered by TfGM Currently there are a number of dedicated school buses serving the school, plus general bus routes which operate close to the school. TfGM regularly monitor usage of these services to inform future commissioning arrangements.</p>
Comment 10	<p>The bigger the school, the more impersonal . Children become anonymous. Lesson change over becomes crowd control.</p>
Response 10	<p>The school will strive to retain the friendly, family-orientated environment whilst increasing in size.</p>
Comment 11	<p>wont the new build remove vital outdoor areas and filed space will this new build disrupt current year 11 GCSE examination period</p>
Response 11	<p>An existing block is being demolished to ensure that outside space is not lost as a result of the development. By doing so, small areas will be consolidated to create a larger outdoor area which can be used in a more flexible way.</p> <p>The construction programme will be finalised once the contractor has been appointed. The contractor is experienced with working on school sites and will endeavour to work with the school to safeguard all users, ensure exams are not disturbed and programme the most disruptive and noisy works during the school holidays.</p>
Comment 12	<p>I am against the expansion for 2 reasons. 1. AC is large enough as it is. Fights are common place. There should not be more than 6 forms upon entry, it is not good for the pupils. 2. I believe the proposed development with just one new building adding 2 floors is not sufficient to provide accommodation for such a large school. I went to the exhibition tonight and there was litter everywhere. Look after what's there. A larger school will be even harder to control.</p> <p>Why can't you improve Sale High instead?</p>

Response 12	<p>The school will strive to retain the friendly, family-orientated environment whilst increasing in size and always respond quickly to intervene should a bullying incident be reported. The level of pastoral care is of the greatest importance to all staff in the school.</p> <p>The new build consists of a three storey extension, which will increase accommodation to the required levels of the proposed intake alongside internal alterations to other areas of the school.</p> <p>The Council have worked with Sale High School to bid to the Department for Education for School Rebuild Programme funding. This bid has been successful, and we look forward to working with the DfE to enhance the facilities at Sale High School. The project has been allocated to the second phase of the programme which is provisionally expected to enter delivery from April 2025 with an expected three-year project timeline. The DfE strongly advised against creation of any permanent or temporary additional accommodation on this site ahead of the rebuild project. It may be possible to combine a local authority funded expansion alongside the rebuild project, but this would not create any additional places until 2028 at the very earliest, depending on the DfE programme and so would not help resolve the current pressure.</p>
Comment 13	<p>The question is too vague. I know there is a lack of capacity in our area and expansion or somewhere new is needed. I also know it's easier and more cost effective to expand than build new. I understand there are a lack of options available in Sale and therefore can see how this is a good idea. I understand that proximity to the border with Manchester may have resulted in Sale High being a less favourable target for expansion, but that school is in desperate need of capital investment and disadvantages those children unfairly.</p> <p>I have concerns for my child's education and wellbeing. His primary school education was severely disrupted by Covid and the rebuilding of the school roof. In 9 years of education he's had nearly 3 years of total disruption already.</p> <p>I also have concerns for the sheer size of the catchment area the school community will draw from. My kids are therefore less likely to have friends nearby and may end up being less independent in meeting up with them; frustrating their growth and independence. In addition, our location at the edge of the catchment area in Ashton upon Mersey means the journey on the school bus starts at 7:30am, hardly a great start to the day for a teenage brain.</p>
Response 13	<p>The Local Authority has met with all other non-selective secondary schools in Sale and Altrincham to discuss potential expansion projects, noting there are no easy expansion options due to tight sites and limitations of communal facilities within existing sites.</p> <p>Ashton-on-Mersey was unable to expand within the existing site so the Council explored re-providing sixth form provision on a nearby site to</p>

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Comment 14	<p>Will the road outside Altrincham College also upgrade or re-develop at the same time? Because the condition and capacity of the roads right outside the school are already overloaded at this moment, if the roads are not having any upgrade or re-development, the students will be more more difficult to get to the school when there is additional of 300 students.</p>
Response 14	<p>This project is being funded from Department for Education Basic Need grant, allocated to Trafford for the provision of additional school places. The grant does not include for resurfacing of Highways. We will make sure that the contractor (when appointed) takes dilapidation photographs of the route into School and ensure we have a record of the condition of the Highway before starting any construction works. We have also alerted colleagues in Highways to the condition of Green Lane for consideration in future capital works.</p>
Comment 15	<p>No</p>
Response 15	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p>

Comment 16	I see that there are lots of detailed plans for the new buildings, however, it speaks volumes that there is no detailed plan for how the transition from the current to the future state will be effectively managed to minimise the disruption to pupil's education. My expectation would be to see a detailed risk and issue register and how each risk/issue will be addressed and mitigated as well as a detailed plan and timeline of the actions and checks that will be taken during the transition period. This will also help set the expectations of the contractor/construction firm so that they know what is expected of them. Just saying that the school will work with them is not acceptable and will not lead to an enjoyable experience for anyone involved in this major change to the school. Proper planning and preparation prevents poor performance.
Response 16	A detailed risk register has been completed however, this was not shared as part of the planning consultation event as this is an operational item which is usually distributed at a later date and will be shared closer to the commencement of the project. The construction programme will be finalised once the contractor has been appointed. The contractor is experienced with working on school sites and will endeavour to work with the school to safeguard all users, ensure exams are not disturbed and programme the most disruptive and noisy works during the school holidays. Stakeholders will be kept up to date on progress via regular newsletters by the contractor.
Comment 17	This will create a positive learning environment for an expanding community and give more opportunities for families to access Altrincham College.
Response 17	Thank you for your comment
Comment 18	<i>No comment left</i>
Comment 19	Altrincham College is a small school and has a high number of sen students who are going to find school impossible with building work going on for a year. Also taking away half of the school playground is going to make unstructured time even more difficult than it is and School can't manage with that as it is. Altrincham College are not putting in any provisions for these kids during this time so children like my kids will probably end up kicked out as they won't have any downtime, where they're gonna feel they're getting space and time to regulate ready for their next lesson. I understand that you need to make more school places but surely school should be making provisions for the students that are going to struggle through this period! And if they can't due to staffing as they quoted then how are they going to cope with all these extra children
Response 19	The reduction in playground space has been a major consideration. The Council are working with the Parks Team to timetable more access to the neighbouring Grove Park for recreational activities / PE lessons. There is an opportunity for creative improvements and developments to the new playground space.

Comment 20	<p>My only concern is the parking. Only last week single and double yellow lines were put around the school reducing the parking for parents/carers dropping off/picking up children from school. The school buses need reviewing with the Bee Network to reduce the amount of parents driving to/from school. The catchments for Timperley schools is reducing meaning that children are being allocated schools 2 or more miles away. My daughter is one of those children who is reliant on me driving her too school as it is too far to walk and no school bus runs down Park Road. This will only get worse year on year as the school expands.</p>
Response 20	<p>The school frequently encourage students to be dropped off a short distance away from the school site in order for them to complete their journey on foot and will continue to reinforce this.</p> <p>A traffic assessment has been carried out which identified that 50% of pupils travel to school by bus which in turn reduces the volume of traffic around the school. Based on projections, there will be a 4% increase in car usage when compared to the overall pupil numbers at the school which is classified as no impact under highway assessment criteria.</p>
Comment 21	<p>I have seen first hand the impact that additional intake has on a school, the additional stress and pressure put on teachers, despite the possibility of additional staff. This impacting the children's learning, I feel ACA already has a lot to deal with in terms of the behaviour around the school not being the best in the area, and introducing a higher number of students will only make this worse. I can see the positives in the extension making the school a nicer place aesthetically, but it shouldn't be a money maker for the school, it should be about what is best for the children, and in my personal opinion it is not.</p>
Response 21	<p>This extension is to support the Local Authority in providing places for unplaced Trafford children.</p> <p>The School will continue to strive to appoint dedicated and talented staff to meet the increase in pupil numbers.</p>
Comment 22	<p>I think it is really exciting for the school and the local community. We have a thriving educational community at AC which is diverse and represents the local community. I live within walking distance to the school and warmly welcome the opportunity for more local students to attend this great school.</p>
Response 22	<p>Thank you for your comment</p>
Comment 23	<p>This is very much needed. Families in the local area shouldn't have to travel far to obtain a secondary school placement. The designs are modern without being intrusive or over-bearing. I hope the council will support this extension by repairing the pot holes along Green Lane, and improving public and school transport provision to service the school.</p>

Response 23	<p>This project is being funded from Department for Education Basic Need grant, allocated to Trafford for the provision of additional school places. The grant does not include for resurfacing of Highways. We will make sure that the contractor (when appointed) takes dilapidation photographs of the route into School and ensure we have a record of the condition of the Highway before starting any construction works. We have also alerted colleagues in Highways to the condition of Green Lane for consideration in future capital works.</p> <p>Detailed information about bus services to Altrincham College can be found on the Transport for Greater Manchester website: Altrincham College Bee Network Powered by TfGM Currently there are a number of dedicated school buses serving the school, plus general bus routes which operate close to the school. TfGM regularly monitor usage of these services to inform future commissioning arrangements.</p>
Comment 24	<p>In my opinion we have let far too many people into Trafford which is why there is a shortage of places.</p> <p>There isn't the infrastructure in place which is why our roads are congested - have you tried to access Green Lane at school dropping off times??</p> <p>My daughter has SEN needs which school have addressed successfully but with larger numbers resources will be stretched.</p> <p>Trafford is overcrowded - if you expand the school more overcrowding.</p> <p>How can you guarantee the quality of teaching - the profession is already at breaking point. Schools need high quality staff not a string of supply staff who have no dedication to the profession.</p> <p>It was a 'small' high school in comparison to its neighbours, why, because not all children thrive in huge establishments!!</p> <p>The proposed plan - which let's be honest is already a done deal and you are only going through the motions - is going to be to no ones advantage, except Trafford Council!!</p>
Response 24	<p>The school always review provision for SEND children. If a need for further resources or staffing is identified, then the school will do their utmost to provide this.</p> <p>The school have rigorous standards regarding the quality of teaching and learning. These will not change.</p> <p>The school is responding to a need for more places for the young people in Trafford and are supporting the Local Authority in providing places for unplaced Trafford children.</p>
Comment 25	<p>Hi yes would like halal meals for my two children who are attending Altrincham college.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
Response 25	<p>Halal food is offered in the school canteen.</p>
Comment 26	<p>It would be great if we can offer more space for kids</p>

Response 26	Thank you for your comment
Comment 27	<p>I feel my children have had building work and disruption the whole time of been at this school.</p> <p>I also wonder how extra teachers will be found as its seems teachers can't be found easily as my son was without a chemistry teacher for ages.</p>
Response 27	<p>Schools across the country constantly need their estates updated and repaired. Altrincham College have secured funding from the DfE for much of this condition improvement work, such as RAAC removal.</p> <p>The construction programme has been generated to facilitate the works whilst minimising disruption by the use of temporary classrooms which will be sited in the school field. Noise will be kept to a minimum with a phased handover gradually reducing the temporary classrooms on-site. The construction programme will be finalised once the contractor has been appointed. The contractor is experienced with working on school sites and will endeavour to work with the school to safeguard all users, ensure exams are not disturbed and programme the most disruptive and noisy works during the school holidays. Stakeholders will be kept up to date on progress via regular newsletters by the contractor.</p> <p>The school strive to appoint dedicated and talented staff in spite of the national recruitment picture. This will continue.</p>
Comment 28	<p>Whilst I have no issue with expansion plans for the Altrincham College, it appears that traffords idea of 'providing additional provisions' is somewhat geographically challenged. Looking at the data available on Trafford Data labs, a very quick glance shows that the population in the areas nearest this school is around 66000, whereas the areas around sale have around 77000 conversely the school places available in and around altrincham are, I believe, almost double what is available to Sale residents already? Whilst I don't doubt that more provision in Altrincham would be welcome, if this is a case of 'Trafford authorities' believing they've discharged their responsibilities to parents and children ACROSS trafford with this then they are sadly mistaken. Can I point you to the Mayor of Manchester, Andy Burnhams own web page where he is insistent in chasing residents out of their cars. At present I drive past 2 perfectly good schools to get my daughters to their school and I'm far better placed than some parents and students in and around this area. By all means, expand the altrincham school but please prioritise additional places where they are actually needed</p>

Response 28	<p>The Local Authority has met with all other non-selective secondary schools in Sale and Altrincham to discuss potential expansion projects, noting there are no easy expansion options due to tight sites and limitations of communal facilities within existing sites.</p> <p>Ashton-on-Mersey was unable to expand within the existing site so the Council explored re-providing sixth form provision on a nearby site to unlock space but found it was not feasible from a planning and cost perspective.</p> <p>The Council have worked with Sale High School to bid to the Department for Education for School Rebuild Programme funding. This bid has been successful, and we look forward to working with the DfE to enhance the facilities at Sale High School. The project has been allocated to the second phase of the programme which is provisionally expected to enter delivery from April 2025 with an expected three-year project timeline. The DfE strongly advised against creation of any permanent or temporary additional accommodation on this site ahead of the rebuild project. It may be possible to combine a local authority funded expansion alongside the rebuild project, but this would not create any additional places until 2028 at the very earliest, depending on the DfE programme and so would not help resolve the current pressure.</p>
Comment 29	<p>I'm not against ACA expanding, however is this really the school we should be expanding? I live in Sale near Glebelands Road and this year am out of catchment for both Ashton and Sale High. I wish one of these schools would expand so that my sale year 5 child can go to a sale school and not have to be bussed to Altrincham where I'm going to have issues if there are problems with buses or if he wants to do after school activities.</p>
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Comment 30	<p>I think it is really important that the sports facilities are also updated if possible. I think there is scope to improve this area of the school.</p>
Response 30	<p>The Council are working with the Parks Team to timetable more access to the neighbouring Grove Park for recreational activities / PE lessons.</p>
Comment 31	<p>There is a limited number of secondary school places within the sale area, and I feel that this is imperative to support.</p> <p>As a parent who's child will be going to secondary school in 2025 I am concerned regarding the chances they may have to travel out of area for their learning.</p>
Response 31	<p>The Local Authority has met with all other non-selective secondary schools in Sale and Altrincham to discuss potential expansion projects, noting there are no easy expansion options due to tight sites and limitations of communal facilities within existing sites.</p> <p>Ashton-on-Mersey was unable to expand within the existing site so the Council explored re-providing sixth form provision on a nearby site to unlock space but found it was not feasible from a planning and cost perspective.</p> <p>The Council have worked with Sale High School to bid to the Department for Education for School Rebuild Programme funding. This bid has been successful, and we look forward to working with the DfE to enhance the facilities at Sale High School. The project has been allocated to the second phase of the programme which is provisionally expected to enter delivery from April 2025 with an expected three-year project timeline. The DfE strongly advised against creation of any permanent or temporary additional accommodation on this site ahead of the rebuild project. It may be possible to combine a local authority funded expansion alongside the rebuild project, but this would not create any additional places until 2028 at the very earliest, depending on the DfE programme and so would not help resolve the current pressure.</p>
Comment 32	<p>I would also like to see more school places in sale</p>
Response 32	<p>The Local Authority has met with all other non-selective secondary schools in Sale and Altrincham to discuss potential expansion projects, noting there are no easy expansion options due to tight sites and limitations of communal facilities within existing sites.</p> <p>Ashton-on-Mersey was unable to expand within the existing site so the Council explored re-providing sixth form provision on a nearby site to unlock space but found it was not feasible from a planning and cost perspective.</p>

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Comment 33	<p>Expansion can always solve the over-subscription problem in Trafford obviously, but please keep the number of students in small learning group.</p>
Response 33	<p>The average class size will not be changing from the school's existing model</p>
Comment 34	<p>Happy for the School to be expanded, but not as a feeder School for Sale children. It should provide places for Altrincham and Timperley children ONLY. It's beyond ridiculous to be expecting children to attend a School the fair side of Altrincham when they live in Sale. You need to focus on providing School places in the towns that children live!! Remove the elite Grammar School system and simply provide a fair system of secondary school places. And stop encouraging and paying overseas families to live in the Borough when our state education system in this area cannot cope as it is. In a world which we know is struggling from environmental issues, so how is 'ferrying' children around the Borough a sensible and environmental option?</p>
Response 34	<p>The Local Authority has met with all other non-selective secondary schools in Sale and Altrincham to discuss potential expansion projects, noting there are no easy expansion options due to tight sites and limitations of communal facilities within existing sites.</p> <p>Ashton-on-Mersey was unable to expand within the existing site so the Council explored re-providing sixth form provision on a nearby site to unlock space but found it was not feasible from a planning and cost perspective.</p> <p>The Council have worked with Sale High School to bid to the Department for Education for School Rebuild Programme funding. This bid has been successful, and we look forward to working with the DfE to enhance the facilities at Sale High School. The project has been allocated to the second phase of the programme which is provisionally expected to enter delivery from April 2025 with an expected three-year project timeline. The DfE strongly advised against creation of any permanent or temporary additional accommodation on this site ahead of the rebuild project. It may be possible to combine a local authority funded expansion alongside the rebuild project, but this would not create any additional places until 2028</p>

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Comment 35	Whilst I acknowledge the need for additional secondary school places, and support this application, I can't help but worry that these places will all be taken by children in Altrincham/Timperley and once again children in Sale and AOM will struggle to obtain a school place resulting in additional travel time and considerable stress for both children and parents alike. A plan is needed to address shortage of places in Sale and AOM.
Response 35	<p>The Local Authority has met with all other non-selective secondary schools in Sale and Altrincham to discuss potential expansion projects, noting there are no easy expansion options due to tight sites and limitations of communal facilities within existing sites.</p> <p>Ashton-on-Mersey was unable to expand within the existing site so the Council explored re-providing sixth form provision on a nearby site to unlock space but found it was not feasible from a planning and cost perspective.</p> <p>The Council have worked with Sale High School to bid to the Department for Education for School Rebuild Programme funding. This bid has been successful, and we look forward to working with the DfE to enhance the facilities at Sale High School. The project has been allocated to the second phase of the programme which is provisionally expected to enter delivery from April 2025 with an expected three-year project timeline. The DfE strongly advised against creation of any permanent or temporary additional accommodation on this site ahead of the rebuild project. It may be possible to combine a local authority funded expansion alongside the rebuild project, but this would not create any additional places until 2028 at the very earliest, depending on the DfE programme and so would not help resolve the current pressure.</p>
Comment 36	<i>No comment left</i>
Comment 37	<p>I am interested to know how this expansion will affect current students, during the last 3 years children have had disruption to learning due to issues with the school building/external problems. This is a worry if this will become worse.</p> <p>Substitute teachers appear to be used on regular basis, this tends to mean that children do not have a positive learning experience, I am concerned that this will be worse with a larger school.</p>
Response 37	<p>The construction programme will be finalised once the contractor has been appointed. The contractor is experienced with working on school sites and will endeavour to work with the school to safeguard all users, ensure exams are not disturbed and programme the most disruptive and noisy works during the school holidays. Stakeholders will be kept up to date on progress via regular newsletters by the contractor.</p> <p>Substitute teachers are inevitably used during periods of staff absence/illness. This is an unfortunate situation that all schools nationally</p>

	find themselves in. The School will continue to strive to appoint dedicated and talented staff to meet the increase in pupil numbers.
Comment 38	<p>What impact will it have to students already on role whilst the work is taking place?</p> <p>What measures will be in situ from a safeguarding pupil perspective?</p> <p>Is there a recruitment of staff process relating to the expansion?</p> <p>With the expansion and increase in pupil numbers will this be reflected in transport provision from TFGM? Currently there is no school bus offer for Timperley despite frequent requests to TFGM.</p>
Response 38	<p>The construction programme will be finalised once the contractor has been appointed. The contractor is experienced with working on school sites and will endeavour to work with the school to safeguard all users, ensure exams are not disturbed and programme the most disruptive and noisy works during the school holidays. Stakeholders will be kept up to date on progress via regular newsletters by the contractor.</p> <p>The School will continue to strive to appoint dedicated and talented staff to meet the increase in pupil numbers. Recruitment of new staff will be conducted in the same manner as it currently is ie as and when the need arises.</p> <p>Detailed information about bus services to Altrincham College can be found on the Transport for Greater Manchester website: Altrincham College Bee Network Powered by TfGM Currently there are a number of dedicated school buses serving the school, plus general bus routes which operate close to the school. TfGM regularly monitor usage of these services to inform future commissioning arrangements.</p>
Comment 39	I think it would be amazing to do since many kids don't manage to get places in the school due to it being full. I think it is a way for more friendships to be made :)
Response 39	Thank you for your comment.
Comment 40	Extension should be done in sale, are they are more in need of it
Response 40	<p>The Local Authority has met with all other non-selective secondary schools in Sale and Altrincham to discuss potential expansion projects, noting there are no easy expansion options due to tight sites and limitations of communal facilities within existing sites.</p> <p>Ashton-on-Mersey was unable to expand within the existing site so the Council explored re-providing sixth form provision on a nearby site to unlock space but found it was not feasible from a planning and cost perspective.</p>

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Comment 41	<p>There is a severe lack of high school places in Sale. Altrincham already has more capacity than Sale. Why is the Council not looking to increase capacity at Ashton or Sale High?</p> <p>I live in Ashton On Mersey ward in Sale, yet children who live round me can't get places at any of the schools in Sale and are being bussed out to Altrincham. Put the extra capacity where it is needed instead - Sale!</p>
Response 41	<p>The Local Authority has met with all other non-selective secondary schools in Sale and Altrincham to discuss potential expansion projects, noting there are no easy expansion options due to tight sites and limitations of communal facilities within existing sites.</p> <p>Ashton-on-Mersey was unable to expand within the existing site so the Council explored re-providing sixth form provision on a nearby site to unlock space but found it was not feasible from a planning and cost perspective.</p> <p>The Council have worked with Sale High School to bid to the Department for Education for School Rebuild Programme funding. This bid has been successful, and we look forward to working with the DfE to enhance the facilities at Sale High School. The project has been allocated to the second phase of the programme which is provisionally expected to enter delivery from April 2025 with an expected three-year project timeline. The DfE strongly advised against creation of any permanent or temporary additional accommodation on this site ahead of the rebuild project. It may be possible to combine a local authority funded expansion alongside the rebuild project, but this would not create any additional places until 2028 at the very earliest, depending on the DfE programme and so would not help resolve the current pressure.</p>
Comment 42	<p>There needs to be additional places made available for local children in Sale. Currently Grammar Schools are taking c30% out of area children purely to improve results. However this means there are insufficient places for children who live in Sale and the catchment for Ashton Upon Mersey High School and Sale High School is shrinking every year. Please invest in reducing out of area pupils at the Grammar schools and increase places at local comprehensive high schools.</p>

Response 42	<p>Trafford is the admission authority for only one of the 19 secondary schools in our area, Lostock High School in Stretford. The admission authority for every other secondary school, including the seven grammar schools, is either the academy trust or the governing body of the school. It is the admission authority who is responsible for agreeing the admission arrangements, including the oversubscription criteria which describes how places are allocated. Currently all Trafford residents who meet the entrance requirements for a selective school can achieve a local grammar school place.</p> <p>The Local Authority has met with all non-selective secondary schools in Sale and Altrincham to discuss potential expansion projects, noting there are no easy expansion options due to tight sites and limitations of communal facilities within existing sites.</p> <p>Ashton-on-Mersey was unable to expand within the existing site so the Council explored re-providing sixth form provision on a nearby site to unlock space but found it was not feasible from a planning and cost perspective.</p> <p>The Council have worked with Sale High School to bid to the Department for Education for School Rebuild Programme funding. This bid has been successful, and we look forward to working with the DfE to enhance the facilities at Sale High School. The project has been allocated to the second phase of the programme which is provisionally expected to enter delivery from April 2025 with an expected three-year project timeline. The DfE strongly advised against creation of any permanent or temporary additional accommodation on this site ahead of the rebuild project. It may be possible to combine a local authority funded expansion alongside the rebuild project, but this would not create any additional places until 2028 at the very earliest, depending on the DfE programme and so would not help resolve the current pressure.</p>
Comment 43	<p>One of the big plus points and a reason to send your child to this school is because of its current size. It's not overwhelming for the students and has such a great atmosphere that I worry would get lost of the school were to expense.</p>
Response 43	<p>Pastoral care at the school is a high priority and will not change. The school works hard to create a friendly, family orientated atmosphere and ethos and will endeavour to ensure that this does not change.</p>
Comment 44	<p>I welcome a larger dining hall, as it can get very busy/overcrowded at lunch. Having been a visitor to school for work over a number of years I have seen this myself in the area behind the school office, at break and lunch. It would be beneficial to include more outdoor seating for those eating packed lunches or food at break, so that they don't need to try and get into the dining hall.</p>

Response 44	<p>The school is confident that with a redesigned canteen, they will be able to accommodate all students adequately at both break and lunch times. An increase in the amount of outdoor seating is something that the school will be considering.</p>
Comment 45	<p>I feel there has been an enormous amount of upheaval for certain year groups since COVID. This building work although needed within the Trafford area is just another form of upheaval for existing students and parents! The local infrastructure is struggling already, busy roads in disrepair, parking problems, more buses needed, more traffic. The fact Altrincham college is a smaller school than some is a contributing factor for some students. Many factors to think about!</p>
Response 45	<p>The construction programme will be finalised once the contractor has been appointed. The contractor is experienced with working on school sites and will endeavour to work with the school to safeguard all users, ensure exams are not disturbed and programme the most disruptive and noisy works during the school holidays. Stakeholders will be kept up to date on progress via regular newsletters by the contractor.</p> <p>Detailed information about bus services to Altrincham College can be found on the Transport for Greater Manchester website: Altrincham College Bee Network Powered by TfGM Currently there are a number of dedicated school buses serving the school, plus general bus routes which operate close to the school. TfGM regularly monitor usage of these services to inform future commissioning arrangements.</p> <p>This project is being funded from Department for Education Basic Need grant, allocated to Trafford for the provision of additional school places. The grant does not include for resurfacing of Highways. We have also alerted colleagues in Highways to the condition of Green Lane for consideration in future capital works.</p> <p>The School frequently encourage students to be dropped off a short distance away from the school site in order for them to complete their journey on foot and will continue to reinforce this.</p> <p>A traffic assessment has been carried out which identified that 50% of pupils travel to school by bus which in turn reduces the volume of traffic around the school. Based on projections, there will be a 4% increase in car usage when compared to the overall pupil numbers at the school which is classified as no impact under highway assessment criteria.</p>

Comment 46	<p>I live in Sale, close to sale high school. My two eldest went to sale grammar and my son is in y8 at sale high school. Why are you expanding a school in Altrincham that already had more school places than sale when there are sale school children travelling way outside the area for school? The building at sale high school is in a dire state of disrepair, there are not enough classrooms and it's not fit for purpose. Surely a new school could be built on the land at the back of sale high school. Children should be able to walk to and from school. Stay late, attending after school clubs etc and walk home with friends. Spending an hour on a bus before and after school impacts their time for after school activities, spending time with friends and homework. It's not conducive with a healthy lifestyle both mentally and physically. All my kids went/go to school within walking distance from home. All arrive to school on time and have been home at a reasonable time.</p>
Response 46	<p>The Council have worked with Sale High School to bid to the Department for Education for School Rebuild Programme funding. This bid has been successful, and we look forward to working with the DfE to enhance the facilities at Sale High School. The project has been allocated to the second phase of the programme which is provisionally expected to enter delivery from April 2025 with an expected three-year project timeline. The DfE strongly advised against creation of any permanent or temporary additional accommodation on this site ahead of the rebuild project. It may be possible to combine a local authority funded expansion alongside the rebuild project, but this would not create any additional places until 2028 at the very earliest, depending on the DfE programme and so would not help resolve the current pressure.</p>
Comment 47	<p>What not expand Sale which has fewer places available?</p>
Response 47	<p>The Local Authority has met with all other non-selective secondary schools in Sale and Altrincham to discuss potential expansion projects, noting there are no easy expansion options due to tight sites and limitations of communal facilities within existing sites.</p> <p>Ashton-on-Mersey was unable to expand within the existing site so the Council explored re-providing sixth form provision on a nearby site to unlock space but found it was not feasible from a planning and cost perspective.</p> <p>The Council have worked with Sale High School to bid to the Department for Education for School Rebuild Programme funding. This bid has been successful, and we look forward to working with the DfE to enhance the facilities at Sale High School. The project has been allocated to the second phase of the programme which is provisionally expected to enter delivery from April 2025 with an expected three-year project timeline. The DfE strongly advised against creation of any permanent or temporary additional accommodation on this site ahead of the rebuild project. It may be possible to combine a local authority funded expansion alongside the rebuild project, but this would not create any additional places until 2028</p>

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Comment 48	<p>My only concern is that my daughter will be completing her GCSE's when this proposed construction work will take place. What procedures will be put in place to make sure that the students are able to complete their exams without any disruption. This is the COVID cohort of year 7, who did not transition well into year 7 and it has taken the school a long time to engage with the students.</p> <p>I want to make sure that the disruption is kept to a minimum. What procedures will AC follow?</p>
Response 48	<p>The construction programme has been generated to facilitate the works whilst minimising disruption by the use of temporary classrooms which will be sited in the school field. Noise will be kept to a minimum with a phased handover gradually reducing the temporary classrooms on-site.</p> <p>The construction programme will be finalised once the contractor has been appointed. The contractor is experienced with working on school sites and will endeavour to work with the school to safeguard all users, ensure exams are not disturbed and programme the most disruptive and noisy works during the school holidays. Stakeholders will be kept up to date on progress via regular newsletters by the contractor.</p> <p>For the cohort you have identified, the building works will be internal by this stage which means noise transference will be at a minimum.</p>
Comment 49	In favour but the infrastructure needs to support to the extent of the Green Lane road being resurfaced, school markings on road and signposted with possible widening. With the school buses and parents/traffic at drop off there is an accident waiting to happen with children crossing road and walking narrow pavements.
Response 49	<p>This project is being funded from Department for Education Basic Need grant, allocated to Trafford for the provision of additional school places. The grant does not include for resurfacing of Highways. We have also alerted colleagues in Highways to the condition of Green Lane for consideration in future capital works.</p> <p>The School frequently encourage students to be dropped off a short distance away from the school site in order for them to complete their journey on foot and will continue to reinforce this.</p> <p>A traffic assessment has been carried out which identified that 50% of pupils travel to school by bus which in turn reduces the volume of traffic around the school. Based on projections, there will be a 4% increase in car usage when compared to the overall pupil numbers at the school which is classified as no impact under highway assessment criteria.</p>
Comment 50	There is clearly a problem with over subscription at Trafford schools & therefore I support the proposals with some caveats relating to the appropriate use of space, teaching facilities & not becoming so large that children aren't treated as individuals

Response 50	Pastoral care at the school is a high priority and will not change. The school works hard to create a friendly, family orientated atmosphere and ethos and will endeavour to ensure that this does not change.
Comment 51	Residents of Sale area are struggling to get places for nearest schools admissions for their children. Population increasing faster than available schools admissions places in Trafford. Current situation requires well planned solution.
Response 51	<p>The Local Authority has met with all other non-selective secondary schools in Sale and Altrincham to discuss potential expansion projects, noting there are no easy expansion options due to tight sites and limitations of communal facilities within existing sites.</p> <p>Ashton-on-Mersey was unable to expand within the existing site so the Council explored re-providing sixth form provision on a nearby site to unlock space but found it was not feasible from a planning and cost perspective.</p> <p>The Council have worked with Sale High School to bid to the Department for Education for School Rebuild Programme funding. This bid has been successful, and we look forward to working with the DfE to enhance the facilities at Sale High School. The project has been allocated to the second phase of the programme which is provisionally expected to enter delivery from April 2025 with an expected three-year project timeline. The DfE strongly advised against creation of any permanent or temporary additional accommodation on this site ahead of the rebuild project. It may be possible to combine a local authority funded expansion alongside the rebuild project, but this would not create any additional places until 2028 at the very earliest, depending on the DfE programme and so would not help resolve the current pressure.</p>
Comment 52	The expansion will be positive for the local community. The speed at which work can begin and conclude is key.
Response 52	The project timeline will be provided in due course. The aim is to have all works completed as soon as possible.
Comment 53	The expansion of Altrincham College is much needed and will be a wonderful development! It's fantastic to see the local authority investing in the education of our young people. More space means more opportunities for students to learn and grow.
Response 53	Thank you for your comment.
Comment 54	I feel like there are not enough high school places and primary school places for the residents in sale .
Response 54	The Local Authority has met with all other non-selective secondary schools in Sale and Altrincham to discuss potential expansion projects, noting there are no easy expansion options due to tight sites and limitations of communal facilities within existing sites.

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Comment 55	No
Response 55	Thank you for your comment.
Comment 56	More places are needed for secondary school children in sale so this expansion can not come soon enough. The problem could be alleviated further by abolishing the out dated and elitist grammar school system we have in the area to increase capacity for children to attend school in the area in which they live.
Response 56	Trafford's broad range of high performing schools make it a very attractive place for families to come and live. The expansion of Altrincham College enables more Trafford residents to access a local school without the need to pass an entrance exam.
Comment 57	I am a teacher in another school and I know the pressure of more and more students struggling to get into schools. With this extension, AC will have better facilities for current students and future students. Main thing to consider is limiting the impact on current students and especially KS4.
Response 57	The construction programme will be finalised once the contractor has been appointed. The contractor is experienced with working on school sites and will endeavour to work with the school to safeguard all users, ensure exams are not disturbed and programme the most disruptive and noisy works during the school holidays. Stakeholders will be kept up to date on progress via regular newsletters by the contractor.

Comment 58	<p>My child is in year 7 so I will need positive reassurance of the anticipated impact on her education. A 300 pupil expansion seems large when there are a number of schools within a small geographical area where smaller expansions with less impact with respect to size of building work etcetera would be able to accommodate this number. I would wish to see a thorough impact analysis of anticipated consequences for teaching schedules, loss of permanent infrastructure for the duration of works, impact of integrating these numbers of pupils and an appreciation of how this will impact the catchment area when other, numerous existing schools already have difficulty accommodating pupils from their catchment areas. This would seem to place a significant load on one educational organisation when a sharing of the burden with less impact on the pupils of Altrincham College would be a more equitable solution to Hale and Altrincham's (Trafford's) needs.</p>
Response 58	<p>The construction programme will be finalised once the contractor has been appointed. The contractor is experienced with working on school sites and will endeavour to work with the school to safeguard all users, ensure exams are not disturbed and programme the most disruptive and noisy works during the school holidays. Stakeholders will be kept up to date on progress via regular newsletters by the contractor.</p>
Comment 59	<p>The current bus provision is already unsatisfactory how will you ensure all students can get to school safely by bus and prevent more parents driving to school?</p>
Response 59	<p>Detailed information about bus services to Altrincham College can be found on the Transport for Greater Manchester website: Altrincham College Bee Network Powered by TfGM Currently there are a number of dedicated school buses serving the school, plus general bus routes which operate close to the school. TfGM regularly monitor usage of these services to inform future commissioning arrangements.</p> <p>Altrincham College will be required to update their Travel plan which is designed to look at ways to reduce the number of car journeys at drop off and pick up times and encourage active travel. This will be made available to view via the planning portal.</p>
Comment 60	<p>I think sale suppose to get an expansion. There are more places available in altrincham area rather than Sale. Sale children very often need to travel outside sale to get to secondary school. The expansion should happen where there are less places available</p>
Response 60	<p>The Local Authority has met with all other non-selective secondary schools in Sale and Altrincham to discuss potential expansion projects, noting there are no easy expansion options due to tight sites and limitations of communal facilities within existing sites.</p> <p>Ashton-on-Mersey was unable to expand within the existing site so the Council explored re-providing sixth form provision on a nearby site to unlock space but found it was not feasible from a planning and cost perspective.</p>

	<p>The Council have worked with Sale High School to bid to the Department for Education for School Rebuild Programme funding. This bid has been successful, and we look forward to working with the DfE to enhance the facilities at Sale High School. The project has been allocated to the second phase of the programme which is provisionally expected to enter delivery from April 2025 with an expected three-year project timeline. The DfE strongly advised against creation of any permanent or temporary additional accommodation on this site ahead of the rebuild project. It may be possible to combine a local authority funded expansion alongside the rebuild project, but this would not create any additional places until 2028 at the very earliest, depending on the DfE programme and so would not help resolve the current pressure.</p>
<p>Comment 61</p>	<p>I would like to understand what impact the expansion will have on the catchment area of the school? My daughter claims that the dining area is already inadequate for the number of pupils so I'm concerned that a "small" expansion of dining and kitchen facilities will be insufficient to support an additional 300 pupils. What impact does the design have on access to open space both during the build and after? Is the new building going to replace an existing building? (Unfortunately, several of the links to plans did not work for me so it was difficult to ascertain the exact change). I have concerns about the use of temporary classrooms for Maths for a period that could stretch out for more than a year. I would be interested to hear the views of teachers. I feel the teachers will have the best interests of the students at heart so if they are in favour of the expansion then this would be a good sign for me.</p>
<p>Response 61</p>	<p>The school catchment area / admission arrangements will not be changing.</p> <p>The school is confident that the improved canteen space will be able to accommodate all students adequately.</p> <p>An existing block is being demolished to ensure that outside space is not lost as a result of the development. By doing so, small areas will be consolidated to create a larger outdoor area which can be used in a more flexible way.</p> <p>The Council are working with the Parks Team to timetable more access to the neighbouring Grove Park for recreational activities / PE lessons.</p> <p>Expansion work of this nature at any school will unfortunately necessitate the need for temporary classrooms. The temporary classrooms will be fit for purpose teaching spaces so the quality of teaching should not be affected.</p>

Comment 62	<p>The school is run down and in need of investment to create inspiring, functional and engaging learning spaces and educational facilities. I support the expansion of the school and plans, with the introduction of a more contemporary building. I have confidence that the headteacher will work with contractors to minimise disruption to learning during the construction.</p> <p>I hope that once this work is complete there will be additional investment to upgrade other parts of the school estate to make it fit for its function and demonstrate to children the value that is placed on their education, stretching their aspirations even further.</p>
Response 62	<p>Thank you for your comments.</p>
Comment 63	<p>The lunch and breaks are disorganised, with not enough staff to manage the children. Some go hungry because they dont provide enough, or have to choose a much less preferred option. We can't "get there earlier" because other students push in and they won't let you in until a certain time depending on your year.</p> <p>The toilets are blocked off with metal gates and aren't opened up in time for breaks and lunches. In conclusion, this expansion may provide alot of positive effects such as allowing more students in, but they can't correctly provide for enough students as it is. It's also hard to fit students into rooms altogether, such as in whole school assemblies that we have on the last day of a full term.</p>
Response 63	<p>The school is confident that an improved canteen space will be able to accommodate all students adequately.</p> <p>There is always a toilet available for students to use near the school office. Staff are on duty at toilet locations and always on hand to open and close the toilets.</p> <p>The school may have to look at the logistics of whole school assemblies in the future in order to ensure all students can take part.</p>

Comment 64

I have many questions about this building work and am not able to support this build without these questions being answered and concerns adequately addressed.

The site on which AC is located is a small site for a school compared to other schools. To complete this work whilst the children are in school over an extended period of time will put real pressure on the site to cater properly for all the children's needs whilst giving up vital space for the builders to work. I have huge concerns about the children's wellbeing and disruption to their education during this process. My daughter has already suffered from disruption at Primary School with building work and found that the constant changes to the site and routes around school were very disruptive and especially the noise caused by the building work making it difficult for children to hear and teachers to teach during this time. Often in these plans noise is not considered properly within the planning process including the disruption it causes. Considering they have already had disruption due to the pandemic and previous building work they really need no further disruption.

I notice specifically from the plans that the temporary classrooms are being placed right next to the demolition/construction site of the new building. This tells me that noise is not being considered at all for the children and teachers during this building project. Why are temporary classrooms which often are not great for stopping noise from outside being placed in this area and not further away when there is room for this according to the plan?

I am also concerned that the building work will cause huge areas of an already small site to be unavailable for use. This concentrates the staff and students in a much smaller area creating more noisy areas in which the children and staff are to learn, including at non structured times such as break and lunchtime which some students already find difficult. How is school going to manage this?

It is not only the new building that is to be worked on. There are renovations to other areas of the school site too. Is this all going to be done at the same time? Or is this to be done in phases? How is school going to ensure that minimal disruption takes place? Do some of these renovations need to take place at the same time as the new building being built? Or is it better to do these at another time to reduce disruption? I am struggling to see where will not be renovated and built on during this plan to be honest and feel it will be a lot for the staff and students if done at all the same time. Why has there been a lack of investment that this much work is needed all at the same time?

I notice from the plans that the music department is being moved and yet the practice rooms are staying near the old location of the music department. I feel this splitting up of the spaces for the music department will have detrimental effect in the way the department will function making it less effective. This has not been well designed for the use of teachers after the build has finished. Who will supervise the

	<p>practice rooms? It is one thing for off duty teachers to be based in nearby classrooms and completely different for them to be based the other side of the school site. How can the music teachers work effectively with peri teachers coming in to teach students musical instruments if they are based opposite sides of the school site? How are these issues going to be addressed? Where will instruments be stored during the school day if practice rooms and the music department are at opposite ends of the school site? I just do not think this is practical.</p> <p>Looking at the map of non grammar schools in Sale and Altrincham I notice that there are a lot of schools in the south of this area such as North Cestrian, BTH, AC and Wellington all within close proximity to each other. Yet up in Sale there is only Ashton on Mersey and Sale High catering to an equivalent if not larger area of housing. This gives a total of about 2500 places in Sale. Yet already at least 4750 places in the AC/Altrincham area and I believe there are further schools to the south too. This is disproportionate to what is needed. Considering children already travel quite far to get to AC because the two schools in Sale are hugely oversubscribed and some children who live close to these schools cannot get into them it makes more sense to expand these two schools rather than AC. Both of Ashton and Sale High have much more land available to them on which they could build with less disruption to the children's education compared to AC. In fact I heard that Sale High were trying to sell off land as they have too much as the field behind their school field which is not included in their fencing belongs to them. Surely it is about putting the school places where they are needed with the least disruption to the children who have to continue their education whilst the changes that will take extended periods of time take place. I do not believe that increasing traffic and the distances that children travel to school is a positive move for many reasons including impacts on pollution, commuting times for children, children living near their friends so they have opportunities to meet up outside of school. Why increase the area that children travel to AC which is already very large rather than increasing the area covered by schools such as AOM and Sale High? There are areas in North West Ashton which are only covered currently by schools in Altrincham. Why should streets in Sale only be covered by schools in Altrincham and not Sale?</p> <p>Further to this the transport to AC from Sale is already quite awkward. There can be problems with the school buses and it is not easy to get to AC on public transport without the school buses which increases pressure on parents to drive their kids to school and increases traffic.</p>
Response 64	<p>The construction programme will be finalised once the contractor has been appointed. The contractor is experienced with working on school sites and will endeavour to work with the school to safeguard all users, ensure exams are not disturbed and programme the most disruptive and noisy works during the school holidays. Stakeholders will be kept up to date on progress via regular newsletters by the contractor.</p> <p>Noise pollution is a major consideration. The location of temporary classrooms has been considered carefully and has been selected as the</p>

only viable option location. The temporary classrooms will be acoustically insulated to ensure that children's teaching and learning is not disrupted. The contractor will be providing a construction method statement which will detail their plan to reduce noise as much as is reasonably practical during lessons.

An existing block is being demolished to ensure that outside space is not lost as a result of the development. By doing so, small areas will be consolidated to create a larger outdoor area which can be used in a more flexible way.

The Council are working with the Parks Team to timetable more access to the neighbouring Grove Park for recreational activities / PE lessons.

The works will be completed in phases to minimise disruption, the existing areas of the school will be worked on in isolation separately to ensure areas remain available for use whilst the new classrooms are being constructed, creating less disruption for pupils.

Following feedback, the Music teaching rooms and practice rooms will not be based on opposite sides of the school site.

Regarding schools in Sale, the Local Authority has met with all other non-selective secondary schools in Sale and Altrincham to discuss potential expansion projects, noting there are no easy expansion options due to tight sites and limitations of communal facilities within existing sites.

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Comment 65	<p>1) I am concerned about the impact of disruption on current pupils learning - I would like clarity on timings once they're known.</p> <p>2) The 3 story block has 30 classrooms so potentially 300 pupils, but the only toilet block is on the ground floor - can there be more toilets on each floor rather than mainly on ground floor?</p> <p>3) Will sound from the music room bleed into other classrooms? Would it be better to have the music rooms more to one side of the building rather than central?</p>
Response 65	<p>The construction programme will be finalised once the contractor has been appointed. The contractor is experienced with working on school sites and will endeavour to work with the school to safeguard all users, ensure exams are not disturbed and programme the most disruptive and noisy works during the school holidays. Stakeholders will be kept up to date on progress via regular newsletters by the contractor.</p> <p>There are now two pupil toilet blocks to be installed on the ground floor and first floor.</p> <p>Following feedback, the Music teaching rooms are no longer located in the new block. An acoustic strategy has been put in place to stop sound spreading between music classrooms and other teaching spaces.</p>
Comment 66	<p>Footprint of school not greatly increasing. Plans look well thought out. Thank you for letting residents have a look at them.</p>
Response 66	<p>Thank you for your comments.</p>
Comment 67	<p>Hi Trafford school project team</p> <p>My main concerns are not related to the building but how the school and council provide resources</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. impact on current students, especially those entering GCSE 2. Public Transport - with the expansion will there be a great extra demands on school buses? Also could there be better transportation options from sale to the school other than school buses as this doesn't really exist 3. How will the school recruit the right staff. I'm aware recruitment of teachers with experience is difficult
Response 67	<p>The construction programme will be finalised once the contractor has been appointed. The contractor is experienced with working on school sites and will endeavour to work with the school to safeguard all users, ensure exams are not disturbed and programme the most disruptive and noisy works during the school holidays. Stakeholders will be kept up to date on progress via regular newsletters by the contractor.</p> <p>Detailed information about bus services to Altrincham College can be found on the Transport for Greater Manchester website: Altrincham College Bee Network Powered by TfGM Currently there are a number of dedicated school buses serving the school, plus general bus routes</p>

	<p>which operate close to the school. TfGM regularly monitor usage of these services to inform future commissioning arrangements.</p> <p>The school strive to appoint dedicated and talented staff in spite of the national recruitment picture. They are part of a Trust and will be looking to try new approaches to advertising vacancies which attract potential future staff to the school.</p>
<p>Comment 68</p>	<p>I have a number of concerns regarding the expansion plans to Altrincham college.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Impact on children’s education during construction. My children have already missed a number of days off school due to it being closed for maintenance. They also have lessons conducted in classrooms that restrict learning. Lack of access to science labs and drama studio for example. I am concerned the expansion will have a detrimental impact on pupils education currently at the school. There are no details how the impact of this work on current pupils will be minimised. 2. Insufficient appropriate toilet facilities for the number of children. There are already issues at the school with access to toilets. Toilets are kept locked, keys are lost delaying the opening of toilets at break and lunch time. This leaves limited time to use limited toilets. Children are encouraged to stay hydrated to help learning but struggle to get access to toilets. My daughter has suffered a urinary tract infection and has had issues during her period due to locked toilets. Toilet arrangement are already unsuitable for existing pupils, additional and more suitable toilet facilities are required to cater for more children. 3. Traffic safety concerns on green lane/ lack of school buses There is already an issue with traffic safety on green lane and I wouldn’t be surprised if there is an accident at some point. Green Lane is a relatively small road. Parents park on both sides of the road and on pavements blocking access and causing unsafe conditions for pedestrians and cyclists. There is no school bus service for pupils in north Timperley and public bus timings don’t work with the school day. More and more children from North Timperley are attending AC as the Wellington catchment shrinks. Expanding the school is going to worsen this situation putting pupils at risk, causing issues for Green Lane residents and Dobbies garden centre. Sustainable travel options to the school need to be considered as part of the school expansion.

Response 68	<p>There is no doubt that a building project of this size will bring disruption, however, the contractor is experienced with working on school sites and will endeavour to work with the school to safeguard all users, ensure exams are not disturbed and programme the most disruptive and noisy works during the school holidays. Stakeholders will be kept up to date on progress via regular newsletters by the contractor.</p> <p>There are two toilet blocks to be installed, one on the ground floor and one on the first floor of the new build block creating an increased toilet provision.</p> <p>Detailed information about bus services to Altrincham College can be found on the Transport for Greater Manchester website: Altrincham College Bee Network Powered by TfGM Currently there are a number of dedicated school buses serving the school, plus general bus routes which operate close to the school. TfGM regularly monitor usage of these services to inform future commissioning arrangements.</p> <p>The School frequently encourage students to be dropped off a short distance away from the school site in order for them to complete their journey on foot and will continue to reinforce this.</p> <p>A traffic assessment has been carried out which identified that 50% of pupils travel to school by bus which in turn reduces the volume of traffic around the school. Based on projections, there will be a 4% increase in car usage when compared to the overall pupil numbers at the school which is classified as no impact under highway assessment criteria.</p>
Comment 69	<p>I've been in touch with a resident who is only a few doors down from the college, she is broadly supportive of the expansion in principal and very understanding of the desperate need for more places for school children in Trafford.</p> <p>One thing we are concerned about though, is the worsening condition of the road to the college. This is an area I've been helping her with before. She is concerned that construction traffic and increased traffic generally will make this even worse. Do you know if there are plans to address this as part of the expansion? And also, can I ask what the active travel plan will be to tie in with the increase in places?</p> <p>Thanks very much for your help,</p>
Response 69	<p>This project is being funded from Department for Education Basic Need grant, allocated to Trafford for the provision of additional school places. The grant does not include for resurfacing of Highways. We will make sure that the contractor (when appointed) takes dilapidation photographs of the route into School and ensure we have a record of the condition of the Highway before starting any construction works. We have also alerted colleagues in Highways to the condition of Green Lane for consideration in future capital works.</p> <p>Altrincham College will be required to update their Travel plan which is designed to look at ways to reduce the number of car journeys at drop off</p>

	and pick up times and encourage active travel. This will be made available to view via the planning portal.
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