





## AGENT STATEMENT

Written Statement in Support of Application Ref. JZB/061316

**Planning Application Reference: JZB/061316** 

**Proposal:** Part demolition of existing school buildings, new single-storey extension to primary school alongside external refurbishment works and remodelling of existing school buildings, construction of two-storey Pupil Referral Unit and single-storey community hub building, associated car parking, site works and landscaping.

Site Location: Queensferry Campus, Chester Road West, Queensferry, Deeside, Flintshire, CH5 1SA

Supporting Statement (243 words):

The application proposals are part of the Welsh Government's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools and Education Programme, and seek to deliver improved, modern educational and community facilities at the site, which at present is greatly under-utilised following the previous closure of the John Summers High School and the community library from the site.

The new Pupil Referral Unit would provide a much-needed specialist education building, consolidating existing Council services into a better equipped facility which will more appropriately meet the specific needs of its pupils. Redundant buildings previously associated to the now closed high school would be removed to facilitate upgrading Queensferry Community Primary School, providing a greatly superior and safer school environment. Finally, a new Community Hub building, located centrally within the site, would provide a new focus for the community, delivering a modern, flexible space for use by all. Its sports changing facilities will also promote sports activity and allow for much better use of the adjacent grass sports pitches.

The design and layout has been carefully considered to protect the amenity of neighbouring residents. Designated parking areas for each of the new facilities has been designed to meet their specific parking needs through direct engagement with the end users.

Overall, the appearance and quality of the site will be greatly improved, complemented by a comprehensive planting and landscaping scheme.

The proposals were subject to public consultation prior to the submission of the planning application, receiving unanimously positive support from the local community.