

## **Governing Body responses to the statutory expansion proposals**

### **Chair of Governors, Belmont School**

I confirm that the Governing Body are fully in favour of the proposed expansion of our School as indicated in our response to the Statutory Proposals that was previously submitted.

### **Chair of Governors, Cannon Lane Primary School**

Further to our drop in meeting on Thursday 31/1/14, the Governing Body would like to confirm that we are still in favour of going ahead and implementing the School Expansion Programme at Cannon Lane Primary School.

### **Headteacher, Grange Primary School**

I can confirm on behalf of the Governors that they are happy for the expansion to go ahead.

### **Clerk to the Governing Body of the Kenmore Park schools**

I am writing on behalf of the Governing Body of Kenmore Park Nursery, Infants and Junior School, who at their Governing Body Meeting on the 5th February 2014 agreed and are supportive of the school expansion and would want highways to acknowledge issues raised about traffic and parking by local residents..

### **Chair of Governors, Newton Farm Nursery, Infant and Junior School**

We confirm the views given in response to the statutory consultation last term on the expansion proposals.

### **Chair of Governors, Norbury School and Nursery**

I attach the new response from Norbury School Governing Body to the Statutory Notice which should be read in conjunction with the attached response to the Consultation which was sent to you on 18th October.

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6<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Dear Mr Melly,

## **Norbury School's Response to Statutory Notice to Expand the School**

Norbury School's Governing Body met tonight and asked me to respond to the Statutory Notice and to say that the attached response, sent on 18<sup>th</sup> October, to the consultation still holds. But we have new concerns about health and safety while the building works are in progress.

We support the proposal to expand Norbury School and are pleased with the level of consultation so far both with respect to the plans for the proposed building and refurbishment and with respect to traffic and parking and the School Travel Plan.

However, as said in our response sent on 18<sup>th</sup> October, proper arrangements will be needed to accommodate the 30 extra children from September 2014 until the new building is ready for occupation.

We are concerned that the safety of our children might be at risk while the building works are in progress as the fire-escapes on the north-west wing of the existing building would be blocked, which means two double exits and two single fire exits will be out of use in the same area as we are about to accommodate a further 30 pupils in our Junior school.

We therefore ask the Council to investigate whether having temporary classrooms in the playground would both provide the necessary accommodation for 30 extra children and reduce the number of children in the north-west wing of the existing building to a safe level in the event of an evacuation being needed.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jane Galbraith Chair of Governors

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## Norbury School Governing Body's Response to the consultation about the permanent expansion of Norbury School

(Monday 16 September 2013 to Friday 18 October 2013)

### Consultation Question 1.

**Do you agree with the approach to creating additional school places in Harrow?**

**YES.**

However the Governing Body of Norbury School supports the proposal to expand existing schools but considers that this may not provide enough places in future. Therefore Harrow Council must urgently identify possible sites for new schools (or schools on split sites) and protect them from being used for residential development.

### Consultation Question 2.

**Do you agree with the proposal to permanently expand Norbury School?**

**YES,**

However the Governing Body of Norbury School strongly and enthusiastically supports the proposal to expand Norbury School but has some concerns:

1. The school governors are concerned over plans to increase the capacity of the school by 30 extra children in September 2014 without the building works being completed, and request a detailed consultation with the council to understand how this can be achieved.
2. We request that we are involved in all planning meetings to discuss the new build and refurbishment and our suggestions are considered and where appropriate included in any plans. It is requested that Harrow Council provide details of all planning and governance meetings associated with the expansion and extend an invite to the Governing body via the Head Teacher.
3. The management of the process of building and refurbishment is crucial. We understand that the Council, Architects and Contractor will work with the School to ensure minimum disruption to the children's education and minimum inconvenience to our neighbours. The Governing body wishes to be kept fully informed and consulted.

4. The Governing body request that Harrow Council provide consultation with the school to review options, including additional crossing points etc to ensure the safety of our children and that of the whole community surrounding Norbury School.



Signed by Wendy Bennett, Acting Chair of Governors

*LA Browning*

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Date: 18/10/13

**Headteacher, Whitchurch First School and Nursery**

Our Governing Body responses remain as they were.

To bring us up to date after all this time we would like to see just what our budget is-and how it is being spent.

Initially we were told we had 2.5M then within the same meeting 2.1M, by the following day- 2.01M - to lose 900k in a 12 hour period is surely worse than careless?

Cllr Bath is looking into this and we would really appreciate some feedback from those doing the spending,

In addition there is additional funding ( 600k for 30 schools) for kitchens etc for the FSMs for all infant classes from September 2014. We want to see how this will be planned for within the Schools Expansion Programme? We think the schools with huge carry forwards, year on year, should pay mostly for their own kitchen upgrades.

We do not carry forward 300-500k plus and yet the other schools get away with this disregard for proper budget planning. This year we are trying to save in order to make up for any small shortfall in SEP but normally we would only carry 3-8 % as is considered good budget practice.

We are hoping that Mick Lorkin your project manager is able to put in place the requirements of the Governing Bodies of both schools and the individual schools.

Given that all infant age pupils will be entitled to a FSM from September 2014 we are very keen to see our lunchtime spaces made sufficient for all those extra children. We have been advised we will need 6-7 extra tables to ensure that all the infant children can eat and get back to class by the end of the lunch hour. This was the recommendation of the Keepmoat kitchen consultant. This can only be achieved by increasing the size of our first school hall.

Apparently this will cost 330k-we are told this is beyond our budget spend-but we have seen no sign of our actual budget spend.

Until we know a) what the budget actually is and b) how much is spent-transparency is vital here-so that we can plan for the next strategic steps.

We have a Governors Day on 13th February 2014 and I will need to be able to report to the Governing Body on this day about all these matters. It would be really useful to have this information and to see where this SEP is likely to take us to prior to this day.

**(Note:** Officer response was given to the additional queries raised in the response about funding matters and a visit has been made by officers and constructor representative to discuss and view the kitchen, dining and hall areas).

**Chair of Governors, Priestmead Primary School & Nursery**

I can confirm that the response from Priestmead Primary School & Nursery is as per the response provided as part of the consultation process last October & as set out in my recent letter to you indicating the numerous issues which need to be addressed before we would be in a position to take a bulge class. For the purposes of the report to Cabinet can I, on behalf of the Governing Body, reiterate how disappointed we are that no assessment has been carried out at Priestmead on the viability of us taking a bulge class from September 2014, the over reliance on the fact that we are in the PSBP scheme & that this seems to be the Local Authority's solution to fixing all of the numerous problems that we have highlighted & to state once again that Priestmead CANNOT take a bulge class until the issues already raised with you have been addressed & resolved. As requested in our recent letter can I please ask that the additional 30 places earmarked for Priestmead from September 2014 are not allocated to us as the Governing Body are adamant that we WILL NOT take a bulge class until all of these issues are fixed.

(**Note:** Initial officer response has been sent acknowledging the issues in the response about the bulge class in September 2014, apologising for the time it has taken to mobilise to respond to the school's concerns and stating officers are keen to be able to consider and address as far as possible the concerns expressed in the letter of 10 January. The Children's Capital Project Team has assigned a Project Manager to discuss these issues and to view the school to identify what solutions may be possible. The applications for Reception places are in line with projections and the response confirms that the bulge class at Priestmead this September is definitely needed to ensure children have school places. Officers therefore want to work with the school to ensure that there are appropriate arrangements for the additional children planned to be admitted to Priestmead prior to the rebuild / refurbishment as an expanded school by the EFA.

**Chair of Governors, Aylward Primary School**

The governors agree with the proposals to permanently expand Aylward Primary School from September 2014

**Co-Chairs of the Governing Body, Whitchurch Junior School**

The Governing Body of Whitchurch Junior School confirms agreement of the expansion to four form entry.

The representation period for the statutory notice to expand had closed, and no representations about the proposal have been received.

**Chair of Governors, St John Fisher Catholic Primary School**

Following the representation period for the statutory notice to expand St John Fisher Catholic Primary School, I confirm that the school is in agreement with the proposal.

**Chair of Governors, Pinner Wood School**

The Governing Body response is the same as to the statutory consultation, but also to include the governors grave concerns about the safety of our pupils and the local residents due to illegal, dangerous and inconsiderate parking outside the school.

The Governing Body response to the statutory consultation was as follows:

Pinner Wood Governing Body are in principle in agreement regarding expansion to three form entry as of September 2014. However the Governing Body expressed the following concerns which are:

- That admissions may not fill all the places and we would be left with an issue of transient pupils in a 'revolving door' scenario. There is also concern that some pupils may be travelling across the borough to reach the school or from out of Borough. Pupils travelling long distances to school can have an impact on attendance figures through being late, especially if reliant on public transport. This also introduces additional workload on the school if the pupils have SEN as money has to be recouped by the school from the Borough involved.
- There is much concern from the school and the local community regarding traffic and parking issues. There is already not enough on site staff parking and with the additional classes this will continue to worsen. Traffic issues at pick up and drop off times will also increase and be detrimental to our relationship with our neighbours. A conversation has already begun with the school, LA traffic department and the architects. We hope that this will continue and will provide insightful solutions to alleviate these problems worsening.