

PROPOSALS FOR THE FORMER FRIENDS' SCHOOL, SAFFRON WALDEN

CHASE
NEW HOMES

MAY 2021

Chase New Homes will shortly be submitting a planning application for 88 new homes on the site of the former Friends' School, Saffron Walden. This will be through a mix of new homes and the conversion and retention of existing buildings.

After an extensive marketing campaign by the school's administrators, no buyer could be found to continue to operate the school as an educational facility. The buildings are in major need of repair or in some cases, such as the outbuildings, will need to be removed altogether.

As you may be aware, we recently brought forward plans for new homes, sports facilities and the re-provision of a swimming pool on the former playing fields. Uttlesford District Council's Planning Committee decided to turn down these proposals. Whilst we consider our next steps with that application, we're bringing forward this application for new homes on the school site.

They have been designed to include a mixture of house and apartment sizes, ranging from 1-4 bedroom properties. This range of house types are suitable for those getting onto the housing ladder, families looking for a larger home or those looking to downsize but remain in the local area.

Given the current situation, and in line with Government guidelines, we are updating local residents on the proposals for new homes via post and online.

We welcome any comments you have on the plans and further details on the information of the application are available at our dedicated project website: www.chasesaffronwalden.co.uk.

OUR PROPOSALS INCLUDE:

-  88 new high-quality homes
-  Much-needed investment to repair the former school building, including a new roof.
-  A mix of 1, 2, 3, & 4 bedroom houses and apartments, including the conversion and retention of existing buildings
-  Sporting and recreational facilities including tennis and basketball courts
-  Retention of trees along boundary and in the site where possible



MASTERPLAN

Croydon building

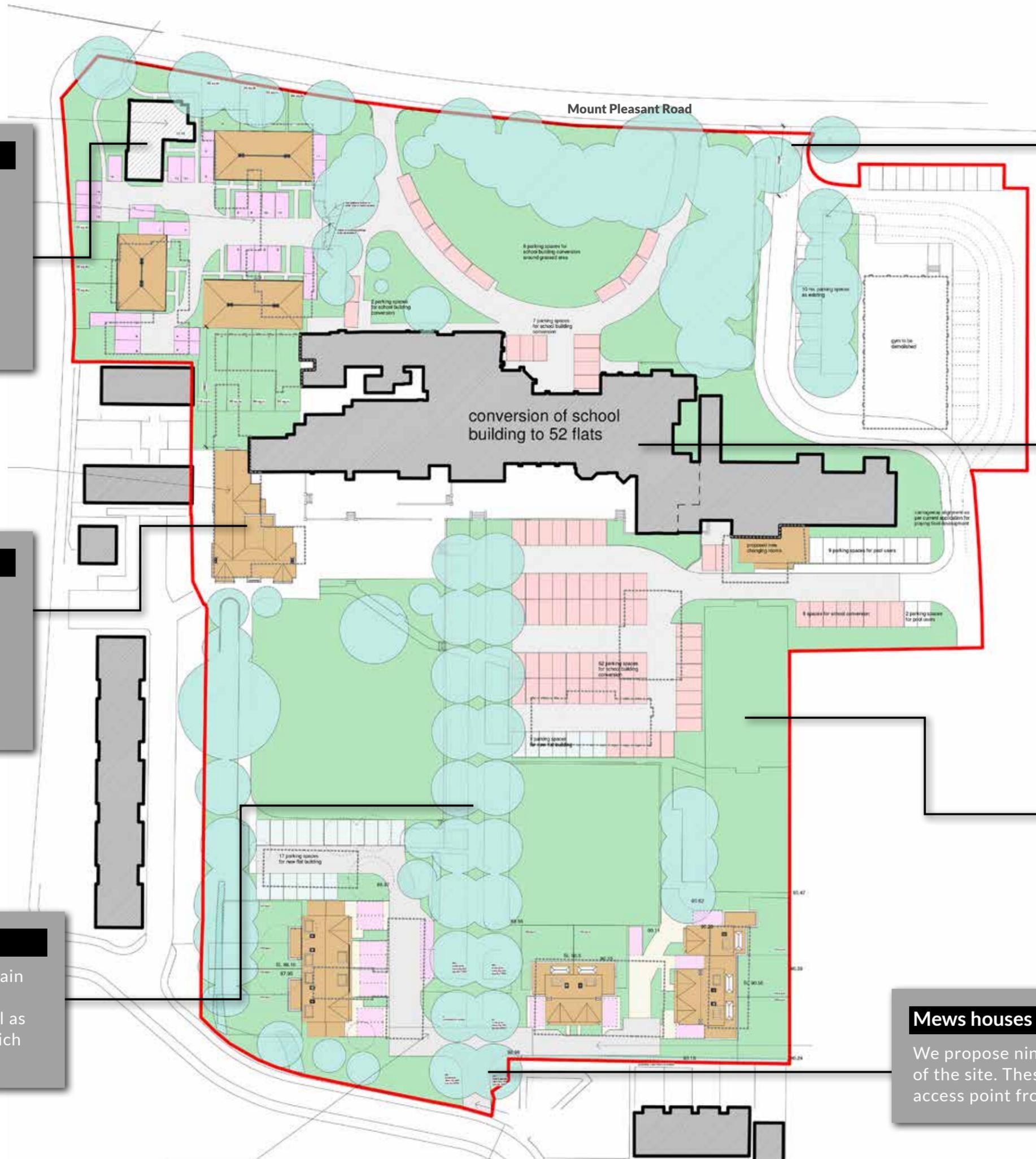
We will keep and repair the Croydon building and convert it into four flats. Other outbuildings located close to the Croydon building are beyond repair and we propose to replace them with Mews houses.

New building

Our plans include a new three-storey building which will contain 12 two-bedroom apartments. Each apartment will have two dedicated parking spaces for residents.

Trees

Where possible, we will retain the trees which are on the boundary of our site as well as the key avenue of trees which run down the centre.



Access

Access to the site will be via the existing entrances off of Mount Pleasant Road. These will be upgraded where necessary, subject to agreement with Essex Highways.

Conversion of the school building

Our plans include converting the existing main school building and removing unsympathetic outbuilding and replacing them with high quality new-build properties in a landscaped setting.

Sports facilities

Our plans include provision of upgrading the sports facilities such as tennis courts and basketball court.

Mews houses

We propose nine new Mews houses to the south of the site. These will be accessed via the existing access point from The Avenue.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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ABOUT CHASE NEW HOMES

Based in Welwyn Garden City, Chase New Homes is an independent property development company that has successfully been delivering new homes since 2005.

The company has grown exponentially in the last decade with an extensive portfolio of developments, conversions and large-scale apartment schemes. Strong design and quality finishes can be seen in all Chase properties.

As an independent company our reputation is key. When building homes, we strive for an exceptional service. This philosophy has created a strong brand among Chase customers and partners over the years.

NEXT STEPS

A planning application will shortly be submitted to Uttlesford District Council.

We will of course continue to keep local residents updated throughout this process.



ANY QUESTIONS?

Chase New Homes welcome your comments on the planning application.

You can ask questions or provide feedback through the following methods:

-  Write to us at:
Freepost, MPC CONSULTATION (no stamp required)
-  Call our freephone number on:
0800 148 8911
-  Get in touch through the feedback page on this website:
www.chasesaffronwalden.co.uk
-  Email us at:
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