

LOCATION



INTRODUCTION

Fylde Coast Academy Trust (FCAT) are preparing a planning application for a new 1,280 place all-through school on the former site of Arnold School off Lytham Road in Blackpool. The new school will offer education for pupils aged 2 to 16 years of age.

The purpose of this exhibition is to advise local residents about the application and invite comments about the proposal so that we can work with the community to create a scheme that addresses local aspirations. This exhibition provides an opportunity to speak directly to representatives of the applicant if you have any specific queries about the proposed development. Work on the proposals is continuing and we welcome any comments you may have.

HISTORY

The history of the site as Arnold School dates back to 1868 when Arnold Villa (1) was established as a small boarding school by Thomas Ward. He then purchased additional land to the north of Arnold Avenue in 1871 to build Arnold House (2) which is located on the northern corner of Lytham Road and Arnold Avenue.

These two buildings formed the beginnings of what became Arnold School and as such have local historical significance which has led to them being given locally listed status.

The site to the north of Arnold Avenue was principally used as Senior School accommodation with the south site used as Junior School and Kindergarten accommodation. Both sites saw extensive expansion to the school buildings in the 1950's and 60's with more recent additions in the 1990's and 2004. The ad hoc nature of expansion has provided a poor and inefficient overall layout not conducive to a modern all-through teaching environment. There are numerous level differences between buildings with narrow corridors and stairs which don't comply with current legislation. Many of the buildings, especially the older ones are in a poor state of repair and would need significant investment to bring them into a habitable condition in line with current standards. For these reasons it has been deemed that the most feasible solution for a new school on this site would be to demolish a large portion of the existing buildings on the north site only retaining some of the most recent additions including the Sports Hall (5) and Design Centre Block (7). It has also been deemed feasible to retain the existing Memorial Hall (6) built in the 1950s to sit at the heart of the new school and acknowledging the sites educational heritage. On the south site it has been deemed feasible to retain all the existing buildings (3) for refurbishment into Primary School accommodation for the new Armfield Academy. The existing Arnold Villa building (1) will also be retained, but will not form part of the teaching accommodation.

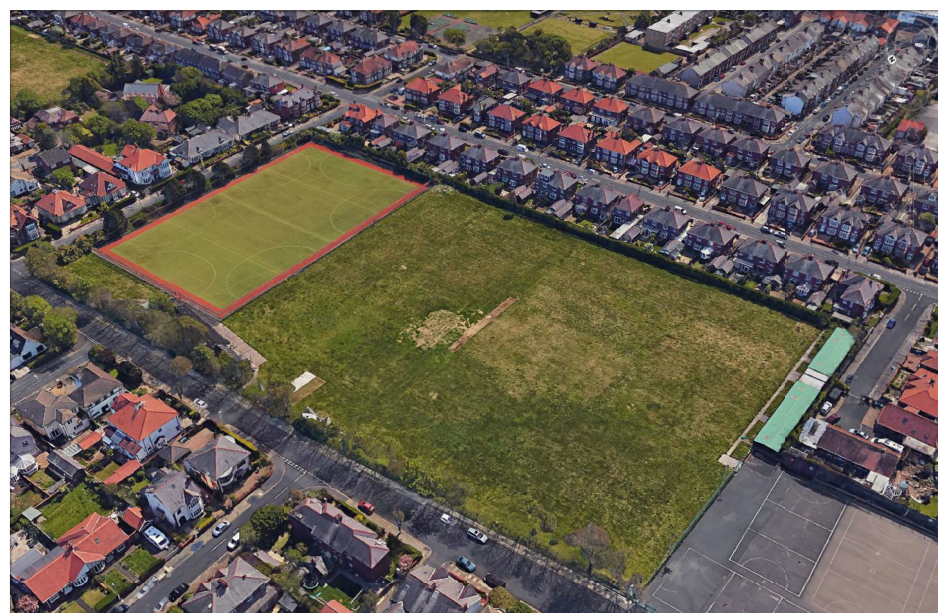
- 1 Arnold Villa and West Over (Locally Listed)
- 2 Arnold House (Locally Listed)
- 3 Former Junior School Buildings
- 4 Former Senior School Buildings
- 5 Sports Hall Building
- 6 Memorial Hall Building
- 7 Design Centre Building
- 8 Vehicle Parking
- 9 Electrical Sub-Station
- 10 Zebra crossing point to Lytham Road
- 11 Locally Listed Boundary Wall
- 12 Narrowing to Arnold Avenue - Crossing Point
- 13 Junior School Playground
- 14 External Stores
- 15 Playing Field
- 16 Sports Pavillion
- 17 All-Weather Pitch
- 18 Electrical Sub-Station
- 19 Playing Field



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