

Stepps Primary School – drainage remedial options

Update March 2020

Having considered various options to address the drainage issues beneath the school building we now have a preferred option that has been agreed between the council and TSNL.

Our main priority throughout this process has been to continue to deliver education on site and to avoid the need to find alternative accommodation for pupils and staff elsewhere.

We believe that the preferred option allows us to achieve this while safeguarding the safety and wellbeing of our children, staff and other users of the facility.

The preferred option is to connect single storey modular units – at the front of the building where the amphitheatre is – to the existing library area. All of this space would then be used for education purposes.

We appreciate that this would mean that existing users of these areas would be displaced therefore TSNL are currently exploring alternative local provision to accommodate these users.

The advantages of this plan include:

- Retaining education delivery on site
- Allowing the continued use of the entire gym hall
- Allowing contractor access to the site from the playing fields at the rear of the building
- Minimising risk from the service road
- Minimises the number of school pupils impacted the works at any one time as remedial work will be undertaken in phases
- Using single story modular units within the current school footprint

The disadvantages are:

- Loss of external amphitheatre
- Temporary loss of community space including the library – however these will hopefully be rehoused in another site nearby while the works are being carried out



There are still some technical details that need to be finalised however, once these have been addressed then we will provide full details and hold an information session for your questions to be answered.

We would anticipate holding this session at some point in April when the council's preferred option will be developed to a sufficient level of detail that will demonstrate a robust approach to carrying out the remediation works in a live school environment. This is our current timescales, however, given the current uncertainty with coronavirus, they may be subject to change.

It should be noted that although other options were considered it was recognised that these were potentially problematic as they would have impacted on the availability and use of the service roads and would also have led to the loss of use of gym hall facilities.