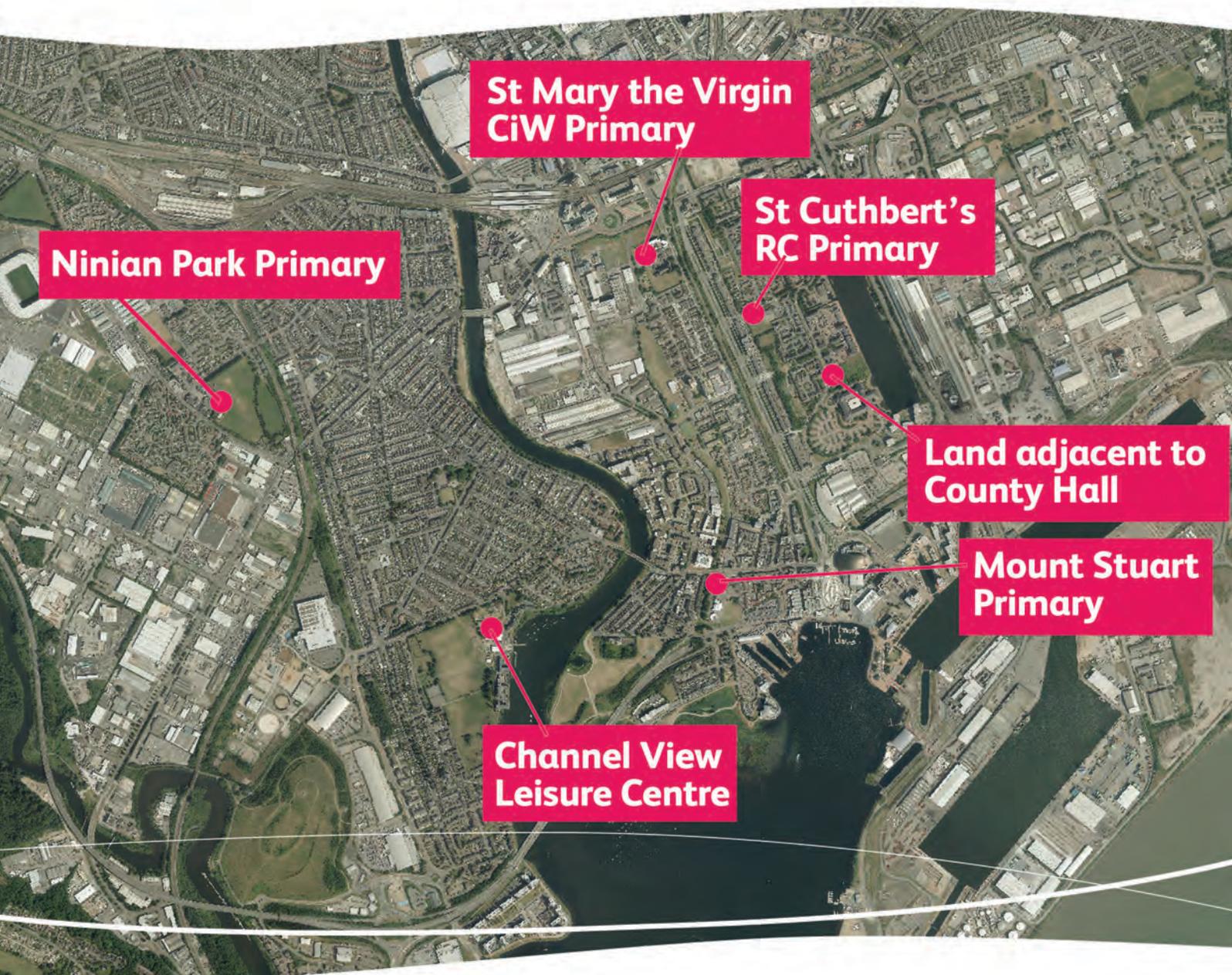


21st Century Schools Engagement Document 2014: Four Wards

Help us shape primary education provision for your area!

8 May - 18 June 2014



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Introduction

Every Local Authority (LA) has a statutory duty to provide sufficient school places. As set out in Cabinet reports of 23 September 2013 and 13 March 2014, there is a significant shortage of primary school places in and around the Butetown, Canton, Grangetown and Riverside areas (hereafter known as the Four Wards). As a result a large number of children are required to travel out of catchment to attend primary school provision.

It has been established that the likely demand for primary school places across the Four Wards will lead to an overall projected shortfall of 59 places at Reception level in September 2016 based on existing housing. The shortfall of places will be exacerbated, by a further 111 places per age group, when proposed housing developments are built and occupied with families.

The greatest shortfalls are in Grangetown and Butetown. For the September 2016 intakes, projections are as follows:

- Demand for English-medium community school and Faith places in the Grangetown area exceeding the supply by 95 places, rising to 142 places when pupil yields from proposed new housing are added;
- Demand for Welsh-medium community school places exceeding supply by 26 places in the Grangetown and Butetown area rising to 46 places when pupil yields from proposed new housing are added.

A multi-service project team was established to explore and identify potential sites that could be suitable for development to meet demand across the Grangetown and Butetown areas

At its meeting on 13 March 2014 the Cabinet agreed for officers to engage with the local communities to ask for views on the sites that we have identified. These are:

- Site 1 – Channel View Leisure Centre Site and adjacent facilities
- Site 2 – Ninian Park Primary School
- Site 3 – Land adjacent to County Hall
- Site 4 – St Cuthbert's RC Primary School
- Site 5 – St Mary the Virgin CiW Primary School
- Site 6 – Mount Stuart Primary School

Explanation of terms used in this document

Please note that 1FE means 1 class in each Year group (30 children in a Year group), 2FE means 2 classes in each Year group (60 children in a Year group) and 3FE means 3 classes in each Year group (90 children in a Year group).

Confined status means a school site that has no / limited grass pitches and as a result there will be a need to access off site pitches in the local area.

What are the stages?

There will be 3 stages to the process of identifying English-medium, Welsh-medium, Voluntary Aided (Faith) and Community primary provision for the Grangetown and Butetown areas:

- Stage 1 – Pre consultation engagement on sites - listening and ideas, this will take place before the detailed options appraisals are undertaken and will feed into the formal options development process;
- Stage 2 – Statutory consultation on formal options;
- Stage 3 – Issue of any Statutory Notice(s) and objection period.

This booklet provides the information about Stage 1.

Proposed Timeline

Engagement period – 8 May 2014 to 18 June 2014

Outcome of engagement exercise presented to Cabinet in September 2014

Statutory Consultation period – October 2014 to November 2014

Report to Cabinet in January 2015

Subject to approval, publication of Statutory Notice (s) in February 2015 for a one month period

Decision on the way forward (Determination) in April 2015 / May 2015

STAGE 1

Pre consultation engagement

Why are we asking for your views?

We would like you to look at the information on each site and tell us what you think. The aim of the engagement document is:

- To give people an understanding of the sites identified as potentially suitable for new provision / expansion;
- To identify people's major concerns regarding the sites identified;
- To identify people's needs and aspirations regarding primary education provision in their area;
- To give people an opportunity to suggest any other sites which should be considered;
- To encourage people to inform decision making that affects them.

How we plan to engage with you

We would like to engage with you through the following processes:

- Drop in sessions in the community;
- Engagement document and questionnaire distributed to schools, families with children aged 0-3 living in the Four Wards, local service providers and businesses along with local Councillors, AMs, MPs and Community representatives;
- Informal sessions with existing groups These will be opportunities for officers to engage with specific user groups, such as families with young children, primary school pupil groups and others;

You can tell us your views in person by attending one of the public meetings or drop in sessions as set out below:

Date	Time	Venue	Type of meeting
Monday 19 May	10 am to 12 noon	Grangetown Library	Drop in session
Monday 19 May	6 pm to 8 pm	Butetown Community Centre	Public meeting
Wednesday 21 May	5 pm to 7 pm	Canton Library	Drop in session
Monday 2 June	6.30 pm to 8.30 pm	Channel View Leisure Centre	Public meeting
Tuesday 3 June	11 am to 1 pm	Butetown Community Centre	Drop in session
Thursday 5 June	6.30 pm to 8.30 pm	Canton Community Hall	Public meeting
Monday 9 June	12 noon to 2 pm	The Hub, Loudoun Square	Drop in session
Monday 9 June	6 pm to 8 pm	Butetown Community Centre	Public meeting
Tuesday 10 June	12 noon to 2 pm	Canton Community Hall	Drop in session
Wednesday, 11 June	12 noon to 2 pm	Channel View Leisure Centre	Drop in session

Please tell us your views

The information in this booklet is for you to consider and tell us what you think. You can do this in person at one of the meetings and/or in writing by responding to the questions in this document or by sending us an email with your views.

Email schoolresponses@cardiff.gov.uk

Telephone **02920872720**

Address **Schools Organisation Planning Team, Room 219 County Hall, Cardiff CF10 4UW**

Views can be submitted confidentially via post, email or at the public meetings or drop in sessions.

The sites that are being considered

Six sites have been identified as being suitable for development for the purpose of providing primary school places.

- Initial feasibility studies have been undertaken to establish whether buildings of the required size could fit onto each site, taking into account the facilities required to deliver the modern curriculum for children aged 3-11, although at this stage detailed designs have not been prepared;
- Site investigations to establish exact ground conditions and/or services that may run across sites have not yet been undertaken because to date all information gathered is limited to existing known and recorded data/information;
- Whilst the impact of issues such as these would not necessarily prevent building on any of the sites listed, they may make options less favourable if the cost of mitigating these was significant;
- Information about historic and current transport and parking issues relevant to each site have been included along with works already being considered and potential mitigation for known issues. Full transport surveys will be undertaken once firm options are developed for formal consultation later in the year.

Why have established schools been included and could they be changed?

Some sites are existing schools but all of the sites could in future be used for Welsh-medium, English-medium, Voluntary Aided (Faith) or Community schools.

This engagement exercise is not a statutory consultation; the aim is for Cardiff Council to get a better idea of the public view of each site before proceeding to a statutory consultation on site options. Should stakeholders wish to express a desire to retain the existing school provision offered from particular sites this can also be fed back.

Other sites

A list of other site options that have been considered but excluded at this stage are listed in Appendix 1. Most have been excluded because they are not technically feasible, for example, they are not big enough, or the land is too expensive to reclaim. Site options 21-25 have not been included because although they are technically feasible, they are parkland sites and it is Council policy not to build on parkland. You are welcome to comment on sites that have been excluded or on sites that have not been considered as part of this pre-consultation engagement.

Site 1 – Channel View Leisure Centre Site and adjacent facilities

Where is this site?

Channel View Leisure Centre, Jim Driscoll Way, Cardiff CF11 7HB, off Ferry Road / Avondale Road, Grangetown.

Figure 1: Aerial photo of the site as it is currently



Potential Use

2FE new build primary school built on the site of the Channel View Leisure Centre. In principle this site would be able to accommodate a school as well as leisure and play facilities.

For this site there would be:

- New school building for a 2FE English-medium or Welsh-medium primary school;
- Confined site status;
- Need for off site grassed pitch provision – the nearest grassed pitch would be The Marl which is adjacent to the site proposed;
- Development of Welsh-medium education provision including a nursery (English-medium nursery not proposed) would need a greater area and could result in a potential need for the development of an Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) provision on the Marl;
- If the site were to be used for English-medium primary education provision, English-medium nursery places would continue to be provided at Grangetown Nursery school.
- New school building would allow for a phased construction which could provide greater flexibility to establish the school at 1FE and expand to 2FE as demand rises;
- Existing pedestrian crossing facilities across Ferry Road serving the existing leisure facilities and nursery would serve the school as well;
- Ferry Road would need to be a School Safety Zone or 20mph zone with restricted parking at the entrance to the site.

Site 2 - Ninian Park Primary School

Where is this site?

Ninian Park Primary School, Virgil Street, Cardiff CF11 8TF, off Virgil Street / Sloper Road

Figure 2: Aerial photo of the site as it is currently



Potential Use

1FE expansion of primary school places (from 2FE to 3FE) through permanent new build extension, including using land currently occupied by temporary buildings. The site could accommodate a 3FE primary school. This site could be used for English-medium or Welsh-medium at 2FE. If it were to be extended to 3FE the school would be suitable for English-medium only.

If provision were increased by 1FE, for this site there would be:

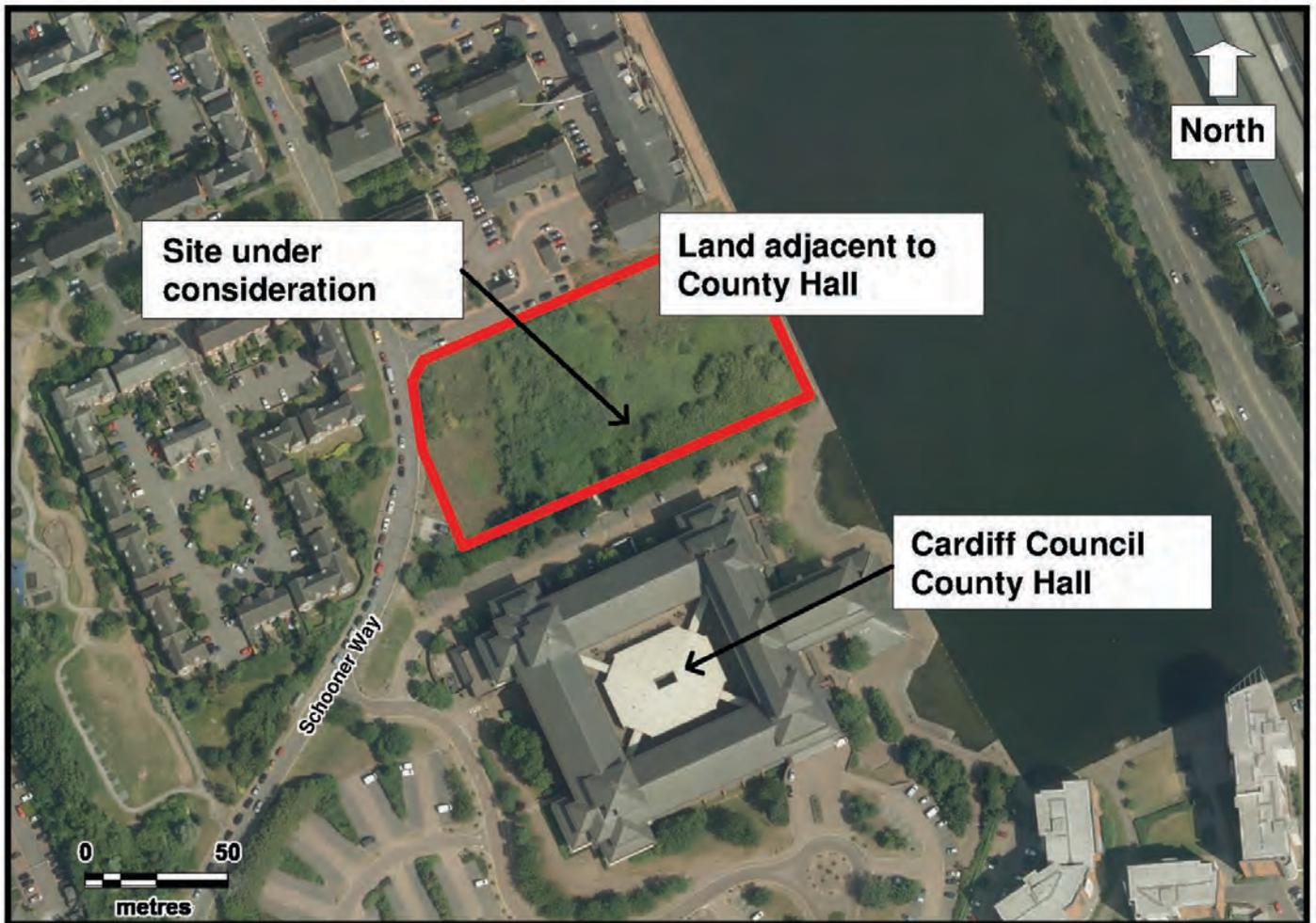
- Extension of the current school building;
- Confined site status; Need for off site grassed pitch provision – the nearest grassed pitch would be Sevenoaks Park which is adjacent to the school site;
- The area required for the extension has been occupied by temporary classrooms for a number of years, but is technically Public Open Space;
- Plans are already being considered for Virgil Street to become a 20 mph zone based on existing road safety issues.

Site 3 - Land adjacent to County Hall

Where is this site?

Cardiff Council, County Hall, Cardiff CF10 4UW, off Schooner Way

Figure 3: Aerial photo of the site as it is currently



Potential Use

2FE new build primary school, on land to the north of County Hall.

For this site there would be:

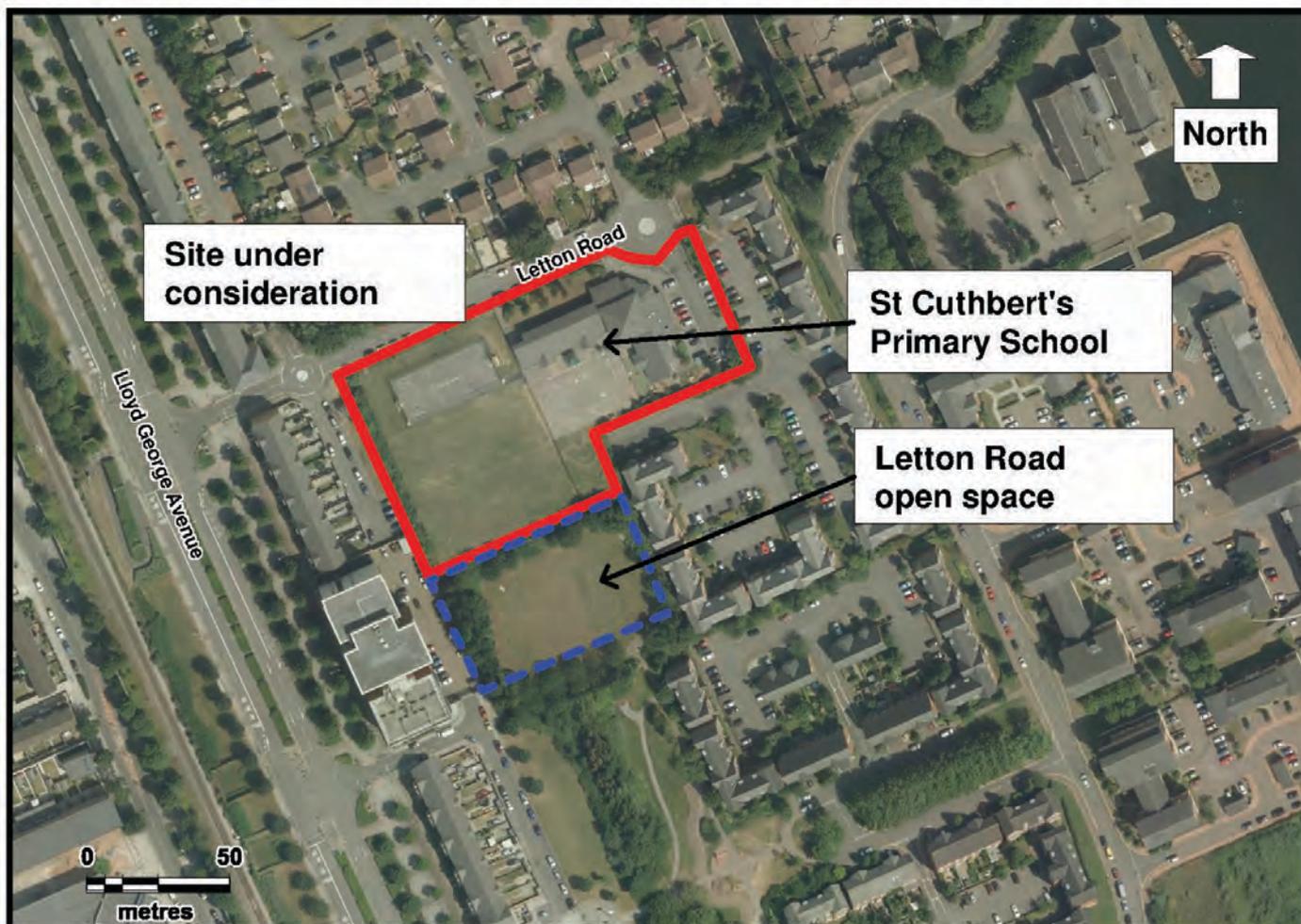
- New school building for a 2FE English-medium or Welsh-medium primary school;
- Confined site status; Site area available may allow scope to provide partial on site grassed pitch provision within the school boundary – the nearest grassed pitch would be Canal Park which is approximately 0.6 miles away from the site;
- New school building would allow for a phased construction which could provide greater flexibility to establish the school at 1FE and expand to 2FE as demand rises;
- No pedestrian crossing facilities currently exist across Schooner Way. As a result there would need to be a safe pedestrian link from the residential area if a school were to be established here.

Site 4 - St Cuthbert's RC Primary School

Where is this site?

St. Cuthbert's RC Primary, Letton Road, Cardiff CF10 4AB, off Lloyd George Avenue

Figure 4: Aerial photo of the site as it is currently



Potential Use

Around 1FE expansion of primary school places (from around 1FE to around 2FE primary school) through new build on current school premises and potentially on adjacent public open space (known as Letton Road open space). St. Cuthbert's RC Primary School could remain as a 1FE faith school, or be expanded by 1FE to provide a 2FE English-medium or Welsh-medium primary school.

If provision were increased by 1FE, for this site there would be:

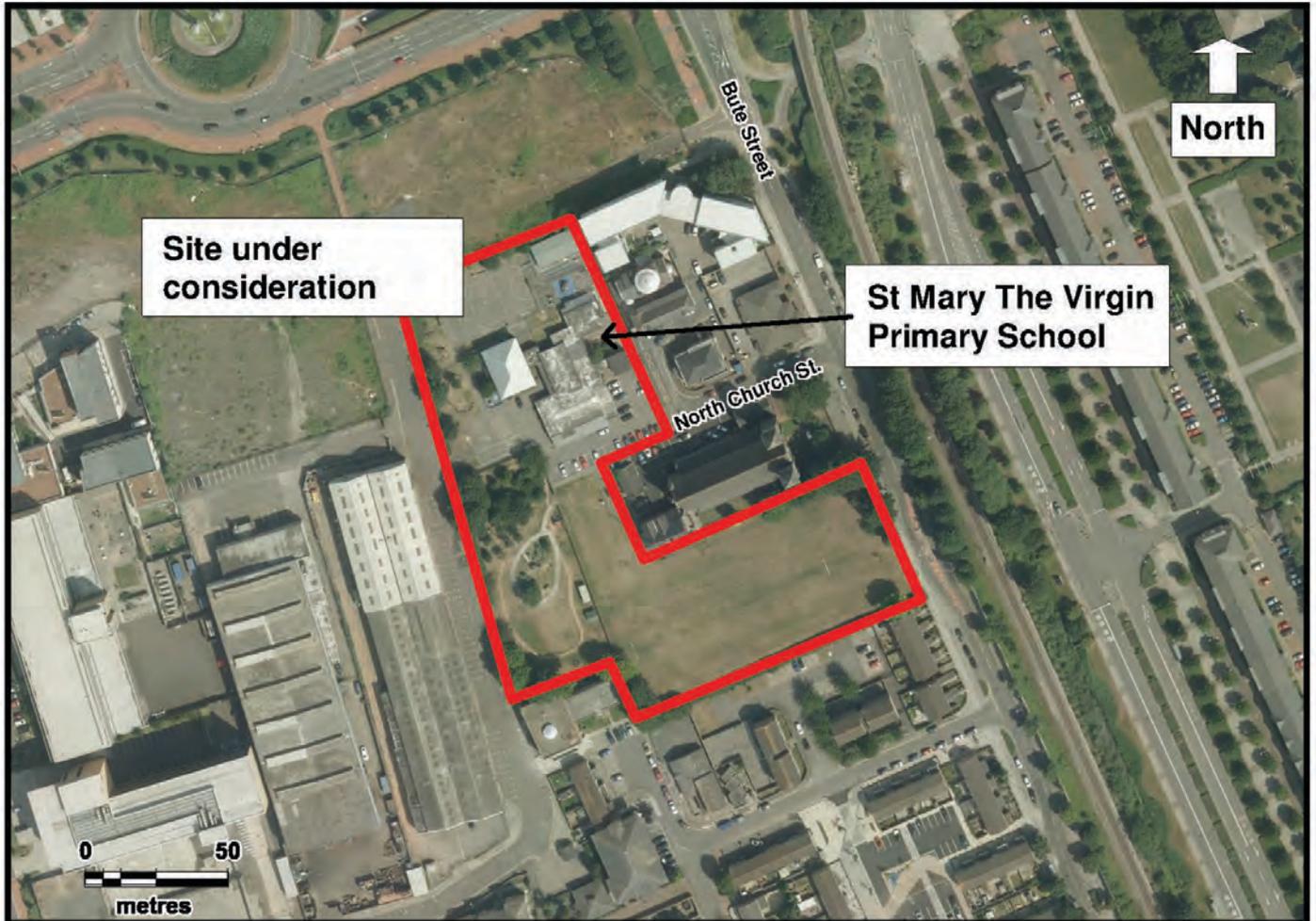
- Extension to the current school building or replacement new school building to provide a 2FE English-medium or Welsh-medium primary school;
- Confined site status;
- Site area available may allow scope to provide partial on site grassed pitch provision within the school boundary – the nearest grassed pitch would be Canal Park which is approximately 0.4 miles from the site.

Site 5 - St Mary the Virgin CiW Primary School

Where is this site?

St Mary The Virgin Church in Wales Primary School, North Church Street, Cardiff CF10 5HB off Bute Street.

Figure 5: Aerial photo of the site as it is currently



Potential Use

1FE expansion of primary school places (from 1FE to 2FE) taking up some of the current playing field thereby requiring the use of off-site pitch provision in Canal Park which is approximately 0.2 miles away from the site. St Mary The Virgin CiW Primary School could remain as a 1FE faith school, or be expanded by 1FE to provide a 2FE English-medium or Welsh-medium primary school.

If provision were increased by 1FE, for this site there would be:

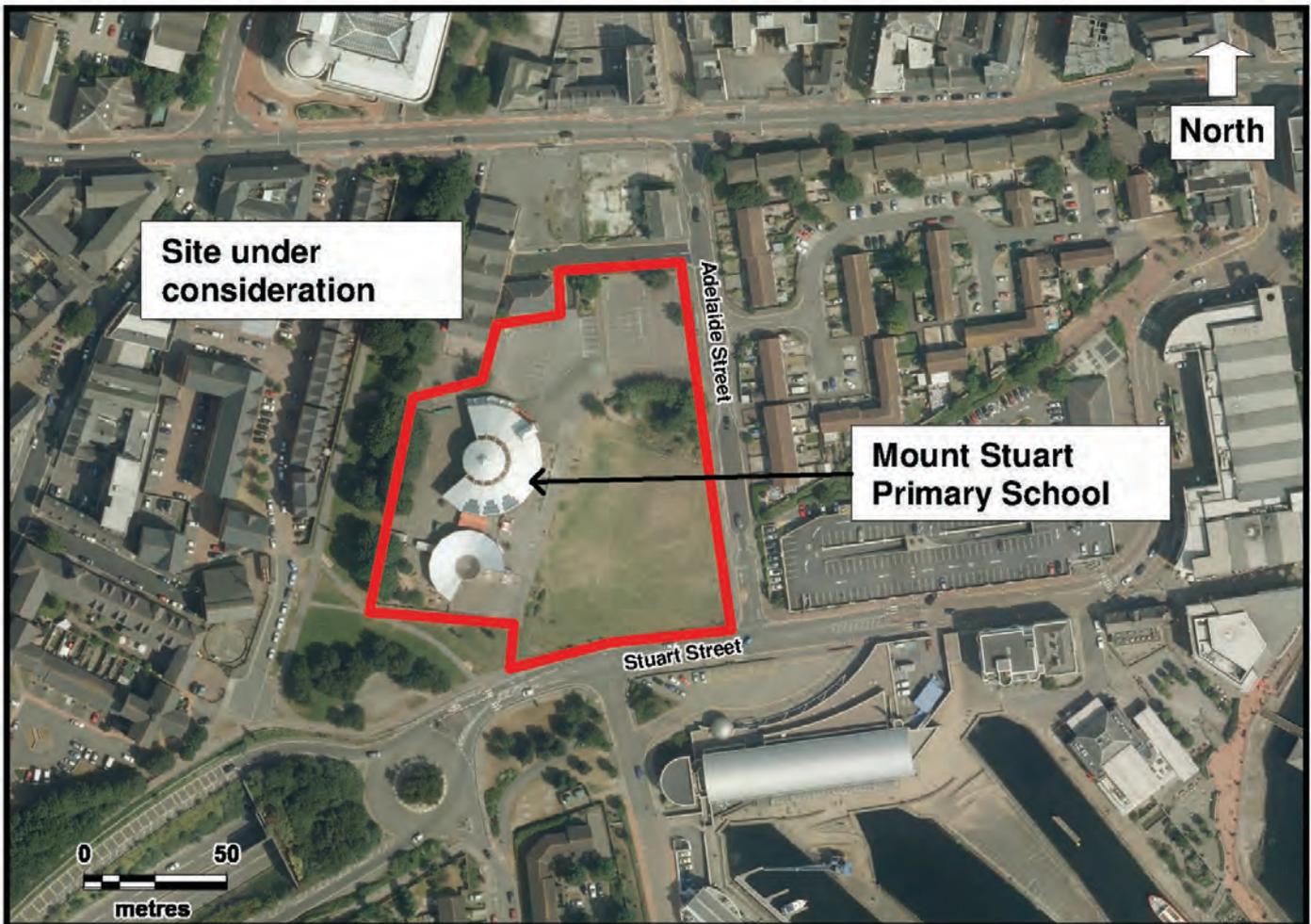
- Extension to the current school building or replacement new school building to provide a 2FE English-medium or Welsh-medium primary school;
- Confined site status; Site area available may allow scope to provide partial on site grassed pitch provision within the school boundary – the nearest grassed pitch would be Canal Park which is approximately 0.2 miles from the site.

Site 6 - Mount Stuart Primary School

Where is this site?

Mount Stuart Primary School, Adelaide Street, Butetown, Cardiff CF10 5BS, off James Street / Stuart Street.

Figure 6: Aerial photo of the site as it is currently



Potential Use

1FE expansion of primary school places (from 2FE to 3FE) through permanent new build extension. The site could accommodate a 3FE primary school. This site could be used for English-medium or Welsh-medium at 2FE. If it were to be extended to 3FE the school would be suitable for English-medium only.

If provision were increased by 1FE, for this site there would be:

- Extension of the current school building;
- Confined site status; Need for off-site grassed pitch provision – the nearest grassed pitch would be Hamadryad Park which is approximately 0.2 miles from the school site.

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FOUR WARDS PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT RESPONSE FORM

Your name:

Address:

Postcode:

Date:

Please tell us whether you are responding as:

- 1. Parent
- 2. Pupil
- 3. Governor
- 4. Member of Staff
- 5. Local resident
- 6. Other (please specify)

If you are responding as a parent can you please tell us your preference for your child's education:

English-medium	Welsh-medium	Faith (CiW)	Faith (Catholic)	Other

If you have ticked yes to other, please specify what other education provision

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Questions

Which site(s) are you in favour of being used for primary education?

	Yes	No	Maybe
Site 1 – Channel View Leisure Centre Site and adjacent facilities			
Site 2 – Ninian Park Primary School			
Site 3 – Land adjacent to County Hall			
Site 4 – St Cuthbert's RC Primary School			
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Questions

If you have answered 'Yes' to any of the sites, can you please tell us why you like the proposed site(s) and whether you think the site(s) is best suited to English-medium, Welsh-medium or faith provision?

If you have answered 'No' to any of the sites can you please tell us why you do not like the proposed site(s)?

If you think there are other sites that could be used, please give us the details below including the site location and reasons that make it suitable for the provision of primary education places:

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Appendix 1

List of other sites/site options in Grangetown and Butetown areas

1. Bessemer Close – Council offices and adjacent properties
2. Bessemer Fruit Market
3. Cardiff Bus Depot
4. Coronation Park, Sloper Road
5. Gas Works Site (adjacent to Ikea and Cardiff Bay Retail Park)
6. Grangemoors Park (adjacent to Cardiff Bay Retail Park), Ferry Road
7. Grangetown Primary – extension
8. Hamadryad Hospital site, Hamadryad Road
9. Land adjacent to and formerly part of the Hamadryad Hospital site, Hamadryad Road
10. Hannah Street
11. ISV site between ISV offices and Toys R Us
12. Jubilee Park, Sloper Road
13. Land at Britannia Quay. Roath Dock Road, Butetown (Welsh Government)
14. Land off Clive Street (adjacent to Ikea)
15. Land on corner behind Sloper Road and Bessemer Road (near House of Sport)
16. Privately owned land adjacent to Mount Stuart Primary School
17. Retail Units adjacent to Ikea (part of Cardiff Bay Retail Park)
18. Vacant Sytner Garage site, Penarth Road (Private Ownership)
19. West Close Buildings
20. Ysgol Gymraeg Pwll Coch – extension
21. Hamadryad Park 2FE school
22. Hamadryad Park 3FE school
23. Sevenoaks Park: entrance via Car showroom near Grangetown Train Station (adjacent to Sevenoaks Park)
24. Sevenoaks Park: entrance via Sloper Road, on East side of Sevenoaks Park
25. The Marl - Southern end of the park