

Harrow Council's Secondary School Place Planning Strategy

Introduction

1. Local Authorities have a statutory responsibility to secure sufficient high quality school places in its area. Like many London Boroughs, the population in Harrow is growing and this is increasing demand for school places.
2. To meet the growing demand, a Primary School Place Planning Strategy has been developed which includes a new school, permanent expansions and temporary bulge classes. A Special School and SEN Placement Planning Framework has been agreed to increase the number of places for children and young people with special educational needs in special schools and mainstream schools.
3. As the cohorts of additional pupils in Primary schools moves through to secondary age there will be a shortfall of places. The Secondary School Place Planning Strategy sets out how Harrow Council will work in partnership with schools and providers to secure sufficient high quality school places over the next 5 years.

Secondary School Place Planning Strategy Aim and Objectives

4. The aim of the Secondary School Place Planning Strategy is to ensure that there are sufficient secondary school places in Harrow. The Strategy brings together the strategic planning of the local authority and individual school development planning. It will inform how opportunities provided by the government to create school places will contribute to the provision in Harrow. These are currently the free school programme and specific funding programme for example, the Targeted Basic Need Programme.
5. The objectives for the local authority are to:
 - secure sufficient high quality secondary school places in Harrow;
 - inform Harrow's capital strategy to allocate the government's basic need capital funding to support the provision of school places;
 - work with schools and providers to develop new secondary school places in Harrow to meet demand through the Government's academy and free school programme;
 - create a strong community of schools across primary and secondary sectors; and
 - provide a strategic context for the local authority's Planning Committee to consider planning applications for schools.
6. The objectives for the schools will depend on the aspirations of the school governing bodies. For some schools it may be to increase or reduce their school size, for others it may be to propose new schools. It is expected that the strategy will inform the development plans so that where governing bodies are considering decisions that affect the size of the school, these are done so in the strategic context of the need for places in Harrow.

7. In addition, if governing bodies are considering capital investment these decisions can be considered in the context of the need for places and whether there can be greater value for money if proposals are implemented jointly and to combine funding streams.

Secondary School provision in Harrow

8. In Harrow there are 10 high schools making provision for pupils aged 11 to 18; 8 are academy schools, one is a VA school and one is a community school. There are two special high schools for pupils with severe and complex needs and moderate learning difficulties making provision for pupils from 11 to 19. Currently there is one all through free school temporarily located in Harrow that makes provision for pupils aged 4 to 18. The Jubilee Academy, an alternative provision free school, opened in September 2013.
9. From September 2013 further education colleges are able to enrol 14 to 16 year-olds who wish to study high quality vocational qualifications. There are two FE colleges in Harrow, Harrow College and Stanmore College, but at this time they do not enrol 14-19 year olds on vocational courses.

Options to Increase Capacity

10. There are a number of options to increase secondary school capacity, including:
 - expand existing high schools;
 - bring forward proposals for new free schools, and;
 - expand and extend the age range of primary schools.
11. The statutory process to make these changes will depend on the legal status of the school e.g. community, voluntary aided or academy school.
12. Capital funding to support the expansion of schools is available to the local authority in the form of annual Basic Need Allocations from the Government and other specific funding programmes for example, the Targeted Basic Need Programme.
13. The Education Funding Agency also has an academy expansion fund and funds the governments free school programme.

Secondary School Pupil Projections

14. A report on the demographic projections is published annually by the local authority. It includes projections for primary and secondary schools. The Local authority commissions the GLA to provide projections for Harrow. The secondary projections only for 2014-22 are presented at Annexe A.
15. The overall number of pupils in secondary schools has been declining since 2005 from 10,856 to 10,368 in September 2012. It is projected to rise from 10,373 in September 2014, to 13,123 in September 2021.
16. The number of Year 7 pupils has gradually declined from 2005 from 2,147 to 1,932 in September 2012. There was an increase of approximately 90 in

September 2011 followed by a greater decline of approx 150 in September 2012. The projections indicate an increase from September 2013 from 2,053 to 2,828 by September 2021. The projections assume that there will continue to be approximately 85% of Year 6 transferring to Year 7.

17. Harrow started opening additional reception classes in September 2009. This increase in primary pupil numbers impacts on the secondary schools from September 2016 when there is an increase of 120 pupils.

Year 7 Secondary Places

18. From September 2014 there will be 2,150 permanent Year 7 places. This includes the reductions at Park High School from 300 to 260 in September 2013 and Hatch End High School from 300 to 240 from September 2014 and assumes the increase at Bentley Wood from 180 to 210 in September 2014.
19. There are 180 places provided by Avanti House located temporarily in Harrow. The Education Funding Agency and the Avanti House are considering a number of sites in Harrow and Barnet. Harrow pupils are attending Avanti House and it is assumed that some of Harrow's pupils would continue to access some of these places if the school were to be located in Harrow or Barnet. Until the permanent location of this school is confirmed, it is not possible to include them as permanent provision in Harrow. The table below illustrates the number of Year 7 places at each school:

Year 7 Places:	2013	2014
Bentley Wood	180	210
Canons	180	180
Hatch End	300	240
Park	260	260
Harrow High	180	180
Rooks Heath	210	210
Nower Hill	300	300
Sacred Heart	150	150
Salvatorian	150	150
Whitmore	270	270
<i>Avanti House</i>	<i>180</i>	<i>180</i>
Total incl. Avanti House	2360	2330
Total excl. Avanti House	2180	2150

Secondary Place Planning Challenge

20. The increasing population in primary schools will impact on high schools and the current number of Year 7 places is insufficient to accommodate the additional pupils. The comparison of the projections with the number of Year 7 places indicates that there will be a shortfall of permanent places from September 2016. Table 2 in Annexe A illustrates that the shortfall of Year 7 classes is 5 in September 2016 and increases to 23 against the permanent number of 2,150 places. However, as the table below illustrates,

if all the Avanti House places are made permanent in Harrow then the shortfall would begin in September 2018.

Secondary projections and places					
Year 7					
School Year	Projected demand GLA 0001	Year 7 Places available Permanent Baseline	Shortfall of Year 7 classes	Year 7 Places available including 180 at Avanti House	Shortfall of Year 7 classes
13/14	2,052	2,180	0	2,360	0
14/15	2,160	2,150	0	2,330	0
15/16	2,181	2,150	1	2,330	0
16/17	2,301	2,150	5	2,330	0
17/18	2,357	2,150	7	2,330	1
18/19	2,459	2,150	10	2,330	4
19/20	2,606	2,150	15	2,330	9
20/21	2,798	2,150	22	2,330	14
21/22	2,828	2,150	23	2,330	15

21. It is not possible to assess the impact of Avanti House as it currently only has two Year 7 cohorts and the permanent location is yet to be agreed. At this stage it would be prudent to assume that the take of places by Harrow residents would be around 90. This includes the 60 pupils that would continue from the primary phase of Avanti House and 30 pupils from the 60 places at Krishna Avanti Primary School. This will need to be reviewed annually.

Meeting the Secondary Place Shortfall

22. Although there are currently Year 7 places within secondary schools in Harrow, given the projected increase of pupil numbers it is essential to forward plan to ensure that the places are available when required. Harrow Council will work with schools and providers in Harrow to develop a range of options that will enable the supply of school places to be managed to meet demand.

23. Phase 1 comprises three strands to increase the capacity in the secondary sector that would deliver the places required by September 2018. The three strands are outlined below and combine expansion of an existing secondary school, proposals to extend the age range of an existing primary school and a bid for a new free school. Together these projects would deliver 12 forms of entry by September 2015.

- **Strand 1:**
Bentley Wood High School

24. Bentley Wood High School will be expanding by one form of entry from September 2014. This will provide one additional Year 7 form of entry (30 places). This proposal was the subject of a successful bid to the government's Targeted Basic Need Programme and has been included in the permanent baseline of additional Year 7 places.

- **Strand 2:**
Harrow Teachers Centre and Whitefriars Community School

25. The Harrow Teachers Centre/Whitefriars Community School site is identified in the Area Action Plan as a site for secondary school provision for 750 places. The proposal is to extend the age range of Whitefriars Community School to secondary provision. This proposal was subject of a bid to the government's Targeted Basic Need Programme. This would create an additional 5 forms of entry (150 Year 7 places). A consultation will be undertaken on the proposal to expand Whitefriars Community School by one form of entry in reception and extend the age range to include secondary provision from September 2015. A report will be presented to Cabinet in December with the outcomes of the consultation.

- **Strand 3:**
Free school bid to the Education Funding Agency

26. Harrow High School Headteachers are working with the officers on the submission of a free school bid to the EFA to open a secondary school in Harrow from September 2015. This would contribute 6 or more forms of entry (180 + places) depending on the site.

Summary of Additional Permanent Forms of Entry from September 2015

Strand	School	Additional Year 7 Forms (places)
Strand 1	Expansion of Bentley Wood High School	1 (30)
Strand 2	Harrow Teachers Centre and Whitefriars School secondary provision	5 (150)
Strand 3	Free School Bid	6 (180)

27. These additional places would create a new permanent baseline of 2,480 places. It is acknowledged that beyond September 2018 there would remain a shortfall of between 3-11 forms of entry, depending on the permanent location and take up of places of Avanti House and a Phase 2 expansion programme would be required.

28. Officers will continue to monitor the demand for school places, the impact of the proposed Secondary School Place Planning Strategy increases and the available school capacity. This information will be used to inform the development of proposals for beyond 2018. Proposals would be developed with officers, secondary schools and providers in Harrow and it is expected that a range of options would be explored including further free schools and the expansion of existing schools, either permanently or temporarily depending on the level of need.

Appendix D Annexe A

Secondary Schools Demographic Information (extract from the Demographic Information School Roll Projections 2014-2022)

Secondary school roll projections are presented on the basis of Years 7 to 11 (11 to 15 year olds). Secondary school place planning is undertaken on a whole borough level and not in Planning Areas as the number of schools is small, transport links are good, and older pupils can be expected to travel further to school. The secondary schools in Harrow with their planned admission number for September 2014 are:

Schools:	PAN
Bentley Wood High School	210
Canons High School	180
Harrow High School	180
Hatch End High School	240
Nower Hill High School	300
Park High School	260
Rooks Heath College	210
Whitmore High School	270
Salvatorian College	150
Sacred Heart Language College	150
<i>Avanti-House (All-through school: secondary places)</i>	180

Table 19: Secondary projections* for years 7 to 11 in all High Schools

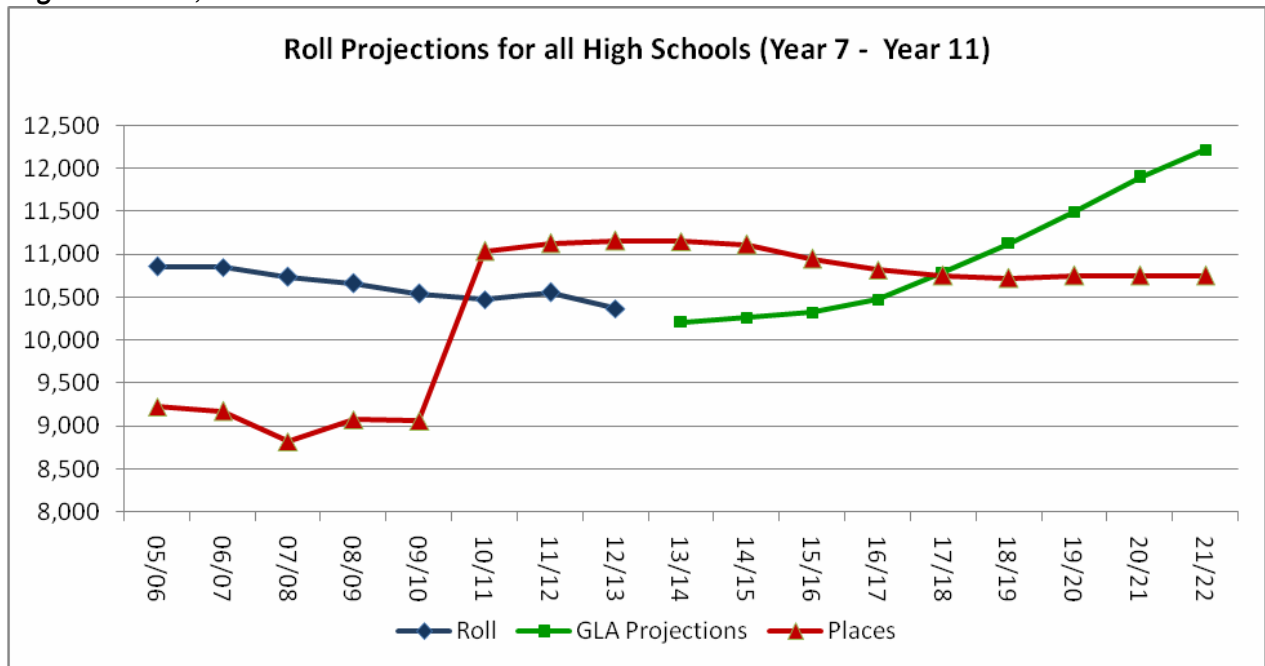
Secondary projections: All High Schools Years 7 to 11 only				
Year	January actual number on roll	Projected demand GLA	Places available	Surplus places GLA (%)
05/06	10,856		9,222	
06/07	10,852		9,172	
07/08	10,739		8,822	
08/09	10,659		9,072	
09/10	10,538		9,060	
10/11	10,473		11,040	
11/12	10,556		11,130	
12/13	10,368		11,160	
13/14		10,313	11,150	7.51%
14/15		10,373	11,110	6.63%
15/16		10,476	10,950	4.33%
16/17		10,682	10,820	1.28%
17/18		11,103	10,750	-3.28%
18/19		11,514	10,720	-7.41%
19/20		11,967	10,750	-11.32%
20/21		12,592	10,750	-17.13%
21/22		13,123	10,750	-22.07%

Source: Harrow - Jan 2013 - 120813 0957 0001 5 8% adj.xlsx

Table 19 and Chart 13 show that the GLA projects a steady increase in the number of pupils in Years 7 to 11 from 2013/14 onwards, and the current surplus of places is projected to become a deficit of -3.28% in 2017/18, which is set to rapidly increase to -22.07% by 2021/22.

Harrow's age of transfer changed in September 2010, with 11+ year olds entering secondary school as Year 7 pupils. This accounts for the change in the number of places between 2009/10 and 2010/11. Currently Harrow has capacity at its high schools, apart from in Year 11 which is under pressure

Chart 13: Current NOR compared to roll projections* and places available for all High Schools, Years 7 to 11



*Source: Harrow - Jan 2013 - 120813 0957 0001 5 8% adj.xlsx

Year 7 Projections for High Schools

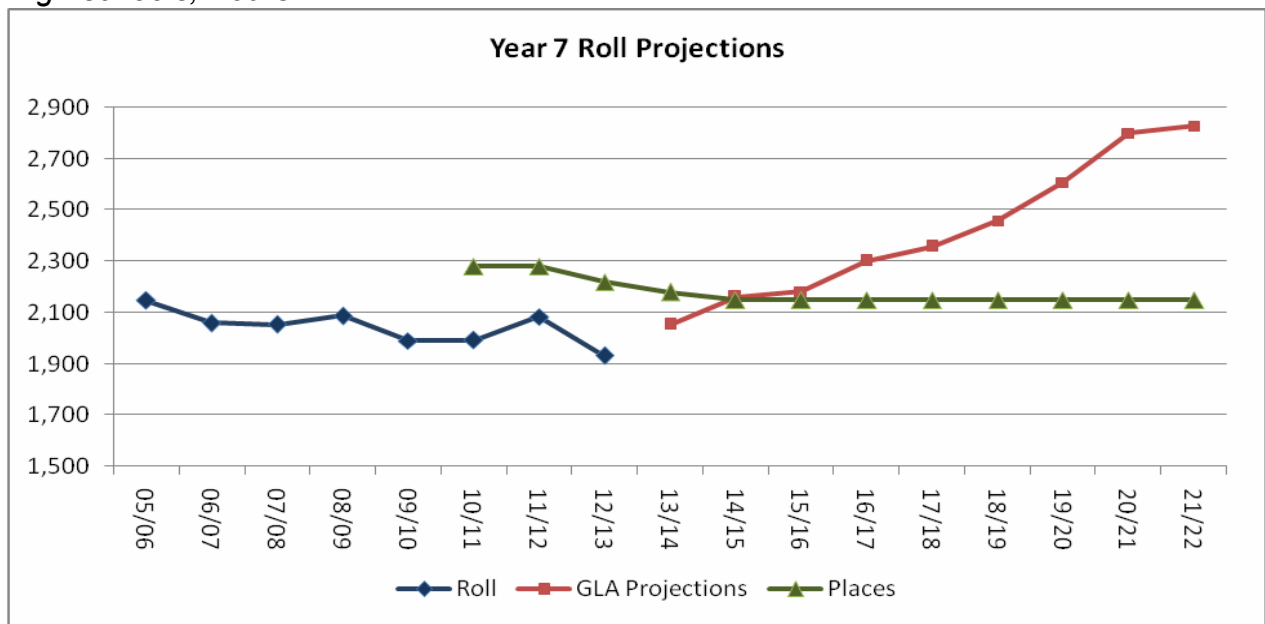
Table 20: Secondary projections* for Year 7 in all High Schools

High projection area: All Schools (Includes VA)						
Year 7						
School Year	January actual number on roll	Projected demand GLA 0001	Year 7 Places available	Calculated FE	Potential Additional FE required	Total Year 7 Places Potential
05/06	2,147					
06/07	2,059					
07/08	2,053					
08/09	2,087					
09/10	1,991					
10/11	1,992					
11/12	2,084					
12/13	1,932					
13/14		2,052	2,180	4.26	0	2,180
14/15		2,160	2,150	-0.33	0	2,150
15/16		2,181	2,150	-1.02	1	2,180
16/17		2,301	2,150	-5.05	5	2,300
17/18		2,357	2,150	-6.91	7	2,360
18/19		2,459	2,150	-10.29	10	2,450
19/20		2,606	2,150	-15.21	15	2,600
20/21		2,798	2,150	-21.61	22	2,810
21/22		2,828	2,150	-22.61	23	2,840

* Source: Harrow - Jan 2013 - 120813 0957 0001 5 8% adj.xlsx

Table 20 and Chart 14 show that the GLA projects a significant increase in the number of pupils in Year 7 from 2013/14 (2,052) to 2014/15 (2,160) and a steady increase thereafter. The potential small deficit of 10 places (-0.33) in 2014/15 is projected to rapidly increase to a deficit of 5 forms of entry (150 places) by 2016/17, and this deficit is projected to continue increasing.

Chart 14: Current NOR compared to roll projections* and places available for all High schools, Years 7



* Source: Harrow - Jan 2013 - 120813 0957 0001 5 8% adj.xlsx