

J37 Barnsley West – Potential New Primary School Sites – Key Pros and Cons

Site	Pros	Cons
1) New site at Barugh Green (MU1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land to be provided by developer plus £2.5m (S106) contribution towards build cost. Requirement for 360 pupil school on a minimum size site of 1.749ha To meet government target of 500 new Free School during the lifetime of this Parliament funding likely to be made available to meet the £5m funding gap Free school funding likely to be available to provide temporary facilities on site if necessary ready for first pupil. Located within the development site in terms of minimising walking distances Most deliverable short and long term option 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Still £5m shortfall for provision to secure funding Due to government policy any new school must be a Free School which is outside of Local Authority control. Need to ensure developer can build within timeframe of Summer 18 access route to new school site Costs potentially higher with temporary facilities as well as long term facilities The primary school location within the site takes potential housing land which impacts indirectly on the current viability gap. Some issues of walking distances from Gawber end of the site. There could be timing issues due to diversion of overhead power lines Could there be an issue for the local plan in securing school sponsor in advance of the EIP
2) Expand existing Barugh Green School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land available on site for expansion, use existing building for KS1 and build separate KS2 facility to create a 630 pupil school over two buildings. Would potentially overcome short term issues for school places by September 2018 to fit development profile Outstanding Ofsted rating, very popular school. Location to a reasonable area of MU1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic infrastructure e.g. kitchens and dining hall cannot be expanded in present location. Land available would only allow for 2 separate facilities and would also rely on an additional 2 classrooms being provided at Gawber School which is problematic - physically and in terms of securing funding to do so. Walking distances from Gawber end of MU1 not ideal LA school so cannot apply to be free school sponsor to secure funding Deliverability unlikely
3) Expand existing Gawber School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Ofsted rating, popular school. Location to some areas of MU1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to changes of levels on site and lack of usable development space Asset

		<p>Management advise it is not practical to expand school beyond present size.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The existing site is 0.775ha, the min site area for a 280 place school is 1.132ha, a shortage of 0.357ha • There are potential issues around the access to this development land which is only 20m max in length (reduced to 16m through landscaping) which could pose problems for passive supervision during playtime • There is a public right of way across the area which would need to be diverted • LA school so cannot apply to be free school sponsor to secure funding • Deliverability unlikely
4) Expand existing Wilthorpe School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Space to expand. • Would overcome short term issues for school places by September 2018 to fit development profile 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans already in place to expand classroom spaces funded through S106 contribution to cover approved development in the area. • Distance from development site • Temporary spaces would become permanent and create issues with securing pupil numbers for new school on MU1 • LA school so cannot apply to be free school sponsor to secure funding • Deliverability unlikely
5) Alternative new school site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding likely to be available through Free School option if it can be proved in advance that a new school is necessary. DfE would assist in finding a site and sponsor if necessary. • Frees up development land within MU1 to improve viability • Potentially could be deliverable short and long term option 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timescales implication to finding an alternative school site • The new location may not satisfy the MU1 catchment area. • Possibility to put on land adjacent to Barugh Green Primary but more peripheral site. • Could there be an issue for the local plan in securing school sponsor in advance of the EIP