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Council to consult on multi-million pound scheme for Newport

Telford & Wrekin Council has announced a multi million pound scheme that would see Newport's main secondary school Burton Borough rebuilt on a new site by 2015.

The scheme, part of the council's Borough Towns Initiative, would also see a major supermarket development and the creation of a modern business park for Newport on land near Audley Avenue.

The plans are being prepared in partnership with developers Davidsons and St Modwen and will involve selling the current Burton Borough School site for residential development.

The Council says that it would require a multi million pound investment in the current Burton Borough School so as to bring to an acceptable standard. The school is currently not marked for a rebuild as part of the council's Sports and Learning Communities programme but is due to receive an extensive upgrade. However, the option to build a completely new school is now possible following discussions with the two developers for a wider regeneration scheme.

A major consultation will take place on the proposal during the summer ahead of a joint planning application, which is expected later this year.

Under the scheme, a new school with playing fields would be built on land bordering the A518 with the new supermarket development and petrol station next to this.

Land on the other side of Station Road bordering to the existing Audley Avenue Industrial Estate would also be transformed into a modern business park, providing much-needed new employment land in Newport.

