

## **Primary School Expansion Programme**

### **Appendix A Statutory consultation outcomes**

1. Harrow Council conducted statutory consultations about its proposals for the expansions of twelve primary sector schools on ten sites between 16 September 2013 and 18 October 2013. Two voluntary aided primary school governing bodies also conducted statutory expansion consultations coordinated with the Harrow Council consultations. This Appendix presents a summary of the outcomes to assist Cabinet members, and provides all other interested parties with an overview. The full consultation responses have been made available to elected members and are available as background papers to the Cabinet report.

### **Background**

2. Statutory consultations were approved by Cabinet at its meeting on 18 July 2013 following consideration of the outcomes of the borough wide consultations on primary school expansion proposals conducted during the Autumn Term 2011.
3. The proposals in the statutory consultations have been informed by extensive work undertaken by officers in close collaboration with schools. Harrow schools have opened additional temporary Reception classes each year since 2009 and the first phase of permanent expansions of schools in Harrow was implemented in September 2013. Feedback from stakeholders and discussions with schools have identified the good practice to implement and lessons to be learned. These experiences, the analysis of school roll projection data, and applications for Government funding in relation to specific schools have informed the consultation proposals. Schools have been considered in relation to the projected demand in each of the five geographic primary planning areas in the borough. The consultations have been about primary sector schools only at this stage. However, the increased demand in the primary sector will progress through to the secondary sector and will begin to exceed available high school places in around 2016. The secondary school place planning strategy is also being presented in this report to Cabinet for approval. In July 2013 Cabinet approved the Special School SEN Placements Planning Framework for bringing forward proposals over the next 3-5 years to increase provision for children and young people with special educational needs.

### **Statutory consultation papers and distribution**

4. Harrow Council distributed consultation information to a wide range of stakeholders including neighbouring local authorities, local MPs, Councillors, unions, diocesan bodies, voluntary organisations, and Harrow Youth Parliament. Letters were also delivered to residents living locally to the schools proposed for expansion, including the two voluntary aided schools. The distribution of letters was informed by the requirements that would apply if planning applications were to be submitted and the schools and Ward Councillors were consulted for their views on distribution which were included in the delivery area. Information was put on the Harrow Council website, together with a facility for online response to the consultations. The schools distributed information and response forms to their school communities, including parents, staff and governors. Open consultation meetings for parents and residents were arranged at all the schools to enable discussion about the proposals. Officers and architects gave presentations at the meetings which included initial site feasibility plans to indicate how additional pupils may be accommodated on the schools if they are approved for expansion.

**Overall statutory consultation response**

5. Two consultation questions were asked in the consultation, which were
- “Do you agree with the approach to creating additional school places In Harrow?”
  - “Do you agree with the approach to permanently expand *\*named* school” (Note: the respondent would specify which school proposal their response related to) with the option to respond ‘Yes’, ‘No’, or ‘Not Sure’ to each question. Opportunity was given for comments to be added if the respondent wished to do so. The following tables provide overall responses to the consultation questions

**Question 1: “Do you agree with the approach to creating additional school places In Harrow?”**

6. The overall responses to Question 1 were

Response	Number	Percentage
Yes	507	61.60%
No	211	25.64%
Not Sure	105	12.76%
<b>Total</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Question 2: “Do you agree with the approach to permanently expand *\*named* school?”**

7. Respondents were asked to state which school their response related to. The overall responses to the statutory consultation question by school were:

**Numbers**

Schools	Yes	No	Not Sure	Total
Aylward	29	28	7	64
Belmont	31	14	8	53
Cannon Lane	16	92	10	118
Grange	50	16	5	71
Kenmore Park	43	10	5	58
Newton Farm	43	15	7	65
Norbury	56	12	9	77
Pinner Wood	9	19	6	34
Priestmead	79	19	16	114
St Anselm's	4	43	2	49
St John Fisher	5	42	7	54
Whitchurch	41	17	8	66
<b>Totals</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>823</b>

Notes: The consultation responses for the separate schools on the Kenmore Park and Whitchurch sites have been combined.

The responses made about the two voluntary aided schools have been forwarded to the schools for the governing bodies to consider along with the responses they have received directly.

**Percentages**

Schools	Yes	No	Not Sure
Aylward	45.3%	43.8%	10.9%
Belmont	58.5%	26.4%	15.1%
Cannon Lane	13.6%	78.0%	8.5%
Grange	70.4%	22.5%	7.0%

Kenmore Park	74.1%	17.2%	8.6%
Newton Farm	66.2%	23.1%	10.8%
Norbury	72.7%	15.6%	11.7%
Pinner Wood	26.5%	55.9%	17.6%
Priestmead	69.3%	16.7%	14.0%
St Anselm's	8.2%	87.8%	4.1%
St John Fisher	9.3%	77.8%	13.0%
Whitchurch	62.1%	25.8%	12.1%
<b>% of total responses</b>	<b>49.3%</b>	<b>39.7%</b>	<b>10.9%</b>

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The responses made about the two voluntary aided schools have been forwarded to the schools for the governing bodies to consider along with the responses they have received directly.

8. There was a numerical range in the number of responses received from school communities between 34 (4.2% of the total responses) and 118 (14.4% of the total responses).

### Responses type

9. The response to the statutory consultation questions by respondent type is as follows.

<b>Numbers Overall</b>	
Harrow Resident	175
Parent/Carer	545
Pupil	3
School Staff	36
School Governor	15
Other	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>823</b>

<b>Numbers by School</b>	<b>Harrow Resident</b>	<b>Parent / Carer</b>	<b>Pupil</b>	<b>School Staff</b>	<b>School Governor</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Aylward	21	31		2	1	9	64
Belmont	10	24		12	4	3	53
Cannon Lane	28	82		1		7	118
Grange	10	53			2	6	71
Kenmore Park	9	40	2	5	1	1	58
Newton Farm	14	49				2	65
Norbury	16	48		9	2	2	77
Pinner Wood	19	12		1	1	1	34
Priestmead	9	95		4	2	4	114
St Anselm's	18	26				5	49
St John Fisher	17	33				4	54
Whitchurch	4	52	1	2	2	5	66
<b>Totals</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>823</b>

10. The responses by respondent type for the first consultation question were as follows:

**Do you agree with the approach to creating additional school places In Harrow?****Response: No**

Schools	Harrow Resident	Other	Parent/carer	Pupil	School Governor	School staff	Grand Total
Aylward Primary School	7	5	5	0	0	1	18
Belmont Primary School	5	1	2	0	0	3	11
Cannon Lane	15	3	47	0	0	1	66
Grange Primary School	5	1	3	0	0	1	10
Kenmore Park	5	0	4	0	0	0	9
Newton Farm	1	0	7	0	0	0	8
Norbury School	1	1	4	0	0	1	7
Pinner Wood School	8	0	1	0	0	1	10
Priestmead Primary School	4	0	9	0	0	0	13
St Anselm's Catholic Primary School	7	3	11	0	0	0	21
St John Fisher Catholic Primary School	7	3	11	0	0	0	21
Whitchurch	1	2	13	0	0	1	17
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>211</b>

**Response: Yes**

Schools	Harrow Resident	Other	Parent/carer	Pupil	School Governor	School staff	Grand Total
Aylward Primary School	6	3	24	0	1	1	35
Belmont Primary School	5	1	18	0	4	8	36
Cannon Lane	8	2	25	0	0	0	35
Grange Primary School	4	5	49	0	0	1	59
Kenmore Park	3	1	32	2	1	5	44
Newton Farm	11	2	40	0	0	0	53
Norbury School	11	0	42	0	2	8	63
Pinner Wood School	9	1	8	0	0	0	18
Priestmead Primary School	4	3	73	0	2	1	83
St Anselm's Catholic Primary School	7	2	13	0	0	0	22
St John Fisher Catholic Primary School	4	0	14	0	0	0	18
Whitchurch	3	3	31	1	2	1	41
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>507</b>

**Response: Not Sure**

Schools	Harrow Resident	Other	Parent/carer	Pupil	School Governor	School staff	Grand Total
Aylward Primary School	8	1	2	0	0	0	11
Belmont Primary School	0	1	4	0	0	1	6
Cannon Lane	5	2	10	0	0	0	17
Grange Primary School	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Kenmore Park	1	0	4	0	0	0	5
Newton Farm	2	0	2	0	0	0	4
Norbury School	4	1	2	0	0	0	7
Pinner Wood School	2	0	3	0	1	0	6
Priestmead Primary School	1	1	13	0	0	3	18
St Anselm's Catholic Primary School	4	0	2	0	0	0	6
St John Fisher Catholic Primary School	6	1	8	0	0	0	15
Whitchurch	0	0	8	0	0	0	8
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>105</b>

11. The responses by respondent type for the second consultation question were as follows:

**Do you agree with the approach to permanently expand *\*named* school?**

**Response: No**

Schools	Harrow Resident	Other	Parent/carer	Pupil	School Governor	School staff	Grand Total
Aylward Primary School	15	7	5	0	0	1	28
Belmont Primary School	5	1	3	0	0	5	14
Cannon Lane	22	4	65	0	0	1	92
Grange Primary School	6	0	10	0	0	0	16
Kenmore Park	5	0	5	0	0	0	10
Newton Farm	2	1	12	0	0	0	15
Norbury School	6	1	4	0	0	1	12
Pinner Wood School	12	1	5	0	0	1	19
Priestmead Primary School	5	0	14	0	0	0	19
St Anselm's Catholic Primary School	15	5	23	0	0	0	43
St John Fisher Catholic Primary School	13	4	25	0	0	0	42
Whitchurch	2	1	13	0	0	1	17
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>327</b>

**Response: Yes**

Schools	Harrow Resident	Other	Parent/carer	Pupil	School Governor	School staff	Grand Total
Aylward Primary School	2	2	23	0	1	1	29
Belmont Primary School	5	1	16	0	4	5	31
Cannon Lane	3	1	12	0	0	0	16
Grange Primary School	1	5	42	0	0	2	50
Kenmore Park	4	1	30	2	1	5	43
Newton Farm	8	1	34	0	0	0	43
Norbury School	7	0	39	0	2	8	56
Pinner Wood School	4	0	5	0	0	0	9
Priestmead Primary School	4	3	68	0	1	3	79
St Anselm's Catholic Primary School	1	0	3	0	0	0	4
St John Fisher Catholic Primary School	2	0	3	0	0	0	5
Whitchurch	2	4	32	1	2	0	41
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>406</b>

**Response: Not Sure**

Schools	Harrow Resident	Other	Parent/carer	Pupil	School Governor	School staff	Grand Total
Aylward Primary School	4	0	3	0	0	0	7
Belmont Primary School	0	1	5	0	0	2	8
Cannon Lane	3	2	5	0	0	0	10
Grange Primary School	3	1	1	0	0	0	5
Kenmore Park	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Newton Farm	4	0	3	0	0	0	7
Norbury School	3	1	5	0	0	0	9
Pinner Wood School	3	0	2	0	1	0	6
Priestmead Primary School	0	1	13	0	1	1	16
St Anselm's Catholic Primary School	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
St John Fisher Catholic Primary School	2	0	5	0	0	0	7
Whitchurch	0	0	7	0	0	1	8
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>90</b>

**Monitoring information**

12. When completing their responses to the consultation, respondents were invited to provide information about how they perceive their social identity to assist with monitoring the effectiveness of the consultation outreach. Anonymous information was requested under the following categories: disability; ethnic group; and religion. The following tables show the responses received under these categories.

**Respondents by Disability**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Not Disabled	709	85.11%
Yes, affecting mobility	19	2.28%
Yes, affecting hearing	4	0.48%
Yes, affecting vision	5	0.60%
Yes, a learning disability	0	0.00%
Yes, mental ill-health	2	0.24?%
Yes, another form of disability	3	0.36%
Not Stated	91	10.92%%

<b>Ethnic Group</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>% of total response</b>
Asian Or Asian British	202	24.54%
Black or Black British	13	1.58%
Other Ethnic Group	12	1.46%
Mixed ethnic background	7	0.85%
White	234	28.43%
Did Not Specify	355	43.13%

**Respondents by Religion**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Buddhism	9	1.09%
Christianity	227	27.58%
Hinduism	208	25.27%
Islam	107	13.00%
Jainism	19	2.31%
Judaism	9	1.09%
Sikh	6	0.73%
Zoroastrian	0	0%

Other	24	2.92%
No Religion	61	7.41%
Not Stated	153	18.59%

### **Themed analysis of comments received**

13. The responses made to the first consultation question indicate broad agreement with the Council's approach to creating additional school places in Harrow. The comments made by respondents to this question include the following main themes: a perception that Harrow is already over populated and over crowded; new schools should be built to meet the increased demand rather than expanding existing schools that are pressed for capacity; over time there has been too much development in the borough which exceeds the available infrastructure, for example roads, to support the increased population; traffic congestion and road safety are already significant issues and will be exacerbated by increased pupil numbers in schools.
14. Officer response to the comments made are as follows. Harrow's Area Action Plan has been subject to extensive consultation and provides a strategic framework for future sustainable development in the borough. Harrow Council will do all that it can to create new schools, but the reality is that there is very little land available to the Council for this. A new primary school will be established at the Kodak development and the Harrow Teachers' Centre site has been identified for additional secondary school provision in the borough's area planning. The Council will work with proposers of free schools to support appropriate new provision wherever possible. The design work to provide additional teaching space at schools that are expanded will seek to consolidate existing spaces and to address any issues with the current running of the school as far as possible. The travel and traffic issues arising from increased numbers of pupils in schools are recognised and are addressed in the section on Traffic and Congestion issues below.
15. The responses made to the second consultation question relating to specific school proposals are shown in the table above. The comments made by respondents to this question are summarised in Appendix B for each school together with officer comment. Formal responses have also been requested from school governing bodies and these received are summarised also.