

## Primary School Expansion Programme

### Consultation about Proposals for the Permanent Expansion of Primary Schools from September 2013

The consultation runs from  
**Monday 10 October to Friday 11 November 2011**

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## Consultation paper

### **Harrow's Challenge**

In common with many local authorities, Harrow needs to create more primary school places to meet the growing demand for places. Harrow's schools are successful and popular with parents and pupils. Our challenge is to find ways to increase the number of places while ensuring that educational standards are maintained. This consultation seeks views on our proposals to increase the number of primary school places across the borough.

### **Why has this happened?**

Across London the population is growing. There are many reasons for this increase including higher birth rates, migration patterns, housing occupancy and the impact of the economy on decisions families make about where they live and about schooling for their children.

The biggest factor in Harrow is the increase in birth rates. This has risen consistently since 2002 and is predicted to continue to rise until 2014.

### **What are the pupil projections telling us?**

The Greater London Authority (GLA) prepares the pupil projections for Harrow Council. Many London Boroughs use this service. Pupil projections provide the best estimate of the number of pupils that will require a school place in Harrow in the future. It is not a science and can only be a best estimate. Our school expansion programme aims to increase the number of school places in line with the expected pupil numbers.

The GLA use a range of information and data to prepare the projections including the number of births, number of pupils in Harrow schools, migration to Harrow, housing development. Our projections are provided at *Background Paper 1 – School Roll Projections* available on request and on the Harrow Council website.

[http://www.harrow.gov.uk/info/49/education-consultations/2450/primary\\_school\\_expansion\\_programme](http://www.harrow.gov.uk/info/49/education-consultations/2450/primary_school_expansion_programme)

The demand for Reception class places in Harrow schools is increasing:

- In January 2006 there were 2,224 Reception aged pupils in Harrow Schools
- In January 2011, there were 2,637 Reception aged pupils
- In January 2017 it is projected there will be 2,851 Reception aged pupils

In Harrow's primary sector schools in September 2011 there were a total of 2,550 permanent Reception class places. With temporary additional places this increased to 2,800. In order to ensure sufficient school places to meet the predicted increased demand on the next few years, we need to increase the number of places by at least 330 places.

Classes in primary schools are usually organised into groups of 30 pupils. The number of school places in each year group is usually a multiple of 30. For example if there are 3 Reception classes, then there are 90 places. When planning places, we assume that each class will have 30 places. Therefore to ensure sufficient places for the number of expected pupils, 11 extra Reception classes are required.

When planning school places it is usual to include some extra places or surplus places. This allows for an element of parental preference and flexibility in the system to manage pupil movement in, out and around the borough. The proposed increase of 330 places does not include any surplus places and we would need to make contingency provision for temporary additional Reception classes to meet fluctuations in demand.

### **Will this increase in population affect all parts of Harrow?**

For the purposes of school place planning and pupil projections for primary sector schools, Harrow is divided into six primary planning areas. Five planning areas are geographically based; central, north east, south east, north west and south west, and one for the voluntary aided or faith schools. The geographical planning areas include a number of community schools that attract a significant percentage of their pupils from the Wards in the planning area. A map of the borough and planning areas is in *Background Paper 2*. Schools are listed by planning area in *Background Paper 3*. Both are available on the Harrow Website.

The population growth is across the whole of the borough, but it varies between primary planning areas. Schools have been identified in each planning area that it is proposed could be increased in size to provide more local school places.

### **What action has been taken so far?**

In September 2009, we needed to offer parents more Reception class places than we had available in all our schools and we opened additional temporary Reception classes for one year only. Reception classes are for children in the academic year that they reach 5 years of age. This demand has continued and since then we have been opening temporary additional classes to meet the increased demand for Reception class places. We added five temporary Reception classes in September 2009, five temporary Reception classes in September 2010 and eight temporary Reception classes in September 2011. We are now planning to open more Reception classes in September 2012 and in subsequent years, including 11 permanent expansions of schools.

In February 2010 Harrow Council agreed its School Place Planning Strategy 2010-13 and in July 2011, agreed to implement a school expansion programme. A key element of the Place Planning Strategy is the pupil projections.

Harrow has been discussing this school expansion programme with schools, including working with a representative group of headteachers. Working in partnership with schools is essential because it will be the schools that deliver the solution with support from the council. It is through working with schools that we have been able to increase the number of additional temporary Reception class places.

Officers have also made preliminary contact with voluntary aided schools' boards and organisations.

### **What are the proposals?**

Harrow Council proposes to expand 11 schools and to open additional temporary Reception classes as required to meet the full extent of the demand and any fluctuations that arise and to allow some flexibility and choice in the school system. The majority of Harrow's schools will be involved in the school expansion programme either through permanent expansion or temporary additional Reception classes.

For each planning area the proposals for increasing school places are outlined providing details of the schools and the timescales for expansion. Details of the projections across the borough and by primary planning area are in *Background Paper 1*.

Within this consultation, the proposals concentrate on community schools in planning areas. Any proposals received from voluntary aided schools that contribute to the primary school expansion programme would be welcomed. They will be taken into consideration when the consultation responses are analysed.

The table below provides a summary of the proposals. The proposals by planning area can be viewed on pages 7 – 11.

<b>Proposed Schools for extra permanent places</b>	<b>Primary Planning Area</b>	<b>Current Permanent Places</b>	<b>Proposed Permanent Places</b>
Stanburn First School / Stanburn Junior School	North East	330	360/390
Aylward Primary School			
Camrose Primary School	South East	360	420
Kenmore Park schools <b>or</b> Glebe School			
Belmont Primary School	Central	420	510
Marlborough Primary School			
Pinner Park Infant and Nursery School / Pinner Park Junior School			
Vaughan Primary School	South West	510	570
Welldon Park Infant School / Welldon Park Junior School			
Cedars Manor Primary School	North West	450	510
Pinner Wood Primary School			

### **How were schools identified?**

There are numerous ways to identify schools for expansion. All schools were invited to consider expansion either as a permanent expansion or to take a bulge class and some schools were also approached directly in areas of early pressure. In addition, working with headteachers, a set of guiding principles were developed that could be applied to schools to give a ranking of the potential for expansion. The principles included initial assessments of available accommodation, site size, popularity of the school, school standards. These were guiding principles to assist in the consideration of schools. The consultation responses will also inform the final proposals to increase capacity.

Where separate infant schools were identified for expansion, the separate junior school would be increased accordingly.

### **What is the difference between temporary additional Reception classes and permanent expansion?**

A temporary additional Reception class is an increase in the intake of a school for that year only. The pupils in that class then progress through the school (and on to the junior school of separate schools on the same site). These classes are sometimes referred to as 'bulge classes', which reflects the effect of the increased numbers of pupils passing through the school.

The permanent expansion of a school is when there is an increase in the number of places in Reception usually by 30 places. The increased number of pupils will be admitted year on year. The effect is to increase the size of a school by 90 pupils in a separate infant school, by 120 in a separate junior school, and by 210 in a combined primary school.

### **How will extra pupils be accommodated in schools?**

The council will work with schools on reviewing their accommodation to ensure that there is sufficient accommodation for the extra pupils. There will be close reference to the government's guidance on school accommodation to ensure consistency, but each school will have its own accommodation solution reflecting the nature of the school building, its size and type of school (i.e. a separate infant or junior school or combined primary school). As part of Harrow's school reorganisation to change the age of transfer implemented in September 2010, accommodation has become available including specialist classrooms and general classrooms. Wherever possible this accommodation will be re-commissioned as teaching classrooms. In addition, where there are schools that have been larger in the past, there is an expectation that accommodation will be reinstated for teaching purposes.

### **What is the cost of the primary school expansion programme and who will fund it?**

During the consultation, there will be work on the school sites to assess their needs. From this work, costings for each school will be developed. The outcome of this work will inform the final proposals for permanent expansions.

It is expected that the majority of the capital funding will be from the government's Department for Education (DfE). As part of the government's reduction in public spending, the allocation of funding from the DfE is under consideration. The government has confirmed that its priorities are to improve the condition of school buildings and to ensure that there are sufficient school places. The government will confirm its allocation to all local authorities, including Harrow, in December for 2012-13. If funding levels are maintained, it is assumed that there will be approximately £7m per year for the next three years.

The capital costs of this expansion programme will be phased over several years as not all additional accommodation will be required at the same time for each school. As part of the Council's budget process, contingency funding is being proposed in case government funding is not sufficient at any point.

The Council has a small capital fund available for those schools that have a bulge class in September 2012 and which would proceed to a permanent expansion. Schools will be invited to bid for this funding for essential works to accommodate bulge classes where this is necessary.

The revenue funding for schools is provided through the Harrow Schools' funding formula. The Schools' Forum, a representative group of headteachers and governors, makes decisions about the formula and how funding is allocated to schools. To assist schools that have temporary additional Reception classes, there is an 'Additional Class Funding Formula' that provides schools with revenue funding based on the average costs of a teacher. The Government are in the process of consulting on a National Funding Formula for all schools. The focus on the formula is on pupil numbers, and how much flexibility there will be in future for an additional class funding formula is unknown.

### **What happens if these proposals do not produce enough places?**

It is believed that the proposed primary school expansion programme will provide sufficient places and that these places will remain filled for as far as can be predicted. Schools that could provide temporary Reception class places additional to the permanent places will be identified to meet any increases in demand. Harrow Council has a legal duty to ensure sufficient school

places for the children in its area, and if necessary further proposals for school expansions to provide more places could be brought forward in consultation with the schools.

### **When will we know the outcome of the consultation?**

The consultation runs from Monday 10 October to Friday 11 November 2011. A report will be presented to Harrow Cabinet, the decision making body of local elected councillors, on 15 December 2011. This report will present the councillors with the outcome of the consultation and make proposals about those schools for permanent expansion. Harrow Cabinet will decide which schools will be subject to the statutory processes to increase the size of the schools.

### **What are the next steps after Cabinet?**

The statutory processes to expand schools involve several formal stages (indicative timescales are included):

- statutory consultation – for 4 weeks during February/March 2012;
- consideration of the outcome of the consultation and decision whether to publish statutory proposals – March 2012;
- publication of statutory notices / proposals – for 4 weeks during April 2012;
- decision whether to approve the proposals for implementation – June 2012.

When the statutory processes are completed, implementation planning will be progressed by the council and the schools. This will include building works to the schools' accommodation. The additional places will be offered at the schools within the timescales for their additional temporary Reception classes and permanent expansions.

### **How do I respond to this consultation?**

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## Proposals by Primary Planning Area

### North East Primary Planning Area

There are currently 330 permanent Reception class places in the North East Primary Planning Area.

Schools	Reception Places
Aylward	60
Stanburn	90
Weald	90
Whitchurch	90
<b>Total</b>	<b>330</b>

Temporary additional reception places have been opened in the North East planning area as follows:

Year	School	Additional Reception Places
2010	Weald Infant and Nursery School.	30
2011	Weald Infant and Nursery School.	30
	Stanburn First School.	30

The projections indicate that by September 2017 there will be 365 pupils. The proposal for this planning area is to increase the permanent provision by at least 30 places, supplemented by temporary additional reception classes.

The Stanburn schools are proposed for expansion in this primary planning area. However, views are being sought in this consultation about expanding Aylward Primary School also. This is because with only four community school sites in the North East planning area it would be difficult for the schools to meet demand, if it is sustained at the predicted high level, through temporary additional reception classes. Also, demand for school places in the North East Primary Planning Area is already filling available places and there is significant new housing development in this planning area at the site of the former government offices off Honeypot Lane.

The proposals are:

Year	Temporary Reception Classes	Permanent Expansion
September 2012	Aylward School. One class in another school.	
September 2013	One class if required.	Stanburn First School and Stanburn Junior School.* Aylward School.

\* Note as these are separate schools, Stanburn Junior School would be expanded from September 2014 when the pupils from the 2011 additional reception intake progress on to the junior school.

## South East Primary Planning Area

There are currently 360 reception places in the South East Primary Planning Area.

Schools	Reception Places
Camrose	30
Glebe	60
Kenmore Park	90
Priestmead	90
Stag Lane	90
<b>Total</b>	<b>360</b>

Temporary additional reception places have been opened in the South East planning area as follows:

Year	School	Additional Reception Places
2009	Glebe Primary School	Increased permanent places by 8 from 52 to 60
2010	Kenmore Park Infant and Nursery School	30
2011	Kenmore Park Infant and Nursery School Glebe Primary School	30 30

The projections indicate that by September 2017 there will be 397 pupils. The proposal for this planning area is to increase the permanent provision by 60 places, supplemented by bulge classes.

Two temporary additional reception classes have been opened in this primary planning area in September 2011, which are filling with pupils. If this increased demand is sustained there may need to be further consideration of permanently increasing an additional school to meet the increased demand that is predicted, though this is not proposed within this consultation.

The Krishna-Avanti Primary School Admissions Policy states the school has applied for planning permission and, subject to obtaining this permission and capital funding, intends to incrementally expand into a two form of entry school. This proposed expansion is separate from this consultation. If this expansion occurs, the impact on meeting demand from this area would need to be monitored.

The proposals are:

Year	Temporary Reception Classes	Permanent Expansion
September 2012	Camrose Primary School. Glebe Primary School.	
September 2013		Camrose Primary School. Glebe School <b>or</b> Kenmore Park Infant and Nursery School and Kenmore Park Junior School*

\* Note as these are separate schools, Kenmore Park Junior School would be expanded from September 2013 when the pupils from the 2010 additional reception intake progress on to the junior school.

Glebe Primary School and the Kenmore Park schools are located comparatively close to each other for meeting the need from Harrow residents, and close to St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School and the borough boundary. Views are being sought in this consultation about expanding either or both of these schools.



## Central Primary Planning Area

There are currently 420 reception places in the Central Primary Planning Area.

Schools	Reception Places
Belmont	60
Elmgrove	90
Marlborough	60
Norbury	60
Pinner Park	90
Whitefriars	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>420</b>

Temporary additional reception places have been opened in the Central planning area as follows:

Year	School	Additional Reception Places
2009	Belmont School. Elmgrove Infant School.	30 Increased permanent places by 8 from 82 to 90
2010	Norbury School.	30
2011	Norbury School. Pinner Park Infant and Nursery School.	30 30

The projections indicate that by September 2016 there will be 481 pupils. The proposal for this planning area is to increase the permanent provision by 90 places.

The proposals are:

Year	Temporary Reception Classes	Permanent Expansion
September 2012	Belmont School. Marlborough Primary School. Pinner Park Infant and Nursery School.	
September 2013		Belmont Primary School. Marlborough Primary School (see note). Pinner Park Infant and Nursery School and Pinner Park Junior School*

\* Note as these are separate schools, Pinner Park Junior School would be expanded from September 2014 when the pupils from the 2011 additional reception intake progress on to the junior school.

Note: There are planned capital building works at Marlborough Primary School and permanent expansion would be phased from a date to be identified to fit with the building works.

## South West Primary Planning Area

There are currently 510 reception places in the South West Primary Planning Area.

Schools	Reception Places
Earlsmead	60
Grange	60
Heathland	90
Newton Farm	30
Roxbourne	90
Roxeth	60
Vaughan	60
Welldon Park	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>510</b>

Temporary additional reception places have been opened in the South West planning area as follows:

Year	School	Additional Reception Places
2009	Grange First School. Welldon Park Infant and Nursery School.	30 30
2010	Roxeth Primary School.	Increased places by 4 from 56 to 60
2011	Grange Primary School.	30

The projections indicate that by September 2016 there will be 575 pupils. The proposal for this planning area is to increase the permanent provision by 60 places.

The proposals are:

Year	Temporary Reception Classes	Permanent Expansion
September 2012	Vaughan Primary School. Welldon Park Infant and Nursery School.	
September 2013		Vaughan Primary School. Welldon Park Infant and Nursery School and Welldon Park Junior School*.

\* Note as these are separate schools, Welldon Park Junior School would be expanded from September 2015 when the pupils from the 2012 additional reception intake progress on to the junior school.

## North West Primary Planning Area

There are currently 450 reception places in the North West Primary Planning Area.

Schools	Reception Places
Cannon Lane	90
Cedars Manor	60
Grimsdyke	60
Longfield	90
Pinner Wood	60
West Lodge	90
<b>Total</b>	<b>450</b>

Temporary additional reception places have been opened in the North West planning area as follows:

Year	School	Additional Reception Places
2009	Cedars Manor School.	30
2010	Longfield Infant School.	30
	Pinner Wood School.	30
2011	Cedars Manor School.	30

The projections indicate that by September 2013 there will be 499 pupils. The proposal for this planning area is to increase the permanent provision by 60 places.

The proposals are:

Year	Temporary Reception Classes	Permanent Expansion
September 2012	Cedars Manor School. Pinner Wood School.	
September 2013		Cedars Manor School. Pinner Wood School.



**Primary School Expansion Programme – Response Form**  
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Tick the relevant boxes to show your views. **Please return only one form.**

For the purposes of school place planning Harrow is divided into five geographic Primary Planning Areas: Central, North East, South East, North West, and South West. Schools are proposed for expansion in each of these Primary Planning Areas. For a list of schools in each Primary Planning Area please refer to *Background Paper 3* in the consultation papers by following this link [http://www.harrow.gov.uk/info/49/education-consultations/2450/primary\\_school\\_expansion\\_programme](http://www.harrow.gov.uk/info/49/education-consultations/2450/primary_school_expansion_programme)

**Do you agree with the proposals for an individual Primary Planning Area?**

Yes                       No                       Not sure

*Please state which Primary Planning Area: .....*

Do you have any comments about the proposals? - *Please outline them below*

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**Do you agree with the proposals for the permanent expansion of an individual school?**

Yes                       No                       Not sure

*Please state which school: .....*

Do you have any comments about the proposals for this school? - *Please outline them below*

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Your responses to these questions will be collated with all the other responses and reported to Harrow Cabinet.

**We would like to know about you - Which category describes you best?**

**a) Individual respondent**

Parent/carer                       School Staff                       School Governor  
 Pupil                                       Harrow Resident                       Other – Please tell us.....

**Please give your post code .....**

**Are you registered disabled?**

Yes                       No

**To which one of these groups do you consider you belong?**

These ethnic groups are based on the 2011 Census categories but include categories to reflect the communities in Harrow and are listed alphabetically below. Please choose ONE section from A to E and then tick or write in the appropriate box to indicate your ethnic background.

**A. Asian or Asian British**

Afghan                       Bangladeshi                       Indian   
 Pakistani                       Sinhalese                       Sri Lankan Tamil   
 Any other Asian background, please write in

**B. Black or Black British**

African  Caribbean  Ghanaian   
Nigerian  Somali   
Any other Black background, please write in

**C. Other Ethnic Group**

Arab  Chinese   
Iranian  Iraqi   
Kurdish  Lebanese   
Any other ethnic group, please write in

**D. Mixed**

White and African  White and Caribbean   
White and Asian   
Any other Mixed background, please write in

**E. White**

Albanian  British   
Gypsy/Roma Traveller  Irish   
Irish Traveller  Polish   
Romanian  Serbian   
Any other White background, please write in

**Religion**

No religion  Agnostic  Baha'i  Buddhism  Christianity  Hinduism  
 Humanist  Islam  Jainism  Judaism  Rastafarian  Sikhism  
 Zoroastrian  Prefer not to say  other (please specify)

Prefer not to say

**b) Are you representing an organisation or governing body?**

Yes  No

If yes, what type of organisation?

School governing body  Representative organisation   
Voluntary or community group  Local authority   
Health agency  Other

**What is the name of your organisation? .....**

The information you provide in your response will be subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which allows public access to information held by the Council. This does not necessarily mean that your response can be made available to the public as there are exemptions relating to information provided in confidence and information to which the Data Protection Act 1998 applies. You may request confidentiality by ticking the box provided, but you should note that neither this, nor an automatically-generated email confidentiality statement, will necessarily exclude the public right of access