

7 May 2024

## Community engagement drop in event: designs for the new special school

**Tuesday 21 May 2024**

**3.00pm – 6.30pm**

**Christchurch Church, Heron Way, Abbeydale, Gloucester GL4 5EQ**

*The event is run as a drop in event, where people are welcome to come along at a time that suits them between 3.00pm and 6.30pm.*

Further to the events held in November 2023 and February 2024 you are invited to a third information event relating to Gloucestershire County Council's intention to establish a new special school, on land off Wheatridge East in Abbeydale, to open in September 2026.

This event is for anyone and will be of interest to people who live locally as it is an important opportunity to view the detailed proposed designs for the new special school and to learn more about what the building and site layout will look like.

This event is being held ahead of the application for planning approval being submitted. There will be an opportunity for make formal representations as part of the statutory process associated with the planning application.

Representatives from EG Carter and Co Ltd and Robotham Architects will be present to answer any questions you may have about the proposed designs, along with officers from Gloucestershire County Council.

Information about the intention to open a new special school continues to be available on the website, which is updated as the project develops and as more information becomes available. The information can be viewed here: [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/new-special-school-gloucester](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/new-special-school-gloucester) along with answers to some frequently asked questions. Please do get in touch using the details below if you would like to receive a paper copy of the information.

Comments or questions can be raised at any point by e-mailing: [universalcommissioning@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:universalcommissioning@gloucestershire.gov.uk) or by calling Nathan Roe, Education Planning Manager, on 01452 427262

The Gloucestershire County Council divisional councillor for the area, Andrew Gravells, who will be present at the session on 21 May, and can be contacted on: [Andrew.gravells@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:Andrew.gravells@gloucestershire.gov.uk)