



Middlesbrough Council

Proposal to add a Sixth Form to Trinity Catholic College

11th January 2011 – 8th February 2011



STATUTORY INFORMATION RELATING TO THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS:

- 1. ENLARGEMENT OF TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE**
- 2. INCREASE IN THE UPPER AGE RANGE OF TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE**

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Introduction

The future of Catholic post-16 education in Middlesbrough has been under discussion for many years, in particular since the introduction of the town's Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme in 2006. While, at that time, St Mary's College decided it could not be part of plans for a new Catholic secondary school, there has remained an imperative to secure a viable offer of Catholic further education within the town.

Trinity Catholic College opened in 2009 as an amalgamation of two other Catholic secondary schools, following a period of falling rolls resulting from demographic changes within the town. It is now the only Catholic secondary school in Middlesbrough. In 2011 the school will relocate into new buildings on Saltersgill Avenue following the completion of a multi-million pound investment in school facilities through the BSF programme.

Changes in the demographics of Middlesbrough, and in particular falling student numbers, have also been affecting the viability of post-16 provision at St Mary's College for a number of years. Ofsted inspection and monitoring visits have also raised concerns over the quality of outcomes for students at St Mary's and the College's ability to make the step changes necessary to improve these outcomes. The result has been that student numbers at St Mary's have declined to such a point that the College is now too small to continue as a stand-alone institution.

In December, Middlesbrough Council and its partners consulted on draft plans to reorganise Trinity and St Mary's colleges in order to secure a viable option of high quality Catholic post-16 education for future generations. These plans consisted of draft proposals to add a sixth form to Trinity Catholic College, replacing provision at St Mary's College which would close at the same time.

This document formally sets out a proposal to add a sixth form to Trinity Catholic College. It gives the background to the proposal and provides all of the statutory information required when making such changes to a school. A related document has also been published proposing the dissolution of St Mary's College.

Middlesbrough Council welcomes your views on this proposal, which can be submitted using the details provided in the document. The comments received will be considered by Middlesbrough Council's Executive prior to a final decision being made. The deadline for comments to be submitted is 8th February 2011.

Summary of proposal

Middlesbrough Council proposes to add a sixth form to Trinity Catholic College from 1st August 2011 by making two prescribed changes to the school. It is proposed to increase the upper age limit from 16 to 19 and increase the capacity of the school by 300 places. The effect of these two changes would be to add a sixth form for 300 students to the school, which already has capacity for 1,200 students aged 11-16.

There is no intention to implement these changes in stages. The proposal would therefore be implemented in full on 1st August 2011, to correspond with the proposed date of dissolution of the neighbouring St Mary's College, which is being taken forward by the Council in a parallel process. This means that the school's sixth form would be in place in time for students and staff returning after the summer break in September 2011.

In making these changes, Middlesbrough Council aims to secure a viable offer of high quality Catholic post-16 education for future generations of students in Middlesbrough. In particular the proposal would:

- Add a 300 place sixth form to Trinity Catholic College's existing pre-16 provision, thereby placing the future of Catholic post-16 education within a sustainable and viable school environment;
- Meet the needs and preferences of Catholic students by offering them a option of post-16 education within a Catholic setting;
- Provide a natural progression for students into further education by encouraging students at Trinity Catholic College to stay on in education beyond the age of 16 within their own school, removing barriers for some students who would otherwise not progress to further education;
- Utilise Trinity Catholic College's quality improvement processes and specialist resources to drive up standards in post-16 provision;
- Improve the range of subjects that would otherwise be on offer by capitalising on Trinity and St Mary's colleges' existing curriculum expertise and an improved scale of operation.

Collaboration

Discussions about the future of Catholic post-16 provision have been ongoing since the introduction of the Middlesbrough Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme in 2006. The proposals presented here are the result of a collaborative approach between Middlesbrough Council, The Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA), St Mary's and Trinity Catholic colleges, and The Society of Mary and The Diocese of Middlesbrough, as their respective trustees.

All parties have agreed the way forward as the only way to secure a viable offer of Catholic post-16 education in Middlesbrough and to improve the standard of provision and progression for students.

Current provision at Trinity Catholic College

Trinity Catholic College opened on 1st September 2009 as an amalgamation of St. David's Catholic Technology College and The Newlands FCJ School, which closed at the same time. Following the amalgamation of these two schools, Trinity Catholic College is now the only Catholic secondary school in Middlesbrough.

The school is a Voluntary Aided school offering secondary education within a Catholic setting to young people aged 11-16. It has a joint specialism in technology, and mathematics and computing. At the time of the publication of this proposal, Trinity Catholic College had 1,334 students on roll.

The school is anticipating relocating into new school buildings that are being made available as part of Middlesbrough Council's BSF programme. New accommodation and facilities are currently being constructed on Saltersgill Avenue with a planned capacity of 1,200 students and will be ready in September 2011. Until that time the school is operating across two sites, occupying the existing buildings of St David's RC Technology College on Hall Drive and The Newlands FCJ School on Saltersgill Avenue. Together these sites have capacity for 1,789 pupils.

The main address of the school is:

Trinity Catholic College
Saltersgill Avenue
Middlesbrough
TS4 3JW

School capacity and admissions

While Trinity Catholic College occupies two sites on Hall Drive and Saltersgill Avenue, it has more capacity than it needs for the 11-16 element of the school. When the Council first published proposals setting out the plans for Trinity Catholic College, it was always intended that the capacity of the school would be reduced in stages to meet the falling number of pupils on roll.

When the new school buildings are opened in September 2011 some of the existing accommodation will be retained for a short time and, alongside the flexible use of the new buildings will ensure that the school has capacity for 1,300 pupils. In 2013, once the number of pupils has fallen, the capacity of the school will be reduced to the long-term capacity of 1,200 pupils.

As the original proposals only related to the school as an 11-16 institution, this phased approach to the reduction in capacity of the 11-16 part of the school will continue unchanged. However, in adding a sixth form to the school, the buildings currently used by St Mary's College would be used by Trinity Catholic College as the sixth form arm of the school.

The addition of this accommodation on 1st August 2011 would increase the capacity of the school by 300 places to be used as the 16-19 part of the school. The capacity of the full school, following the implementation of both statutory proposals, would therefore be 1,500 in 2013.

Trinity Catholic College currently admits 240 students into Year 7 each year. As there are no plans to change the size of the school for 11-16 year olds, there is no proposal to change the number of pupils admitted into Year 7, which would remain 240.

There are currently more than 240 pupils in each of the school's year groups from Year 9 upwards. In years 7 and 8 the number of students on roll is currently less than 240 but by no more than 5 pupils. This is the result of smaller cohorts of pupils across the town in these age groups.

By adding a sixth form to Trinity Catholic College, pupils already on roll in Year 11 of the school would be able to transfer to Year 12 in order to study courses of further education. It is also proposed that the school would admit 50 students from outside of the school into the sixth form at Year 12. This admission number would apply only to students admitted to the school for the first time and would not apply to students progressing from the school's Year 11 cohort.

Students currently in Y12 of St Mary's College, who had not completed their courses of study at the time of the dissolution of the College, would also be entitled to transfer to Trinity Catholic College in September 2011 in order to continue their studies.

Benefits

The proposal to add a sixth form to Trinity Catholic College is directly related to a parallel proposal to dissolve St Mary's College being taken forward by Middlesbrough Council at the same time. In reorganising Catholic post-16 provision in this way, the proposal would place provision within a viable and sustainable institution and secure the future of Catholic post-16 education within the town for future generations.

St Mary's College is currently the only provider of Catholic post-16 education in Middlesbrough but Ofsted has raised concerns about the quality of outcomes for students at the College and the ability of the College to make the step change necessary to improve these outcomes. The new sixth form would therefore offer provision which would otherwise be unavailable, helping to maintain the current range of educational opportunities within Middlesbrough as the sole provider of Catholic post-16

education, while improving educational outcomes and achievements for students.

Incorporating sixth form staff within Trinity's larger staffing structure would increase opportunities for professional development and the scope for specialist staff. Curriculum teams would have their own dedicated leader and knowledge about pre-16 curriculum and training for working in the post-16 curriculum would be readily available.

Trinity has a thriving programme of support for learning that drives the quality improvement process and this would be extended to incorporate post-16 learning. There are also well-established processes for offering individual support and for guiding young people, including the provision of tutorial and enrichment programmes. Students would benefit from the systems and process that are already in place at Trinity Catholic College while also being able to draw upon the best practice and expertise of St Mary's College. Within the increased scale of operation of the school, a broad post-16 curriculum offer could be delivered that is properly prioritised and resourced.

It is anticipated that the addition of a sixth form to the school would also increase participation of students through an improved offer of high quality Catholic post-16 provision. While maintaining choice for young people it is anticipated that many students at Trinity Catholic College would welcome the opportunity to continue studying at their school after Key Stage 4, where they can continue to benefit from the school's programmes of individual support and guidance.

Trinity Catholic College would capitalise on its existing specialist resources and curriculum expertise to develop new courses appropriate to the needs of young people. The school would be able to offer a broad curriculum to attract students and educate them well.

Demand for Catholic post-16 provision

Catholic education has been a strong feature of education in Middlesbrough for over 100 years and Catholic post-16 provision has been available at St Mary's College since 1974. St Mary's is the only Catholic sixth form college in the north east and historically drew students from across Middlesbrough and neighbouring local authority areas, most significantly from Stockton and Redcar & Cleveland. More recently enrolments have primarily been from within Middlesbrough and many are from a non-Catholic background.

The provision proposed for Trinity Catholic College is for post-16 education taught within an institution conducted in accordance with the teachings and canon law of the Catholic Church. Following the dissolution of St Mary's College, this would be the only provision of its kind in Middlesbrough. As such, the sixth form places being offered at Trinity would replace the places being lost at St Mary's, which would otherwise

be unavailable. Without the addition of a sixth form to Trinity Catholic College there would be insufficient post-16 places in other local providers to meet demand. Middlesbrough Council would therefore be left in the position of having to commission additional places in other schools and colleges.

Existing students currently in Year 13 of St Mary's College will have completed their studies prior to its dissolution. Students currently being educated in Year 12 of St Mary's College would be entitled to progress to Year 13 within Trinity Catholic College in order to continue their studies.

While student enrolments at St Mary's have been falling for a number of years, there remains a demonstrable demand for Catholic post-16 within Middlesbrough. The predecessor schools of Trinity Catholic College have traditionally provided a high proportion of students to the College and there remains a strong preference from the Catholic community for the offer of post-16 education within a Catholic setting. The number of pupils in Year 11 of Trinity Catholic College is not expected to drop below 240 for the foreseeable future and is currently much higher than this. The school aims to increase the proportion of pupils progressing to further education and sees the availability of a post-16 provision within the school as means to achieve this.

It is not anticipated that the expansion of Trinity would result in significant displacement of students from other post-16 providers in the area. There is currently sufficient capacity amongst other post-16 providers to provide alternative placements for any students who choose not to attend Trinity Catholic College. As such the transfer of provision from St Mary's to Trinity is not anticipated to substantially affect other post-16 provision within the area. A map of other local post-16 providers is available at Appendix 5.

Site and capital costs

As part of the creation of sixth form provision at Trinity Catholic College, additional premises would be required. It is proposed that the existing site of St Mary's College on Saltersgill Avenue would be made available to the school for this purpose. Located adjacent to Trinity's existing site on Saltersgill Avenue, the St Mary's site shares a boundary with the school. It is therefore well positioned to enable the operation of the new sixth form within its own distinctive environment, while remaining an integral part of the school.

A map identifying the location of the site in relation to Trinity Catholic College is included at Appendix 2.

The Trustees of The Society of Mary, who own the freehold of the premises of St Mary's College, have offered to provide the site for the purposes of the school. The site would be made available on a leasehold basis in accordance with the covenants of the site that it be used for

educational purposes. A lease for nominal rent would be agreed between the Society of Mary and the Diocese of Middlesbrough for as long as required or 99 years whichever is longest. As result of this arrangement, there are no anticipated capital costs directly linked to the implementation of these proposals.

A copy of a letter from The Society of Mary, confirming that the site will be made available for use in connection with the provision of a sixth form by Trinity Catholic College, is included at Appendix 3.

Consultation

Throughout the formulation of these proposals Middlesbrough Council has ensured that all statutory requirements to consult with the schools, parents and other stakeholders have been fully complied with.

These proposals have been formulated in a partnership approach between Middlesbrough Council, The Diocese of Middlesbrough, The Society of Mary, and St Mary's and Trinity Catholic colleges. The Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA) has been heavily involved in discussions throughout the development period and will continue to be involved as the proposals progress.

An initial period of formal public consultation took place between 29 November and 17 December 2010. All statutory stakeholders were consulted including:

- The families of pupils attending Trinity Catholic College and St Mary's Catholic College;
- The governing bodies of Trinity Catholic College and St Mary's College;
- Staff at Trinity Catholic College and St Mary's College;
- Trade Union representatives;
- Catholic primary schools in Middlesbrough;
- All secondary schools in Middlesbrough;
- Catholic secondary schools in Stockton and Redcar & Cleveland;
- All post-16 providers in Middlesbrough, Stockton and Redcar & Cleveland;
- The Diocese of Middlesbrough;
- The Diocese of York, Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, and the Diocese of Durham;
- The Young People's Learning Agency;
- Tom Blenkinsop MP and Sir Stuart Bell MP;
- Middlesbrough Community Councils;
- Stockton, Redcar & Cleveland and North Yorkshire local education authorities;
- Middlesbrough ward members.

Stakeholders were provided with a summary of the proposal in writing to seek their views. Copies of the consultation letters are attached at

Appendix 4. Copies of these letters were also made available on the Council's web site and to anyone expressing an interest.

Prior to the formal consultation period, the intention to establish a sixth form college at Trinity Catholic College had been widely discussed for a number of years. Previous consultation on the amalgamation of St. David's RC School and The Newlands FCJ School had considered the option for an 11-19 Catholic college. While this was not progressed at that time, a number of parents expressed a preference that this type of Catholic provision be made available within Middlesbrough.

The local newspaper, The Evening Gazette, and the Diocese of Middlesbrough's newspaper, Catholic Voice also carried articles publicising the intention to add a sixth form to Trinity Catholic College.

The response to the period of formal consultation was limited and the Council did not receive any comments raising any concerns about the proposal. A small number of requests for further information were received from parents who were generally supportive. A letter of support was also received from the Headteachers and Governing Bodies of Middlesbrough's Catholic primary schools who were in favour of the proposals. A formal letter of support was also received from the Diocese of Middlesbrough, confirming their commitment and support.

Expansion of popular and successful schools

The government wishes to encourage popular and successful schools to expand in order to increase choice and meet parental demand. As such there is a presumption that proposals to enlarge such schools, including proposals to add a sixth form, should be approved.

Trinity Catholic College is a new school, opened following the merger of St David's RC Technology College and The Newlands FCJ School. The merger of these two schools was a direct result of falling rolls due to demographic changes. The maintenance of one larger Catholic secondary school, with sufficient capacity to meet demand, was preferable to two smaller schools with surplus places and substantial funding through BSF was available to achieve this.

The school opened in September 2009 and has many strengths. While there is no historical record of the school's performance due to its newness, the school's first set of Key Stage 4 results in 2010 were strong and encouraging for the future. Middlesbrough Council anticipates that the school will thrive and remain popular with parents and students within its new environment and that the addition of a sixth form will reinforce this.

Within the context of the newness of the school and the ongoing actions to remove capacity within the pre-16 element, Middlesbrough Council does not consider that the presumption for the expansion of popular and successful schools should apply to this proposal.

How to respond

Any person may submit an objection or comment on these proposals to the following address within four weeks of the date of the publication of the proposal and by no later than 8th February 2011. Comments and objections can be withdrawn in writing at any time. Representations should be sent to:

Gary Maddison
Trinity Sixth Form Proposals
PO Box 501
Vancouver House
Gurney Street
Middlesbrough
TS1 9FU

Please note that in order for comments and objections to be considered during the decision making process they must be in written form. If you have previously expressed a view over these proposals during the informal consultation process, held during December, you should resubmit these views again in writing for them to be considered. Assumptions will not be made on current views based upon views expressed previously during earlier periods of consultation.

Queries regarding this document or the proposal can also be directed to Gary Maddison by telephoning 01642 728722 or emailing gary_maddison@middlesbrough.gov.uk.

Copies of this document are also available to download from www.middlesbrough.gov.uk

What happens next?

The proposal for the addition of a sixth form to Trinity Catholic College is related to a parallel proposal for the dissolution of St Mary's College. As a result it is the intention that both proposals will be implemented together or not at all.

The decision maker on the proposals to expand provision at Trinity Catholic College will be Middlesbrough Council's Executive. The decision-maker on the proposals for the dissolution of St Mary's College will be the Secretary of State for Education.

Following the closure of the representation period on 8th February 2011, the full proposal for the addition of a sixth form to Trinity Catholic College, along with all responses received through consultation, will be passed to Middlesbrough Council's Executive. The Executive will consider all of the

responses before determining whether to approve the proposal. It is expected that a final decision will be made before the end of March 2011.

Timetable

The key milestones of the process are given below:

Statutory consultation	December 2010
Publication of full proposal/public statutory notices	11 th January 2011
Representation period	11 th January –8 th February 2011
Executive decision on proposal	March 2011
Addition of sixth form to Trinity Catholic College	1 st August 2011

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

PROPOSAL TO ADD A SIXTH FORM TO TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Middlesbrough Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Trinity Catholic College, a Voluntary Aided school, of Saltersgill Avenue, Middlesbrough, TS4 3JW on 1st August 2011.

It is proposed to enlarge the capacity of the school by 300 places and to alter the school's upper age limit from 16 to 19 thereby adding a 300-place sixth form.

The current capacity of the school is 1,200 and the proposed capacity including the sixth form would be 1,500. The school currently has 1,334 students.

The school's current admission number for pupils entering the school at age 11 is 240 and this will remain unchanged. The school currently has more than 240 pupils in each of its year groups from Year 9 to Year 11. In Years 7 and 8 the number of students on roll is currently less than 240 by no more than 5 pupils.

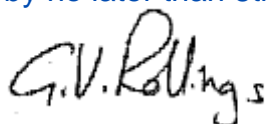
The proposed admission number for pupils entering the school for the first time at age 16 will be 50. This admission number does not include pupils who are already enrolled at the school and who choose to transfer to the sixth form at age 16.

In order to accommodate the sixth form the site and premises of St Mary's College, Saltersgill Avenue, Middlesbrough, TS4 3JP will be provided for use by the school. This site is directly adjacent to the site of Trinity Catholic College.

This proposal is related to a separate proposal to dissolve St Mary's College on 31st July 2011.

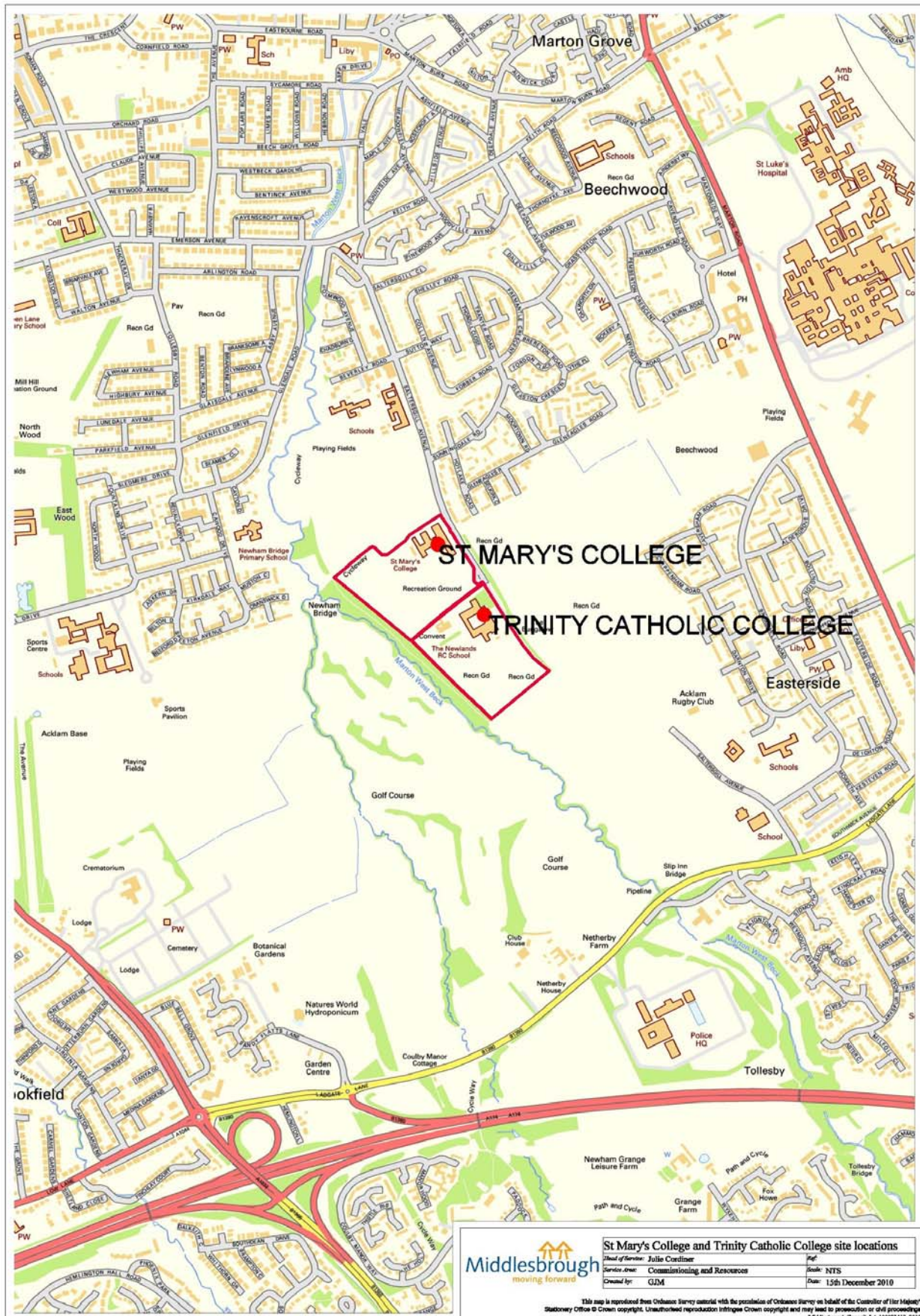
This notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained free of charge from Gary Maddison, Children Families and Learning, Middlesbrough Council, PO Box 501, Vancouver House, Middlesbrough, TS1 9FU or from www.middlesbrough.gov.uk

Any person may submit an objection or comment on the proposal to Gary Maddison, Children Families and Learning, Middlesbrough Council, PO Box 501, Vancouver House, Middlesbrough, TS1 9FU within four weeks from the date of publication of this notice and by no later than 8th February 2011.



Gill Rollings
Executive Director of Children, Families & Learning
Middlesbrough Council
11th January 2011

SITE LOCATION OF ST MARY'S COLLEGE AND TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE



LETTER FROM THE SOCIETY OF MARY

SOCIETY OF MARY
Marist Fathers
Region of England



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15 December 2010

Dr J Whiston (Diocese)
Mr. Gary Maddison (Middlesbrough Borough Council)
Rev Noel Wynn s.m.(Marist Fathers)
Mr. J Bates (Solicitor)

ALL BY email

Dear Jim,

Thank you for your letter re confirmation needed by Middlesbrough Borough Council for the use of the land and buildings presently occupied by St Mary's College, Saltersgill and currently held by the Marist trustees.

It is the clear intention of the (Society of Mary) Marist Fathers to make available the land and buildings of St Mary's College for the proposed development of sixth form facilities at Trinity College.

The Marist Fathers have already instructed their lawyers to draw up an agreement to make available this land and buildings and they understand that arrangements are being made by the diocesan and Marist lawyers to effect their intentions.

Do not hesitate to contact me further if I can be of help.

Austin Horsley

Rev A. Horsley s.m. (Regional Bursar & Trustee) 729 Beverley Road HULL HU6 7ER

PUBLIC CONSULTATION LETTERS



Middlesbrough Council
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29 November 2010

Dear Stakeholder,

DISSOLUTION OF ST MARY'S COLLEGE / EXPANSION TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Please find attached consultation letters which are being sent to parents of students currently attending Trinity Catholic College and St Mary's College. These are regarding proposals to dissolve St Mary's College and, at the same time, to expand Trinity Catholic College to take over the running of Catholic 16 to 18 education in Middlesbrough.

It is important to point out that this "union" will not happen through the process of merger which would normally apply to the coming together of two colleges or two schools. In this case, there are two separate processes. The first will pursue the dissolution of St Mary's and, as a separate but contiguous exercise, the second will seek to expand Trinity Catholic College to include a 16 – 18 curriculum. As a matter of practicality this expansion would initially reflect the existing St Mary's post 16 curriculum, with future allocations subject to consultation with Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA).

As the consultation process progresses we are committed to seeking the views of all stakeholders. Clearly, when it comes to the issue of the transfer of staff, we will engage in direct and formal consultation with the Trades Unions.

Subject to the outcomes of Financial and Legal Due Diligence exercises, the governors and management of both institutions are keen to expedite this process, and the purpose of this letter is to invite general stakeholder views regarding the proposal. Comments can be sent to Gary Maddison at the address above or emailed to gary_maddison@middlesbrough.gov.uk.

All comments should be received by **17 December 2010**. Subject to the comments received, Middlesbrough Council expects to publish formal notices on these proposals early in the New Year.

Yours sincerely

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29 November 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian,

EXPANSION OF TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE

We are writing to inform you that, from September 2011, Trinity Catholic College is expected to enter a new and exciting phase of its development when, after many years of discussion, we anticipate the school having its own Sixth Form. Trinity Catholic College would then provide for pupils aged 11 to 18 and would, of course, remain an institution conducted in accordance with the teachings and canon law of the Catholic church.

The process which would enable this to happen is the dissolution of St Mary's College and a transfer of its provision to Trinity Catholic College. The Headteacher of Trinity Catholic College, Mr Peter Coady, is leading the process on behalf of the Diocese.

Much work is being undertaken between Trinity, St Mary's, Middlesbrough Council, the Diocese of Middlesbrough and the Young People's Learning Agency to ensure that, as your son or daughter considers his or her future, a first class progression opportunity will be available to them within their own school.

As you are aware, next year will also see the opening of new buildings on Saltersgill Avenue adjacent to St Mary's existing campus. This will make it relatively easy to create a single campus but enable Sixth Formers to benefit from their own dedicated facilities and distinctive environment.

We are very excited by the opportunities afforded by this coming together as a single institution. It allows us to deliver a first class 11 to 18 curriculum within the caring and nurturing ethos which is such a strong feature of Catholic education. I hope you and your children will be equally excited and we will ensure that, over the months ahead, we will keep you regularly informed regarding the way forward.

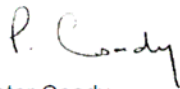
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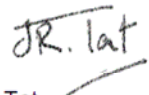
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We are writing to inform you that, from September 2011, Trinity Catholic College is expected to enter a new and exciting phase of its development. After many years of discussion, including with the Principal and staff of St Mary's, it is anticipated a comprehensive 11-18 Catholic experience combining the strength of current pre and post sixteen arrangements will be brought together in a single institution, which will be conducted in accordance with the teachings and canon law of the Catholic church.

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Much work is being undertaken between St Mary's, Trinity, Middlesbrough Council, the Diocese of Middlesbrough and the Young People's Learning Agency to ensure that, for your son or daughter, the process supports and safeguards their educational experience. We are taking this opportunity to assure you that teaching programmes will not be affected. Students in Year 13 will comprise the final "graduates" of St Mary's College. Students in Year 12 will be able to progress to Year 13 within Trinity Catholic College, but will continue to be taught at the St Mary's campus.

As you may be aware, next year will also see the opening of Trinity's new buildings on Saltersgill Avenue adjacent to St Mary's existing campus. This will make it relatively easy to create a single campus but enable Sixth Formers to benefit from their own dedicated facilities and distinctive environment.

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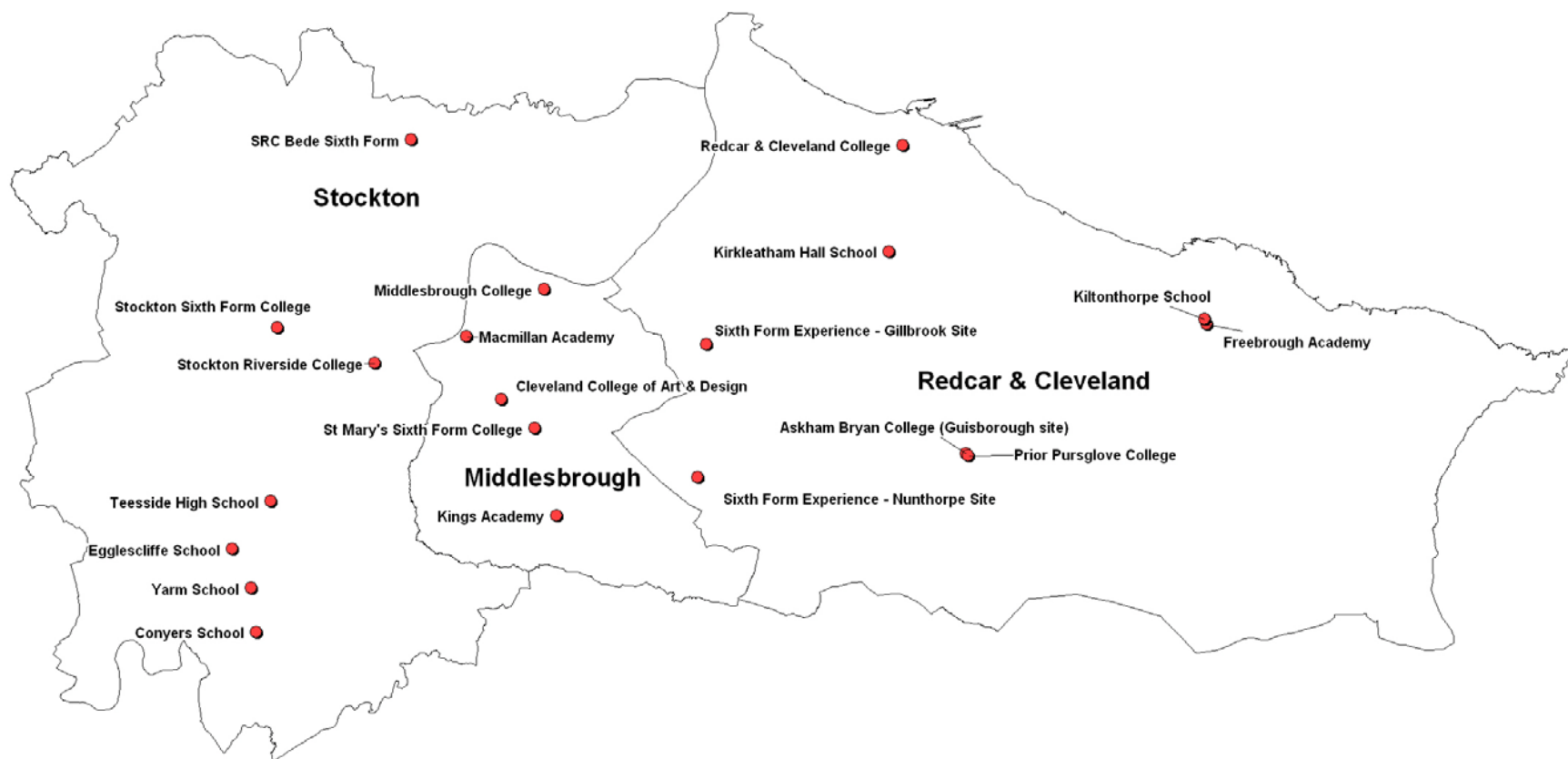


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TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE
A Specialist College Of Technology, Maths And Computing

Tees Valley Post 16 Education Providers



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Trinity Catholic College Governing Body
Secretary of State for Education

Other Consultees

Local Members of Parliament: Sir Stuart Bell MP, Tom Blenkinsop MP
Local Members of Parliament for Stockton and Redcar and Cleveland
Young People's Learning Agency for England (YPLA)
The Chief Executive of Skills Funding
The governing bodies of: The King's Academy; Macmillan Academy; Middlesbrough College;
Cleveland College of Art and Design; Priory Woods School, Beverley School
Local Councillors
Local Community Councils
Director of Children's Services at Redcar & Cleveland Council
Director of Children's Services at Stockton Council
Director of Children's Services at North Yorkshire Council
Secondary Schools in Middlesbrough – Ormesby, Acklam Grange, Oakfields
Other local Catholic secondary schools – St Peter's, Sacred Heart, Our Lady & St Bede, St Michael's
Other Local post-16 providers - Askham Bryan College, Freebrough Academy, Kiltonthorpe School, Kirkleatham Hall School, Prior Pursglove College, Redcar & Cleveland College, Sixth Form Experience (Gillbrook, Nunthorpe, Eston Park schools), Conyers School, Egglecliffe School, SRC Bede Sixth Form, Stockton Riverside College, Stockton Sixth Form College, Teesside High School, Yarm School
The Diocese of Middlesbrough
The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle
The Diocese of York
The Diocese of Durham
Staff, parents, students and governing body members of St Mary's College
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Department for Education
Headteachers and Chairs of Governors of Middlesbrough Catholic primary schools

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