**WOODLANDS MEED COLLEGE NEW BUILD PROJECT UPDATE OCTOBER 2020**

Regular Project Board and College engagement meetings continue to take place virtually between West Sussex County Council, the design team and the College’s staff and governors.

# RIBA 2 – Concept Design

The RIBA Stage 2 Report (Concept Design) was issued to the college on 12 October, slightly later than anticipated due to the considerable detail associated with cut and fill (ground works) and mechanical and electrical design information. The designers have set up energy models which highlighted some early compliance issues with overheating and daylight. These issues had to be reviewed.

**RIBA 3 – Spatial Coordination and Design**

RIBA Stage 3, Spatial Coordination (developing the design), has commenced. During this stage, the design is further developed. This process may require several iterations of the design and any changes to the Concept Design will be considered and signed off by WSCC and the college.

**Planning Submission due in November 2020**

WSCC is aiming to submit the planning application to the planning authority by 20 November 2020. The completion dates for the building and exterior areas remain as May and October 2023 respectively and thus the project is on programme. Before submitting the planning application, WSCC will distribute letters to local residents and parents of pupils attending Woodlands Meed School, Woodlands Meed College and Birchwood Grove Primary, directing them to the information on the proposal and the process for comments to be received.

# Constantly seeking value for money

The Council has agreed to a request from the College’s governors and head teacher to consider an alternative site in Burgess Hill to see if it would better meet the needs of the students, now and into the future. WSCC is currently undertaking a study to this effect on a site off Jane Murray Way.

This work will not affect current progress of the Woodlands Meed College project.