

Public information drop-in event invitation: Sandfield Academy / New Special Educational Needs (SEND) School, Arle Road, Cheltenham

Dear Resident, Business Owner or Local Occupier,

You are invited to a public information drop-in event

Gloucestershire County Council and Kier Construction are pleased to invite local residents, businesses and members of the community to attend a public information drop in event regarding the construction of the new special school on the former St Benedict's Playing Fields site on Arle Road, Cheltenham, which was given planning approval earlier this year.

The drop in event has been organised to provide an opportunity for those who live, work or regularly travel within the vicinity of the site to learn more about the project and meet representatives from the project team.

Attendees will have the opportunity to:

- View plans and information relating to the approved development.
- Meet representatives from Gloucestershire County Council, Kier Construction, local councillors and representatives from The Enable Trust.
- Learn more about the proposed construction programme and site arrangements.
- Ask questions about the development and planned construction activities including when, subject to any further approvals, construction work might begin.
- Learn more about the arrangements for ground contamination remediation.
- Raise any concerns or issues that may affect local residents, businesses or road users.
- Provide feedback and discuss how the project team intends to minimise disruption during the works.

The new SEND School (which will be named Sandfield Academy) will provide much needed specialist educational facilities for children and young people from

Cheltenham and the surrounding areas and represents a significant investment in supporting pupils with additional educational needs.

We recognise that construction projects can generate questions regarding traffic, access, noise, working hours and environmental impacts. This event is intended to provide an open forum for discussion and to ensure that local stakeholders have the opportunity to engage directly with those responsible for delivering the scheme.

Event Details

Date: 6th October 2026

Time: 15:00 – 18:00

Venue: St George's Centre (the Altus School), Alstone Lane, Cheltenham

We encourage all interested residents, businesses and community representatives to attend and learn more about the project.

We look forward to meeting you and hearing your views.

Yours faithfully,

Project Team

New SEND School, Arle Road

On behalf of Gloucestershire County Council and Kier Construction

