

# Elgin High School Replacement

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Why are we building a new road past a primary school?	The existing access to the High School takes traffic through a housing estate. The new access will provide a route with proper pedestrian and cycle facilities and safe crossing points for pupils. Outside the primary school, a 20mph speed limit will operate during certain times of the day.
Will there be parking on Edgar Road?	Parking on Edgar Road will not be encouraged however there will be an off-street parking area on the north side of the road to facilitate visitors to the wetlands and for residents of Edgar Road.
Where will parents be able to park when dropping-off or picking up their children?	A dedicated, off-street drop-off/pick-up facility will be provided and shared between both schools. Please see the display boards.
What about increased traffic outside Greenwards Primary school?	Screening against noise and visual intrusion will be provided outside the primary school. This may consist of trees, bushes, fencing, etc. Your views would be appreciated by way of the feedback sheets available.
Is there a relationship between this project and the proposed Link Road?	The extension to Edgar road is common to both schemes and includes a commitment to build an access road to the proposed affordable housing site at Bilbohall.
What will happen to the existing access to the High School?	It is anticipated that this will become an access for pedestrians and cyclists only. Vehicle access will be via the new road.
Does this project require planning approval?	Yes. A full planning application will be submitted in Summer following a more formal consultation event later this month.
How will this school compare to the new Elgin Academy?	In simple terms : Elgin High School will be a smaller scale, very high quality 'silver' standard school whereas the Academy is a 'gold' standard school. This difference is due to the available funding from Scottish Futures Trust and the contribution from the Moray Council.

What community facilities will the new school provide?	The new school will be accessible to the community in the same way in which it is now. Facilities will include a sports hall, synthetic turf pitch, performance space and meeting areas.
Will the new school generate more traffic in the area?	No, there is no predicted increase in traffic. However it is proposed that vehicles going to the new school will be directed and redistributed along the proposed new Edgar Road Extension. This would separate vehicle traffic from pedestrian/cyclist traffic, hence creating safer routes to school for all.
During the construction period, what will be done to ensure pupil and public safety?	All the construction work will be contained within a secure compound. Construction traffic will be separated from pupil and school users.
Will I still be able to walk my dog across the school playing fields?	Dog walking on the school grounds is currently actively discouraged as it poses a danger to pupils. It is proposed that the new school campus will be enclosed.
Will I still be able to walk out of the Hardhillock area into the Bilbohall estate across what is currently the car park?	We are looking at developing pathways around the perimeter of the school site
Will the all weather pitch be used in the evenings and if so what time will it close?	The all weather pitch will be available for community use outwith school hours. Operating times have yet to be decided, however, similar facilities at other Moray Schools close at 10pm.
What are the plans for the area of land on the other side of the school field?	There are currently no proposals for this area of ground.
How will quietness be ensured for pupils sitting exams during the construction period?	Noisy work will be programmed to avoid disruption at exam times.
Floodlights	The all weather pitch will be floodlit. The lights will be designed to minimise light pollution. Similar facilities at Moray schools close at 10pm at night.
Will there be parking for staff and visitors?	Yes, adequate car parking will be provided.
Will residents with drives still be able to access them from the new road?	Yes.
How will school buses be accommodated on the site?	School buses will be accommodated however details are still to be drawn up.