



Simonside New Primary School

Client - Newcastle City Council

Sector - Education | Start on Site - February 2020 | Cost £8.5M

Services Delivered

- Project Management
- Design and Build
- Architecture
- Landscape
- Quantity Surveying
- Mechanical & Electrical
- Structural
- Principal Designer
- Highways

Newcastle City Council appointed Aura to develop proposals for a new build Primary School at Simonside, the demolition of the existing Primary School and incorporating plans for a future Secondary School in Simonside.

Aura are working closely with Newcastle City Council and the Simonside Primary School leadership team from the Outer West Learning Trust to initially progress the new primary school.

The council have secured Capital Grant Funding from the Housing Infrastructure Fund that would see a new primary school with increased capacity to 420 place for pupils age 4-11 years the project includes external landscape, car parking and playing fields.

Newcastle City Council's Strategic Land Review highlighted growth in the pupil population in the Callerton area of the City mainly as a consequence of house building and the general demography in the surrounding area, resulting in a need for increased primary and secondary education places.



The new school would remain within the Outer West Learning Trust. Once the new school is occupied, the existing Simonside Primary School would be demolished, this land then forms part of the secondary school development.

The Secondary School which will be progressed as a separate development will accommodate 1,050 students aged 11-16. Newcastle City Council are now working with the DfE on the details and proposals for the Secondary School.

The hybrid planning application for the new build Primary School, demolition of existing Primary School and outline application of the new Secondary School has been approved in January 2020. Works will start on site in February 2020.