

The New Madras College

We are just about to submit a 'Screening Opinion' letter in respect of the new Madras College adjacent to the North Haugh campus of the University of St Andrews and this will be the formal start of the planning process.

The school is being built as a stand alone school in the field immediately west of the existing university playing fields. The school will comprise all of the normal indoor facilities associated with a new secondary school including its own indoor sports facilities and will not rely on any indoor facilities belonging to the university.

The school will have its own all weather pitch immediately adjacent but no new grass pitches will be provided. The school will access the university's grass pitches during the normal of school day and the university will similarly have access to the school's own pitches across the A91 at Station Park. This has been agreed in principle but the final details have still to be worked out in conjunction with the university.

The school will be designed by an external design team and tenders are currently being assessed. The design team should be in position by the end of this month. A detailed planning strategy has been agreed and the submission for a screening opinion is the start of that process. Due to the extended discussions on the site for the new school and taking into consideration the optimum time for the school to relocate to the new site the anticipated delivery date is now Spring 2014.

Detailed information about the consultation process relating to the planning strategy will follow.

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