

New Pembroke Campus plans to be considered next month



Plans for a new multi-million learning campus on the site of the current Pembroke Comprehensive School have been lodged.

The application involves a new 1,463 place pupil school, a vocational centre for 460 learners, an adult and community facility for 60 learners and an autism centre for 30 pupils.

Planners are due to consider the £42.4 million proposal - the result of a partnership between the County Council and Pembrokeshire College - next month.

The Council's Cabinet Member for Education and Safeguarding, Councillor Sue Perkins, said the development would transform education delivery in Pembroke and the south of the County.

She went on: "The Council have undertaken four public engagement events over the last 18 months as part of the development and consultation process regarding the new school as well as working closely with the governing body.

"The response has been very positive and comments and views of the public have been considered and incorporated into the design."

The Authority's Deputy Chief Executive, Ben Pykett, senior officer responsible for the 21st Century Schools programme added: "The new learning campus will create the right environment to provide the delivery of first class educational services.

"This will support our goal of delivering improved outcomes for our young people."

The Bush site once housed Pembroke Grammar School which opened in the mid-1950s. In 1972 the school became a Comprehensive.

If approved, work would start on site in the summer of 2015 with Phase 1, the new school and vocational centre, being completed by September, 2017.

Phase 2 would be the demolition of the old school and the construction of new sports pitches due for completion by July, 2018.

The project is being jointly funded by the Council and Welsh Government as part of its 21st Century Schools Programme

Plans for the campus are on display on the first floor of County Hall, Haverfordwest

Caption

An artist's impressions of the new school