

FORESTDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Overview of Planning Proposals

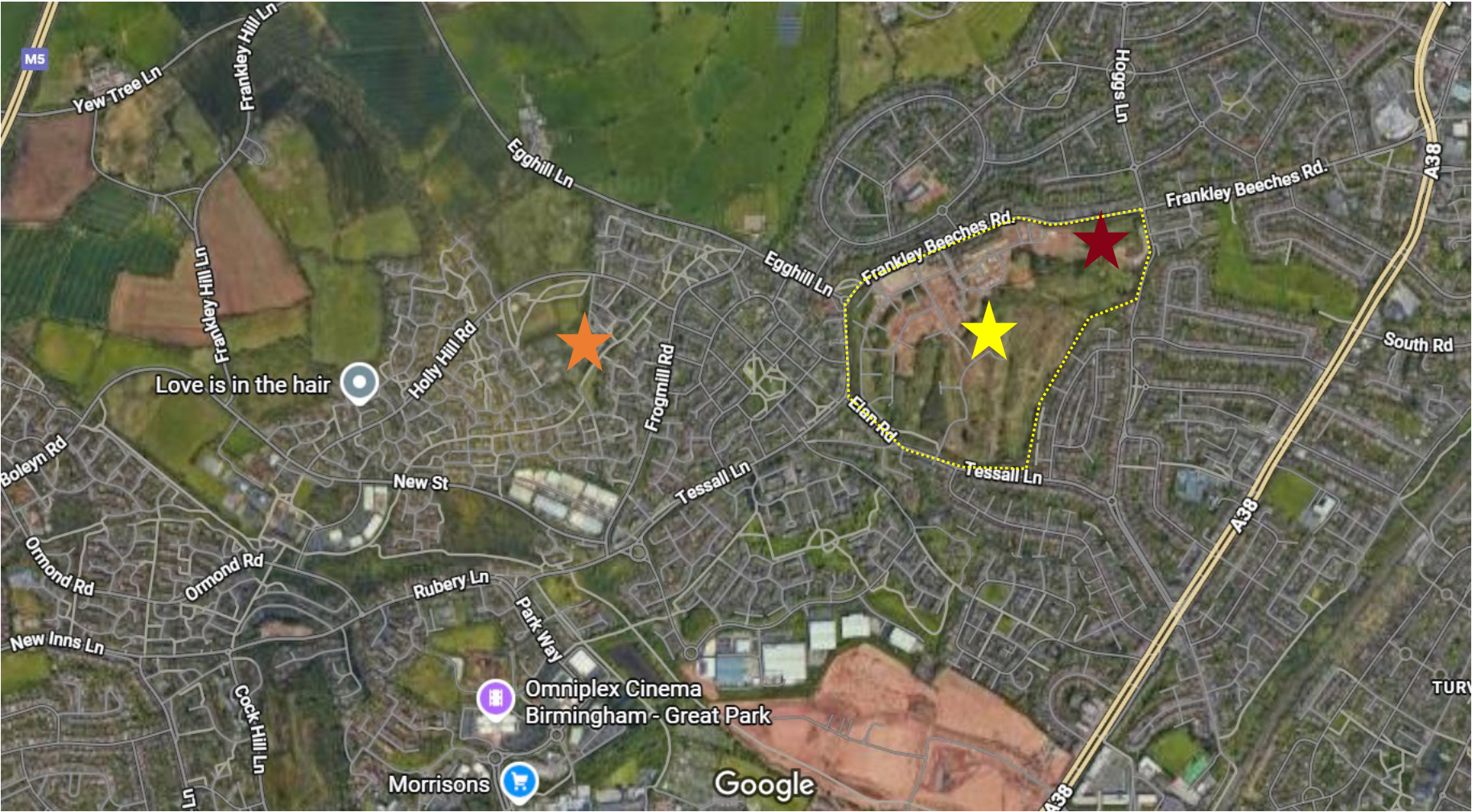
July 2025



Context

- Following the granting of planning permission for a new Primary School in October 2022 on land at the former North Worcestershire Golf Club on Hanging Lane, it has been confirmed that Forestdale Primary School will be relocating to the site. The design proposals have therefore been updated to specifically cater for the requirements of Forestdale Primary School and a planning application is required to amend the October 2022 approval.
- The new Forestdale Primary School is being delivered by Birmingham City Council and Galliford Try has been selected by the Council to design and build the new school. The scheme remains subject to final Council Cabinet approval prior to a start on site, and Forestdale Primary School will remain at their existing site until the new school is ready for occupation.
- The amendment planning application for the updated proposals is due to be submitted in August 2025. The main change from the previous approval is that the school will be reducing from a 2-form entry school to a 1-form entry school, which has reduced the size of the building and the external infrastructure requirements.
- The school will be located adjacent to a new community hub which also has an existing planning permission. The school and community hub are both part of the wider Bloor Homes residential development area across the former golf course.
- Pedestrian and vehicular access to the school and community hub will be from Frankley Beeches Road. Bloor Homes have already installed the new junction bell-mouth into the site and a pelican crossing to the west of the access, and they are also due to implement signalised junction improvement works at the Frankley Beeches Road / Hanging Lane junction in Summer 2025.

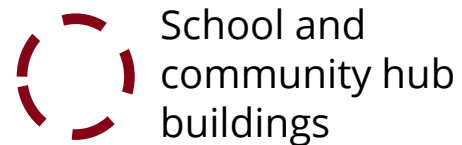
Site Location



- ★ Existing Forestdale Primary School location
- ★ Former North Worcestershire Golf Club
- ★ Proposed new Forestdale Primary School location

Existing Planning Approvals

- Outline planning permission for the development of 800 dwellings, public open space, a primary school, a community hub, new access points and associated infrastructure – granted in July 2019, and amended in August 2020, May 2022 and January 2025



Existing Planning Approvals

- Reserved matters approval for the primary school – granted in October 2022
- Reserved matters approval for the community hub – granted in October 2022



Community hub reserved matters approval



School reserved matters approval

Scheme Overview

- There will be no change to the pupil and staff numbers at Forestdale Primary School as a result of the new development. There are 210 pupils, 24 nursery places and 35 full-time equivalent staff.
- The proposed development includes the following:
 - Erection of a new, part 1 storey part 1.5 storey building (approximately 1,350 sqm GIFA);
 - Dedicated school car, cycle and scooter parking provision, and a layby for SEN pupil drop-off and coach access;
 - New hard play areas, hard sports court, playing fields, and soft landscaping;
 - New substation and bin store.
- The main car park area within the application proposals will serve both the school and the community hub, in two separate areas. There will be 20 dedicated fenced standard parking spaces for the school within this main area, and 46 spaces for the community hub. 5 of the community hub spaces will act as shared overflow spaces for the school in the event that they are required. The school will also have 2 accessible parking spaces at the frontage. Therefore the school will have access to 27 car parking spaces in total.
- 3 of the school car parking spaces will be electric vehicle charging spaces, and a further 4 spaces will be made ready to receive electric vehicle charging infrastructure in the future. The school will also benefit from 25 staff and pupil cycle parking spaces, motorcycle parking and scooter parking.
- The new school building will help to tackle climate change through minimising energy demand and using low carbon and renewable energy solutions. This will include solar panels and air source heat pumps.

Site Layout as Proposed



Visual from North-West



Visual from West



Elevations – West and East



Elevation A
1 : 100



Elevation B
1 : 100

Elevations – North and South



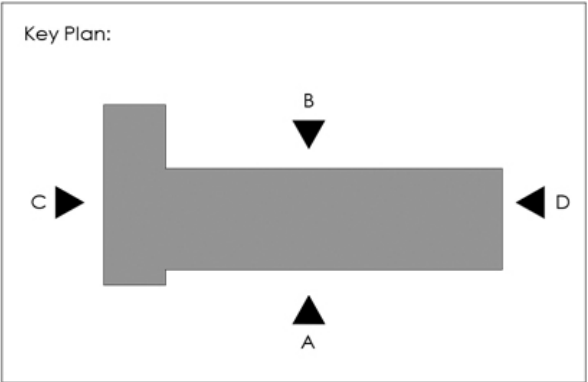
Elevation C
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Elevation D
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Materials

- Buff coloured brick
- Metal cladding to 1.5 storey hall element
- Aluminium window surrounds
- Metal canopy

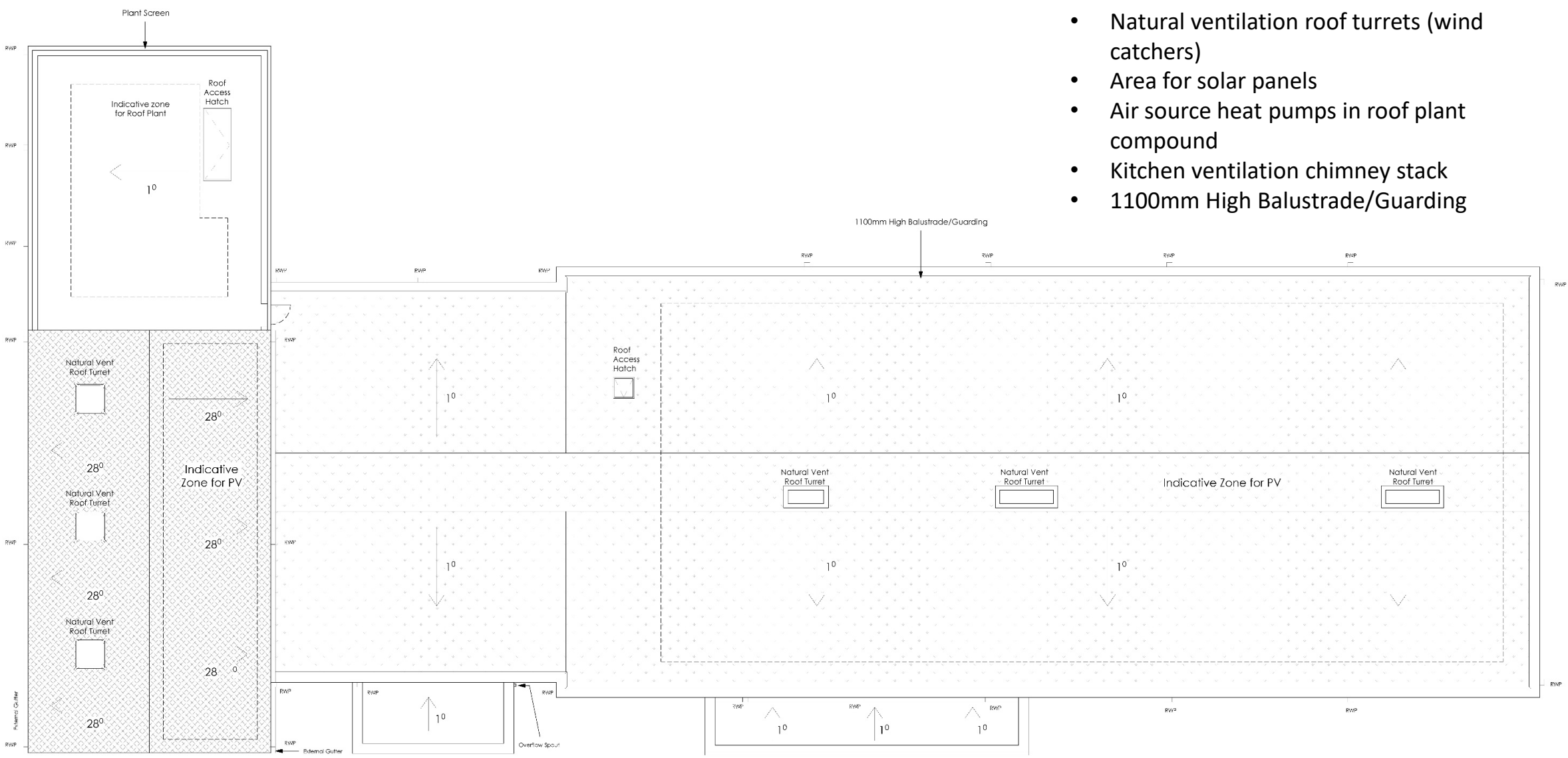


Ground Floor Plan

- Classrooms
- Assembly hall
- Kitchen
- Library
- SEN rooms
- Staff rooms / offices



Roof Plan

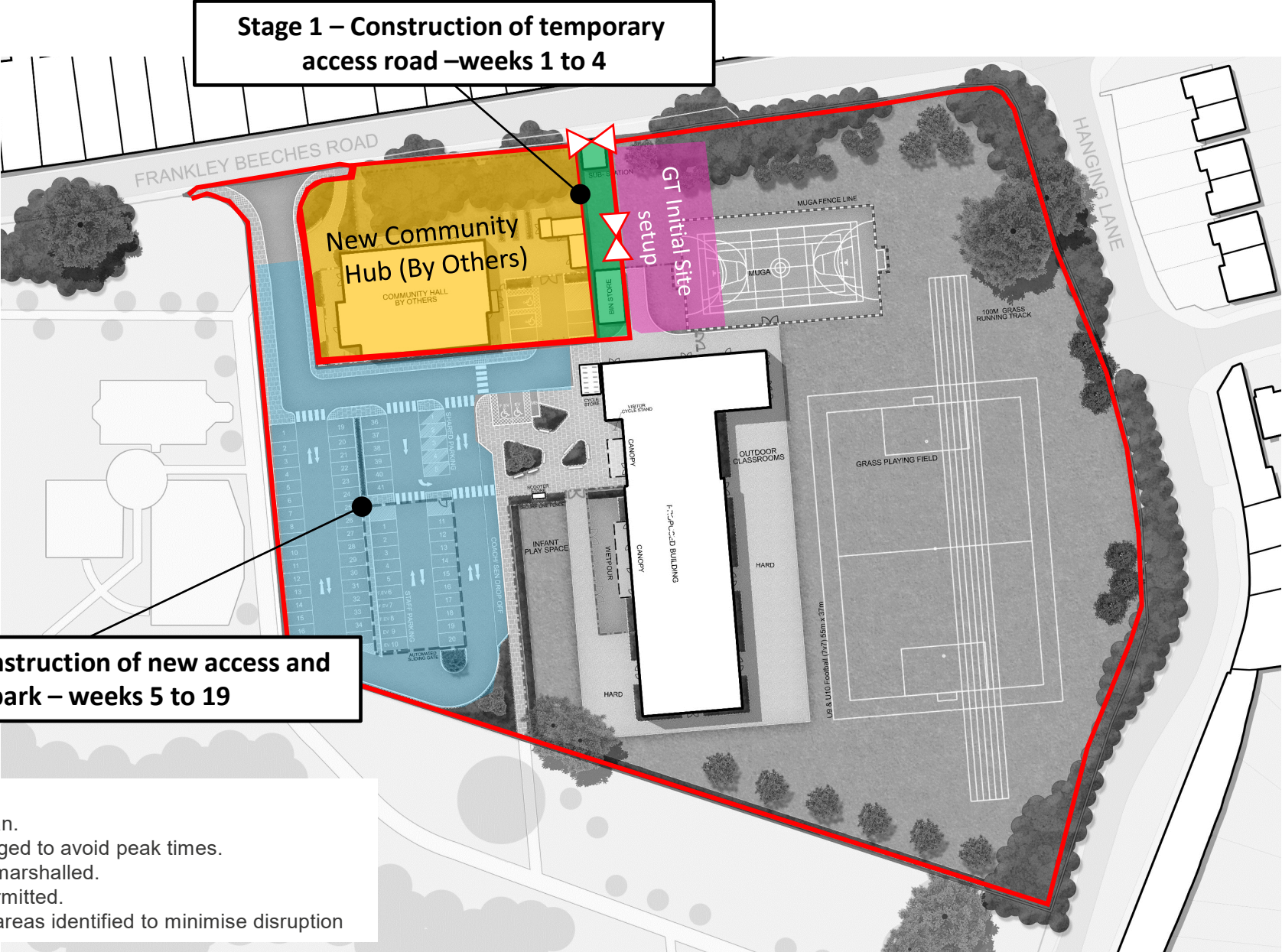


- Green roof
- Natural ventilation roof turrets (wind catchers)
- Area for solar panels
- Air source heat pumps in roof plant compound
- Kitchen ventilation chimney stack
- 1100mm High Balustrade/Guarding

The scheme will seek to address the challenges of climate change and deliver a sustainable new building. The measures included are:

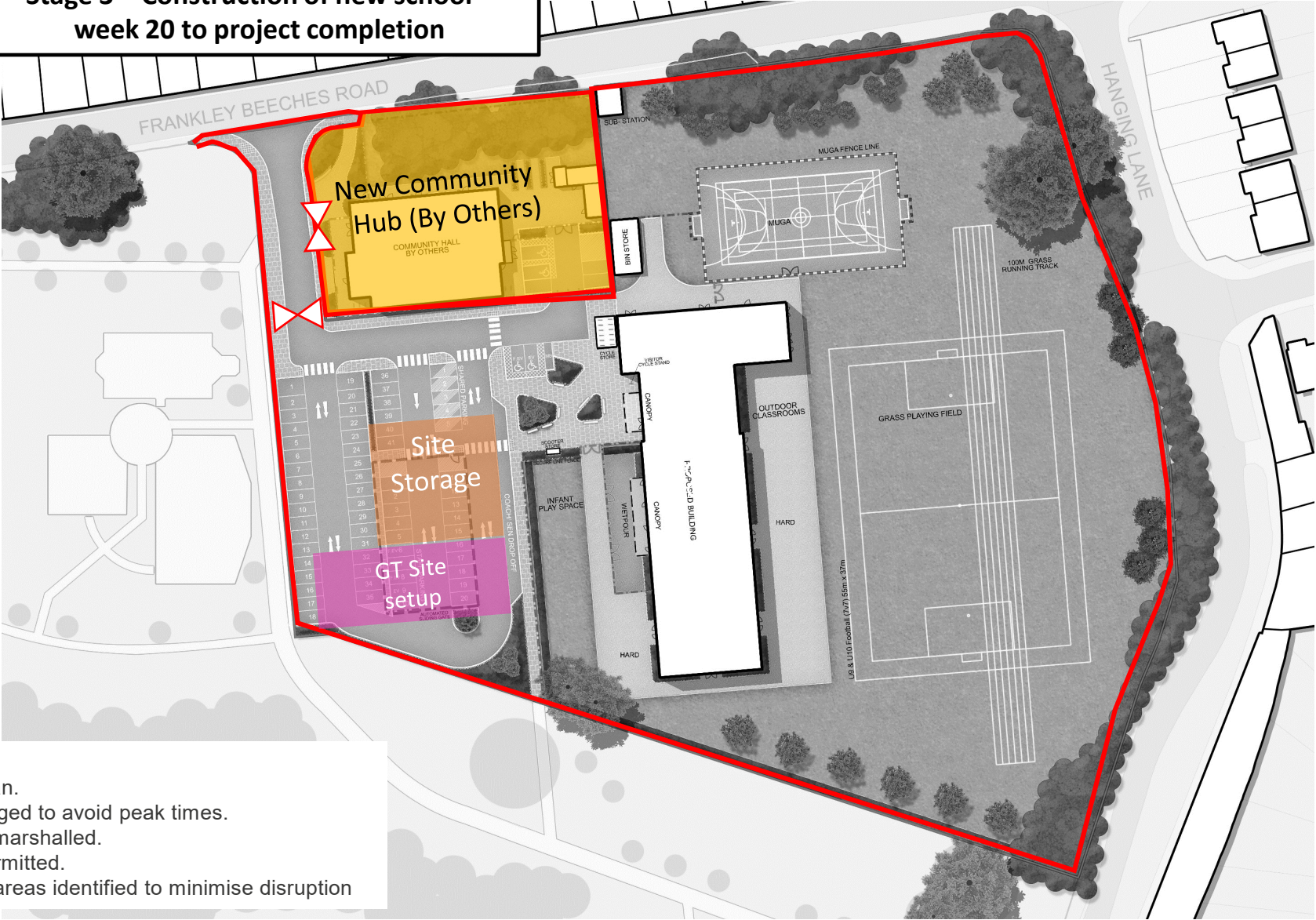
- Meeting minimum standards for daylight to provide a high-quality internal environment and minimise the use of artificial light;
- Mitigating overheating risk in warmer seasons and minimising heat loss during colder seasons through the optimisation of glazing area, shading, glass performance and window layout;
- Maximising airtightness and levels of insulation to minimise heat loss;
- Providing sufficient natural ventilation to mitigate overheating in warmer seasons, and allow for sufficient air changes in cool seasons;
- Providing a green roof with integrated solar panels;
- Meeting minimum standards for energy use intensity which leads to the adoption of energy efficient systems and fittings such as high efficiency LED lighting coupled with occupancy and daylight controls;
- The provision of heating and hot water from low carbon air source heat pumps (ASHPs) eliminating the requirement for the use of fossil fuels;
- The use of water efficient fixtures and fittings;
- Aiming to achieve a BREEAM Excellent rating when applying the 'Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method'.

Construction Logistics



- Subject to receiving planning permission and final Council Cabinet approval, the school development is planned to commence early in 2026, with completion anticipated by Spring 2027.
- Construction access will be via the already installed access points on Frankley Beeches Road

Stage 3 – Construction of new school – week 20 to project completion



- Notes**
- 1 – Full time gateman.
 - 2 – Deliveries managed to avoid peak times.
 - 3 – HGV deliveries marshalled.
 - 4 – No reversing permitted.
 - 5 – Off-site holding areas identified to minimise disruption