

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) - Addendum for Co-op Academy Smithies Moor, Heckmondwike, to be read in conjunction with the SCI as submitted.

Prepared by Stonyrock Limited on behalf of Bowmer + Kirkland – 26th September 2025

1.1 Introduction

As part of Bowmer + Kirkland's commitment to continue dialogue with the community, the project team asked Co-op Academy Smithies Moor to undertake additional communications with school stakeholders. The exhibition display was shared with staff and families, and they were encouraged to comment on the plans via the website. This extended feedback period ran from 1st to 25th September 2025 to capture the start of the new school term.

1.2 Headline results

- 19 individuals used the website
- Four survey responses were received.
- All were supportive of the proposals.
- Three were parents of current pupils and two also stated they lived locally.
- The most important element of the proposals for these respondents is 'Improved security and safeguarding features', followed by 'Transformation of the learning environment for all pupils and staff' and 'Modern inspiring and sustainable primary academy'.
- There were no additional comments.

1.3 On-going

- Continued dialogue with immediate residential neighbours, Birstall Victoria ARLFC and Fairfield School.
- Bowmer + Kirkland will issue updates throughout the planning process and if granted consent through construction.
- Bowmer + Kirkland will work with the school to use the rebuilding project as a learning tool, encouraging pupils to look at the many different skills and activities in construction.

1.4 Summary

- Across the duration of the full consultation, 23 people registered for updates. 133 individuals used the website
- All survey respondents are supportive of the proposals to transform Co-op Academies Smithies Moor.