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# Ellesmere Port Catholic High School Planning Application

## Planning Application Coming Soon

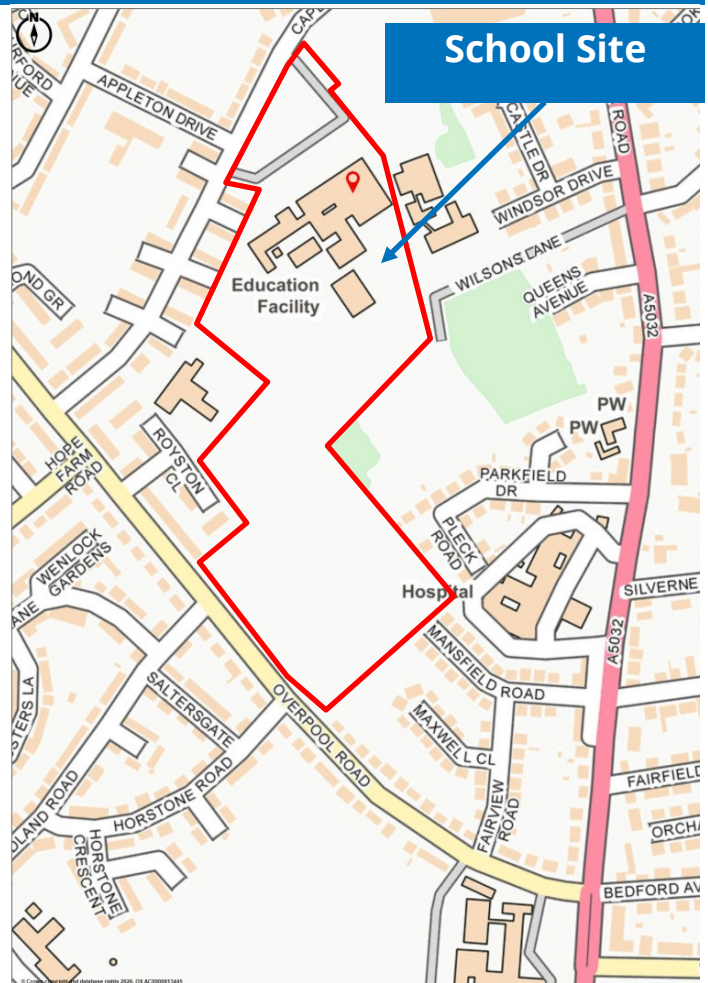
We are excited to let you know that a planning application will soon be submitted for the redevelopment of Ellesmere Port Catholic High School. This welcome redevelopment will deliver significantly improved educational facilities for both the school and the local community.

The redevelopment of Ellesmere Port Catholic High School is being delivered by the Department for Education as part of their School Rebuilding Programme. Kier Construction has been selected by the Department for Education to design and build the new school.

## Proposals

The existing school buildings are in a poor condition and several are no longer in use. All existing buildings are earmarked for demolition. Two new school buildings (a 2 storey teaching block and a sports block) are proposed to be built on the existing sports field towards the south of the site. An area of new sports field to replace the lost area will be created in the north of the site following the demolition of the existing school buildings.

The existing vehicular entrance from Capenhurst Lane will be retained for access to Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School. New vehicular and pedestrian / cycle access is proposed from Overpool Road to the new school buildings. A new staff and visitor car park, and a parent drop-off facility are also proposed. The car park will include electric vehicle charging points, and new cycle shelters will also be installed.



There will be no change to staff and pupil numbers as a result of the redevelopment.

The new building will minimise energy demand and use low carbon / renewable energy solutions. This will include solar panels on the roof and ground source heat pumps.

View our proposals online at:

<https://www.olhoc.org.uk/epchs-newbuild>

Email the design team at: [epchs.uk@avisonyoung.com](mailto:epchs.uk@avisonyoung.com)

Please send questions or comments no later than 1st April 2026



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## Have Your Say / Drop-in Event

At this pre-application stage, the development proposals can be viewed on the School Trust's website and you can also contact the Kier project team if you have any queries or comments. Details are at the bottom of this page.

We are holding a **drop-in event at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School** for anyone who wants to find out more or who would like to ask any questions about the proposals. The session will run from **4pm to 7pm on Wednesday 25th March 2026**.

## Timescales / Next Steps

We will be submitting the planning application in Spring 2026. Once the application has been submitted, it will be available to view and comment on online via Cheshire West and Chester Council's online planning portal:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/planning-and-building-control/see-or-comment-on-planning-applications/how-to-view-an-application>

Subject to receiving planning permission the school redevelopment is planned to commence on site in Autumn 2026.

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