

# PENDOWER HALL

## A Warm Welcome

Hadrian School, and the new owner of the Hall, Pendower Hall Ltd, have organised this Public Consultation event so that you can hear and see more about our proposals.

A planning application has been submitted and will be decided by the city council over the next few months, this proposes to:

**Restore Pendower Hall** – in a sympathetic way so that it can be used as high quality offices and for events; retaining all the original heritage features wherever possible.

**Extend Pendower Hall** – to the west of the building; to provide a large open plan hall for conferences, exhibitions and events.

**Restore and remodel the grounds** – including widening the existing vehicular access off the West road, additional parking at the entrance to the school off Bertram Crescent and within the hall grounds



The scheme has been designed to:

**Provide sufficient and safe parking and access** – both for the needs of the school and visitors /users of the hall, with new pedestrian paths linking the school and hall grounds.

**Replace many of the diseased and dangerous trees around the hall, including many new trees, shrubs and garden features** – all part of a contemporary redesign and remodelling of the grounds of the site.

**Control noise** by screening any new heating and ventilation equipment, installing sound insulation and ensuring car parks are screened from housing.

**Increase wildlife** – with nest boxes, flowers and shrubs for butterflies and trees which are important for birds.

**Please read more about the proposal on the next boards, ask us your questions, tell us your views and complete the feedback form.**

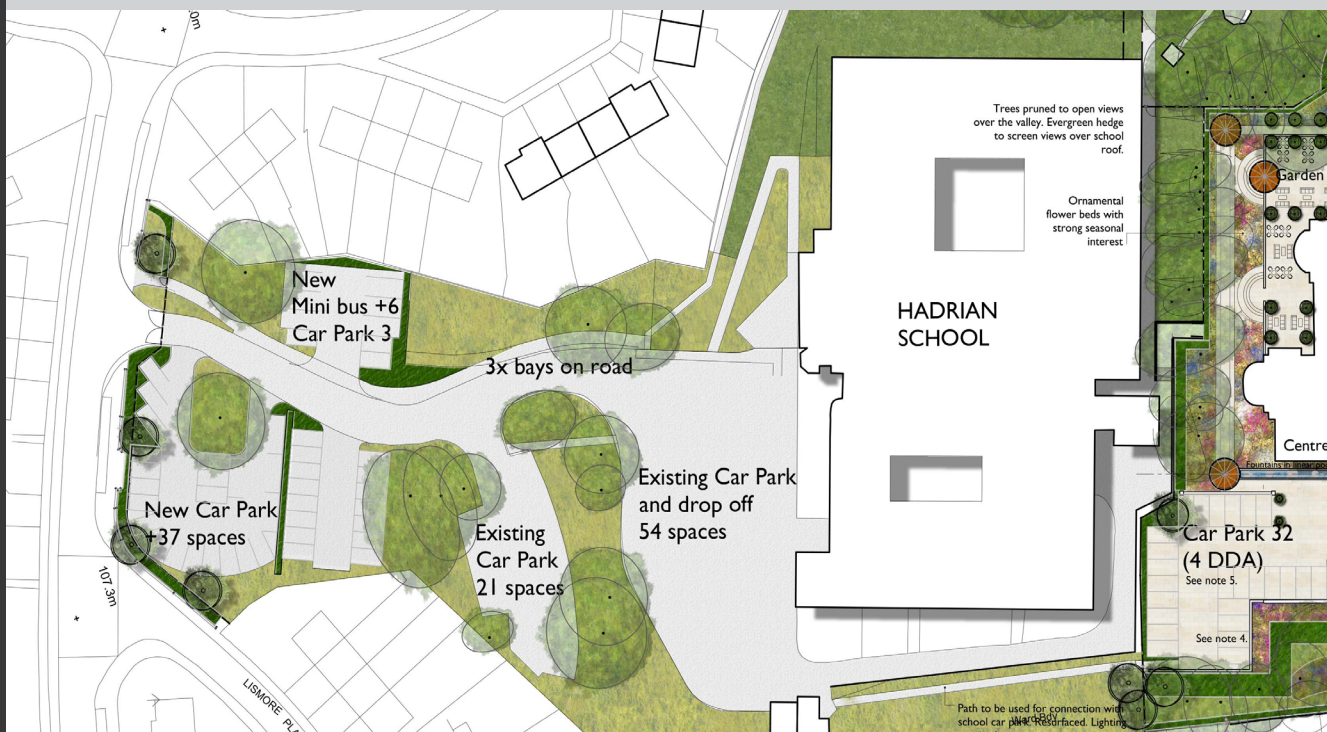


# PROPOSALS

## Proposals for Hadrian School

The proposals for Hadrian School will benefit pupils, staff, local residents and the environment. These include;

- **A new internal footpath link** between the grounds of the hall and school, and replacement of old security fencing.
- **A new gate and footpath suitable for wheelchairs from the West Road** into the school - providing safe and convenient access to the school.
- Conversion of some of the open space at the school entrance off Bertram Crescent to hard landscaped areas - which will provide **safer drop-off and additional parking** for school minibuses, staff and visitors.
- **Additional car parking** for use by the school on the school land off the West Road using a widened existing access from the west road.
- **An enhanced landscaped setting for the school including the planting of new trees, shrubs and flowers** to create an attractive learning environment.

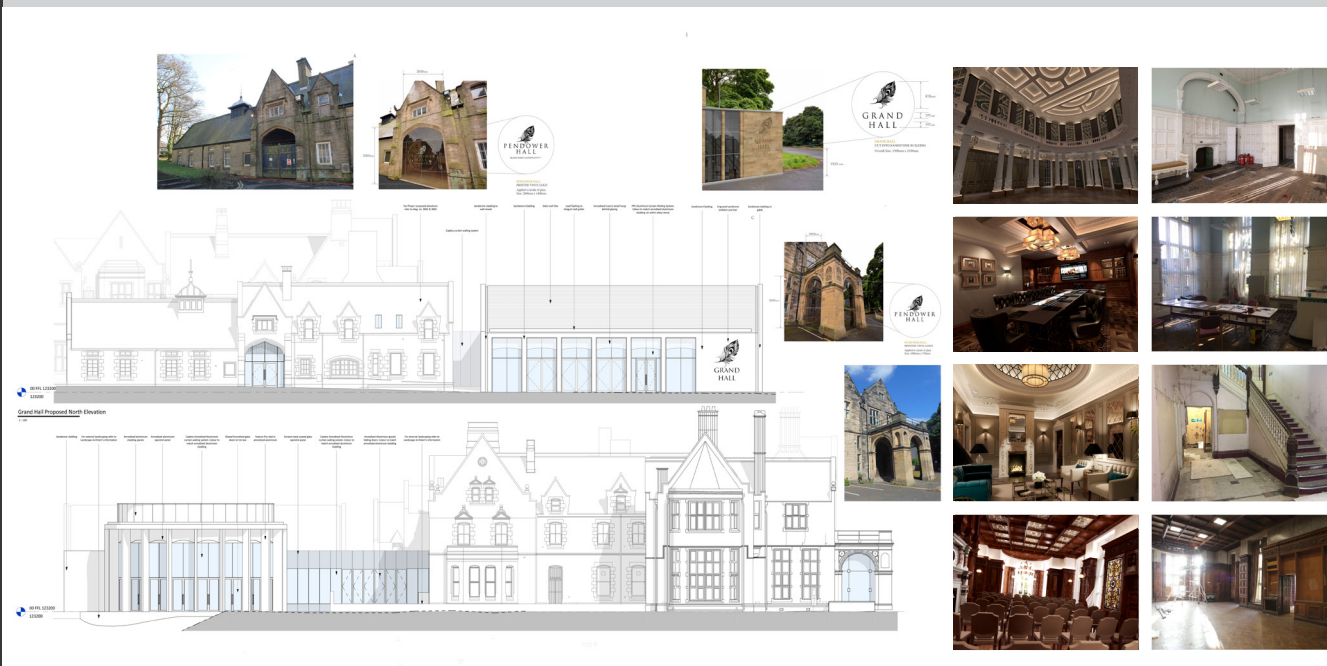


**The proposals will help Hadrian School to meet the current and future needs of its staff and children.**

## Refurbishment and extension of Pendower Hall

The proposals for Pendower Hall will benefit local residents, local businesses and the environment. These include;

- **Restoring Pendower Hall** - carefully; retaining all heritage features wherever possible so that it can be used as high quality offices and for events.
- **A new Grand Hall extension** – to the west of the building; to provide a large open plan hall for conferences, exhibitions and events.
- **Creation of a Grand Café and conferencing space** formed by a glazed-roofed structure within the existing courtyard and of a high-quality, contemporary design.



The proposals for Pendower Hall would:

- **Provide an economic lift for the local area** – creating jobs, apprenticeships and educational opportunities for local people.
- **Offer space, support and networking opportunities** for local businesses to expand and grow
- **Establish a viable, deliverable and sustainable working use for Pendower Hall** which conserves and enhances the listed building for future generations.

The proposals will ensure Pendower Hall becomes a driver for the growth of the local economy and encourages further investment in and around Benwell. They will also:

- Provide a flagship investment project to encourage and enable other job creating developments to be brought to market in the future.
- Positively assist the local community through the creation of a **Charitable Trust** and **Community Trust** with an annual fundraising event in the newly created Grand Hall.

**Without the extension to Pendower Hall, the overall proposals would not be economically viable – so getting planning permission is critical to delivering all these benefits, both to the hall and for the school.**



## Landscaped Setting and Grounds

The landscaping proposals for the grounds of Pendower Hall will benefit local residents, wildlife and the environment. These include;

- Replacing many of the diseased and dangerous trees around the hall, including many new trees shrubs and garden features – all part of a contemporary redesign and remodelling of the grounds of the site.
- Increasing wildlife by providing nest boxes, new plants and trees which are important for birds.
- Creating new terraced gardens to the south and west of the main building.
- Retaining original landscaping features throughout to celebrate the historic character of Pendower Hall.
- Improving access and parking around the hall, including widening the existing vehicular access off the West Road and additional parking within the hall grounds.



The proposals will:

- **Revitalise the setting of Pendower Hall** through carefully designed, welcoming spaces which celebrate the historic character of the hall.
- **Create a stimulating and enjoyable environment for visitors** by revealing original landscaping features and creating new terraced gardens.
- **Provide sufficient, convenient and safe parking** for visitors to both the school and hall whilst increasing accessibility for both sites.

**The proposals will help to better reveal the historic character of Pendower Hall and create spaces for people to enjoy.**



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## Have your say and help to make a difference

Thank you for taking the time to attend today's drop in event and for making the effort to find out more about the proposed works at Pendower Hall and Hadrian School.

We would like to know what you think about the proposals and would appreciate it if you could spare a few moments to complete the paper Feedback Form.

If you share our ambition to make a difference to the local area we would welcome any support you can bring to these ambitious proposals.

Please feel free to submit feedback over the coming weeks to:

**[enquiries@ethicalpartnership.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@ethicalpartnership.co.uk)**



**Thank you for joining us today!**