



Oasis

Academy
Silvertown


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Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware, plans are well underway for our new building at the Old Fire Station Site at West Silvertown. We have a dedicated Property and Estates Team who lead on this important work for us and we are currently in the final stages of the planning process.

An excellent opportunity has arisen for parents to offer their written support to local councillors for our new building. If you have time and are able to support our academy in this way, we very much appreciate your commitment to offering your public support for our academy. Please see the attached leaflet for more details and how to write a letter of support.

Yours faithfully



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Principal

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Oasis Silvertown

Our application – a new building for Oasis Silvertown

Thank you for your support to date. We are in the final stages of the planning process for our new building at the Silvertown Fire Station site. At present, the Council is consulting on the application with its partners, statutory bodies, community organisations, neighbours, and local residents. This new building will have space for an additional 30 students in each year group as well as specialist facilities across the curriculum.

So how can I help?

We have identified a way that parents can support us with the above.

Your elected councillors have the power of approval for our plans to modernise and invest in the future of Oasis Academy Silvertown through provision of the new building.

Support from parents, staff, carers and all of those who are friends of our unique and important academy will help to ensure they have the confidence from the community to approve our plans.

Please follow the instructions at the bottom of this leaflet to give us the best possible opportunity of success.

Who decides the outcome of the application?

Following a consultation process, the Council's Planning Department will use information gathered during the consultation and all relevant planning policy to make a recommendation about the planning application.

This recommendation is provided to London Borough of Newham's Planning Committee members, who have the power to approve or refuse planning permission.

Write to London borough of Newham in support of the application

Before the Council makes a decision about our application, you can let the Council know about your support for the plans. The Council will be keen to hear the views of its residents and families while it decides the outcome of our application.

There are many good reasons to support the plans, including:

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1. Helps to meet the demand of academy places and increase the limited capacity currently faced by the temporary site.
2. High quality design, modern and new educational space. Improved classroom spaces and facilities will be provided. The new building will also enhance the appearance of the local area.
3. Will boost local employment through additional staff jobs.
4. Improves health with new rooftop play space and halls, which can be used for additional activities. Also encourages walking and cycling to academy through improved cycle parking and measures to promote sustainable travel.
5. Provision of community facilities - The main hall, sports hall, drama studios, numerous class rooms and the Multi Use Games Area will be available to hire by external organisations such as local 5 a side football teams, local church and faith groups outside of academy hours.
6. Improved security –the development will be owned and managed by the academy and add security to the area where vacant buildings currently sit.
7. The application site is the only available, deliverable and suitable site for a permanent facility for Oasis Silvertown.
8. Highways Improvements - A number of highways improvements are proposed as part of the development to ensure a safer environment.

The Council will be keen to know your individual stories and reasons for supporting the plans. Everyone involved in our community will have a unique story, and it's important to make sure they are told.

How to Comment:

- The planning application has been validated by the London Borough of Newham and is currently available online to view and comment using the application reference (19/00281/FUL).
- Alternatively, comments can be submitted via email to: development.control@newham.gov.uk
- By post: Rajvinder Kaur, Planning Officer, London Borough of Newham, Newham Dockside, 1000 Dockside Road, London, E16 2QU

If responding by email or post, be sure to quote these details in your response:

Location: Silvertown Fire Station, 303 North Woolwich Road, Silvertown London, E16 2BB

Planning Reference: 19/00281/FUL

Planning Officer: Rajvinder Kaur

Individual and personalised letters carry more weight with planning committees. The information in this note should help you to put some ideas together should you feel able to support the application.