16 June 2014

Potential Expansion of High Schools in Ealing, including Brentside 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 FE in primary schools in the Greenford, Northolt and Perivale part of the borough, and 10.5FE 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.

Brentside 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 1120 students aged 11 to 16 to 1,400. The school would continue to provide a 6th Form, which will also expand, to meet the needs of a larger intake, and due to significantly improved GCSE results. 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 Elthorne Park High School, Greenford High School and Ellen Wilkinson School for Girls.

The proposal
The governing body of the school and the Council are seeking views on a proposal to expand the school from 1120 to 1400 students aged 11 to 16. This would be phased over five years starting with 56 extra students in Year 7 in 2016 and ending in 2020 when the school would have 280 students in each Year Group 7 to 11 (with class sizes of 28). The school will continue to provide a 6th Form which will also expand. The expansion will require investment in the existing new school buildings. This would be funded by the Council.
To enable the school to expand it is proposed to provide additional classrooms and learning spaces. 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 teaching posts, additional classroom assistants and other related roles by 2020.
- Increased financial 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 students 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 students during the building works.

**Have your say**

We need your views to assist us 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 Brentside High School – School Hall on Monday, 30 June 2014 at 9:30am and 6:30pm.**

**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 14 July 2014.**
**Brentside High School - feedback form**

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

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

Please indicate your views on the proposal to expand High Schools in Ealing from 2016 by ticking the most appropriate box.  

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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 14 July 2014. Boxes for completed forms will be placed in the school office reception area. Alternatively, please post to:

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