

# Consultation launched for a new school in Houlton

The Transforming Lives Educational Trust (TLET) has launched a consultation on the creation of a new primary education offer for Rugby, which will see them partner once again with Houlton's master developer Urban&Civic.

It is proposed that a new building would be added to Houlton School which was recently praised by Ofsted for being "aspirational" and a place where "pupils rise to the challenges set by the school".

The proposals would mean that Houlton becomes an all-through school, educating children from Reception through to Sixth Form. The new building would have enough space for two classes (60 pupils) in each year group, and would welcome 30 Reception children in its first year - which is anticipated to be in September 2026.

This means they will be able to grow through their education in an environment that is not just nurturing and familiar to them, but also provides award winning facilities. They will be fully supported on their journey through school, particularly the sometimes-challenging step from primary through to secondary.

The school would be designed and built by Urban&Civic as part of their outline planning permission for the growing community of Houlton and then transferred to TLET to operate as an all-through school.

A planning application has been submitted to Rugby Borough Council for the new primary school building which will be located to the west of the entrance to the existing Houlton School. In addition, a proposal will also be submitted to the Department for Education to change the age range of Houlton School to include primary children.

U&C and TLET's first project, now Houlton School, has won 14 design and construction awards for the transformation of the former Rugby Radio Station building including the RIBA Reinvention Award in 2023 and the two organisations have maintained strong links aligning their work to support the growing community of Houlton.

The community is being encouraged to share their views on both the building and the extension of age range to the existing school through the consultations. You can view the planning application for the project's build through the Rugby Borough Council Planning Portal.



*This is an incredibly exciting proposal. These plans will give local families a very different offer, and something that will be unique in Rugby and the surrounding area. Children will be able to learn on one site from their first day at school through to them heading to the country's top universities and employers."*

**JAMES HIGHAM,  
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