# Former Downfield Primary School Annex





**Site Planning Brief** 

#### Site Information

Address: Former Downfield Primary School Annex, East School Road,

Dundee

Area: 1.27 hectares

LDP Allocation: Identified as a Brownfield Housing Site (ref: H28) in Dundee

Local Development Plan with indicative capacity of 25 units.

Site Characteristics: The site has been cleared of all buildings and is grassed. There

are a number of semi mature trees on site with the main access from East School Road to the south. The site is reasonably flat

in nature.

Land Ownership: Owned by Dundee City Council and available for immediate

sale.



### **Location and Site Description**

The site is located to the north of the Kingsway and lies between Strathmartine Road, Camperdown Road, Frederick Street, West School Road and East School Road. The former primary school annex has been demolished to leave a vacant site and an electrical substation adjacent to the west of the site.

Unless otherwise stated in this Site Planning Brief all development will require to conform to the policies and design guidance set out in the LDP and associated Supplementary Guidance.

## **Design Guidance**

#### **House Type and Layout**

The site is suitable for detached or semidetached houses. Houses should be no more than two storeys high in order to help maintain the privacy of residents of surrounding properties. There is a wide variety of styles of housing in the surrounding area. As such, contemporary styles of architecture and modern designs for the public realm may be suitable for this site. New development should overlook roads and paths to ensure routes benefit from natural surveillance and are well lit, attractive and interesting.

It is important that the development retains the integrity and character of the current streetscapes along Camperdown Road, West School Road and East School Road and Frederick Street. Dwellings sited along Camperdown Road, West School Road and East School Road should be set back from the footway edge in the interests of the visual appearance of the streetscape. Dwellings sited along Frederick Street should respect the established building line.

#### **Movement and Access**

A permeable network of streets and pathways should be created to provide access and a choice of routes through the development. Vehicle access to the site can be taken from Camperdown Road and/or East School Road and pedestrian access from Camperdown Road, East School Road and/or Frederick Street.

#### **Landscaping and Open Space**

Given the size of the site and the area of open space that will be lost to development, there is a need for appropriate provision of









public open space within the site. This could be provided centrally within the development or at the south west corner of the site where there is a group of semi-mature trees worthy of retention.

Although the majority of trees on the site should be retained, the group of mainly coniferous trees in the northwest corner of the site, adjacent to Camperdown Road, is densely planted and requires management. As such, consideration for their removal would be subject to a full tree survey/arboricultural impact assessment and replacement planting on the site delivered through an agreed landscape plan. Landscaping along the shared boundaries of the site should be retained and improved where appropriate in the interests of the amenities of the occupiers of the new dwellings and those in the existing neighbouring dwellings.

# Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS)

A flood risk assessment will be required. It is unlikely that any form of drainage connection would be permitted into the nearby Gelly Burn culvert due to known downstream flood risk areas associated with that watercourse. Care should be taken to ensure that development or construction does not affect the Gelly Burn Culvert. This culvert runs east – west along the northern boundary of the site.

#### **Additional Information**

Further information on this site can found in the Housing Site Information Document on the Council website

http://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/CD\_LDP\_Housing\_Site\_Information\_Jan14.pdf.







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