

INTRODUCTION

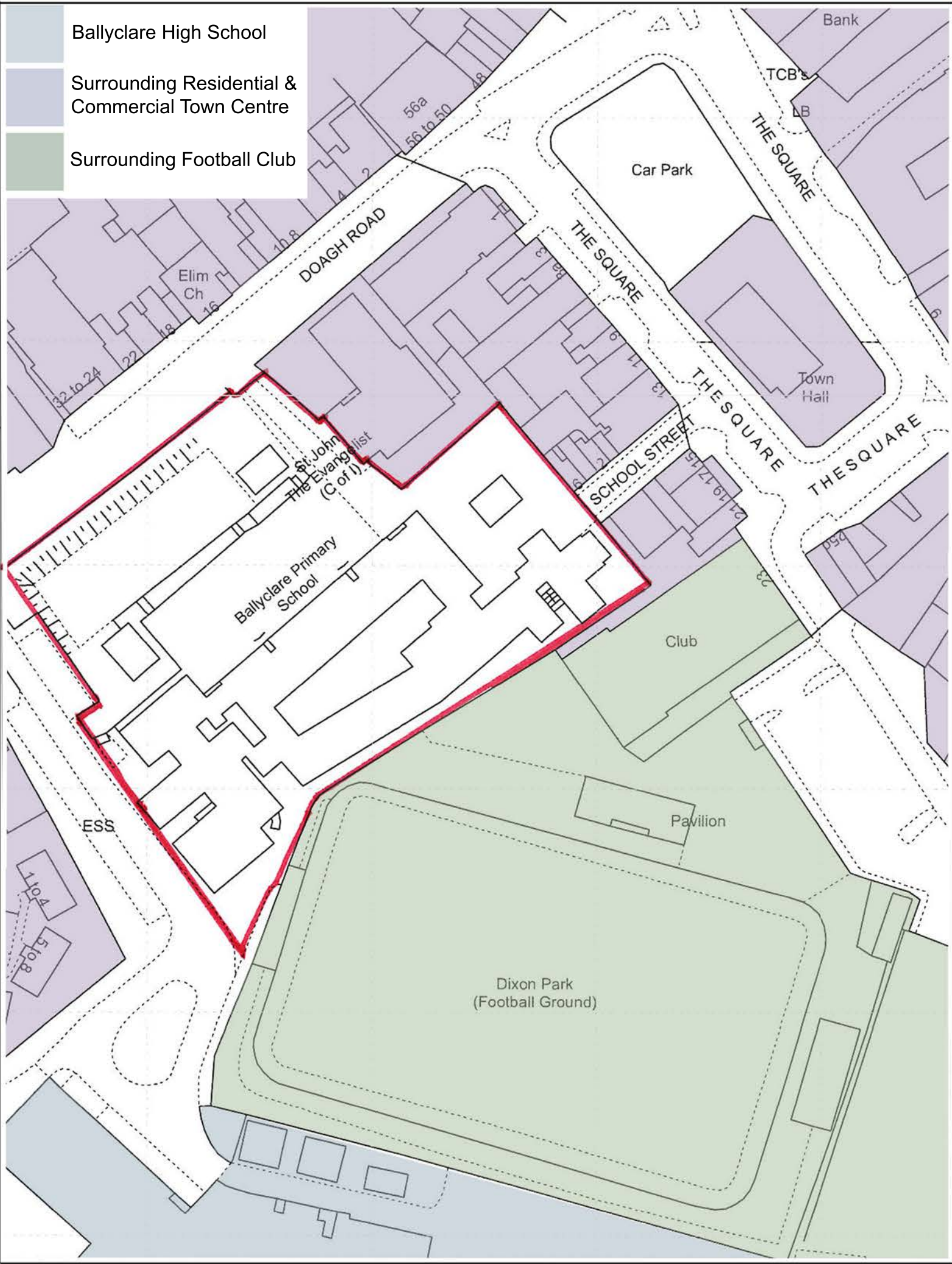
This consultation welcomes members of the public to view proposals for the proposed extension of Ballyclare Primary School. The design comprises of a new two-storey, 9 class base extension, with ancillary spaces to replace 8no. mobile classrooms within the existing site. The proposed extension is positioned perpendicular to the existing school frontage, within the existing playground and extends towards the higher ground at Doagh Road. The landscaping proposal will provide additional hard landscaped play area at higher level surrounded by soft landscaping at the boundary. In addition to the proposed extension, an existing two storey section of the main building is to be removed and relaced with hard landscaping for increased car parking facilities, maintaining and strengthening vehicular and pedestrian links to the town centre.

The objectives and high-level benefits of the project are:

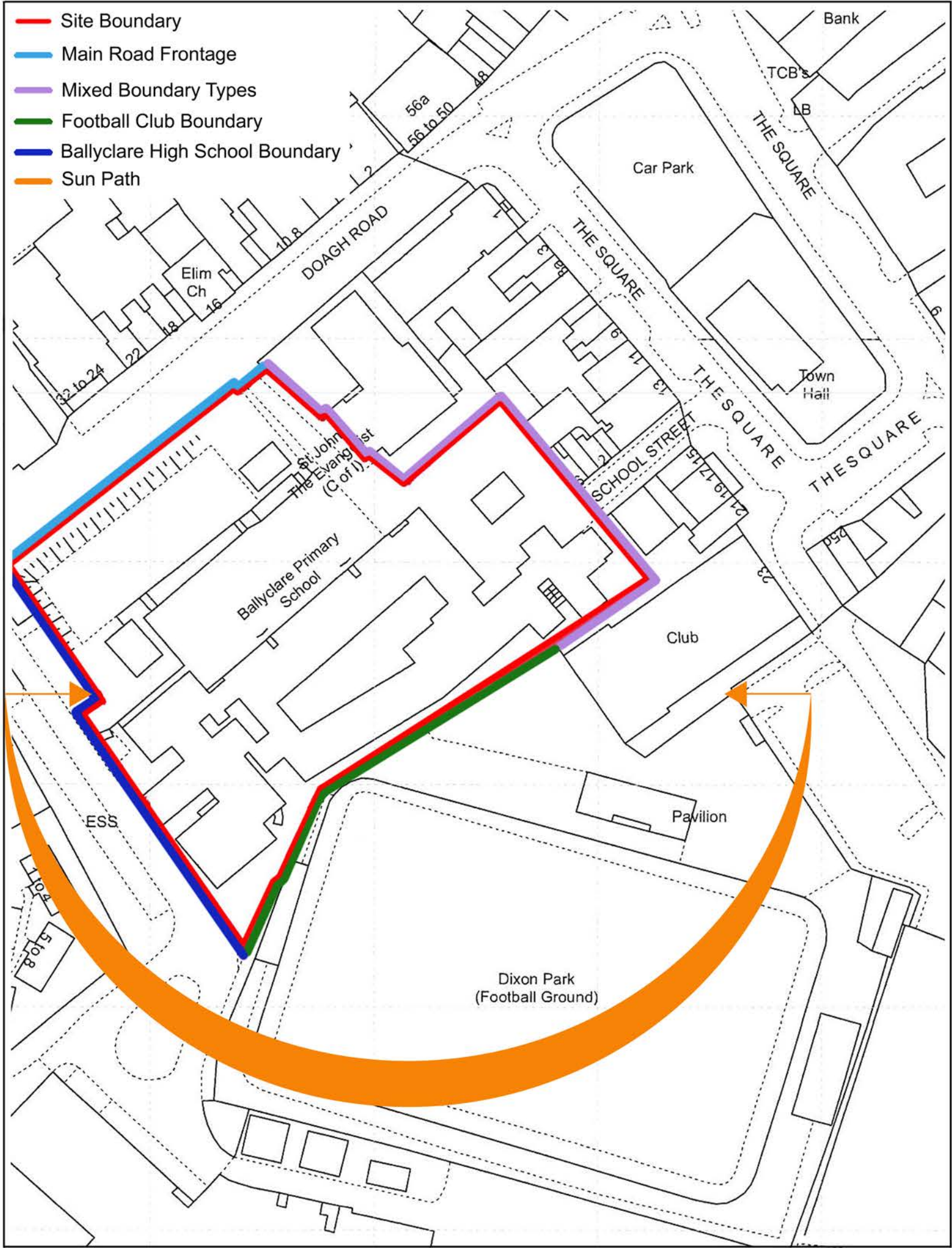
- To improve standards of accommodation to enhance the quality of learning
- Elimination of sub-standard accommodation, including inadequate mobile accommodation
- Improve school facilities in line with current DE Building Handbook recommendations
- To deliver a high-quality educational facility which is modern, fit-for-purpose and meets all Departmental recommendations and statutory requirements

With these objectives in mind, the proposed design will deliver:

- An educational facility which is dynamic and inspirational in meeting the educational needs of the school
- A facility which provides a welcoming, accessible environment to all students in the community
- A safe and permanent structure for children’s education
- Additional support & resource spaces for improved learning



Location & Surrounding Areas

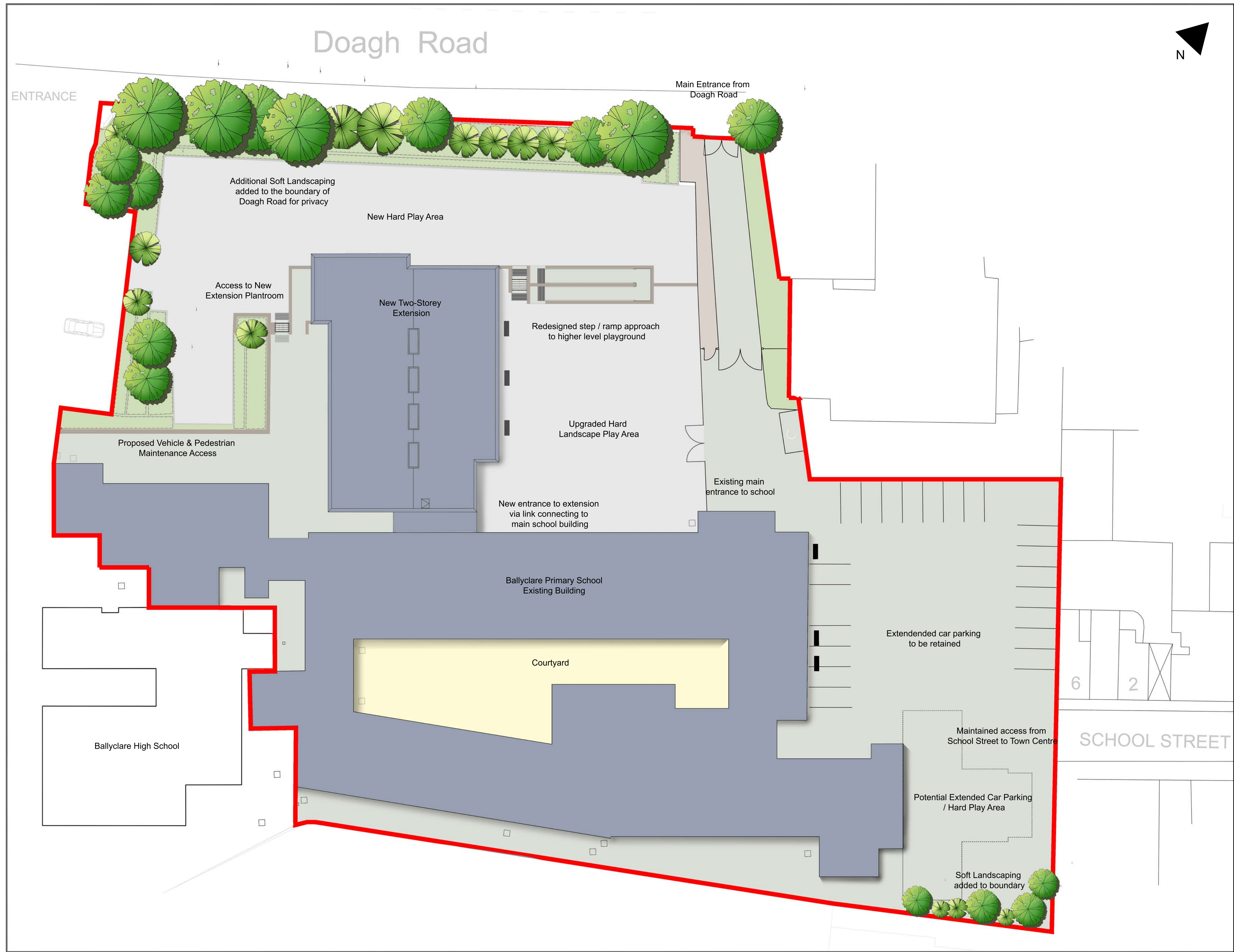


Site Boundaries & Constraints



Existing Site Demolition Plan





DESIGN SUMMARY

The site is situated on Doagh Road, in Ballyclare. The site is surrounded by the main Doagh Road to the East of the site, the main entrance to Ballyclare High School to the Southwest boundary, Ballyclare Comrades Football Club to the Southeast boundary and a mix of retail and residential buildings to the Northeast boundary, leaving no space for future expansion outside the site boundary. The site itself is split level, with the main school building sitting to the rear of the site at a lower level to the road.

The existing building comprises of a single storey building, with central external courtyard and a small two-storey building to the Southeast of the site. Within the last few years there have been temporary mobiles added to the higher level of the site, adjacent to Doagh road, to accommodate the an increased number of children.

This design proposal includes demolishing the existing two-storey section of Ballyclare Primary School, which is no longer fit for purpose and not used for teaching accommodation. This will open the external landscaping up to incorporate additional parking required by the school. The design proposal also includes the removal of temporary mobiles which will also open the site up to new hard landscaping playground space with soft landscaping around the boundary.

The new two-storey extension will link to the existing front of the main building at the same level, within a section of the existing playground. The extension runs perpendicular to the existing building with the extension pushing outwards into the higher ground. As part of the proposal, the remaining visible frontage of the school will be upgraded to flow into the new extension and the height of the two-storey extension will give the school a presence on Doagh Road. Due to the level change of the site the extension has been carefully designed to merge with the landscape, forming part of the retention required and reducing the impact within the higher ground level.

Circulation Around the Site:

*Pedestrians:*

- Main access from Doagh Road
- Secondary access from School Street, linking to The Square
- Pupils & Visitors can access the existing building through the main entrance foyer
- Pupils & Teachers will have direct access to the extension via the link corridor

*Parking / Drop-Off:*

- Free parking for parents in the two town car parks, as agreed with Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council
- Drop-off along Doagh Road is along the road as there is no lay-by. There are staggered start / finish times to help with congestion
- Internal site parking is reserved for staff & delivery vehicles

*Delivery & Maintenance Vehicles:*

- Access from Doagh Road to main building
- Additional access will be provided through the Ballyclare High School Entrance for maintenance of new plantrooms in extension





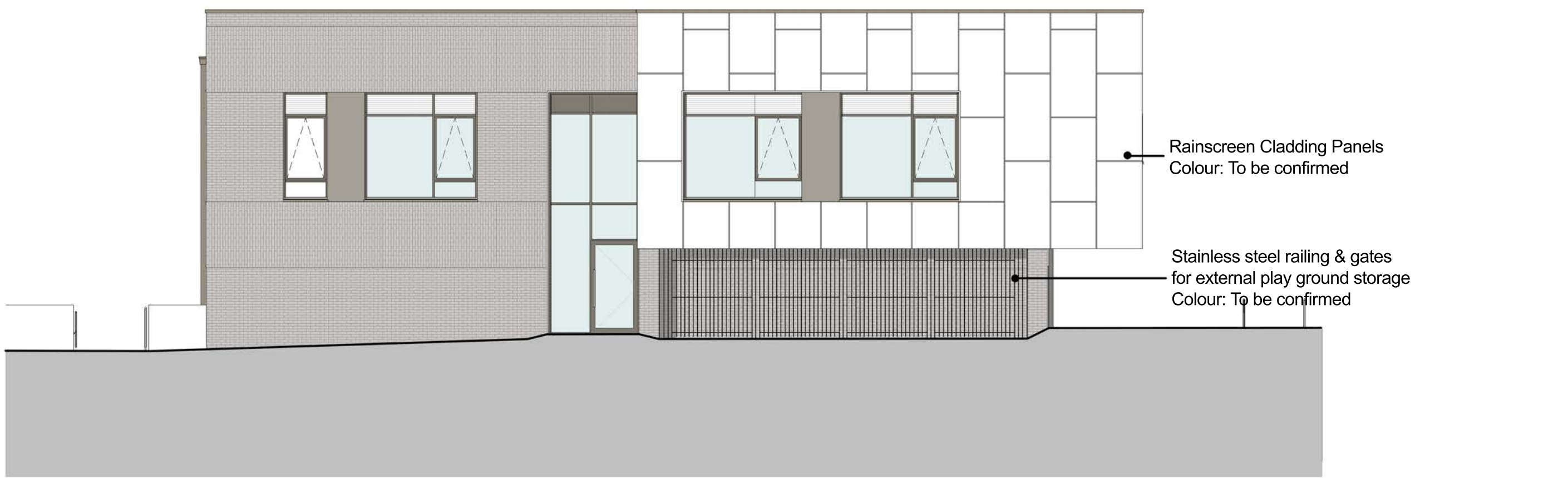
Level 00 Floor Plan



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East Elevation



North Elevation



