CLLR SARAH MOORE – CULVERHAY SITE

As a ward member for Twerton and Whiteway and the member advocate for accessibility, I am pleased to see the new schools paper that is being put forward at tonight's meeting.

The Rush Hill school site has been left empty for far too long causing so many young people in our area longer journeys to a suitable school. B&NES clearly has a shortfall of SEND and alternative provision places and this school will be welcomed by families across my ward and the wider area.

I'm really pleased to see the amended recommendations allowing more flexibility on the site and would ask that any non-educational element of this proposal is clearly defined, and the education area is secured so that this area cannot be allowed to expand any further than the original plans in the future. This is a worry for residents as this site is in the perfect location for education provision and we must not lose this.

I would also like to ask that the community provision is never forgotten and that a full sports and swimming pool facility is re-instated on this site as soon as it is possible.

I urge each of you to support this paper and allow work to commence on this project as soon as possible.