

## ROTHERHAM COLLEGE OF ART & TECHNOLOGY PHASE 1- TOWN CENTRE CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

space, to the upper ground floor which will be occupied by student services and enrolment facilities. Back office support, interview and assessment areas will also be located at this level, within a refurbished area of the Clifton Building (previously a joinery workshop).

A secondary entrance onto Morpeth Street (at ground floor) will encourage movement between Clifton and Eastwood Buildings, via a landscaped area that will unify and define the campus as a semi-private space while maintaining the public, pedestrian route between Percy Street and Eastwood Lane.

The two upper floors will accommodate flexible spaces for general teaching and learning and break out / social space. The corridors at these levels will be punctuated by light wells to allow daylight to penetrate the circulation spaces below.

Access will be provided, at ground and first floor, into the Clifton Building via glazed corridors that will open into break out spaces linking to both levels of the existing Curriculum Learning Centre.



The scheme is based on some 2,005 sq m of new build floorspace including an allowance of 30 sq m for a new entrance at Eastwood, and 1,375 sq

m of refurbished floorspace in the Clifton building. A BREEAM Excellent rating is being targeted for the new building.

The College is seeking to provide a higher quality campus, with better linkages between its main buildings. This will be achieved with investment in key external spaces, notably around Morpeth Street and the junction with Eastwood Lane. It is envisaged that the metered parking in Morpeth Street will be relocated and that the road will be retained purely to facilitate the limited servicing access required by the College.

In this respect, the College is in consultation with the Council's Highways Officers. These issues will be dealt with through a Traffic Regulations Order and Section 278 agreement, once a planning application has been approved. It is possible that with RMBC's support the Orders may be progressed in advance of the planning application being submitted, which will in turn assist the College in meeting its planned timetable.

During 2008/09 the College was unsuccessful in terms of LSC Funding for a major campus redevelopment. This was undoubtedly a set-back, however the revised proposals provide a critical foundation for the future.

The opening of the new building and refurbished space has been programmed for September 2011. A planning application is to be submitted shortly.

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