

Consultation Information



King James' School Foundation, Bishop Auckland

During 19 August and 29 September, we are consulting on the proposed change to the King James' School Foundation Trust, to enable the trustees to look at alternative uses for the building.

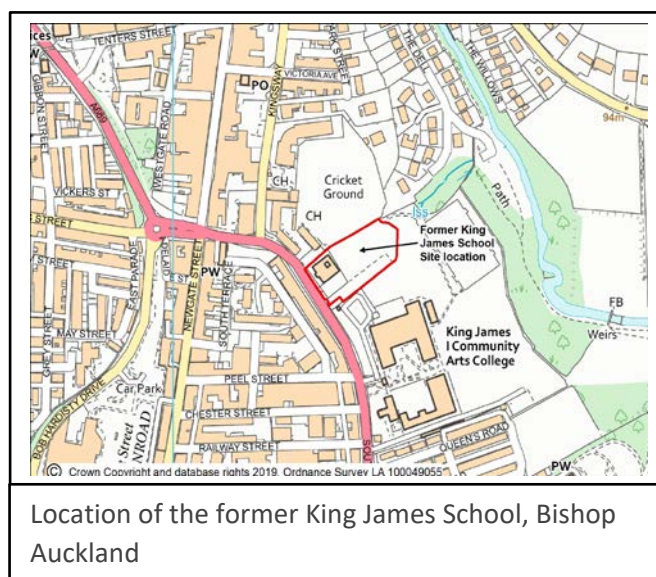
Background

The former King James School in Bishop Auckland is owned by a charitable trust (the King James' School Foundation). The school closed in 2000 due to falling numbers. In 1964 two charitable foundations amalgamated to form the King James' School Foundation with Durham County Council as the sole Trustee. The governing document that was established is still in place today.

The Foundation was set up to provide a county secondary school for girls and boys in the former Bishop Auckland Urban District to offer other educational benefits:

1. Providing special benefits for the school not normally provided by the Local Education Authority.
2. Providing assistance for higher education by means of scholarships, bursaries and maintenance allowances for persons of either sex who have not attained the age of 25 years and other financial assistance to enable beneficiaries to prepare for or to enter a profession, trade or calling.
3. Otherwise promoting the education (including social and physical training) of beneficiaries.

The charity's governing document says the site must be used for education, so the trust is limited in what they can do with the building. Under the rules of the governing document, the Foundation does not have the ability to change the use of the building, sell the building or dispose of designated land.



To take part or for more information go to KingJamesSchoolFoundation@durham.gov.uk