



Meeting Information & Actions

Date	Wednesday 7 May
Time	7pm – 8pm
Location	Alleyne's School
Attendees	GCD & NJS Jayne, Marianne, Barbara, Juliet, Stephen, Chantal, Diane, Richard, JR S&C Slatters – contractors for Top Field & Astro. Hadron Consultant – Project Management. Gillespies – Landscape Architects Rolfe Judd – Planning Advisors.
Minutes	AGE

1: Consultation

- Aim of this initial smaller consultation to share emerging thinking on plans before putting more serious work into the planning elements.
- Throughout process, Alleyne's will continue to ask for feedback on proposals before any submission to Southwark is made.

2: A Line

- Alleyne's look after 30 acres of land, the majority of which being Metropolitan Open Land (MOL). From a planning point of view, this land has to be kept as open fields, currently used mostly for sport. Alleyne's want to diversify these green spaces, making them more accessible to staff, pupils, and the local community. As a result, the idea of the A Line was born. A donor funded, community lead project.
- The A Line will be a contiguous walk to border entire school site. Whole route will be roughly 2km.
- Outline for different types of uses for the A Line identified as:
 - Trim trail
 - Outdoor learning spaces
 - Exercise spaces
 - Wellbeing spaces

- Seating
- Quiet areas.
- Next Steps:
 - More detailed plans ready for September 2025
 - Planning application to be submitted in December 2025

Questions/Comments

- **Maintenance:** Alleyn's Grounds team will maintain the planting of the A Line.
- **Surface:** Question on the material used on paths around the Top Field.
 - Gillespies inform group that Hoggins will be used on paths, a very fine type of gravel, sound under feet should be very minimal.
- Question about the width of path as there is the worry that scaffolding vehicles will no longer be able to access neighbour gardens should they need.
 - GCD informs neighbours that this type of access is something which he cannot guarantee will continue.

3: Top Field

- More astro facilities needed due to the aligning of girls and boys football curriculum.
- Proposal to put a 3G Astro on Top Field, in place of the current 'Mini Wembley'. Current track is sub-standard, difficult to maintain, and covered in weeds.
- Proposal for Top Field:
 - 3G Astro Pitch (11 a side) & Small Pavilion - Single story with Disability (DDA) access (Sports England requirement). A pitch must come with disabled access and facilities to go with it.
 - No floodlighting
 - Walking trail around edges
 - Two new netball courts
 - Bushcraft to remain
 - Amphitheatre
 - Addition of Suds and Swales to help with the current drainage issues.

Questions/Comments

- Question around how Astro pitch marries with MOL and how the planning authority deems this in terms of development.
 - Rolfe Judd inform group that the laying of a man-made surface drives the requirement for planning. National guidance towards MOL recognises that there is a recreational use and purpose to these spaces. There is therefore, for this type of proposal, an acceptance from the national government.
- **Drainage:** Question about the addition of new drainage.
 - Brand new drainage to go in as part of the addition of the 3G Astro Pitch.

- S&C Slatter inform group that artificial turf pitches are built on a large stone base which is designed to provide attenuation for stored water. From here water will infiltrate down into the ground slowly and over a long period of time, removing the current drainage problem.
- **Surface:** Question on the environmental friendliness of the 3G Astro pitch on a field
 - Surface of 3G pitch is yet to be formalised but GCD reassures group that there are different more environmentally friendly options.
- **Topography:** Concern over the uneven surface of the Top Field, some areas raised higher making people's gardens more visible to those using the A Line.
 - GCD informs group that a topographical survey of the Top Field has been carried out. Landscape Architects are aware of the uneven nature of the field.
- **Floodlighting:** Neighbours request no floodlights be made a condition of planning to ensure that this is not changed in the future.
- **Security:** Shared worry amongst group about Top Field security & intruders.
- GCD comment on those with access being only 'friends of Alleyn's' from neighbouring roads.
- Camera numbers and operating hours requested by group.
 - Aim to operate Top Field like a park – daylight hours only.
 - Memorial gate and main gate to have access control, with possible addition of a pedestrian gate.
 - Only accessible via Access control tap, with ID badge only. Access granted only to those on the 'Friends of Alleyn's' membership scheme.
 - Number of cameras yet to be decided. Cameras will capture different angles of Top Field.
- Security managed better with access control, this is the only way to manage who is on site and when, and deal with any intruders.
 - If anyone abuses their access, it will be revoked.
- **Usage:** Astro pitch to be primarily used during football season in Advent & Lent Term.
 - Advent sport to take place during school curriculum days with games tending to happen in the afternoons.
 - o Example timetable of usage to be produced as part of the planning application.
 - External usage: Sport England will need to see a community use agreement attached to the planning for the Astro pitch. Alleyn's will have to show evidence of pitch being used by community.
 - o S&C Slatter inform group that just how many hours are given to community access comes with negotiation with Sport England. Hours of usage on Top Field will be dictated by daylight hours given the fact that there will be no floodlights.

4: Forest School

- Forest School to replace temporary car park in August 2025.
- Native hedging to be planted.
- Space for reception classes (x1 at a time), so expect 30 users at one time
- New boundary enhancements around native planting.
- Existing trees to be retained and protected.
- Green screening of storage bays to mask rubbish and sand pits.
- Gathering space for children to do their forest activity, with temporary shelter.

Questions/Comments

- **Usage:** Question on whether Forest School will be used by other schools.
 - GCD informs group Forest School is mainly for internal usage but will be opened to local schools for 1 hr a week of free educational use.

5: AOB

- Thank you from group for the work the school is doing to be more green, biodiverse, welcoming, and understanding of neighbour's needs and concerns.
- Swimming Pool access:
 - General Swim - <https://www.alleyns.org.uk/what-s-on/general-swimming>
 - Discount Code - RESIDENT2025
- Tennis to open Monday 12 May: <https://www.alleyns.org.uk/>