Existing School Review

Bosmere Community Primary School is situated within the town of Needham Market, in Suffolk. The school is located to the west of the town on the edge of a residential development. The surrounding area is primarily urban in setting with low levels of residential development to the north and south.

The former Needham Market Middle School playing fields run along the eastern boundary although the two sites are separated by a public footpath and a significant level change.

In addition to the main school building there is also a Children's Centre located on the site and this is situated adjacent to the car park and to the north of the main building. The site is wholly owned by Suffolk County Council.

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The school’s grassed playing fields complete the site to the south, accommodating more than a third of the overall site area.

Maintenance access is located to the south of the site, via a bridalway that leads off Quinton Road. There is no vehicle access between the car park and the rear of the school site, due to the limited space between the school building and the site boundary.

To the east of the school site, lie the playing fields of the now unused middle school site. A public footpath that runs between the primary and old middle school site, coupled with a significant level change, inhibits links between the two sites.

The second standalone building site using low timber fencing is also situated within the west of the building, providing potential links between the age groups.

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This front area of the site provides access to the school for staff, pupils and visitors. 20 parking spaces, predominantly used by staff, and pedestrian access segregated with the use of footpaths. Cycle parking is provided towards the back of the entrance zone.

The main school building houses the site, dividing the car park, entrance areas, Children’s Centre and SOR extension from the remainder of the site. To the south-west of the school building, an on-site nursery, accessible along the west side of the building. The school’s reception classroom is also situated within the west of the building, providing potential links between the age groups.

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