

Community Involvement Statement

Site: Caretakers Bungalow, The Bulmershe School

Proposal: Change of use from Residential (C3) to Educational (F1) to provide an Alternative Provision (AP) Unit/Nurture Unit, including minor external alterations.

In support of the planning application for the conversion of the existing caretaker's bungalow into an Alternative Provision (AP) unit, proactive engagement has been undertaken to ensure the local community and school stakeholders are informed. The proposal aims to bring a dormant building back into active use to enhance the school's educational facilities without expanding the footprint of the existing school buildings.

Key stakeholders within the school and local authority have been consulted to discuss the proposals and ensure the AP unit supports the school's functioning while integrating seamlessly into the residential context.

Feedback gathered has highlighted the value of providing a safe, specialized learning environment to allow children with complex needs to remain within a mainstream school setting, with no significant impact on traffic or residential amenity.

This initiative is part of an overall effort to support the school in delivering high-quality education to all pupils, with the community recognizing the need to modernize existing school assets.