16th June 2014

Potential Expansion of High Schools in Ealing, including Elthorne Park High School

Background
To meet the growth in the demand for school places, the Council has significantly expanded primary school places in the borough. These larger year groups begin to enter secondary school in 2016. By 2021 the Council project that the borough will need at least a further 21 additional forms of entry (FE) at secondary school in the borough. As an example, the Council will have added 10.5FE in primary schools in the Ealing and Hanwell part of the borough by 2016.

William Perkin High School, in Greenford, has already opened in 2013 to meet some of the secondary school demand. A new Free School is proposed to be opened in the South Ealing area in 2015. However, the numbers of applications for secondary school places and projected demand for future years indicate that further expansions will be required in order to meet the needs of local children and families.

To meet the need for places the Council’s strategy is to work with schools to expand places in areas where this is viable, and with sponsors of new schools.

Elthorne Park High School is located in an area of need. The Council has asked the Governing Body to help meet the need for extra places by increasing the school’s capacity from 900 pupils aged 11 to 16 to 1,200. The school would continue to provide a 6th Form. The purpose of this document is to outline the proposal, set out the next steps and seek your views.

The Council is also considering the expansion of other high schools in the borough by up to 2 forms of entry at each school. These are Brentside High School, Greenford High School and Ellen Wilkinson School for Girls.

The Council has also asked the Governing Body to help meet the need for places for pupils with special educational needs. The Council wants to help accommodate pupils who need extra support but would benefit from being in a mainstream school. To do this, The Council has asked the Governing Body to add an Additionally Resourced Provision (ARP), where pupils will be taught some of the time, and will integrate with mainstream classes whenever possible. This would be for pupils with Speech, Language and Communication Needs, including some with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD). This ARP would be for up to three pupils per year group, or a total of 15 pupils. Admission and funding arrangements for the ARP would be agreed with The Council.
The proposal
The Governing Body of the school and the Council are seeking views on a proposal to expand the school from 900 to 1,200 pupils aged 11 to 16. This would be phased over five years starting with 60 extra pupils in Year 7 in 2016 and ending in 2020 when the school would have 240 pupils in each Year Group 7 to 11. The school will continue to provide a 6th Form. The expansion will require investment in the existing and new school buildings. This would be funded by the Council. As above, the school would also provide an ARP for up to 15 pupils with Statements of SEN or Education, Health and Care Plans.

This proposal, for both the 2FE and the ARP expansion was initially approved in 2008, and construction was due to go ahead, as part of the national Building Schools for the Future programme (BSF). However, the BSF programme was cancelled in 2010 and the Council were unable to progress at that time.

To enable the school to expand it is proposed to provide additional classrooms, learning spaces and an additional school hall / drama studio. The works would also include fencing and landscaping. Additional teaching and non-teaching staff would also be recruited. In developing the plans further the school will seek to maintain as much as possible of the external play space on site. The accommodation would be built to government requirements and guidelines.

Planning permission for the building works would be required and there would be a separate consultation with local residents and other interested parties should the proposal proceed.

The views of the Governing Body
We have discussed the proposal and support the principle of expansion so that we can help meet the need for school places in the local area. There are disadvantages as well as advantages to expansion and we summarise below some of these. We recognise that this list is not exhaustive and have left space on the attached questionnaire for you to add your views. Should the plans progress there would be further statutory consultation processes to go through and there would be further opportunities to have your say. We will keep you informed at every stage.

Advantages
• The school would be better able to meet the needs of more of the local community who wish for their children to attend their local school.
• Additional places would be available for children living nearby
• Job creation and greater career progression opportunities for members of staff. The expansion of the school would provide further additional teaching posts, additional classroom assistants and other related roles by 2020.
• Increased financial stability, flexibility and resourcing for the school.
• New facilities for teaching and learning.

Disadvantages
• The school size will increase, but this will happen incrementally over five years. We will preserve a "family" feel so that pupils know the staff in their area and don’t feel lost.
• Some disruption may occur during the building works on the site and in the local area which would need to be managed very carefully.
• The school would need to provide temporary accommodation for some pupils during the building works.

Have your say
We need your views to assist us, the Governing Body and the Council in making a decision on expansion.

There will be meetings at the school to discuss the proposal to expand the school. These will be held at 9.30 am and 6.30 pm in the School Hall on Monday 23rd June.
What happens next?
- June 2014 consultation starts;
- July 2014 deadline for responses to the consultation
- September 2014 governors consider consultation responses plus the outcome of the feasibility study and decide whether or not to proceed. Update for parents on progress.
- September 2014 statutory notice to be published in local paper, with a further month to comment on the proposals
- Preparations begin for September 2016 implementation.

Please take time to complete the attached questionnaire so that we can take account of your views. Please return the questionnaire to school by midday on Monday 14th July 2014.

**Eithorne Park High School - feedback form**

Please indicate your views on the proposal to expand Eithorne Park High School to eight forms of entry from 2016 by ticking the most appropriate box.

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**Expansion of other high schools - feedback form**

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**Addition of an ARP to Eithorne Park High School - feedback form**

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Please add other comments on the proposal (continue overleaf if necessary):

For your views to be counted, you must provide your full name and address. Only one response per person will be accepted. We will not pass on your personal information to a third party. Your views will be treated as strictly confidential.

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________

Postcode _________________________________________________________

I am a:

- [ ] Parent/Carer
- [ ] Member of Staff
- [ ] Local Resident
- [ ] Governor at School
- [ ] Prospective Parent
- [ ] Other, specify ________________________________

Please return the questionnaire to school by midday on Monday 14th July 2014. Boxes for completed forms will be placed in the school office reception area. Alternatively, please email to expansion.ephs.ealing.sch.uk or post to:

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