

**Title:** **Appendix 9 - Analysis of Proposed School Admission Arrangements for 2017/18**

**Report**

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**1.1 Introduction**

Haringey Council consults on admission arrangements for its community and voluntary controlled (VC), nursery, infant, junior, primary, secondary and sixth form settings every year. This year we have also invited comments on a proposed change to our sibling oversubscription criteria.

**1.2** Admission Arrangements links to Priority 1 of Haringey's Corporate Plan – enable every child and young person to have the best start in life, with high quality education.

**1.3** As this report is an appendices itself all data tables and charts are embedded into this document rather than in a separate document.

**1.4** This paper seeks to provide an analysis of responses to the consultation in order to inform robust decision making.

**2. Executive summary**

- The consultation has 239 responses to the main survey and an additional 13 “ad-hoc” responses via –email
- The consultation has a strong geographical bias from western wards in the borough. Of the 204 responses that provided postcode information, 62% were from either N8 (36%) or N10 (26%). Only 4% of responses (2% each) came from N15 and N17.
- Overall, 55% (131) of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with the proposal to change the sibling oversubscription criteria.
- 43% (103) of respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed with the proposal to change the sibling oversubscription criteria.
- 2% (5) respondents didn't have an opinion or didn't respond to this question
- Some 15 themes were identified by respondents to the open text question: “Please use the space below for any other comments you would like to make about the proposed change to the sibling admission criterion”
- Those themes were: Fraud / Local community / Secondary / Radius / Disruption or Distance / Traffic / Large families / Siblings / Divorce or Single parents / Policy introduction / Policy should apply immediately / Policy unfair or unfair to poor / Proposal is fairer / Buying property / Renting or Renters

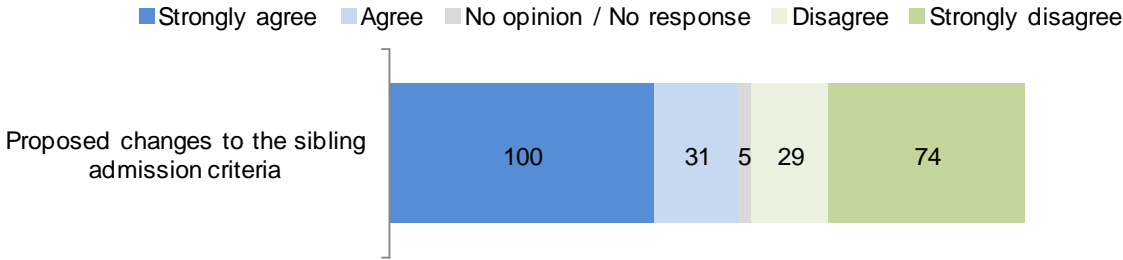
**3. Proposed changes to the sibling admission criteria for community and voluntary controlled (VC) primary schools**

Currently for community and Voluntary Controlled (VC) primary schools priority for a school place is given to all siblings of children already attending the school regardless of their current address. The council is proposing to change the sibling admission criterion for community and voluntary controlled (VC) primary schools so that priority is given to:

*"Children with a brother or sister already attending the school and who will still be attending on the date of admission, whose home address is no more than a distance of 0.5 miles from the school. Children with a brother or sister already attending the school and who will still be attending on the date of admission, whose home address is more than 0.5 miles from the school will also receive priority where the child's home address has not changed since the last sibling was offered a place or the last sibling was admitted prior to September 2017."*

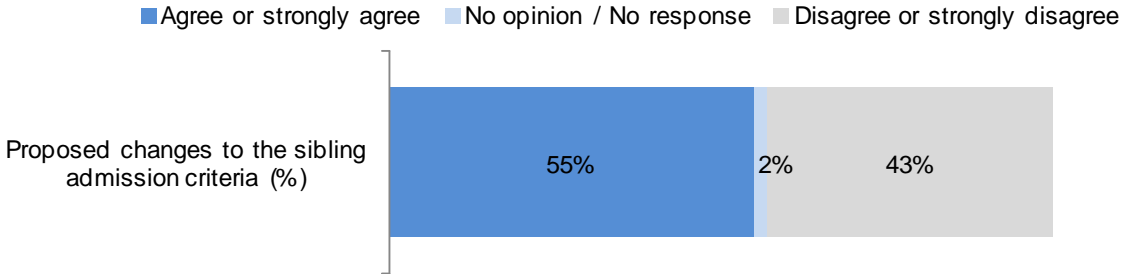
**Question 1: Do you agree or disagree with the proposed change as described above?**

Source: Haringey Education Services 2015



**Question 1 (Aggregated): Do you agree or disagree with the proposed change as described above? (%)**

Source: Haringey Education Services 2015



Question 1 – Breakdown by respondent type

Respondent	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion / No response	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Total
Teacher	8	1	-	2	4	15
Headteacher	-	-	1	-	-	1
Parent	90	29	4	25	63	211
Governor	7	-	-	1	4	12
Other	4	1	-	-	4	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>248</b>

Source: Haringey Education Services 2015

Note: Respondents could answer more than one category, i.e. teacher and parent.

#### Question 1 – Breakdown by postcode

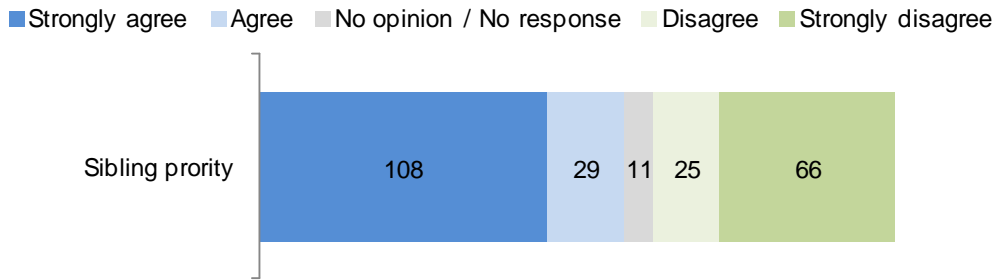
Respondent	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion / No	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Total
E2	-	-	-	1	-	1
N10	20	7	1	7	18	53
N11	3	1	1	-	4	9
N15	4	-	-	-	-	4
N17	2	-	-	1	1	4
N19	3	1	-	1	-	5
N2	6	1	-	-	1	8
N22	12	7	-	2	11	32
N4	2	1	-	2	2	7
N6	3	2	-	2	-	7
N8	37	8	1	6	22	74
No response	8	3	2	7	15	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>239</b>

Source: Haringey Education Services 2015

As part of this change, the council is proposing to still give priority to children with a sibling(s) admitted prior to September 2017. Families who currently have siblings at the school would therefore continue to receive priority irrespective of where they live.

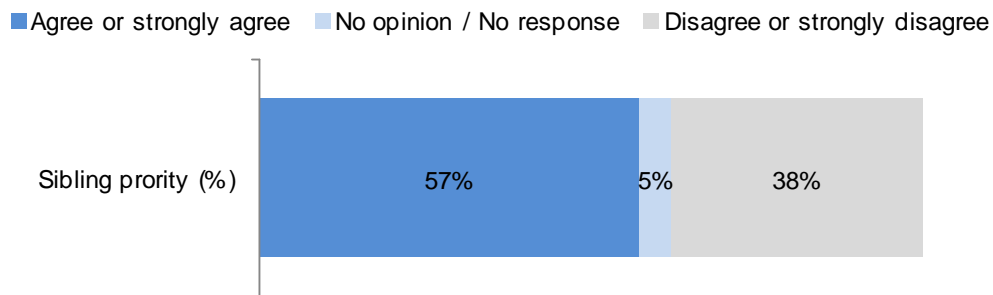
**Question 2: Do you agree that children with a sibling admitted prior to September 2017 should continue to receive priority?**

Source: Haringey Education Services 2015



**Question 2 (Aggregated): Do you agree that children with a sibling admitted prior to September 2017 should continue to receive priority? (%)**

Source: Haringey Education Services 2015



**4. Themes on the proposed changes to the sibling admission criteria**

The following section breaks down the open text responses to question 3 of the consultation which asked: “Please use the space below for any other comments you would like to make about the proposed change to the sibling admission criterion”.

Some 174 comments were received and 15 themes (see below) have been developed in order to provide a basis for analysis. The complete responses to this question can be found in Appendices (pgs. 17 onwards).

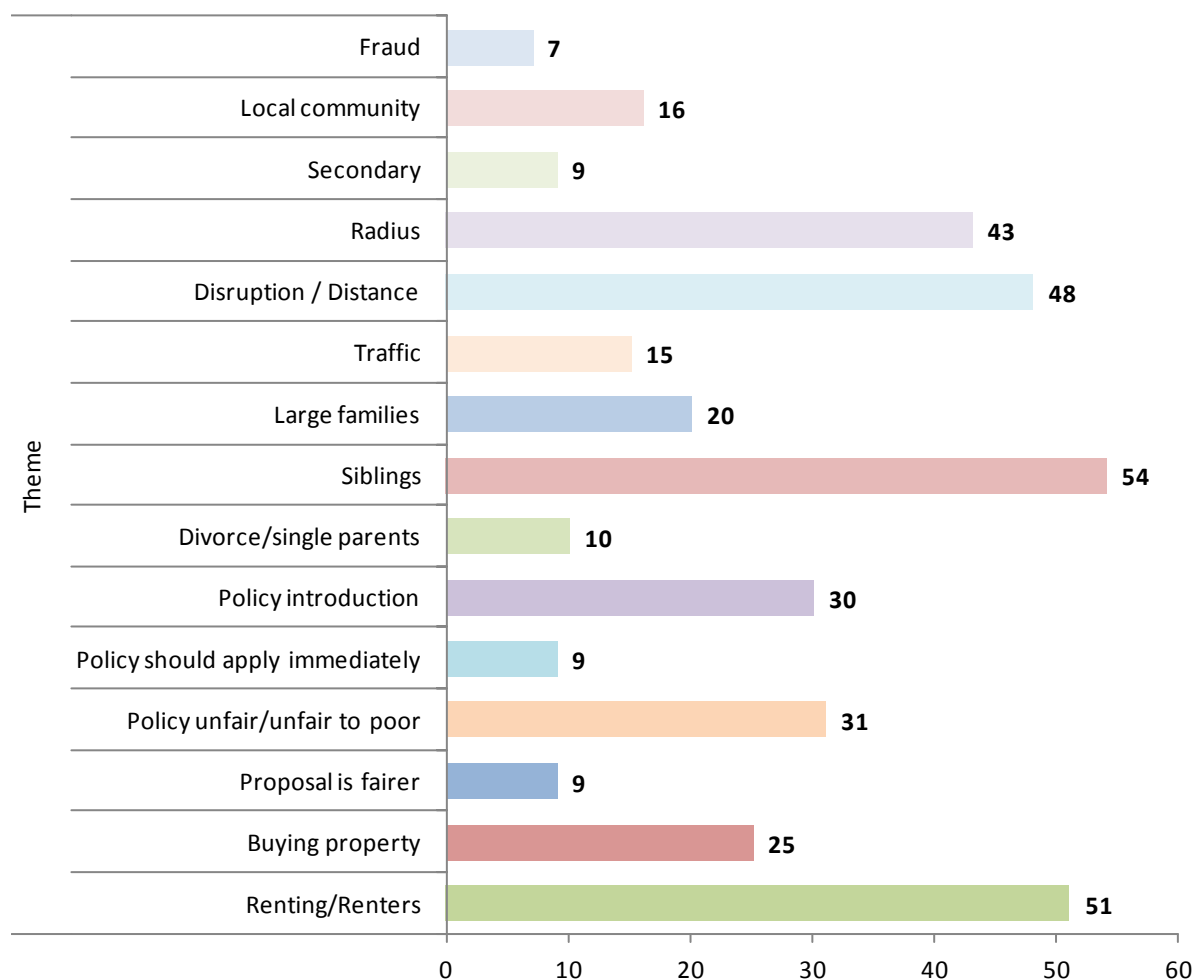
**Typical themes:**

Fraud / Local community / Secondary / Radius / Disruption or Distance / Traffic / Large families / Siblings / Divorce or Single parents / Policy introduction / Policy should apply immediately / Policy unfair or unfair to poor / Proposal is fairer / Buying property / Renting or Renters

The figure below (Question 3) shows that the most popular themes were siblings, Renting or renters, disruption or distance and radius. Typical responses from the consultation by each theme are also provided.

### Question 3: Themes: Proposed changes to sibling criteria

Source: Haringey Education Services 2015



#### Typical responses from the consultation by each theme

Note: No corrections have been made to the submissions below:

##### Fraud (7)

*"I have a neighbour who moved out of the house and rented a house further down the road to get their first child into Rhodes Avenue primary school. They now have three children, the second and third will be guaranteed places as siblings. My child did not get into that school (just outside distance but very little) because of distance but their second child who started school at the same time did because of the sibling policy. It is outrageous that people do this. It is immoral and in my view tantamount to fraud."*

##### Local community (16)

*"I agree with the general sentiment of the change - local schools should be for local people."*

##### Secondary (9)

*"Acting now to reform the sibling priority for secondary applications would be a proactive step to ensure that local children can continue to get places at local secondary schools."*

### **Radius (43)**

*"I agree with the proposed change save that where the qualification is that a sibling was admitted prior to September 2017, if the family have moved say more than 1 mile away, should not count."*

### **Disruption or Distance (48)**

*"Further, where younger children are unable to attend the same school as their older sibling(s) this would cause significant logistic difficulty for getting them to different schools at drop off and pick up particularly as they are too young to make their own way to and from school. Attendance for siblings at different schools will undoubtedly create a disjointed school community for the parents with a lack of potential support for the schools attended."*

### **Traffic (15)**

*"and (3) additional traffic congestion at the school run time where parents/carers attempt to get their children to alternative locations in short time thereby defeating any initiative to walk to school."*

### **Large families (20)**

*"We have to be careful not to punish families who genuinely have to move house, having lived at the original address for some time. My family is fast out-growing our house now we have 3 kids and we'll no doubt have to legitimately move at some time having been in our house 10 years plus. We should not be penalised for this."*

### **Siblings (54)**

*"I think it is extremely important for siblings to go to the same school. It will otherwise mean that families will have huge issues ranging from practical matters of drop off/pick up at the same time to unequal education with academic differences due to attending different schools. By introducing this concept, families that are less fortunate, vulnerable and often under financial pressure (or even under income support) will be even more disadvantaged."*

### **Divorce or Single parents (10)**

*"Also what happens to families that separate during the course of one child starting school, and the next one joining? To manage childcare as a working parent is difficult and expensive enough without adding the complexity and the inconsistency of having different schools for your children."*

**and**

*".....what about single parents who may ultimately have to get two children to two different schools but have actually lived in one properly for many, many years, what about families who split up and can no longer afford to live near their school in between first and second child starting school"*

### **Policy introduction (30)**

*“I do think it probably doesn't go quite far enough, as it doesn't address the problem of people who have already done this, and the local children who will miss out on places for several years while the new rule gradually comes into effect. But it is certainly a step in the right direction.”*

### **Policy should apply immediately (9)**

*“The new criterion should apply immediately, that is, for the Sept 2016/2017 intake. In addition, the new criterion should apply immediately to children with a sibling admitted before Sept 2017. They should not continue to receive priority.”*

### **Policy unfair or unfair to poor (31)**

*“This proposed change does not address the root causes of unfairness in the school place allocation system and simply creates a different kind of 'unfairness' - what about single parents who may ultimately have to get two children to two different schools but have actually lived in one property for many, many years, what about families who split up and can no longer afford to live near their school in between first and second child starting school, what about families who have lived in one property for years pre-children and then simply outgrow it before a sibling starts school and then simply want to move for more space but cannot afford to live less than 0.5 miles from the school? I just do not see how this is the solution to the difficulties that some families do face getting school places. It would also penalise the many families settled and committed to an area who have bought properties for the long-term and to make a commitment to the local community who based their decisions on existing rules.”*

**and**

*“I think the changes do not consider the families who often have little choice in moving home ie those who rent, either privately or via the council. I would imagine the proposal for change is driven by those in more affluent areas, eg Crouch End, where parents fail to consider the wider demographic of Haringey, where a large number of families rent. Obviously these are often the poorest members of society, whose voice is less likely to be heard during consultation. Being given notice by a landlord would then oblige the family to limit their home search to within the 0.5 miles of current school, adding to the stress of finding a new home within a short time frame. Having primary age children at different schools would be a logistical headache.”*

### **Proposal is fairer (9)**

*“It is very important that children are able to find a place at their local school. Some homes within Haringey only have one school close by and where this is hugely oversubscribed the fairest way is to decide by distance, otherwise a child may end up travelling huge distances.”*

### **Buying property (25)**

*“We have rented the same property since we move to the area 5 years ago and have since had two children, the eldest of which has just started their reception year at our local school. I have therefore decided that we would like to put down more permanent routes in the area and are in the process of purchasing our first property. However, due to the high property prices within 0.5m of our local school we have been forced to purchase a property*



further afield, which under these proposals (post 2017/18) would mean our second would not be guaranteed to join his brother at the same school. Whilst I agree that it is a good idea to add a deterrent to families choosing to live in an area for a short period of time with the sole purpose of gaining access to a particular school I feel that the proposed instrument is too blunt and risks impacting those less able to afford the properties within the 0.5m proposed.”

## Renting or Renters (51)

“This proposal will penalize anyone that does not own a home near the school. Further more it will drive the price of rent at a time that real estate prices in North London are already sky high. We have recently been told my our landlord that we will need to move out as he plans on selling the house. We have not managed finding a house near the school and have to move a mile away. Had this rule been in place we would find ourself that our youngest child that will be going to reception in a year would not be able to join his brothers in the same school. Landlords will be able to take advantage of this situation and drive up prices as they would realise that families would not want to tear the social fabric of their children.”

## 5. Individual responses received to the consultation via email or letter

In addition to the main consultation survey 14 additional responses were received via email or letter. A breakdown of the responses is shown in the table below whilst the full responses can be found in the Appendices (pgs 72 onwards).

Date	From	Brief summary of response
16/11/15	Letter from Catherine West MP (Member of Parliament for Hornsey and Wood Green)	<b>(1)</b> The letter is from Catherine West MP (Member of Parliament for Hornsey and Wood Green) and sets out contact she has had from a number of parents on the issue of school places and their strong support for the proposal to change the sibling over subscription criteria. She has asked to be kept informed of the outcome of the consultation.
2/12/15	A primary school teacher at a Haringey primary school	<b>(2)</b> The e-mail is from a primary school teacher requesting the possibility of teaching staff gaining a school place for their children in the school they are working at. This representation has been included because they are relevant to the broader discussion on admissions arrangements for community schools.
7/12/15	A local resident with a young family	<b>(3)</b> The local resident writes in support of adopting the proposed sibling over subscription criteria and asks for it to be implemented as soon as possible.
30/12/15	A local resident with a young family	<b>(4)</b> The local resident writes in support of adopting the proposed sibling over subscription criteria and asks for it to be implemented as soon as possible so that their second child my benefit.
16/12/15	A resident of N8	<b>(5)</b> This resident of N8 agrees with the aim of the proposed policy but also feels it is important that siblings are kept together. They suggest amending the proposed criteria.
11/12/15	The Governing body of Belmont school, N22	<b>(6)</b> The Chair of Governors at Belmont school writes to object to the proposed adoption of the sibling over subscription criteria. Potential negative consequences of the policy are outlined.
23/10/15	A resident of N8	<b>(7)</b> This resident of N8 writes in support of adopting the proposed sibling over subscription criteria.
1/12/15	Private tenants	<b>(8)</b> This respondent is a private tenant (non home owner) and presumably a Haringey resident. They are against the adoption of the sibling criteria over-subscription policy as they feel they are particularly vulneranble to being made to move out of their property by their landlord.
1/12/15	A resident of N8	<b>(9)</b> This resident of N8 asks if they are still in the catchment area for



		their chosen school should the proposed over subscription criteria policy be adopted. This follows a recent move.
25/11/15	Parents / Carers	<b>(10)</b> A couple write in support of the proposed over subscription criteria policy.
25/11/15	Parent / Carer of children attending a school in Muswell Hill	<b>(11)</b> A parent/carer writes in to strongly oppose the proposed over subscription criteria policy.
25/11/15	Respondent (no address or interest supplied)	<b>(12)</b> This individual writes in favour of the proposed over subscription criteria policy.
25/11/15	Respondent (no address or interest supplied)	<b>(13)</b> This individual writes in favours of the proposed over subscription criteria policy and also suggests it will reduce traffic and congestion.
15/11/15	Respondent (no address or interest supplied)	<b>(14)</b> This individual writes in favour of the proposed over subscription criteria policy.

## 6. Responses received via Drop inn's

Two drop-in sessions were held on the topic of the proposed school admission arrangements for 2017/18. Brief notes from each meeting are below:

Notes from drop in at Wood Green library 4 December 2015

Two people attended

1) The first was strongly in favour of introducing the policy for primary schools and suggested it should also be rolled out for secondary schools as well.

2) The second person wanted clarification about implementation. She was in favour of the exemption (the 2<sup>nd</sup> question in the survey). She was also in favour of adopting the policy.

Notes from drop in at Crouch End library 1 December 2015

Nine attended, two in favour of implementation and to apply it retrospectively, seven against and concerned as some (not all) are long term renters. The main points raised were:

1) Genuine moves to just over 0.5 miles can move families to areas where there is no local community school.

2) Confusion about whether or not it applies to parents with a child in school now.

3) As the effects of the implementation wont kick in until around 2020 you are consulting families on children who aren't even born yet so you won't get the breadth of responses you need.

## 7. Reception and Junior Admission arrangements comments

The following section breaks down the open text responses to questions 4 and 5 of the consultation which asked: "What do you think of the complete proposed reception and junior admissions arrangements?" and "What do you think about our proposed Pan-London co-ordination of reception and junior admission arrangements?"

They were 103 responses to this question on proposed reception and junior admissions arrangements. 42 respondents were broadly in favour with responses. 16 respondents were broadly not in favour.

All responses in full are listed in Appendices 2.

They were 60 responses to the question on the proposed Pan-London co-ordination of reception and junior admissions arrangements. 30 respondents were broadly in favour with responses. 5 respondents were broadly not in favour.

All responses in full are listed in Appendices 2.

## **8. Nursery Admission arrangements comments**

The following section breaks down the open text responses to question 6 of the consultation which asked: “What do you think of our proposed nursery admissions arrangements?”

They were 80 responses to this question on proposed nursery admissions arrangements. 46 respondents were broadly in favour with responses. 6 respondents were broadly not in favour.

All responses in full are listed in Appendices 2.

## **9. Secondary Admission arrangements comments**

The following section breaks down the open text responses to questions 7 and 8 of the consultation which asked: “What do you think of our proposed secondary admissions arrangements?” and “What do you think about our proposed Pan-London co-ordination of secondary arrangements?”

They were 90 responses to the question on proposed secondary admissions arrangements. 35 respondents were broadly in favour with responses. 9 respondents were broadly not in favour.

All responses in full are listed in Appendices 2.

They were 58 responses to the question on the proposed Pan-London co-ordination of secondary admissions arrangements. 30 respondents were broadly in favour whilst 3 respondents were broadly not in favour.

All responses in full are listed in Appendices 2.

## **10. In-year Admission arrangements comments**

The following section breaks down the open text responses to question 9 of the consultation which asked: “What do you think about our proposed in-year admission arrangements?”

They were 37 responses to this question. 22 respondents were broadly in favour whilst 2 respondents were broadly not in favour.

All responses in full are listed in Appendices 2.

## **11. In-year fair access protocol comments**

The following section breaks down the open text responses to question 10 of the consultation which asked: "What do you think about our proposed in-year admission arrangements?"

They were 36 responses to this question. 22 respondents were broadly in favour. No respondents stated they were not in favour.

All responses in full are listed in Appendices 2.

### 12. Sixth Form Admission arrangements comments

The following section breaks down the open text responses to question 11 of the consultation which asked: "What do you think about our proposed sixth form admission arrangements?"

They were 35 responses to this question. 23 respondents were broadly in favour. 3 respondents were broadly not in favour.

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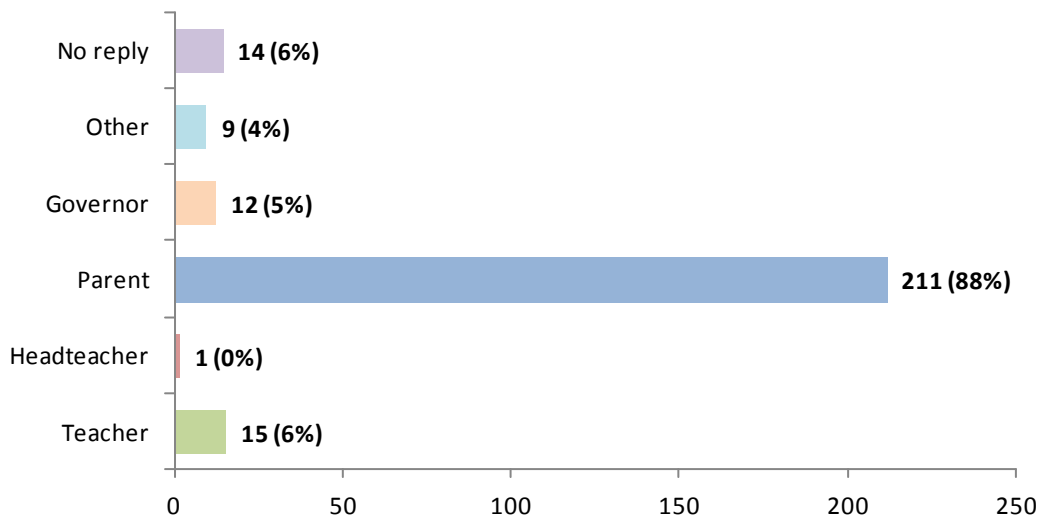
### 13. Scoping data

The following data details the background profile of respondents to this consultation

#### Question 12: Please tell us who you are (tick all that apply)

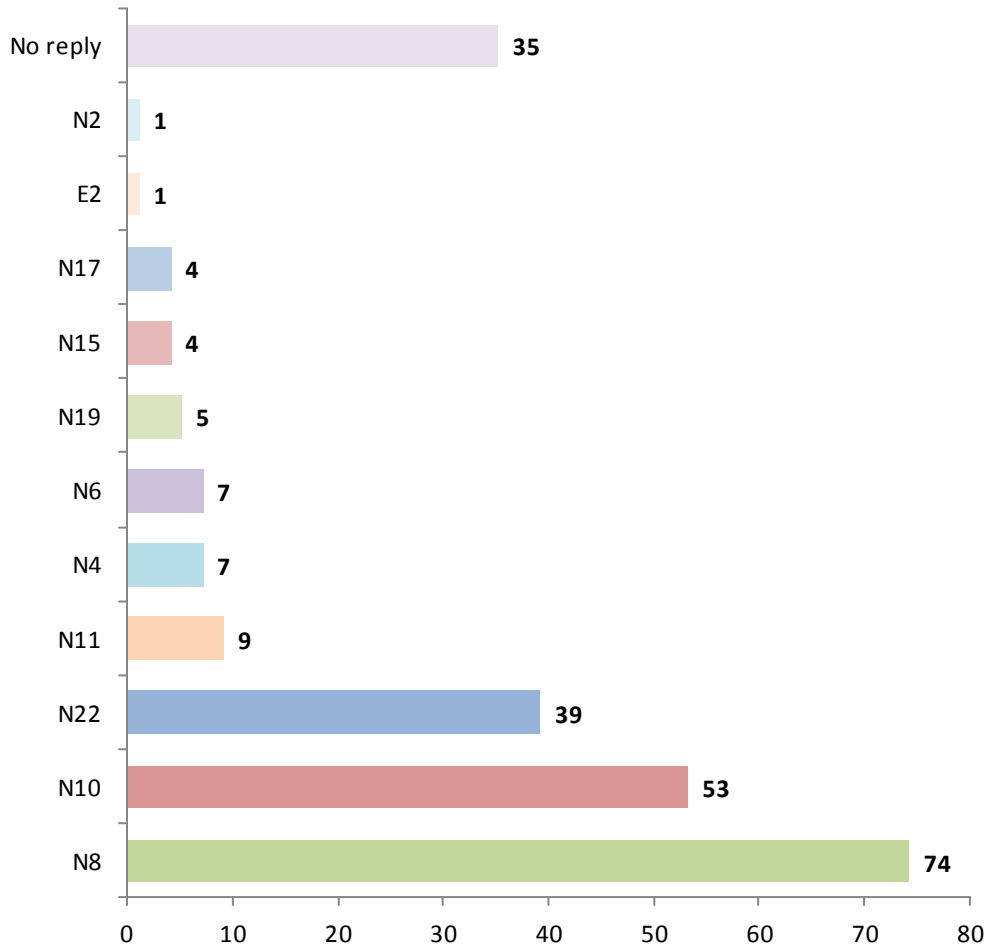
Source: Haringey Education Services 2015

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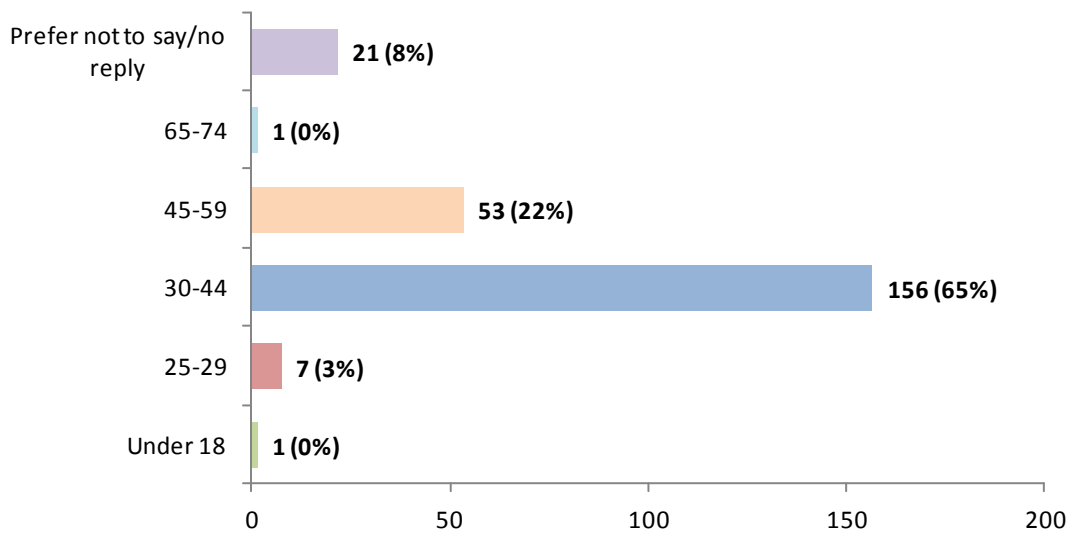
### Question 13: What is your full postcode?

Source: Haringey Education Services 2015



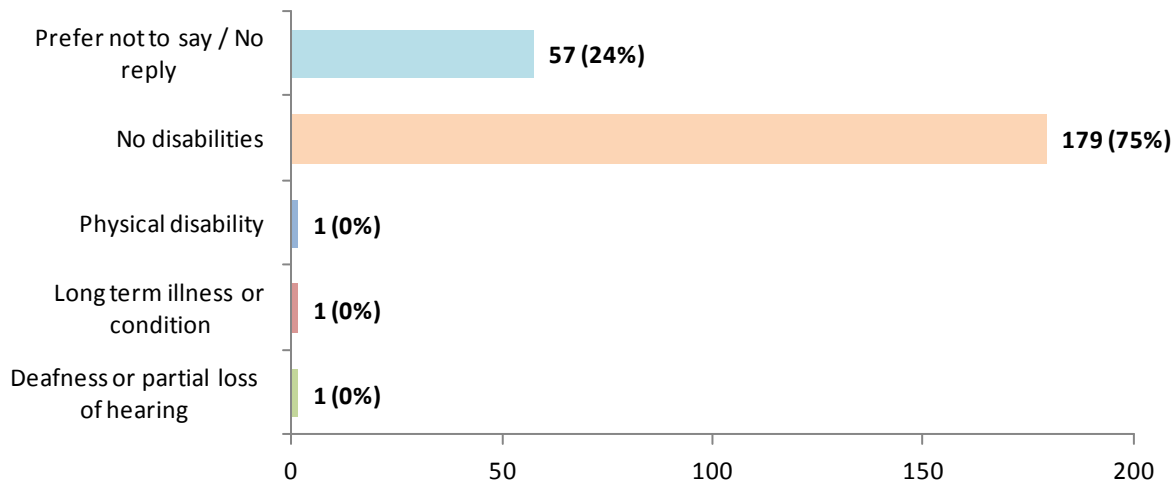
### Question 14: What is your age group?

Source: Haringey Education Services 2015



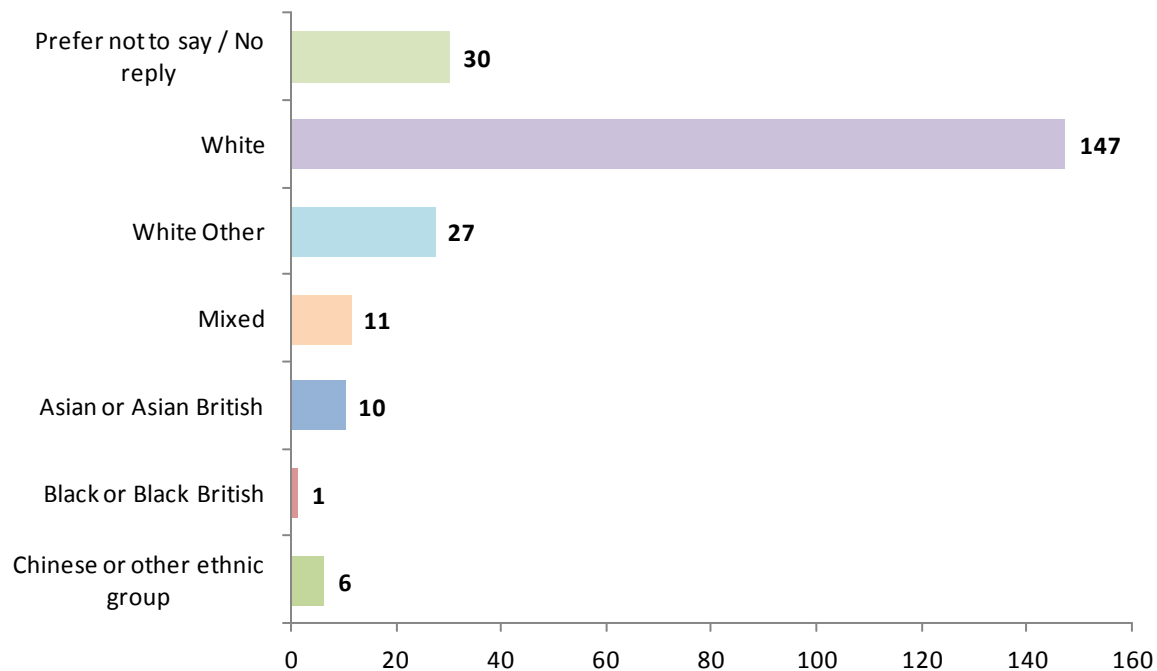
**Question 15: Do you have any of the following conditions which have lasted or are expected to last for at least 12 months?**

Source: Haringey Education Services 2015



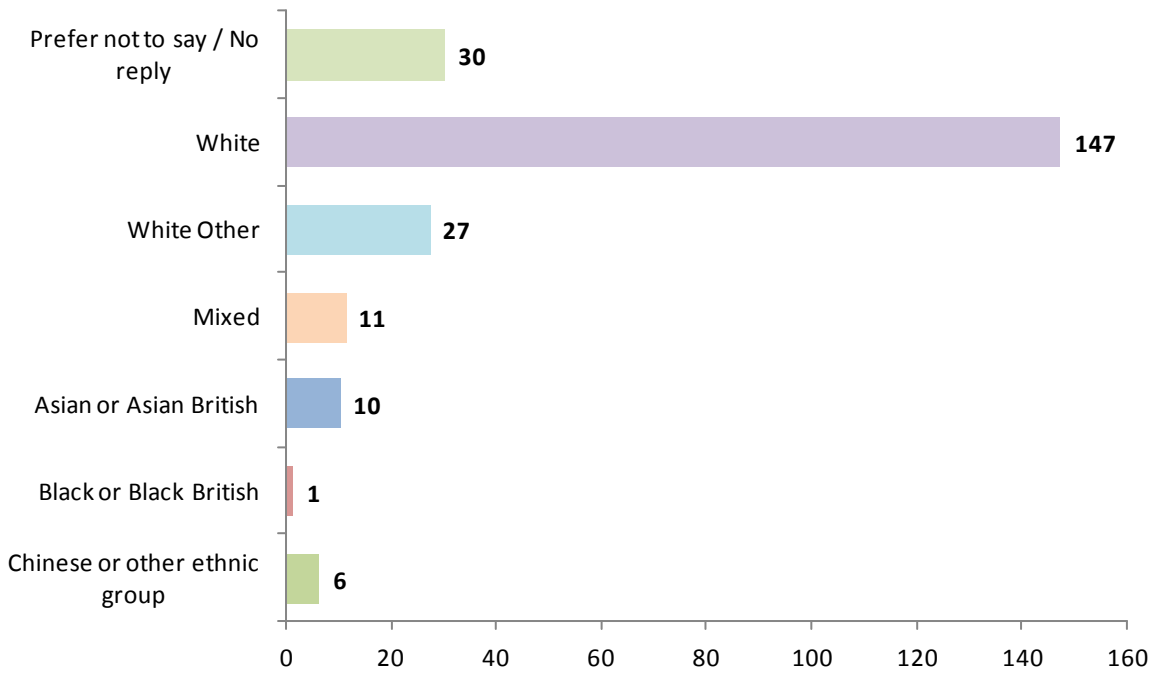
**Question 16: Which ethnic group best describes you?**

Source: Haringey Education Services 2015



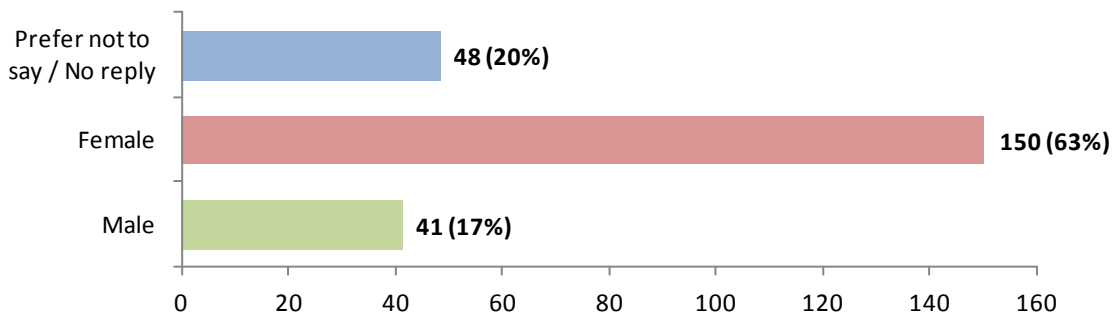
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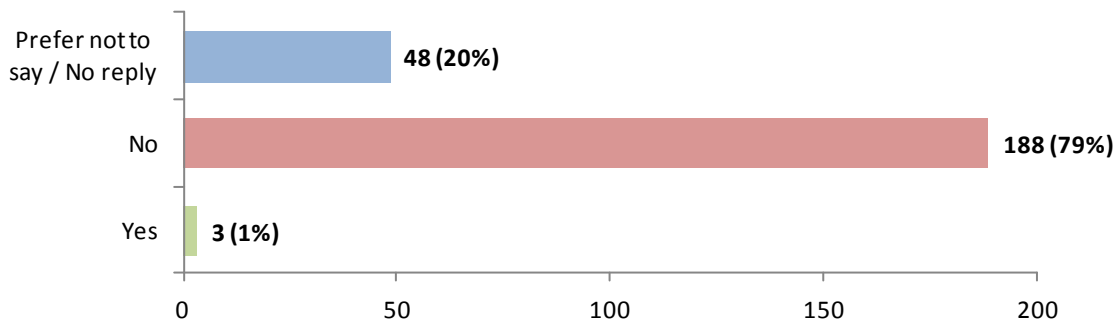
### Question 23: What is your gender?

Source: Haringey Education Services 2015



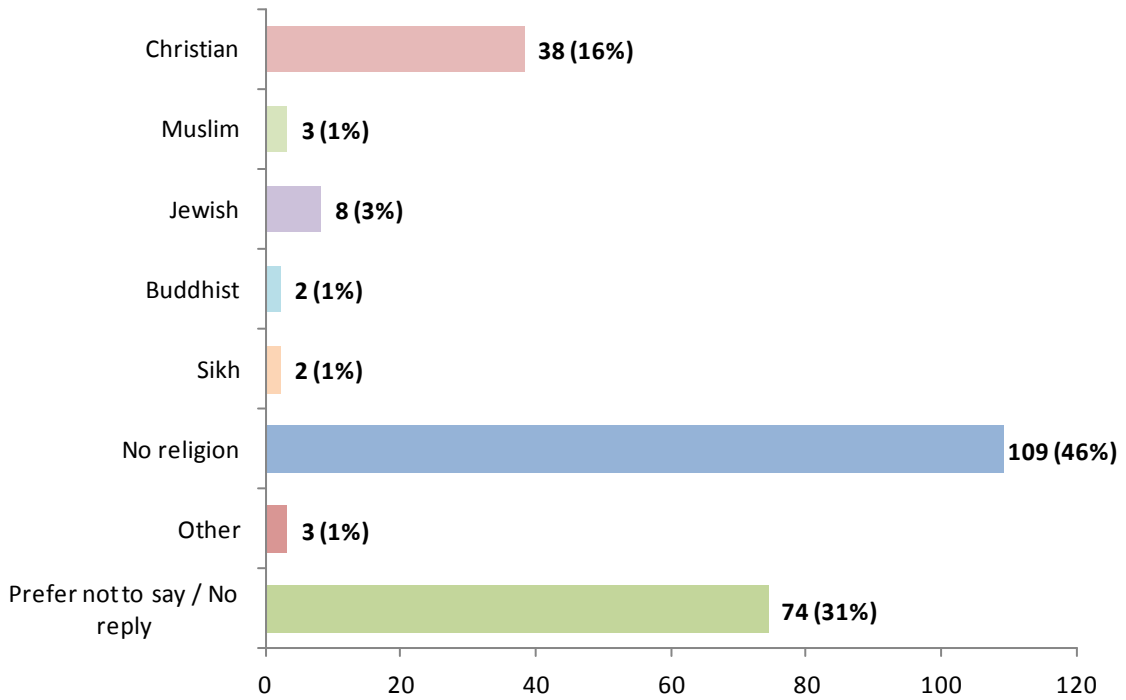
### Question 24: Does your gender differ from your birth sex?

Source: Haringey Education Services 2015



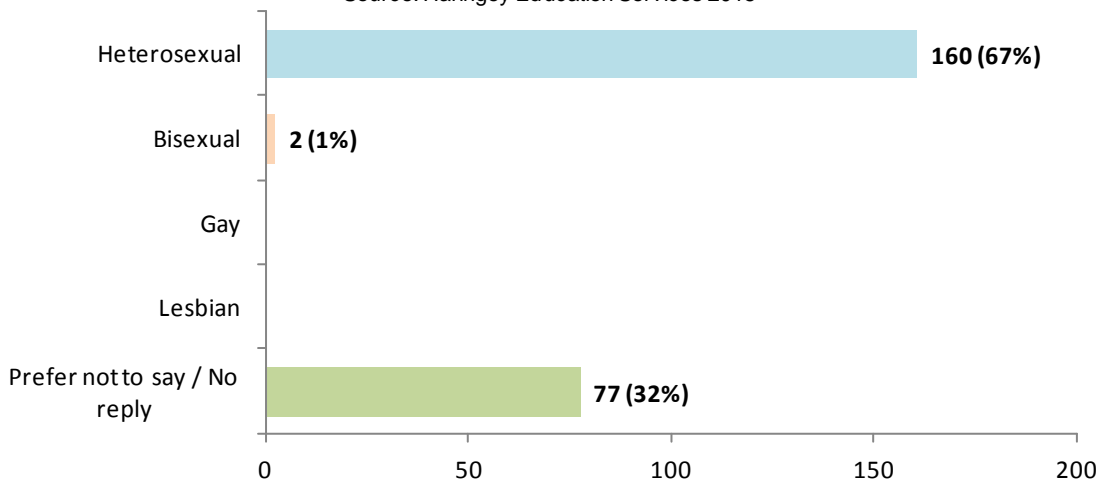
### Question 25: Do you have a religion or belief that you would like to mention?

Source: Haringey Education Services 2015



### Question 26: How would you describe your sexual orientation?

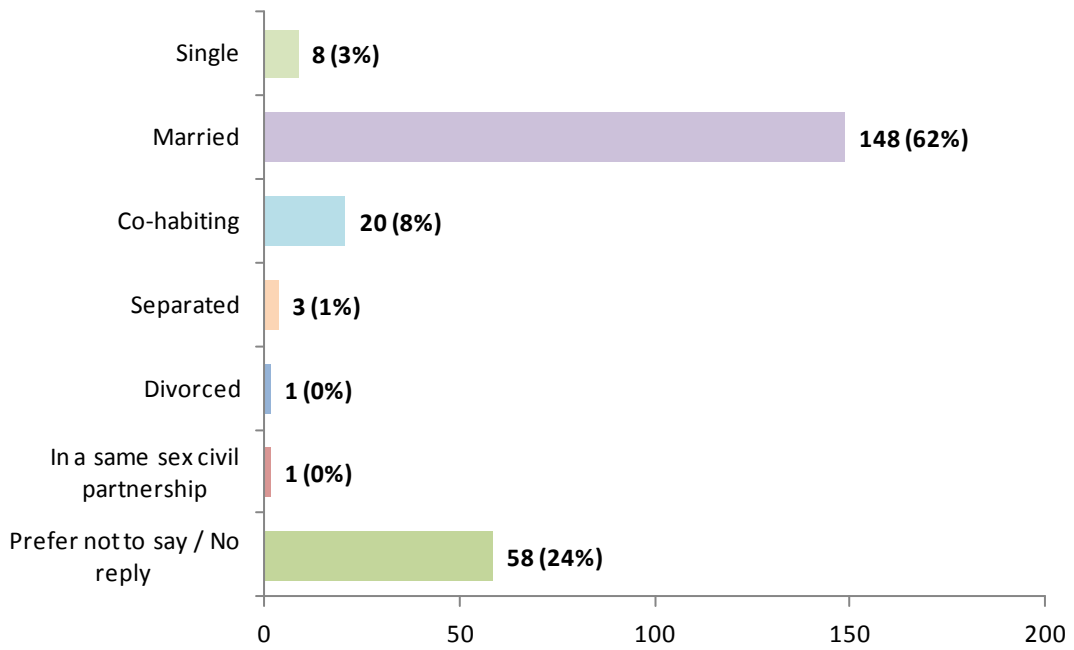
Source: Haringey Education Services 2015





### Question 27: How would you describe your marital status?

Source: Haringey Education Services 2015



## Appendices

### Open text responses to Question 3

Please use the space below for any other comments you would like to make about the proposed change to the sibling admission criterion

**Note:** No corrections have been made to the submissions:

#### **Q3) Please use the space below for any other comments you would like to make about the proposed change to the sibling admission criterion**

0.5 miles is too small a distance, and unfairly restricts families ability to move house for perfectly valid reasons. Moving 0.6 miles away from the school should not result in siblings being separated. Additionally, the priority for siblings admitted before September 2017 must remain. Removing this priority will unfairly penalise families who have already made decisions to move, a long time before the proposed changes were mooted. To retrospectively impose changes like these is grossly unfair for families that have made important decisions, for perfectly valid reasons, based on the admission rules at the time.

0.5 miles is very small radius. Whilst I agree with the idea I think that the area should be increased.

0.5miles is too short a distance to be capped to live that close to a school.I believe if you wish to move house you should stay in the local area but within 1 mile sounds fairer as you are still in the local community and in a walkable distance to the school

0.5miles is too short a distance.

1) The change would mean that local children can attend local schools rather than having to drive or take buses to go somewhere else. In my ward, 50% of reception places go to siblings, most of whom do not leave in the catchment area because their parents moved. This is not acceptable. 2) The 0.5 mile limit is very generous. Most oversubscribed schools have their catchment area stopping after 0.25 mile. 3) The change should come into place immediately to stop the fraudulent behaviour of parents who move house for 6 months to get their oldest child into a school and then move out as places are secured for all siblings. 4) Older siblings should be offered places at a new school, in their catchment area, when parents are applying for a place for a younger sibling. This way there is no need for multiple school runs. 5) There should be a review of what happens with any child who moves out of the catchment area, not only siblings. If parents decide to move out of the catchment area of their current school, they should be asked to re-apply. Some children will have good reasons for not moving schools, others could easily settle in somewhere else. This should be dealt with on a case by case basis by the School Board.

A agree because, as the parent of one child, I find it unfair that we miss out on school places which our right next to our home because someone else who has 3 or 4 children (spread out over many years). If that person with many children has moved away from the catchment then they should be offered a school near their catchment. Otherwise we're in a ridiculous situation of everyone travelling miles and not being part of the local community. I understand drop-off may be difficult in some cases so maybe there should be flexibility like a 20min window for morning arrival.

A parent cannot be expected to take children to two separate schools if the new proposals come in to affect. It is ridiculous. The majority of mothers at my child's school disagree with this criteria so please do not bring it in.

About time too - why not extend this to secondary schools with a slight extension to the catchment area.

Agree with the main policy change but think it should apply also to existing children unless there is a clear justification.

all siblings need to go to the same school regardless of where they live otherwise this is a logistic nightmare for parents.

Allowing families who have a child at the school on or before September 2017 to receive preferential treatment regardless of where they live in the future means local families won't see the full extent of this proposal until 2024, nine years away. no child that will benefit has

been born yet. It will also encourage a huge rush to rent close to the school over the next two years as people know full well all of their subsequent siblings will be admitted for the next seven years, regardless where they move to. So even more children will be coming from Barnet for the next few years. At least now there is some uncertainty of future policy stopping people doing it. I understand the council has to outline admissions a year in advance but surely it would be prudent to stop the sibling criteria earlier. Meaning ONLY families that have not moved or have but remain within 0.5 miles of a school will be able to get priority for their second child from September 2017, regardless of when their first child was admitted. This would see local people get the benefits 7 years earlier. I understand it is a pain for parents to have children at two different schools but EVERY family at St Mary's N8 has to take one sibling to Church Lane and another to Rectory Gardens. The council has no problem with that and they are further away than St Mary's infants and Rokelsy. Stop September 2017 preferential treatment and this is an excellent proposal that supports the local community.

Although I agree with proposal in general, I do not agree with the last part of the proposal which reads "or the last sibling was admitted prior to September 2017". I think this part of the proposal should be deleted because it would not be fair to allow priority to be given to children whose home address is more than 0.5 miles from a school AND whose home address has changed since the last sibling was admitted, just because that sibling was admitted prior to September 2017. I am aware of at least two families who are temporarily renting accommodation near Rokesly and Coleridge Primary Schools respectively, specifically so they can get their first born child into those schools for reception places in September 2016, when they are not in fact local to those schools. With the current proposed wording, those families would be able to move back to where they actually live, having secured a place for one child prior to September 2017, and thus ensuring priority will be given to subsequent siblings over local children even though they will no longer live within 0.5 miles of the school and their address will have changed. This would deprive more local children of places in subsequent years and may precipitate a rush of temporary renting in 2016, which would also adversely affect the September 2016 applications of local children.

Although this change does not seem unreasonable, I'm concerned it's a first step towards eroding the principle that siblings can attend the same school. I believe siblings should always be given priority, because having children in different schools and doing drop off and pick ups at different schools is such a huge challenge for working parents. Even with breakfast and after school club and an extended day from 0800-1800, with an hour's commute in and out of London, it is barely possible to do a full working day. Having children at different schools would make this impossible.

Apply this rule to secondary schools also.

Applying the sibling priority rule only to siblings living within 0.5 miles of the school is a good idea. This rule should be implemented to all new applicants, whether or not they already have a sibling in the school, and whether or not their address has changed since the last sibling was offered a place.

As a private tenant that does not own their own home this rule puts us into constant worry of not only losing our home (which is already the case due to unstable and only short-time unprotected tenancy agreements and non-controlled rents). It also creates a new worry to not being given a place for the sibling if we lose our home (because it's sold or due to rent increase). I believe that each case needs to individually be looked at and assessed to give people fair and equal rights.

As an addition to my response to Q2, I think that children with a sibling admitted prior to September 17 should ONLY receive priority if the family either has not moved address since the last sibling was admitted, OR they live within 0.5 miles of the school.

At infant/ junior school level I feel that it is very difficult if parents are going to end up with children in 2 schools. Given London house prices it is common for parents to be living in a flat when their eldest starts school but want to move to a larger property that they can afford over time. Given that, I can understand the frustration in some areas where people rent properties for short periods to get their whole family into a school.

Could this proposal render a child 'schoolless' i.e. could it mean that a child already in school be possibly forced out of school and unable to get into a new acceptable school? Or ,more

likely since this is not to be a national policy, the second child might not get into a new school in time? And even if they do, then the parent would be forced to take their children to two or more separate schools each morning. Doesn't sound workable and smacks of lazy problem solving on the part of the council. Would it not be possible to extend the hours of over-subscribed schools to allow them to take more students per day in the same buildings? And, or allow private tuition fees to be re-claimable from income tax, thus allowing more parents to afford to use alternative options, freeing up spaces for those who can't.

Dear sir/madam, Delaying the full implementation of the policy that is designed to make more local school places available for local families will only exacerbate the congestion problems around pick up and drop off times. Many families choose to drive, which is very dangerous for young children around 9am and 3pm. There are so many near misses everyday and a factor has to be that people live so far away that they have to drive. Placing geographical limits will reduce this problem and doing it earlier would clearly improve safety. It is not immediately clear to me why exemptions should be given for the next decade to families who live miles away. Regards

disagree that if the address has not changed, they will still receive priority. this is unfair on members of local community with children. also environmental impact of people from further afield

distance is too far -should be 0.3 mile as that is cut off point for large amount of good schools should apply regardless of whether someone has moved to provide incentive to apply to local school

For admissions in 2017, this is understandable. Going forwards, if this criterion can't be eliminated, it could maybe be made less automatic, for instance considering the circumstances of the family to make sure the provision is not abused.

Given the problems with social rented and private rented housing this risks being very discriminatory against poorer families who can't afford to buy a house and risk being forced to have their children in different schools as they have to move because of housing problems. This would not be fair on them (how for example are single mothers supposed to work with primary aged children in different school) and it means poorer children can't go to school together. How on earth can a labour authority be planning to do something that so clearly harms low income groups to protect middle class home owners. Where is the equally impact assessment!

Giving exemption to those that have a child registered by Sept 17 gives a cast iron guarantee that as long as you are in a school by then you can move away and be guaranteed to get your sibling in. This will actually increase the activity of renting for schools places in the short term as it gives a guarantee of what future policy is. I cannot see any justification for this exemption and none has been given.

Growing families are finding it harder and harder to remain in an area where their children were born and started school, due to exorbitant house prices. Sometimes this forces families to move further than 0.5 miles from their oldest child's school. In addition, this is actually not a very large distance, many school catchment areas were larger than 0.5 miles not long ago. To maintain family stability and a sense of community, it's important to allow younger siblings the opportunity to remain at the primary school that they have known all their lives rather than uproot them. For parents, to have to make arrangements for two school drop offs of primary school age children is also unrealistic. I would like to see families who do move from their original address be encouraged to look for housing as close by as possible. But this new policy is detrimental to families who cannot afford to be directly by their child's school.

Haringey council would like to close the loop hole that some people abuse as they move in to an area to get their first child in to a good school but then move away. However this new policy will not achieve anything as many people who can afford to, will simply do the same thing the second time around and subsequently move back in to the area in order to get their second child (sibling) in to school and then move out of the area again.

Having spent a year coping with children attending two different schools due to a house move I support keeping the sibling priority. It is not always possible to stay within a certain area for many reasons including financial difficulties/ divorce. While there is a problem with people renting near popular schools this would also risk penalising families whose circumstances

have changed, leaving them the added burden of having to cope with picking up from two or more schools at the same time each day. Unsettling the oldest child from their current school could add to an already unsettling situation. Having dealt with two school runs, I know it is very stressful for parents, children and the teachers dealing with the late arrivals and pick ups it produces.

Hello, I have a few concerns about this proposal. I have a daughter in St Aidan's and a son who is starting nursery there in January to be applying for admission 2017/2018. Initially, I would like to point out that it is extremely difficult for working families to move with an area with such oversubscribed schools. This will only exacerbate the problem. As my family has grown we have tried to find an affordable place to live with our children and that is very complex within already tight parameters. Added to this is the stress of needing to be within the reach of a Secondary school. In our situation, the only Secondary school near to St Aidan's is Hornsey School for Girls. As we have a boy and a girl this is not an option. I would imagine making Hornsey a mixed sex school should be a greater priority than this sibling ruling. The fact that you cannot live in the same place for both primary and secondary is very frustrating. In the literature we received about the consultation, it was made clear that the proposal was only to do with families without children in the schools prior to 2017. This means that all families in a situation similar to ours will have read the information and think it didn't apply to their specific situation. The interest in opposing retrospective application of this rule will be limited because, unless people investigated further, they would have been misled by the information that was sent out. This will surely lead to an unfair analysis of public opinion. It is very important for our daughter to remain in the school which she is settled in. She is shy and anxious and changing schools would be too distressing for her. If my son we not to be able to attend the same school, my wife would likely have to quit her job (she works 8am-4pm) so that we can drop off our children at different schools. Had we known that this new rule was in place, we could have changed our area when we were looking to move earlier this year. As this was not the rule at the time. Last summer we opted to move nearer 1 mile from the school, while on a direct 10min bus line. A big issue for us is that we followed the rule of the existing admittance and we will be penalised irrespective of that, which is wholly unfair. Generally speaking; 0.5 mile is a very small distance, even in London. Given the difficulties and expense finding housing in London, making it more difficult on families with multiple young children is not ideal. I believe a 1.5 or 2 mile zone is more appropriate to not put extra pressure on families. One of the major problems with large numbers of siblings taking school places in the bulge system. I have seen a lot of writing about Western Park having very limited places, but this is a direct result of two budge years which is a false economy which exponentially increases sibling applications making a much bigger problem where there wasn't one in the first place. Thank you for your time and consideration.

How could a parent get children to school on time and not too early either if at different school??

I agree that if a family moves further away then sibling priority should cease, however, I think 0.5 miles is too short a distance, it should be broadened a little.

I agree that there is a problem with parents moving into an area to gain admission to a school and then moving back out. However I strongly disagree with the proposed solution to it for the following reasons. 1) 0.5 miles is a very narrow catchment - it effectively means that families would have little or no mobility once their children are attending school, and would disproportionately penalise low income families whose children attend schools in affluent areas, as they would be least likely to be able to afford the premium attached to houses in this area - bearing in mind that rents can sharply increase once a school becomes outstanding and families may be forced out of the area BECAUSE their children attend an improving school. 2) Upper years at the school can often be under-subscribed even while lower years are over subscribed. (This is the case at my children's school). This change would mean that a family living much further away (say 1 mile+) could accept a place offered to an older child (say in KS2) and that child's siblings would then be guaranteed entry because they had not changed address since the offer. Meanwhile a child who had been in the school for years could be forced out because their parents moved just outside the 0.5 mile boundary and are unable to take their children to two different primary schools. There would be an absurd



situation where people who had been in the school for a few months and lived 1.0 miles away would get sibling priority, while people living much closer who had been in the school for years and had moved just outside the 0.5 mile boundary were denied it. This solution effectively advantages affluent parents who can afford to buy and move within the very narrow boundaries of a good school, and disadvantages people on lower incomes who may be forced to move by circumstance (extra children or rent rises), even though they may have been attending the school for years and be the very people whose input helped the school's reputation become what it is. I feel adopting this policy would be a retrograde steps in terms of making Haringey's schools more inclusive. In my view the real problem is upper income parents renting temporary addresses in areas with good schools and then moving back properties they own further away. I would like to see a solution similar to the one used by Camden whereby if parents are renting but own another property within (say) 5 miles, they are assessed on the address of the owned property. Adopting Camden's solution would, in my view, be a more effective and more targeted way of tackling this problem, with less potential for disadvantaging low income families and bona fide permanent renters.

I agree with the general sentiment of the change - local schools should be for local people. I see no reason why siblings admitted prior to 2017 should continue to receive priority - this simply prolongs the unfairness for local people further - rewards those playing the system and fails to close this loophole that has rightly been identified. I believe the council needs to grasp the issue and deal with this at the earliest opportunity and fully. The area we live in has been identified as an area where local school admission is a real issue - and giving places to people who have moved away makes no sense. It is also very stressful to live knowing you may not get your child into a local school - I would urge the council to deal with this quickly. To leave the September 2017 loophole will not deal with the issue for years and years - it needs addressing now...

I agree with the proposed change save that where the qualification is that a sibling was admitted prior to September 2017, if the family have moved say more than 1 mile away, should not count.

I agree with the sentiment of the proposal but I think that the proposed changes are unfair for people who may be forced to move due to high housing costs. For example, a family renting close to the school may be forced to move if the landlord puts the rent up. Given the housing crisis in London, I think the proposed changes will impact lower income families more than higher income families which is unfair.

I am a parent of 3 young children living in a rental property, as many families in London do. Should our landlord choose to bring our tenancy to a close, we would therefore need to move and may not be able to find a suitable property which meets our needs and is in our cost range within the 0.5 mile range that is proposed in your consultation paper. As a family with two working parents, the risk of having children in two separate primary schools driven by a move potentially out of our control would have big consequences for us. The logistics of getting children to two separate schools each day with the same drop-off and pick-up times would be incredibly difficult and potentially incur further childcare costs. Part of the reason that we enjoy where we live and the school that our children are currently in is the community and chance to get involved in events and with other families. The children greatly benefit from the opportunity to see school friends out and about in the neighbourhood after school and on the week-end. If our youngest ended up in a completely different school in the borough he would be deprived of the same benefits.

I am glad that this is being proposed as as a parent who's child is at a primary school in Haringey, I know of parents who have rented very close to the school that they want their child to get into and then when they have go their child in, moved to a cheaper place knowing that the younger sibling will get a place. They are able to do this because they have the money to rent in the area right by the school they want their children to get into.

I believe this proposed changes to sibling criterion for VC primary is extremely unfair for the following reasons: - Property prices around certain schools are very expensive. This proposal will favour the rich who can avoid to live in big houses. If you live in a smaller property and your family grows – or your circumstances change through, for example, death or divorce - you will be forced to move outside of the catchment area because you will not be able to afford a different or bigger house. It will force siblings apart if they haven't yet got in to the same school. - This proposal will raise house prices even more in areas next to good schools. There is already a huge inequity gap in property prices in London and the UK. This proposal will make that gap wider. - I grew up in Crouch End, and am proud of Haringay Council's efforts to make our community more inclusive, welcoming and enriching. I went to Coleridge School where my daughter now attends. If we want our family to grow we would only be able to afford a property outside of the 0.5 miles proposed zone, which we cannot do. This proposal will tear families apart. It will cause two siblings going to different schools to be late, causing great disruption to the family.

I can understand why this has been proposed. However, as someone who has always lived well within the required 0.5 miles distance from the school even before thinking of starting a family and then for personal or financial reasons needs to move a few streets out it would be unfair to the family not to be given priority to those siblings. In particular, it would be impossible for parents to collect and drop off from different schools, not to mention the detrimental impact it would have on the relationship of the siblings. Coleridge primary school and others are praised and outstanding due to the family community unity. If current siblings were not given priority the parents focus, support, commitment to the school and children would be divided/damaged. Also, people need a few years advance notice before such a proposal is implemented so they are given sufficient time to plan family and finance and not given any unexpected surprises or disruption to already busy family lives.

I completely agree that families who move out of the area or who live more than 0.5 miles and have got their oldest child into a school after Reception should not be allowed sibling priority. However I strongly believe this should start as soon as possible, and those who have already played the system should not be allowed to do so any more. There is a crisis NOW in my area for families trying to get their eldest into Reception. It will take years before the families that abuse/ play the system free up places under your proposal.

I completely agree with the discontinuation of the sibling priority. Many families in the area are playing the system, renting a flat/house with their first child, and then moving well out of the local area. All this does is increase traffic to the schools as parents drive their kids, and makes it really difficult for the local families. Housing is very expensive in Haringey and it is unfair that the residents that have paid a premium for the area can not get their children in to school. If parents choose to move away from the area after the first child then that is their decision.

I completely agree with the rule that sibling of those children who admitted prior to September 2017 should still have priorities, regardless where they live, since parents were not made aware prior to admitting their first child to school, they may have to move due to unforeseen reasons, if those siblings lose priority, it will cause too much upset and inconvenience to any family.

I do not feel that this measure would really help the problem of people moving temporarily for school places which is why the council says it is proposing the change. Rather it seems like a knee-jerk reaction to people complaining that they have not got desired school. The proposal appears very simplistic and not thought through and not presenting the different sides of the problem. Firstly it does not stop the problem in a number of cases such as; where parents only have one child from moving temporarily; people with two or more children moving several times to get each child in; people moving temporarily to rent near school but staying in catchment the number of years it takes to get say two children into the school and then moving further away; people living within .5miles to a school they want but not near enough to be in catchment moving closer to the school and then moving back to their home thereby cheating children closer to the school of a place. So the question is if the people who move for the above circumstances are removed from the picture then what would be the real figure



that would be applying for sibling priority out of catchment and is that figure really worth changing the rules which will of course also have a cost and disadvantage other people especially people who might have been living in the local area for a long period. The figures provided by the consultation has thus not given the full picture nor considered both sides of the argument. There might be people living locally with a child already at a school forced to move because of unreasonable landlords hiking prices, or given notice to move, or have expanding families and need more space, or getting divorced and having to move or fleeing domestic violence. There can be lots of valid reasons people might have to moving without also having to uproot children from school or have to commute to different schools. They may not be able to find something suitable within .5miles as the new rule would increase demand for properties within this radius. This means poorer people would be disadvantaged while those able to afford it would be able to rent within the right distance and thus keep their children at the school. It also does not stop those who can afford it buying property near schools to get in thereby giving more advantage to those well off enough to do so. So the council policy will now help to drive up house prices to .5 miles around a school rather than previous smaller catchment of desirable schools. Deciding to use .5 miles seems to be random seeing that schools have different intake number and catchments and density of accommodation around them. This means people forced to move as per the examples above will be disadvantaged if the have children at large schools as opposed to those with small intake as options to find accommodation will be very limited or impossible. Rather this should be a relative number to catchment. i.e. .5 miles from last distance offered the year before. Or as a percentage of the intake. So schools of one class intake might have .5 miles while 3 class intake might have 1.5miles. Council policy says that children offered a place within 2miles of a school or given help with transport as this is considered fair distance to travel to school. Maybe this figure could be applied? Lastly there are a lot of faith schools that take children not in the immediate locality, thereby denying the children close to the school to benefit children further away. why should this be allowed letting people exploit by going to church as opposed to moving as happens a lot. This issue should be tackled simultaneously. These schools are funded with taxpayers but excluding taxpayers that live locally who might have to end up travelling away to attend a school. Bottom line while I understand the council moves to do something about a certain situation, I do not think proposed change is comprehensive or fair or highly effective.

I do not see how these changes would make the current system any fairer. In fact I feel quite the opposite. It would disadvantage families who's circumstances change between children starting school. What if someone got divorced, died or was evicted from a rental property during this period? They would be forced to buy or rent a property within an exceptionally small area just to keep their children in the same school. This would also push up house prices even more favouring the wealthy who can afford to buy a house big, enough for a growing family in a tiny catchment area close to a good school. It also forces families life choices. It's not practical/feasible in inner city London to have children in two different schools if both parents work. It's not fair on the parents or the child. The proposal would mean that families would not be able to move house while their children are of school starting age Which if you have 3 children could be up to 6 years which is quite a considerable time. I also do not feel that it favours the community feel of the schools as argued. When you are proposing an area of 0.5 miles from a school, this is not community, this is a few roads and it is elitist and non- inclusive. How can it be about community when you are enforcing a rule that would mean that some children would end up attending different schools to their siblings? On a personal note. I attended a different school to my sibling and I feel very strongly that it is a negative thing for a family, not only from a practical standpoint but also from an emotional point of view. I think siblings should be brought up equally and attending different schools creates problems. I think attending a school with your sibling is of the highest importance.

I don't feel this change is fair to every family. Area like crouch end, simply pushing people out of the area due to the extremely high property price, in most cases parents have left with no choice but to move further away from school simply because they can no longer afford the housing price or lack of suitable rental property, for these families if there older child is already attending the school, base on this new rule the siblings don't get priorities, which means

<p>parents will be facing sending children to different schools, it's simply unfair and impossible for any family to manage.</p>
<p>I don't have children in school yet but don't want to be limited in being able to move between admission of the first and last. we will need to get a bigger property at some point but want to stay in Crouch End - please don't limit our freedom to improve our quality of life!</p>
<p>I dont think the sibling rule should apply to kids in secondary schools of familj have moved out of the area</p>
<p>I feel it is very important that children who have siblings who are currently attending a school, should be admitted. Changes should take effect from the date of implementation and not back-dated. The benefits of siblings attending the same school are huge, to the children, the school and the families. I feel strongly that while it is fine that the arrangements are being reviewed, it is only fair that the rules should be honoured as they were originally.</p>
<p>I feel strongly that children, particularly those of primary age, should walk/cycle/scoot to school. Large numbers of parents at my son's school drop their children by car, adding to the hazardous pollution levels in London and making the area around the school less safe for all children at drop-off and pick-up times. This problem is exacerbated by significant numbers living further away from school. Whilst I think it is right that everyone should have advance warning of the changes, the situation needs to be addressed for the future.</p>
<p>I fully support this amendment. It is wrong for a family to move on a temporary basis into an area in order to gain a school place not only for one child, but for all subsequent children regardless of where they then move to</p>
<p>I have a neighbour who moved out of the house and rented a house further down the road to get their first child into Rhodes Avenue primary school. They now have three children, the second and third will be guaranteed places as siblings. My child did not get into that school (just outside distance but very little) because of distance but their second child who started school at the same time did because of the sibling policy. It is outrageous that people do this. It is immoral and in my view tantamount to fraud. I question how you will deal with parents who simply use their parents address as this potentially won't change and so your proposed changes will not affect these scenarios which should also be tackled by Haringey and eliminated.</p>
<p>I have both my kids in school so this does not affect me but I cannot see how a parent with kids in two different schools can get them To two different places for 9am. The sibling rule should stay in place as it is also terribly disruptive to the children in their important formative years.</p>
<p>I note the reasoning for the proposed change to the sibling policy which I do agree need addressing. However, I do not consider the change int he sibling admission criterion is the correct way forward because siblings need to support each other at school particularly at a young age and when arrive in a new environment be it primary or secondary school. This I have personal experience of being one of four children myself and further being the parent of four children, it is vital to have the knowledge that you have sibling nearby when a child encounters difficulties with settling in, friendships (and/or bullying), or work to call upon and feel secure or reassured. Further, the logistics of getting younger children to school at the same time, potentially to a myriad of locations, where there are more than 2 siblings will be difficult to manage and also potentially create (1) additional costs in employing either additional childcare simply for the drop and pick up for both working and none working parents depending upon the distance between schools; and (2) potential requirement to changing working patterns to meet the challenge of getting children to different locations could create employment issues for parents; and (3) additional traffic congestion at the school run time where parents/carers attempt to get their children to alternative locations in short time thereby defeating any initiative to walk to school..</p>
<p>I really think that something needs to be done to stop parents who can afford it from playing the system. I know of several families who have done this and think it is dreadful. I hope that it extends to secondary schools too.</p>
<p>I strongly agree that children with a sibling admitted prior to Sept 2017 (the Prior to Sept 2017 carve out) should continue to receive priority. Parents can make an informed choice going forward about where to live. But it would be grossly unfair to apply this policy to families where</p>

the major decision about moving even slightly over 0.5 miles from school of the first born sibling was taken before this consultation was mooted. Without the Prior to Sept 2017 carve out, such families would face the stark choice of either having to move; send their children to different schools - a logistical nightmare to say nothing of the impact on the children themselves - or take out the first born sibling from a school where they may be very settled and content. This could be very damaging to the psychological welfare of that first child. Our own first born has trouble adjusting to change, making new friends etc and it would be potentially disastrous for him to be taken out from his beloved school because of the logistical problem of having to collect more than one child from different schools. We are very much part of the community of our school, just over 0.5 mile away.

I strongly believe that the current arrangement should not be reviewed or changed as it will not make any sense for parents to be dropping off at two different locations should they need to move addresses. It will be virtually impossible to be on time at two different locations and the parents will be put in a very uncomfortable and stressful position. I do not see any logic behind this suggestion and I strongly believe that any parent put on a similar position will be very stressed out.

I strongly disagree that you wait until after September 2017 to implement the above changes. In doing so you will deny many local children a place at their local school. This will affect so many things on a personal level for each child and family (the friends they make, the location of after school activities, time spent on journeys to school, which schools they go to next etc) as well as for the local community (for instance local traffic). The changes you propose are both fair and necessary, and need to be implemented with immediate effect in order to deter families from unlawfully renting properties closer to the school to gain places for their children. This favours families who can afford to own and rent at the same time. If the council believes the policy change is the right one then they need to implement it now. Haringey Council's vision, approach and priorities state that your first priority is to "Enable every child and young person to have the best start in life, with high quality education". To give a child the best start in life you should enable them to go to their local school, where they can walk to school every day, make friends on their street and grow up to feel part of the local community.

I strongly support the proposal to restrict sibling priority to 0.5 miles from school. When I applied for 2015 reception admission for my son he was unable to secure a place at any of our 6 closest community schools because of the current sibling priority rule. Our closest school is only 160 metres away but only 4 places out of 30 were allocated on distance in 2015. If parents move beyond the 0.5 mile zone they should lose sibling priority and siblings must then apply on a distance basis. It does not seem fair that children should be denied a place at their local schools in favour of siblings living much further away. I would strongly support this new policy being retrospective i.e. that children with a sibling admitted prior to September 2017 should NOT continue to receive priority unless they live within 0.5 miles of the school (or if they live further than 0.5 miles from school have not changed address since the first child was admitted). If the proposed policy is not retrospective this will have the effect of continuing to give certainty of a school place to parents of siblings living further than 0.5 miles from school at the expense of first time applicants who live much closer. This does not seem fair at all as there are some parts of the borough under the current admissions policy where children are unable to get a place at any local schools - for example in Hornsey Vale. I would expect many of those who would oppose the proposal being retrospective will have moved temporarily close to a school to get a place and then moved away again. I know of people who have done this for 2015 reception admissions and managed to get away with it. I have a daughter who will be applying for reception in 2017 and it seems very unfair that she should miss out on a local school place in favour of parents who have been playing the system and live much further away to us from the local schools. The benefits of introducing the proposed policy include: Preventing families temporarily moving into a cut-off zone, securing a place for child #1, then moving far from the school whilst still being able to send siblings over and above local children. This practice is widespread in parts of the borough. Ensuring families remain living in the immediate vicinity of the school and contribute to the school's local community rather than using it purely as an education convenience. Ensuring more children will walk to school and alleviate school rush traffic issues. Putting a stop to the

almost mercenary pursuit of “the best” state school by parents where hopefully such energies will instead be put towards improving and making a family’s local school work for them eventually leading to a more even standard of schools across the borough. If the new policy is implemented an exception should be made for vulnerable children from families who regularly move between temporary accommodation. I would strongly support the new policy being applied to secondary transfer as well as primary admissions. The current pressure on primary places will extend to secondary places in the next few years according to the Council's own predictions. Acting now to reform the sibling priority for secondary applications would be a proactive step to ensure that local children can continue to get places at local secondary schools. The practice of 'shopping around' for secondary places is becoming an issue in parts of the borough and I know of parents of 7 or 8 year olds who are owner occupiers making decisions about which secondary school to rent a second home next door to. I would also strongly support the Council introducing priority admissions zones for community schools to ensure that all addresses in the borough have a fair chance of accessing a local school place. On the current purely distance based approach there are some roads in our local area where you have a choice of 3 or more schools and others where you have a choice of none. It is not fair in Hornsey for example that some roads have a choice of Ashmount and Coleridge, and others a choice of Rokesley, Campsbourne or St Mary's and other roads end up being allocated places in Wood Green. Priority catchment areas would not only make the admissions system fairer but also strengthen the links between the school and the local community.

I support this change in policy as it will help keep children at their local school rather than having to bus them to schools further away. I believe this should be applied to those admitted to school prior to 2017 unless there are very strong grounds for moving away from the area

I suspect that parents who do have children at over-subscribed schools will disproportionately reply to this consultation, to oppose the changes. The consultation has been open for weeks and I only just heard about it - from one such parent. I think they are almost the only ones who know about it as they are most affected and spreading the word. But I know lots of families who lived only very temporarily near good schools but have several children there, while kids who live nearby can't get in. If you continue to give priority to families with one child already at school, then this situation will not change for many years and many local children will be adversely affected. And families will leave the area because of it.

I think it is a fair change given the pressure on places in this borough and the desire for people to send their families to a school close to their home - children who live close to a school are being turned away in favour of (in some cases) siblings who live far from the school. It is also fair to ensure that parents who moved house before this policy is brought into force should not be affected.

I think it is extremely important for siblings to go to the same school. It will otherwise mean that families will have huge issues ranging from practical matters of drop off/pick up at the same time to unequal education with academic differences due to attending different schools. By introducing this concept, families that are less fortunate, vulnerable and often under financial pressure (or even under income support) will be even more disadvantaged. For example these families might have been forced to move away from the school catchment area (or placed in council homes further away with little consideration to family stability) due to high rents will be put under even greater pressure. Long term issues, often expensive for the council, should not be excluded. I understand you want to target families who can afford to rent locally just to access the schools. Unfortunately, this is harming the most vulnerable families.

I think it is unfair for families to rent a home close to a school in order to get their child into the school, and I would like to see all primary children walking to school. But the standard of education in Haringey varies hugely from school to school so I understand why families do this. Also house prices in London are crazily high to start with, being very close to an outstanding school puts even more of a premium in house prices which, in effect, means that the richest families benefit from a better education which I feel is very unfair. Finally I would say that this new rule could unfairly affect families who have genuinely moved house in between siblings starting school because they need more space or to be closer to a



Secondary School.
I think it is unrealistic and unfair to force families to remain in a very restricted area in order to ensure their children attend the same school. Families with primary aged children are likely to choose to move for perfectly valid reasons as their family grows. I think it would be very unfair to families unaware that the admissions criteria might be changed to retrospectively change the rules, thus forcing families to move older siblings in order to have all their children at the same school. I am concerned that the change will significantly increase the mobility of schools' populations. As a teacher in another inner London Borough I know from experience the detrimental effect of high mobility on schools. One of the reasons the schools in question are so successful is the commitment families have to the school.
I think it's a terrible idea for parents with siblings already at the school, who may have a larger age gap.
I think that in times past the rule made a lot of sense, but today the reality is that this is being used by wealthy parents to their advantage, leaving those still living in an area at a disadvantage if they can't play the same games. Those nearest to a school should have priority, simple as that. Note that in a lot of countries, if a family moves then all children would be expected to change schools, not just the children not yet started in education. This makes even more sense, and if the argument of affected parents is "I can't take kids to multiple schools" then the clear counter argument to that is to move the first child to a more local school to your new address.
I think that scrapping the sibling rule for primary schools would be really unfortunate. I understand that the intent of this change is to prevent parents 'gaming the system' but parents faced with taking their children to two separate schools (which may be many miles apart) will be put in a very difficult position particularly if they are both working. This change is likely to have a disproportionate impact on parents who rent from private landlords who will no doubt see this as an opportunity to significantly increase rents for parents where their first child has gained entry to a school but who have younger children who have still have not reached the age where they can start.
I think the 0.5mile limit should be changed to: "0.5miles or twice the radius of the catchment area, whichever is bigger". This rule should not apply in ANY WAY to families with kids that have special needs. These families have already to face higher cost of care for their kids and living within the catchment area is more expensive, so it is understandable that they might want to try their best to get in the school of choice. In fact, it is really important for a child with special needs to be in the same school as his brother/sister, regardless of the catchment area.
I think the change is much needed - the queues of cars dropping off at schools with cut off distances of a couple of hundred yards really brings it home for me. I can understand why the change has been suggested. I do think it probably doesn't go quite far enough, as it doesn't address the problem of people who have already done this, and the local children who will miss out on places for several years while the new rule gradually comes into effect. But it is certainly a step in the right direction.
I think the change needs to happen sooner than that in the interests of fairness.
I think the changes do not consider the families who often have little choice in moving home ie those who rent, either privately or via the council. I would imagine the proposal for change is driven by those in more affluent areas, eg Crouch End, where parents fail to consider the wider demographic of Haringey, where a large number of families rent. Obviously these are often the poorest members of society, whose voice is less likely to be heard during consultation. Being given notice by a landlord would then oblige the family to limit their home search to within the 0.5 miles of current school, adding to the stress of finding a new home within a short time frame. Having primary age children at different schools would be a logistical headache.
I think the council should ask applicants if they own other properties in Haringey as this may help to establish and identify the people who are renting close to schools and then moving back to the properties that they own out of catch areas. I think siblings should continue to receive priority as it is too difficult for working parents to have children at different schools due to inset days and school closures / holidays. I think it is important to be aware sometimes families with siblings will need to move due to family split up and for financial reasons.

<p>I think the distance is too short. I think it is still part of a local community to live 0.75 miles from a school I think this proposal totally ignores the fact that it is KNOWN parents move into an area to get their children into schools then move away and therefore take up spaces because they can afford to play this move. I feel the council should add in a criteria that looks at how LONG a family with siblings has been living in an area and offer that place to a second sibling OVER a child the only recently moved to the area as well as those that are single child family that have lived there longer than a new child. i.e. length of time living in an area has a priority over distance There is a significant amount of development happening in N10 (woodside avenue and two at the top of muswell hill) this will have a very serious impact of number of children and Haringey has not accounted for this)</p>
<p>I think the distances are too great. 0.5 miles is a ten minute walk and in most cases would put the family in the "catchment" for another school. I think the distance should be in line with the "last distance offered" data.</p>
<p>I think the proposal to penalise families who move away once they have obtained a place is lunacy. The house prices are so unreasonably expensive in this area that whole families will be forced to be squeeze into a flat just to satisfy the council criterion - the quality of life for a family squashed into a flat is untenable. I believe excellent schools should be available to everyone, regardless of home address and it is a travesty that families must push themselves to breaking point in order to secure merely an adequate school place.</p>
<p>I think the proposed change is not getting to the root problem ie. People RENTING second addresses close to a school to get their kids in. We have to be careful not to punish families who genuinely have to move house, having lived at the original address for some time. My family is fast out-growing our house now we have 3 kids and we'll no doubt have to legitimately move at some time having been in our house 10 years plus. We should not be penalised for this. I guess there needs to be a common sense, case-by-case approach to it. Generally though, I think it is a brilliant thing to clamp down on all those unscrupulous parents who short-term rent currently and corrupt catchment areas.</p>
<p>I think this proposal is overdue. It benefits both the school and its pupils if the intake is truly local. The situation for Crouch End schools in particular seems to have resulted in farcical outcomes in recent years where pupils choosing six schools all within half a mile or so of their address can end up with no place at any of them. It must make planning very difficult for the council and create a lot of "emergency" work for you. I also see no reason why this policy should not apply from September 2016 (not 2017) as long as it is well advertised.</p>
<p>I totally agree. I know many families that bought or rented houses in the catchment to successful schools to gain admission for the first sibling and then immediately moved out retaining priority for several siblings who are driven several miles to school. Local children - walking distance are unable to gain a place and travel considerable distances to alternative schools. This also addresses pollution and congestion issues.</p>
<p>If a change is being made, it should effect everyone - not just those with children entering post 2017. I question the 0.5mile limit. Shouldn't it be a fair distance (average over last e.g. 5 years) for that school? - which could be wider or narrower?</p>
<p>If this is to go ahead, 0.5 miles is far too small a radius. People have more children, circumstances change, landlords kick them out. The distance needs to be larger to reflect this. It is not realistic to expect parents to drop children at different primary schools.</p>
<p>If you allow children with an older sibling admitted prior to 2017 to still receive priority regardless of where they live then in practice you will not feel the benefit of this policy change until 2019 or 2020. Parts of the borough have well publicised black holes where children can't attend schools just a couple of hundred metres from their house because of siblings who have since moved more than a mile away. Under the proposed construct this situation will continue to exist for at least another 3 years. However, if you remove the exemption you will free up the 88 primary places (used in the 2015 example) immediately for 2017 start. The new arrangements would be announced on 9th February 2016 giving families of siblings who have since moved more than 0.5 miles away almost a year to change their living arrangements should they choose to do so. If you prefer to search for a middle ground compromise then you could increase the distance limit to 0.75 miles for children with an older sibling admitted prior to 2017. Or you could grant these parents exemption if they can prove that they lived</p>

within the cut-off distance for more than 2 years during the time their first child was admitted (i.e. to prove that they didn't live within the cut-off distance temporarily and only to secure a school place). Aside from the above issue, the change in sibling criterion is an extremely important step to take. There are huge problems with families temporarily moving into parts of the borough to secure school places for their whole family at the expense of local children in later years. It has created a number of black holes and some of the most densely pupil populated cut-off zones in London making it very difficult for local residents to send their children to these schools. Introducing this rule will seriously discourage this practice. Your analysis shows clearly the extent of problem by numbers. It is absolutely necessary to take this step but the impact of it needs to be immediate and not in 2019.

If, like friends of mine you're renting and your child gets into the local school but then you buy, but further away this change is a disaster! This policy won't stop people wealthy enough to rent a 2nd property in order to get into a better school, they'll do it again for their 2nd child. This proposed policy is a disaster for family life. Stopping people renting 2nd homes to get into a good school should be the priority!

In areas like Crouch End, this proposed change only benefits the affluent - those wealthy and secure enough to buy and move within (expensive) catchment areas, or those who can play the system by renting each time. Those whose circumstances change (divorce, bereavement, loss of income, families having more children, those in rented accommodation, those forced out of the area due to higher property prices / rental prices) would be forced to add further heartache by having their older children change school to accommodate the younger siblings, or be in the untenable situation of having sibling relationships fractured by being at different schools. In addition, the proposed change fails to address the real problem of a shortage of good school places in areas to which more and more families are moving – often 'for the schools'. This shortfall shouldn't be addressed by threatening families who, often through circumstances beyond their control or desire, are forced to move. 91.32% of families were allocated places at their 1st or 2nd choice of school (Source: Haringey Council – Reception 2015 Offer Day Statistics) - some children (who know no different) will have a slightly longer journey to school, which is surely preferable to disrupting the education or family life of children already at a school.

In principal I think that the concept is a good one. However, provision should be made for families that were first awarded a school place when living > 0.5 mile distance from a school who subsequently move house nearer to the school (albeit that they remain outside the 0.5 mile distance threshold). These families are not "playing the system" to get a school place. This policy risks keeping families in overcrowded houses for an extended period whilst they wait for the youngest child to reach school age.

In principle I agree with the proposed changes but strongly believe that they should come into effect immediately and not wait till 2017. Local council residents pay for local schools, but in some schools in Haringey it is impossible to actually send your kids to your nearest school due to over 50% places being offered to siblings most of whom live outside of the are. Furthermore, enough with the routine cheating of the system with short term leases If neighbouring councils like Islington can effectively police it, it is inexcusable that Haringey council proves incapable or unweiling to police the system cheating.

In theory I agree with this change as I do believe a small number of parents move to be in the catchment of a certain school, but from my experience this number is very very small. By changing the sibling rule you will mainly cause enormous problems and huge amounts of stress for those who rent accommodation and families whose parents separate.

It is a very welcome change. As for priority for siblings admitted prior to September 2017, it is probably ok for one or two years during the transition.

It is not practical to have children in different primary schools. How would this work in reality? I don,t think the proposals will deter people moving into the catchment to get a place. I also feel this proposal favours home owners and people who genuinely have rented in the area for a number of years will be disadvantaged. You have no control if a landlord decides to increase the rent or sell their property forcing a move out of catchment. Not every renter is trying to play the system.

It is only fair and absolutely essential to give priority to the children with siblings already



<p>attending the school. I fully understand that the rule is in place to deter those who try to move closer to the school purely to get in the school, but that's minority, every family has their own circumstances, some families had to move due to work or housing reasons, sometime it's simply not possible to change school after moving, plus the children have already settled at one school, it will cause too much upset and stress to find a suitable school for siblings. The rule need to state clearly to those family who are new to the school and make them aware of the changed sibling rules for future reference but should apply to the family already have child/children attending the school.</p>
<p>It is very hard to travel to different primary schools which are starting at same time in the morning and also finishing time it the same. The children are very young an adult has to occupied them.</p>
<p>It is very important that children are able to find a place at their local school. Some homes within Haringey only have one school close by and where this is hugely oversubscribed the fairest way is to decide by distance, otherwise a child may end up travelling huge distances.</p>
<p>It should also apply to secondary school admissions.</p>
<p>It should depend on where the family live in relation to distance to the school</p>
<p>It would be fairer because currently children living near popular schools are not getting the places because of the current siblings policy. Hope it might make families who are considering renting a property near a popular school to get a child in reconsider as only one child per family can be admitted that way.</p>
<p>It would be good to see these changes applied to secondary schools too, where many parents face similar issues.</p>
<p>It would be unfair to apply to people who moved thinking siblings would be admitted; this sort of change to the rules needs to be phased in.</p>
<p>it would potentially mean that at least one child already at a school would have to be moved to enable siblings to be at the same school which is too disruptive. For example parent has children in Y2,4 and 5 and a child about to start reception. They move house before the child applies for the reception place and in order to keep all children together, the older ones would have to change school. Too disruptive.</p>
<p>It's mad that children travel miles to school by car. And then children who live close to a school can't get in to their local school and have to with no option travel. Fortunately, there are many good primary schools in Haringey so it doesn't really matter which one you end up at.</p>
<p>Its unfair to spilt up families - the problem is that there's not enough school places and this is just a temporary fix that has the potential to cause both practical and emotional disruption to families. This would particulary be so if appiled retrospectively. Parents who have followed the rules in good faith would face an impossible task with young children at different schools, while those who play the system continue to get away. I cant see how dividing families can ever be the answer.</p>
<p>let's not limit access based on N8 residents who can't see beyond two or three schools</p>
<p>My 6 year daughter is currently at a school which is 0.8 miles from my house and I am very concerned that my 2 year old will now not be in the same school as her elder sister which would be impossible for me to manage for a number of reasons including school drop offs and collections. There is no way I would be able to drop two children in separate schools on time and collect them on time - impossible. In turn, my health and safety would be at risk which could place the council at risk of legal action.</p>
<p>My child will be starting school in 2017. If this new rule doesn't apply to those with a sibling admitted prior, then I am still likely to lose a place to a family that has cheated the system and moved away. I think the new rule should apply to all to ensure that local families get priority.</p>
<p>My concerns with any of these changes are with people who may be negatively affected through no fault of their own. Proposed changes (no vested interest) For the proposed changes, those not applied retrospectively to existing siblings, broadly I can appreciate the need to make changes and at least there is provision here for parents to plan ahead for embarking on planning their first child's and subsequent siblings' education – providing any future changes to the radius distance are not applied to those with existing siblings, or to those with a place but yet to start. A serious potential unintended consequence may be that</p>

private landlords, of the increasing proportion of tenants unable to buy, would be able to exploit this new ruling and hold their tenants to ransom for the years between 1st and final child's allocation of a place. The current rules enable landlords to charge a premium for housing close to schools. But these tenants have entered into a voluntary commercial agreement for a fixed period of time. This rule change could enable landlords to exert undue pressure beyond the normal duration of a contract (1 year) and significantly increase their future negotiating leverage on parents who understandably wish subsequent siblings to gain places at the same school. Consulting changes, applied retrospectively (vested interest) I would seek a judicial review of such a change for the following reason: If the state is to both compel and charge it has a duty to enable those compelled and charged to plan. If the state is to charge (taxes) for the provision of a service (schooling) which it compels minors to undertake, and allocates provision of the service based on location, which it charges to change (stamp duty), it has a duty to enable those it imposes these charges and regulations on to plan accordingly. We were renting when our first child was allocated a place at her school. We have subsequently bought a house, but were unable to do so within the proposed radius for financial reasons. Had financial reasons not been a constraint, we still wouldn't have been able to purchase a house within the radius because we wouldn't have known what that future radius was. Had we known that such a change, applied retrospectively, were possible, it is quite likely that we would not have planned schooling and housing as we did. If this consulted measure were passed this would mean for us, 2 children being dropped at 2 schools simultaneously, or the 1st child changing schools, if a place were available – again, if these were the rules then that would be our error, but we planned according to the rules at the time. I appreciate that policy changes quite likely need to be made, but any changes should consider the ability of parents to plan housing and schooling, and should ensure that there isn't the potential for the local council to contribute to the increased leverage of private landlords.

My disagreement is directly with the continued priority given to children outside a 0.5 mile radius whose siblings were admitted prior to 2017. Specifically, I disagree with this aspect: "whose home address is more than 0.5 miles from the school will also receive priority where the child's home address has not changed since the last sibling was offered a place or the last sibling was admitted prior to September 2017." There are urgent needs for families far, far closer to the schools, and who may be forced to travel long distances so that siblings may be privileged. This is unfair.

My son (first born) was allocated a school that was just under an hour away from our house on public transport. This is very disappointing since we live within half a mile of five primary schools. I welcome the proposed change to sibling priority. Your document clearly states that there would have been an additional 29 places available in planning area two had the proposed policy been implemented, which would have allowed my son to go to a local school. I do not feel that siblings should be prioritised over and above other children living much closer to a school. I also strongly believe that the implementation should apply to any admissions from 2017/2018 onwards, irrespective if it is a sibling. In not doing so it would continue to delay the availability of places in local schools for local children. In not doing so, the Council will also continue to support those that may have 'played the system' before (i.e. renting or moving temporarily close to a school during application/allocation stage). I also would strongly urge the Council to consider implementing the following alongside the proposed changes so far: (1) increased powers to stop families from temporarily living close to a school to get their children in to that particular school (2) using priority catchment areas. At present some families can have a choice of three schools while other (like us) have no choice of schools. Priority catchment areas would at least guarantee that your child can attend a local school and ensure the 'black holes' that have existed in the past few years are avoided. I am also concerned that this consultation is likely to have a biased response as it has been heavily promoted (through two leaflets) to school children. I am aware that local nurseries have also been leafleted but there are many pre school children that do not use local nurseries (my children went to my work nursery which is out of borough) and some children are looked after at home or by child minders. It is a shame that the new limit on sibling priority is not going to apply to secondary admissions as the council is predicting a shortage at secondary levels in

future years. The consultation document does say that secondary admissions are not a problem but it provides no evidence to back this up. I would invite the Council to address this in the next consultation document.

My son would be affected by this change. He has an older brother and sister already attending a Haringey Primary school. I lived within very close proximity of the school for nearly 8 years however due to circumstances beyond my control I have had to move a little further away from the school. I sincerely hope that this doesn't mean that my son cannot go to the same school as his older siblings. I cannot be expected to get to two separate schools at the same time each morning and afternoon. Please reconsider this proposal.

Over subscription is indeed an issue but it should be targeted beyond admissions. Currently my eldest son started school this year and has a little brother who is only 18 months old. We live in a flat and would like to buy a house because of the lack of space. However houses within 0.5 miles of the school are extremely expensive so we may have to look at moving further. However, with this change it will only mean my kids are going to be in two different schools which will make the school run a real issue. In-year applications are now that easy because of the oversubscription so to be honest this change will not make much of a difference but will create a real nightmare for parents in my situation.

People move for a variety of reasons, including divorce. How difficult would it be to have one child in year 5 or 6 and another about to start reception yet they have to go to different primary schools because the family home has changed? How would they both get to school on time?

People regularly move into an area temporarily in order to get the first child into their preferred school, safe in the knowledge that all their other children will also be guaranteed admission there. This is very wrong where genuine local people cannot then get a place for their child. Often families live miles away and have to drive into school. Those who could walk to school cannot get a place and so have to drive somewhere else to school. This equates to x4 unnecessary car journeys a day. A school should comprise local children as a priority, not those who play the system for their own advantage.

people won't cheat as much and we will finally have a space at our local schools. Great move! and hopefully the housing market will stop being so volatile as people won't move in and out to get a school space

People's circumstances may change unexpectedly those who have children in a school should have priority with their other children and should not be penalised because of a move and be made to drop their children off to different schools.

Perhaps if 2 miles or even 1 mile it would be an acceptable change but at 0.5 miles it stops people moving home within a walk of school and therefore limits those with children already at the school and makes life very difficult for them. I appreciate there is fraud and people move into the area just for the school but I'm not sure this policy improves matters- if it were 2 miles it would be a reasonable rule but otherwise it just seems unreasonable.

Schools should give priority to local families. I agree with the proposed changes, and it's fair to give families due warning about them by delaying the start. However, why not make them apply from September 2016 rather than September 2017?

Sibling priority makes life much easier for families with more than one child at a school. Removing sibling priority is intended to build a stronger sense of community and to stop parents moving away from the area of the school after their first child is in the school, but: - the proposal will unfairly favour richer parents who can afford to stay in the close proximity of a sought-after school, or can afford to move more than once - many families who move away are in fact only moving a few hundred yards more distant - not a distance that will lead to a break down of the community - often the reason for moving is beyond the control of the parents - e.g. higher rent or a landlord selling the property and lack of alternative in the vicinity. In other cases, parents will move because they need more space (with an extra sibling) and cannot afford a property immediately adjacent to the school; it is unfair if these people also endure the extra expense and difficulty of having children at two (or more) schools. As for making the proposed change retrospective as well, this is clearly unjust and I am amazed that it is even being considered. Parents and children who have done nothing wrong and have followed the rules that they were told about would be disadvantaged in favour of other parents who might live only a few metres closer to the school and who would not have

<p>the difficulty of having to cope with children at two different schools. If there is a problem with parents not being able to get their children into their local school, then the best answer would be to create more places at high quality schools rather than to punish law abiding parents in this way.</p>
<p>Siblings must go to the same school. Parents cannot take children to separate schools. Some people have to move through no fault of their own and so they must not be penalised</p>
<p>Siblings should always have priority no matter if they have move house and is more than 0.5 miles away. What a nightmare would be to have children in different schools! And how traumatic would be for a child to change schools when they have already made friends. I think this proposal has been made by people that do not have kids.</p>
<p>Strongly agree that siblings of children admitted prior to September 2017 should continue to receive priority. To do otherwise seems very unfair, as some families will be in the situation where, having moved house believing both children would go to the same school, they may now not be able to. It seems unfair to apply such a change retrospectively when a family may have made a different decision, had they known about the rule change. I believe changes like this should only be applied going forwards, and not retrospectively.</p>
<p>The 0.5 mile distance is too small. Moving from one side of muswell hill to the other would put one outside this distance, yet would still very much be in the local community. A 1 mile cutoff would seem more appropriate. Plenty of families with small children would expect to move house at this time as their family grows, they shouldn't be prevented from doing so. Sibling priority for children already at the school should continue. Doesn't seem right to penalise people who may have moved already, completely unaware this change was coming. What are they expected to do now? Have their children at different schools, or move their elder child? This change is likely to increase mobility at primary schools, which is generally a negative.</p>
<p>The changed admission criteria should be in full effect as from 2017.</p>
<p>The current system causes 'no-school-near-by' zones on the map, it needs adjusting. The changes may also cool down the 'rent-for-a-school-place' market.</p>
<p>The current system is being abused. I know a number of people who have rented properties near Rhodes school to get their children in and then after 6 months moved out of the catchment area with the comfort that all their other children will be eligible. At the same time there are families who live less than 0.4 miles from the school (Rhodes being the closest) that are being offered failing schools miles away because they can't get their child into either of the closest schools Rhodes or Bowes which are walking distance. One family that this related to was forced to move out of haringey for this reason. This is because so many places are taken up by siblings, many of which live further away than these people. It is totally wrong and unfair. The system should be changed and sibling preference totally scrapped. People should be able to send their children to the nearest school to their home. If they live close enough then this should automatically default to all their children going to the same school. If they have to go to separate schools then the other one shouldn't be too far away as it should still be based on how close you are to the school. The current system is being totally abused which means people living walking distance from a school can't get them in even changing it to 0.5 distance sibling preference will open the system to the current abuse.</p>
<p>The new admissions idea is flawed. Our child got into a very popular primary school, Tetherdown, when it became a two form entry school and there were extra spaces - his siblings would not have been offered a place in Tetherdown under the new admissions system proposed. That would not have been very nice for our family, and also very inconvenient. Also , later in years 4,5 and 6 lots of children peel off as they move away from the area or go off to private schools. New children admitted at this later stage (yrs 4,5, &amp; 6) could easily live outside the 0.5 catchment range (as there is less competition for places compared to reception year) - the new system would deny their siblings a place. I think a very small minority of parents cheat the system and this new admissions idea is flawed. The problem is not enough god quality schools or places.</p>
<p>The new policy should be implemented straight away</p>
<p>The policy should clarify how the 0.5 mile criterion applies across borough boundaries (e.g. between Haringey and Islington). E.g. if Islington does not have this policy change, would the restriction be penalising Haringey families? The 0.5 mile criterion may be too restrictive for</p>



families which started with one child but expanded subsequently, which compelled them to look for larger or more affordable accommodation beyond 0.5 mile. The distance should ideally be increased and customised for each school, rather than applied wholesale for all primary / VC schools in Haringey. If x mile is used for the first preference school, the figure needs to be increased/weighted progressively for the second to the sixth choice of schools. The policy also needs to address whether the elder sibling has priority to transfer to the younger sibling's school, in the event of the younger sibling being assigned a different school as a result of the family's move beyond 0.5 mile. The policy change may have an unintended consequence of driving up housing costs. Addressing the shortage of primary school places (e.g. more funding for teachers, school expansion) is more fundamental than imposing the 0.5 mile criterion.

The problem with this proposed change to admissions policy is that it is elitist. Only the wealthiest parents can afford family homes within the tiny catchment areas of the best schools. Those parents who rent or own a small flat or house when their first child starts at a school are then penalised if they move a small distance out of the catchment in order to buy / rent a larger property when they need more space. Family houses within the catchment of the best schools in Muswell hill and crouch end are well over £1million. It means that only the very wealthy can afford to live within the catchment. The very parents who can afford private education anyway! These new proposals will support this elite policy as they mean families will be prevented from moving even down the road half a mile until both children are in the school.

The proposed change is helpful in that it ensures that local children are able to attend local schools, rather than the present situation where local children are sometimes forced to travel further to attend school because siblings have been given priority. However, it is essential that parents are given sufficient notice of this proposed change and to introduce a clear date on which the new system will come into affect. This is in keeping with equitable and administrative law principles. The long lead in time and the continued priority for those children who are siblings of children admitted before 2017 will ensure the most equitable application of this new rule. If the Council strives to ensure that all schools within the borough are either OFSTED rated as 'Outstanding' or 'Good' and ensures that there are sufficient school places for children within the borough, none of the issues that have resulted in this change in policy would arise. The Council must also ensure that there are sufficient faith schools in the borough to meet the needs of the local population. At present there are still schools within the borough that require improvement. The Council should provide sufficient support and resources to these school to ensure they improve and therefore provide parents with assurances that their local school is the best place for their children.

The proposed change to the sibling admission criterion is much fairer and is long overdue. The new criterion should apply immediately, that is, for the Sept 2016/2017 intake. In addition, the new criterion should apply immediately to children with a sibling admitted before Sept 2017. They should not continue to receive priority.

The proposed change will penalise children of families who need to move a short distance away to a larger property in order to accommodate the growing size of their family. 0.5 miles is too small a distance. It is totally impractical if not impossible to do different drop offs to different schools

The sibling rules really need to change right now - as its crazy that a new sibling place could get priority over locals even though they (the family) might have moved far from the school. Nearest living should get a priority - that would increase the number of children walking to school and as a result also reduce vehicle use/emissions. It would also be far nicer if all schools could commit to places for local children within walking distance (again reducing vehicle use which is good for the environment and improving the social aspect of live as people are more likely to bump into each other and chat etc rather than being cooped up in cars).

There are a lot of reasons that people have to move address and I don't think the solution here is to make the school run a nightmare of having to go to 2 or more schools for affected parents. Hopefully the solution would be building more good quality schools in order to cope with the increased demand caused by large numbers of children needing school places.

There are a number of issues I would be concerned about. 1. Denying children a place at the same school as their older siblings could have a detrimental impact on them. 2. This could have a knock on effect on children throughout their school lives. 3. What happens in the case where the nearest school is more than 0.5 miles away? This could stop siblings from being able to attend their nearest, local school. 4. Having to arrange to drop off and collect children at separate schools could put additional strain on families. 5. Some families have no choice but to move home to outside of the 0.5 mile restriction as their family grows, especially considering the already high cost of housing near schools. This change will directly affect my niece and nephew so I am particularly concerned about it.

There are four reasons why I disagree with the proposed change: 1. Practical: Having children in multiple schools is a logistical nightmare for parents. 2. Educational / developmental: I believe studies have shown that siblings benefit from being in the same school.. 3. Housing 'common sense': it is quite normal for multi-child families to move houses. It does not seem appropriate to punish (punishment = submitting them to the logistical nightmare noted above) multi-child families so long as they are not moving out of some kind of 'normal walking distance for a child (i.e. a mile or possibly two). (Comment: If a counter-argument is that it's not normal for children to walk (accompanied) then I would politely suggest that efforts would be better spent tackling underlying social causes of child obesity!). 4. Bad for diversity: Proposed new rule would be bad for socio-economic diversity by making more acute school-driven housing bubbles. The new rule would accentuate the local school effect which sends house prices within a 0.2 mile radius of top schools go through the roof. This is bad for socio-economic diversity within schools.

There are many reasons why it is important for siblings to be allowed to attend the same school and preventing them for doing so would have a significant negative impact on family life. Siblings benefit from shared experiences. Families benefit from being involved in a school community. Dinner table conversation benefits from everyone being part of the same community. Siblings look out for each other in the playground. Parents need to be able to drop off and pick up children from school, which would be a logistical nightmare, especially when more and more families are forced to have both parents working. It is impossible to be in two places at once. The over subscription problem you are trying to solve comes from either a lack of school places in the areas where people live (so build more schools or increase the size of the existing ones) or from an unreasonable disparity in the standards of different schools which make certain schools more appealing (so invest in and improve the failing schools). Please do not put the pressure onto families to cope with a problem that is the responsibility of the government to deal with. There needs to be adequate provision of schooling at a high enough standard to serve the community. Also, please stop approving new housing developments without making adequate provision for the schooling of the children who will come to live in the new housing!

There are many reasons why people may need to move after their first child (more space, can no longer afford the area either renting or buying, end of tenancy contract, secondary school children). I strongly believe that the problem of shortage of good school places will not be solved by pitching parent groups against each other (ie those who have one child at a primary school, then may have had another baby so had to move for more space - likely further afield as house prices where there are good schools are extortionate, against parents who believe that because they live close to a school they have more right to a school place than siblings of those already at the school). These problems can only be solved by Haringey providing a sufficient number of school places at good local schools. An example of failure on Haringey's part was the expansion of Coleridge School. This did little to solve the haringey shortage of school places and their remains an area on Park Road & surrounding which does not fall in any catchemnt. The expansion of Coleridge on the Haringey/Islington borders only served to provide more school places for Islington residents.

There are many reasons why people need to move; need larger home as their family grows, divorce/break down in relationships, landlord sells place they are renting, can no longer afford to stay in immediate area as house prices/rents rise, for secondary schools. It would be wrong to penalise children and make the lives of families more difficult by having primary school age children in different schools. Living more than 0.5 of a mile does not necessarily mean that



you are not local. This consultation seems to be putting the needs of different groups of parents against each other rather than dealing with the shortage of local school places for local children, So for example being in favour of children who can afford to live the closest to the school rather than those who were able (for whatever reason) to live close enough to the school to gain a place but can no longer do so (for whatever reason as outlined above). What Haringey really needs to do is to provide sufficient school places in good schools for local people (deciding that 0.5 of a mile is not local is absolutely absurd and will only serve to further drive up property prices/rents within that 0.5 radius so that only the wealthiest in society can afford to send their children to good schools).

This can not be retrospective. Families can not get 2 or more children to 2 different schools on time.

This change is long overdue. At a time of an over subscription crisis it is untenable to allow the sibling rule, a good rule in principle, to continue to be abused. Everybody knows that each year, many families buy/rent a property within the radius required for admission to a school and then move out again, often out of Haringey. All their children can then attend without any further checks at the point of the next sibling attending. Meanwhile many children who have lived locally throughout preschool and primary school can not get in to a secondary school because they are .5 of a metre out. This fragments education and undermines the local community. I have recently heard that siblings of children in sixth form may not be given priority. I do NOT agree with this as the sibling rule is good in principle and it is not the principle that needs to change, it is the abuse of this principle that needs to be addressed. I do not believe the freedom to move address protects vulnerable families who may have no choice but to move (they often need to move out of London, in fact). Instead it facilitates families who do not want to compromise in any way and move to buy bigger, very expensive property, outside of catchment. Indeed most families abusing the sytem have never had any intention of staying in the area, post admission

This is a fair and reasonable change, and would help resolve a problem which should have been addressed decades ago. Cohort after cohort of children at primary schools in Muswell Hill have been dominated by children who live far from the school. (More than half the class in the case of one of my children.) Do put an end to it with this change to admissions policy. The same should apply to secondary schools too.

This is a sensible modification to the sibling rule. We have moved house (still within 0.5 miles of the school) since the last sibling was admitted and if the sibling rule were to be abandoned completely we might be in difficulty for sibling 2 on distance alone, because a new housing development is being built between us and the school. I think children with siblings admitted prior to September 2017 should continue to receive priority otherwise the change has at least partial retrospective effect. People often move further than 0.5 miles away from the school for good reason (for instance, having to find cheaper housing because of divorce). Parents should be able to take the new rule into account in deciding where to move.

This is an excellent and very fair proposal. For too long parents have been able to effectively "buy" a place by renting or buying to gain admission for the first child, then leaving the local area but continuing to take advantage of the siblings policy. It hugely disadvantages children from less privileged backgrounds. This is long over due!

This is fairer for all concerned This will reduce traffic near schools - currently parents end up driving their children from further afield to the local school which causes traffic and safety issues for the children who are walking

This is looking at an issue very narrowly and not the whole real picture that most live within. This takes no account of families whose parents need to work to feed and house the very children - want for peace of mind to know that their children have the same holiday, can travel into school and back together. This takes no account of families who live in smaller properties because of having young children and then not being able to afford larger accommodation within the catchment area because of the exceptional demand created by school admission. Most parents do not have the means to choose to buy especially because of a school- this policy will pander to the issue and bring forth a select few who can buy in the area reducing diversity and free movement of people. This policy is not what Haringey is known for which I have always seen as inclusive to all! Schools have so many inset days and each school has

different days - making life difficult for working parents who do not have inset days at work or the ability to take time off at pleasure. This takes no account of families who have to change accommodation to take in and look after elderly grandparents( of the children). there are many reasons why families have to move particularly in this day and age. - they may have to move because of loss of job to move to a smaller place. i cannot see why this is a proposal wasting public funds when a realistic assessment would show that the solution proposed to deal with the issue produces unfair results ofr the people you provide services for!

This is what I have been campaigning to achieve for 3 years! My son had to wait for 2 years to get a place at the school 0.22 miles away. In the interim I had to battle to get to and from the under-subscribed school 1.5 mile car trip away, adding to traffic and my blood pressure and not good for my child's social or educational development. When I submitted an FOI request, over half the year I was trying to get my son into came from outside of the immediate area, the vast majority of whom will have been awarded those places because of siblings. One boy (I found out from the family themselves) was the youngest of 5 siblings, and the family had moved out of the area ten years earlier. Simply not fair.

This proposal will penalize anyone that does not own a home near the school. Further more it will drive the price of rent at a time that real estate prices in North London are already sky high. We have recently been told my our landlord that we will need to move out as he plans on selling the house. We have not managed finding a house near the school and have to move a mile away. Had this rule been in place we would find ourself that our youngest child that will be going to reception in a year would not be able to join his brothers in the same school. Landlords will be able to take advantage of this situation and drive up prices as they would realise that families would not want to tear the social fabric of their children. I believe the counsel should find other ways to deal with families that are attempting to game the system by registering a fake address or living in a property for short periods of time.

This proposed change does not address the root causes of unfairness in the school place allocation system and simply creates a different kind of 'unfairness' - what about single parents who may ultimately have to get two children to two different schools but have actually lived in one properly for many, many years, what about families who split up and can no longer afford to live near their school in between first and second child starting school, what about families who have lived in one property for years pre-children and then simply outgrow it before a sibling starts school and then simply want to move for more space but cannot afford to live less than 0.5 miles from the school? I just do not see how this is the solution to the difficulties that some families do face getting school places. It would also penalise the many families settled and committed to an area who have bought properties for the long-term and to make a commitment to the local community who based their decisions on existing rules.

This should come into effect as soon as possible rather than adding another two years worth of children onto the currently abused policy.

This whole point of this policy as described by the council is to correct the system which has led to the ridiculous situation that even a 120 form intake at Coleridge is now majority siblings by offer and Weston Park has a 100m limit. Clearly most parents don't cheat but there are huge incentives to encourage a meaningful number to do so. Based on relevant trends elsewhere in London, this problem will worsen in the immediate coming years. Clearly this doesn't represent the local population makeup and it has become an extremely sore point in the community – covered by ITV, discussed extensively on the Mumsnet forum and in local newspapers. The endless traffic queues at drop off/collection demonstrate that there is a clear failure to provide local school places to the local community and a level of gaming of the system has perhaps been allowed to take place – the buoyant short term let industry in the vicinity of schools is a symptom. Enforcement needs to be more effective and resourced fully over the next two years at least to establish that the council is serious about enforcing its rules. This is one clear deliverable that the council should agree. Practices used by other councils can show the way here. The proposal as written will make almost no impact before about 2020, which is unacceptable and inappropriate. I and others affected locally pay tax and vote for a council to deliver local services – this proposal will not achieve any meaningful benefit in terms of local service provision in the coming years. Any disincentive afforded by the new policy will be only tinkering at the edges in the early years. Forthright action is

required immediately. Every child applies afresh based on the admissions criteria in place at the time. Last mile distances change, which means that the local population anyway lives with a great deal of uncertainty. It is inequitable that siblings are fully exempted and privileged with grandfathered rights but I agree that keeping families together is preferable – balancing that objective with the harm it causes elsewhere in the local community is the challenge. 0.5 miles is outside most last child distances at the most oversubscribed schools and strikes this balance in my view. The proposed rule, in my view, strikes a fair balance for the long term future but the present must be addressed - the rule should hence come into immediate effect or at least with targeted transitional measures. There may be some families, for whom removing sibling rights immediately really would be unfair and there have been suggestions of transitional arrangements to take account of this. Families in temporary shelter, who have been moved through no choice of their own, families with a SEN/medical child for whom sibling support at school is key should be exempted. Similarly, families for whom the primary caregiver has a genuine disability, which would create undue hardship could be exempted. Perhaps in the first year, as a palliative measure for all, the distance could be 0.75 miles but this has no basis in equity. The council should implement transitional arrangements, which will free up places immediately. The present proposal is to 'do nothing', which is counter to the policy of freeing up places for the local community and shows incomplete thinking.

This will stop people moving out of the area once they have got their first child into a school, which is grossly unfair to any remaining in the area who can't get places because of siblings. It is fair, and correct, and should be done. However, it is also only fair that it only affects those who know about the rule with the admission of their first child.

This would help stop parents moving to a temporary address to get a place for their first child and then moving back to their permanent address that is further away.

Though I understand the desire to keep the schools community schools, I don't feel the proposed change achieves this. By splitting up siblings, the proposed change would in fact create less of a community feel by fragmenting families. The practicalities of the change would also result in more than inconvenience for parents, particularly those who work, but could also result in a negative impact on the environment due to the additional travelling. The choice of 0.5 mile as the cut off seems strange and arbitrary since many schools have catchments in excess of this. The proposed change could actually result in a family who moves 0.6 mile from the school sending the second sibling to a school that is further away from their new home than the school the first sibling attends purely because of relative popularity of schools and catchments.

Too many people rent short term and reduce the chances of long term residents to get spaces for their children in their local school. The system is heavily abused and not fair and I welcome this change

Very sound proposal, should be implemented as soon as possible without much of a grace period.

We had no idea about these proposed changes. A friend happened to mention it. The council has not consulted people in an open manner. These changes will mean more and more children will not get a school place as families with large age gaps between their children will not move house. As a result this will result in a stagnant housing market, the repercussions are huge. This is not a proper consultation, this issue has not been clearly brought to the attention of parents in the borough.

We have a vested interest as the parents of a child at a sought-after school, with a younger sibling due to start in September 2016. We were renting in the catchment area at the time of the schools application, and were dismayed when our landlady then terminated our contract before the academic year started. Knowing we wouldn't get a school place anywhere else, we knew we were committed to the school in question - and so made a huge effort to find a home that was still close enough for us to walk to it, and be part of the school community. We are sad that others have made other choices, resulting in crazy pressure on school places and a great deal of unnecessary stress for parents and children caught up in the demented race to secure fashionable school places - to the detriment of all concerned. We would however propose a slightly wider boundary, given the difficulties of finding accommodation at a reasonable price in London - we are a 4 person family, two working professionals, living in a 4

room (room - not bedroom) flat in order to be 0.46 miles from our children's school. A wider cut-off may be more reasonable given these pressures - 0.75?

We have rented the same property since we move to the area 5 years ago and have since had two children, the eldest of which has just started their reception year at our local school. I have therefore decided that we would like to put down more permanent routes in the area and are in the process of purchasing our first property. However, due to the high property prices within 0.5m of our local school we have been forced to purchase a property further afield, which under these proposals (post 2017/18) would mean our second would not be guaranteed to join his brother at the same school. Whilst I agree that it is a good idea to add a deterrent to families choosing to live in an area for a short period of time with the sole purpose of gaining access to a particular school I feel that the proposed instrument is too blunt and risks impacting those less able to afford the properties within the 0.5m proposed. Additionally, those that can afford to do so will simply rent a property within 0.5m in order to gain access for their subsequent children thus further increasing property prices and pushing those less able even further away from their local schools. If a distance limit were to be imposed, then I believe 1m would be more appropriate and would hopefully allow those less able to still lay down permanent roots without adversely impacting on their children. I agree that these rules should not apply to families whose siblings already ate a local school and may have moved prior to these proposals coming into force. These families have acted on the existing rules and should therefore not be penalised.

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We live 1 mile from the st Aidan's school. My daughter started there in September 2015 and is still at the school. We have since moved 1.1 miles from the school believing our son (due to start school in sept 2017) would be able to go there too. Any changes to the admissions criteria, if applied retrospectively would mean this wouldn't happen and would have a huge negative impact on my family. There were many factors that prompted us to move more than 0.5 miles away, and I think the new criteria don't take into account how hard it is to find suitable accommodation in London. For example: Affordability: we'd have loved to have stayed within 0.5 miles but there's just nowhere that's affordable anymore for a family next door to st. Adains. We lived in a small flat and when we had our son it wasn't feasible to stay anymore but we wanted to remain local. Our daughter - who is incredibly shy - had settled well at the school so we didn't want to move her. Three bedroom properties around St Aidan's cost way more than our budget - we could only afford to move out of the catchment. Secondary school:we also had to consider secondary schools when we moved. There is no boys or mixed school within catchment distance of St Aidan's, as hornsey school for girls is the only option. We had to therefore live closer to a mixed secondary school as we couldn't afford to move knowing we'd have to move again in five years to be in with a chance of getting into a secondary school. Its too expensive to be chasing catchments every few years. North London property market: london has a unique property market; rent is extortionate and buying property big enough for a family is a very stressful and expensive experience. Adding more rules can only make this experience worse and will drive the less well off out of areas like Stroud green and Hornsey. Is this the council's intention as it seems to be favouring those



that can afford to either move a lot, play the system or buy the most expensive properties next door to schools. If the council decide to go further than the current proposal and apply these retrospectively to families who already have children in a school, I really don't know how my family will cope. Logistically it won't be possible to drop off and pick up in two different places. What provisions will be put in place for affected families? It would also make me hugely sad that my children couldn't go to school together and believe that breaking up families, it's putting unnecessary pressure on people.

We strongly support the proposed change. It will stop short-term renting in the catchment areas to get one child in and then benefit from the siblings rule for all other children. Too many people keep on sending their younger children to the schools they once got in, years after moving out to a completely different address. This abuse gives unfair advantage to those who rent over those who buy their properties. It also shrinks the catchment areas of good schools to much smaller size than they would be under normal circumstances, and expand areas not covered by any school.

Well done to the council for acting on this issue. There is a huge turnaround of families coming into the neighborhood and renting small inadequate properties for the sole purpose of gaining access to schools and then moving back out to their own family home. This breaks down social networks and communities. It does not contribute at all to the lives of those families living and going to school in that area

Where there has been a change of address the sibling should not be given priority irrespective of when the older sibling was admitted to the school. This system has been abused through house rentals etc.

While I completely agree with the principle of a local school for a local community and while the aim to stop those with means from playing the system may be sensible, the current construct disadvantages renters and lower income families (particularly those with larger families). Property prices and rents in catchment areas or close proximity to the best schools are much higher. This is particularly a problem in London. This is a key problem when considering the type of sibling policy currently being proposed. Such a policy would be likely to place additional upward pressure on property prices and rents in these areas. As a result this policy disadvantages renters who have less control over their living arrangements (and ability for landlords to increase rent over time) and more specifically those with lower incomes that get priced out of areas around good schools. Nor does the policy take account of the fact that a family's circumstances might change requiring a move. My husband has just been made redundant meaning we may have to think about moving. If this also impacted on our children it would add additional stress to an already stressful situation. If the policy is aiming to target those families that make temporary moves of say six months in order to benefit from the sibling policy, then it should target this more specifically. As the policy currently stands it seems to benefit only those who have the means to live right next door to the best schools and disadvantages renters, lower income and larger families. Whatever policy is ultimately implemented, a delay in its implementation does seem sensible as currently proposed.

Whilst I completely appreciate how frustrating it must be for families to not get into local schools, and for others to work a system to secure a place at a school that isn't local, I think that it is an unfair pressure to put on families who have got a place for their child in a school in good faith and then expect them to stay at the same address indefinitely if they want a younger sibling to attend the same school. Muswell Hill where I live is so expensive that should we ever need a larger flat, which is possible seeing as we are four in a two bed, we would need to move over 0.5 miles away to be able to afford anywhere larger. Where is the room to grow as a family in this proposal? Also what happens to families that separate during the course of one child starting school, and the next one joining? To manage childcare as a working parent is difficult and expensive enough without adding the complexity and the inconsistency of having different schools for your children. Also, I don't believe that it is any child's interest not to attend the school their sibling attends. Schools prosper with support from families and communities which takes a lot of parental time to invest in. I think siblings should get priority always and that more checks and/ or criteria about commitment to an address could be an alternative.

why does it not change until 2017? It should change after the Sept 2016 intake surely?

Why is it possible for people to move into an area for a few months, get their child enrolled in the school, then move back to their original home? This is common practice around our local school - Rhodes Avenue - and it is very unfair!

With three children we had to move out of our small property, we just make the 0.5 cut off but its questionable. I cannot foresee how I would take my children to different schools for the same time and I would not want to disrupt my current child's education as her and I are both very happy with her school. I think perhaps it should be extended to out of borough move but not within Muswell Hill. If it is an issue with numbers and places I do not understand why the plan to expand was shut down.

You should not penalise those who already have an older sibling at primary school. The younger child should be able to go to the same school as his or her brothers/sisters. Surely this is part of childhood.

The current situation in our part of Crouch End is that people rent places on the street of the most popular schools then move further away because they know they can still get siblings in. So my daughter didn't get a place at any of our 6 local choices despite living a few roads from each. People cheat the system and it isn't fair on those of us who bought places in the community and want our children to be part of a local community. My daughter doesn't go to the same school as all our neighbours' children on our road. The sibling places rule needs to be changed asap.

I support the spirit of the proposal to try and ensure community schools serve the local community and discourage the practice of temporary renting to gain a place. It may be that in practice the 0.5mile cut off is too short but the lead in time for implementation protecting rights of siblings of existing pupils is reasonable.

I have lived in the N10, Haringey area for the last 12 years, in the same house for the last four years, and a flat before this for 8 years. I met my wife 17 years ago who lived in the area. All our addresses have been within the catchment of the school our children attend (Coldfall Primary School) through no design of our own and for which we have now fallen out of catchment given the influx of families into the area due to the improvement to the school. We are settled here and we intend to try to continue living here if we are able to given the constraints on the property market in the area. We will not be affected by the proposals as our four children are all in school. Notwithstanding this it is our view that our children enjoy going to the same school and importantly we are part of the school and wider community here, we are familiar with the schools and the staff. We believe it is important for siblings to attend at the same school, be it primary or secondary as it gives them a sense of security and support particularly if issues or concerns arise with friendships (including bullying), work and the like. Further, where younger children are unable to attend the same school as their older sibling(s) this would cause significant logistic difficulty for getting them to different schools at drop off and pick up particularly as they are too young to make their own way to and from school. Attendance for siblings at different schools will undoubtedly create a disjointed school community for the parents with a lack of potential support for the schools attended. Further, whilst we understand the pressure on places as we have seen a significant proportion of families move into the area shortly before their children reach an age when they are due to start school, and while such a proximity rule will not affect our childrens' places at their current school (all other things remaining equal), we do not believe setting such a proximity rule for younger siblings is the right approach. We believe this will simply confound the issue you seek to resolve further by making the schools more exclusive to those families with sufficient funds to buy property within catchment, will encourage the purchase of property within catchment as an investment opportunity for landlords, both of which would encourage an increase in property purchase and rental prices which are already currently strained as it is and is affecting 'local families' significantly in attaining home ownership and consequently access to schooling. This will impact families such as mine who have lived in the area for some time, are and enjoy being a party of the local community, with an increase in rental prices further eliminating any opportunity to remain within the area, not through the practices which you seek to avoid but because of them. We believe a better approach would be to set a minimum period of time ahead of the school start date for which the child must have lived within the catchment area.



I have just moved home 6 weeks ago after living in Muswell hill for 8 years. I have two children at school already and a third child who would join them in September 2017. Due to circumstances beyond my control I have been placed in to emergency temporary accommodation over a mile away from my children's school. These proposals are really stressing me out as if priority is only given to distance and not siblings (who have moved more than 0.5 miles) then my youngest son will not get in to school with his older brother and sister. I understand that Haringey Council wants to stop parents from cheating the system by renting close to a good school and then moving but this will not work as if parents have enough money to do this the first time around, then they will simply do it again when it is time to get their second child in to school by renting near to the school. Please do not penalise those of us who have had no choice over where we have been moved.

Not everyone is playing the system. An exemption must be given for families who haven't chosen to move, but have had to move. For example those in temporary accommodation due to a break down in relationship, domestic violence, being evicted by greedy landlords etc.

If these proposed changes go ahead we would be extremely unlikely to get a place for our younger child at the same school as her older sister. We moved shortly after our younger child was born (I'm sure many families move at this stage of their lives as their family expands) but we still walk to school and consider ourselves to live very locally. 0.5 miles is a very short distance and I was surprised and horrified to find we would be excluded from sibling priority at this range. We are now faced with potentially having to move our older child from a school where she is happy and settled or having our children at two different schools (extremely inconvenient and costly given that we would have to probably have to pay for someone to take one of our children to school and pick her up). We are lucky in the sense that our nearest school is also very popular and with a good reputation but we have been told there is no guarantee our older daughter would get a place in the event that we did decide to move her. This change of policy would be a disaster for our family and I'm sure many others in a similar position.

I am a teacher who is very worried about the effect this change might have on school population mobility. I think changing sibling priority will mean more children move schools mid key stage which is very disruptive to individual children and schools.

1. Distance is too small. 0.51 miles from school is still local. 2. It's wrong to change rules for children already at the school. Some families will be very badly affected by this if they have already moved a short distance (for instance moving to a larger home as their family grows), believing that sibling priority will allow their children to attend the same school. They will now be faced with either having children at different schools, moving their elder child into a different school, or moving house to be closer to the school.

## Open text responses to Question 4

What do you think of the complete proposed reception and junior admissions arrangements?

**Note:** No corrections have been made to the submissions:

Q4)What do you think of the complete proposed reception and junior admissions arrangements?

A slight improvement yes - but really would not a better objective be to ensure children should all be able to walk to a local school. By that I mean ensure a method that schools can add classes when needed to avoid black hole areas (by that I mean if local schools are unable to take the local child capacity - and so instead those children have to travel right across the borough, which is a crazy situation to be in). So in summary, create a rule where children can always walk to a local school. And facilitate additional classes if a year needs to.

Acceptable

Again - reconsider the "september 2017' loophole - you will not deal with the issue in a timely fashion for local people and are simply kicking the can down the road. There are people with young children who need a place at their local school and are being prevented by this unfair loophole

Agree

Agree

Agree children already in a community should be allowed to remain. Fully support younger children being allowed to delay school start by a year and be considered for the year group below

Agree with them

Agree.

All looks similar to what was running before except for the Siblings priority. I have a daughter in year 3 and son in reception and a 20 year old. If these proposed changes apply, I might end up with two children in their current school and one in a different because we have moved, and although it is still walking distance, is more than 0.5 miles, I find the whole thing terrible!

An absolute farce. The housing market will cease to move. It's a very bad idea. It seems as if the borough wishes to control the number of children people have or make sure they never move house. This means people will stop selling their homes and we all know what that means.

Arrangements would be significantly improved if they were coming in effect by September 2016 not September 2017.

Bad idea- if you want to make this rule then 2 miles seems reasonable- 0.5 miles does not  
Otherwise terms look ok but I would suggest there should be entry on the basis of a home that  
exchange of contracts for purchase has occurred on as this sometimes leads to people living  
away temporarily until completion occurs- and following exchange there is no chance the  
address will change so it doesn't seem sensible not to allow this.

Change to the admissions arrangement is going to greatly disadvantage families.

children in care should not get priority

Disagree with the 0.5 mile criteria, reasoned in previous comments

Does not seem to contribute to improving the overall standard of schooling so that parent do not  
feel the need to game the system.

Fair

Fine

Fine

Fine, subject to comments earlier on the change to siblings policy.

Fine.

Good

Good

Good

Good

Good idea to let summer born children's parents start school a year later

Good idea to link infant and junior admissions at schools where this is currently separate

Happy with this. The ability to delay starting a July August baby for another year is to be  
welcomed. My August baby was not ready for school when he had just turned 4, yet if I had  
delayed him he would have had to start in Year 1. This would have been worse for him that  
starting reception before he was ready, as he would have known no-one and have been very  
behind in his learning.

I agree with the deferred places and option for Summer born children to be considered for  
starting the following year.

I agree with the principle of attempting to prevent families abusing the system by renting for a  
short period within catchment area. It should be the case that children are able to attend their  
local school and there should be a variety of children from different socioeconomic backgrounds  
who are able to attend. That said, the current lack of school places and tiny catchment areas fuel  
the above behaviours. I do not feel the above proposal will prevent the above behaviours and  
may in fact worsen the gap between those who are able to use their financial means to get  
around the system and those who cannot.

I agree.

I disagree

I disagree

I disagree with paragraph 1 of section 4. If you have the .5 mile clause all you are going is  
creating a new catchment area for people to move back out to once they have secured a place.

I don't agree that siblings of child who's home address over 0.5m and hasn't changed should be  
given priority.

I don't agree with the sibling part of the policy. In reality this would not work. How can you have  
children in different primary schools?

I don't know - there is no information on this proposal

I don't know that much about this but I do think the new sibling and distance arrangements are  
fairer. I am also pleased that Haringey will support summer babies who wish to start reception a  
year later. Boys in particular seem to be adversely affected by starting school too soon according  
to research so hopefully that will give parents some flexibility.

I don't support the changes. All siblings should attend the same school.
I don't think that children in care should have priority. The first criteria to apply should be siblings and then distance.
I have answered this but would like to add that if the proposal goes ahead it will hit the poorest in society. Those who are at the mercy of year long tenancy agreements, rising rents and who cannot afford to purchase sufficient space in the area around good schools to give their children as good a chance as everyone else. The wealthiest in society will not hit by this as they will always be able to afford to buy/rent in the immediate areas around good schools. I believe strongly that good state schools should be available to all children and not just those with wealthy parents.
I have no major concerns over the changes - the proposal makes sense.
I strongly feel siblings should be given preferential admission. This rule puts housing restrictions on people with young families and could prove stressful and unsettling for children being taken out of schools where they are settled. 0.5 mile is an arbitrary distance. It is completely acceptable that a 1 or 2 mile journey to school could be straightforward for families. Families that have had to move home should have the choice to decide whether they want to change schools.
i think excellent schooling should be available to all regardless of post code
I think if one child sibling is at one school it makes sense for the second to also attend. Irrespective of if the family Home has moved in that time. I like the summer babies can start in the year below usual . This will be beneficial. My child would have benefited from this at the time of start of school
I think it is a good idea and should stop "school tourism" where people move to what they think is a good secondary school area as soon as their first child gets a place in a good primary school.
I think it is a good idea. In practice I worry about how many of the more pushy parents will manage to obtain documentation to claim an 'exceptional need' and get their siblings in by that route. I would hope that this could help spread out the demographic of the intakes of the schools more equally, and people will be more inclined to simply send their children to the most local school, which is the ideal in any case.
I think it is an excellent idea. It should lead to better local/community ties for schools. Local children can walk to school, reducing the burden of commuting for parents and children, and hopefully taking cars off the roads. It would widen catchment areas from their absurdly tight radii today (see Weston Park school as an example), which would be great for parents navigating primary admissions for the first time. It would reduce admissions fraud. I imagine it would also make school planning simpler for the council.
I think that that 0.5 is not a far enough distance for the change. I walk to to school everyday with my children, we have moved since our last child went to the school and we live about 5.1 depending on which map you use. There are other children on our road and one further from us who will be affected by this. We should not be penalised for choosing to move to a bigger house for our growing family which was not available right next to the school. This change would mean that people are restricted to where they move to and I don't think you should be taking away peoples personal choice about where they choose to live based on how many children they have. I don't think the introduction of this policy will make a difference to people who are still renting close to the school to gain places, its a false economy. What we need is more school places in the Muswell Hill area, not a change in the sibling policy. Luckily my this child starts in September 2016 so I am not directly affected but I am very concerned for other families. There are also families who have to move because they can't afford the rent near the schools because of personal changes to circumstances and I don't think it is deemed fair that they then may have to move further away for cheaper rent/housing and lose a place for their sibling. they may not be in care but may have two working parents who are trying to make ends meet on a tight budget

and this policy does not help those families or families separate. They may also wish to move to help the first child get into a decent secondary school and again why should people not be given the opportunity to give their child the best possible chance.

I think the arrangements are an improvement on the previous. However, I would like to suggest that perhaps the "as the crow flies" distance criteria is inappropriate for a Borough inter-laced with railway lines, no through routes and industrial areas closed to through traffic. When my son was offered a place at Tiverton School which is 0.7 miles away "as the crow flies" it was actually a 1.5 mile trip by road for the reasons above or would have required 2 buses.

I think the current system should not be changed. The council should take in to account how long somebody has lived in a particular area even if they have moved, in relation to siblings receiving a place at any given school.

I think the proposal is detrimental to family life and the stresses that are already present are huge. I wholeheartedly disagree with this proposal!

I think the sibling rule not counting if they live over 0.5 miles from the school needs to apply from now for all applicants (even those with children already in the school) I think summer born children should only be taught out of their chronological age group in exceptional circumstances.

I think they are fine, provided that applicants with a sibling already at school prior to 2017 continue to have priority, irrespective of distance from school. See Q3. Provided the rules are clear going forward, then major decisions about where to live can be taken on an informed basis. To apply the new rules retrospectively would be grossly unfair.

I think this is a fair proposal. So many parents try to cheat the system. We moved here to get into Weston Park 3 ago. Due to the number of siblings, our most likely school now is Rokesly. Last year the catchment of Rokesly reduced dramatically and we are now moving closer to the school to be assured of a place for our child in 2017. It is so unfair that parents get one child in and then move out of Crouch End for more affordable housing and continue to get other children in, when families living permanently near a school miss out.

I think this will make the whole system fairer. At present many families take full advantage of sibling rights and move away as soon as their first child is enrolled. Being a parent of a child who waited for 2 years to get into her local school (0.3 miles away), I was frustrated at the amount of parents who moved as soon as their child got admitted (leaving us to wait for 2 years to get a place.) It is a vital part of a school community if children live close by. They are able to create solid friendships and invest in their friends and their community.

If you are restricting sibling priority then I think it is important that children already in the infant school are given priority over distance for entry to the junior school.

In support of the arrangements.

It is unfair that so many siblings whose parents now live more than a mile away from the school are taking places away from local children.

It is very complicated.

It's only fair to still give priority to siblings of the children already attending the school.



My son (first born) was allocated a school that was just under an hour away from our house on public transport. This is very disappointing since we live within half a mile of five primary schools. I welcome the proposed change to sibling priority. Your document clearly states that there would have been an additional 29 places available in planning area two had the proposed policy been implemented, which would have allowed my son to go to a local school. I do not feel that siblings should be prioritised over and above other children living much closer to a school. I also strongly believe that the implementation should apply to any admissions from 2017/2018 onwards, irrespective if it is a sibling. In not doing so it would continue to delay the availability of places in local schools for local children. In not doing so, the Council will also continue to support those that may have 'played the system' before (i.e. renting or moving temporarily close to a school during application/allocation stage). I also would strongly urge the Council to consider implementing the following alongside the proposed changes so far: (1) increased powers to stop families from temporarily living close to a school to get their children in to that particular school (2) using priority catchment areas. At present some families can have a choice of three schools while other (like us) have no choice of schools. Priority catchment areas would at least guarantee that your child can attend a local school and ensure the 'black holes' that have existed in the past few years are avoided. I am also concerned that this consultation is likely to have a biased response as it has been heavily promoted (through two leaflets) to school children. I am aware that local nurseries have also been leafleted but there are many pre school children that do not use local nurseries (my children went to my work nursery which is out of borough) and some children are looked after at home or by child minders. It is a shame that the new limit on sibling priority is not going to apply to secondary admissions as the council is predicting a shortage at secondary levels in future years. The consultation document does say that secondary admissions are not a problem but it provides no evidence to back this up. I would invite the Council to address this in the next consultation document.

no comment

No comment

No opinion

Nonsensical for the reason outlined previously.

not sure why this change is being put forward how this benefits a family with young children

OK

Ok

Ok

Please see my comments on previous page. I agree and it cannot be introduced quickly enough

Please see my comments on the previous page. I believe that this will (in Crouch End at least) effectively lead to private school education without the fees, as it benefits the affluent and discriminates against those who are forced to move a little further afield (often people who have been in the area all their lives, or for many years).

Please see my response to the previous question. I strongly support the proposal, and would also support it applying retrospectively. I would also support the Council introducing priority catchment areas for schools to make the admissions system fairer.

Please see the answer to '3' above. The sibling priority arrangements should be limited to 0.5miles with immediate effect. Or at least moderated with more assertive transitional measures, which will free up places immediately. Proper identification of an eligible home as described under 'Notes' / 'Multiple births' and section '11' under the section 'Applications' could be improved through better local practice. I understand that other London councils (Hackney leads here) examine whether the family home is still owned during the instance of a short term let and do not accept the short term let as an eligible address. On the Mumsnet forum, one poster suggest two years' tenure in the neighbourhood should be required. I personally think that excessive but the intent is to ensure that the local community is properly identified and advantaged. More systematic use of credit reference agencies would aid enforcement. Haringey Council data shows that very little effective enforcement activity is conducted and there is substantial room for improvement here. There will be some cost associated with this; however, the gains from conducting a vigorous campaign immediately and over a few year time period will certainly benefit the policy objective and may end up paying for itself through more alignment with school provisioning.

Please see the previous section for comments.

Priority should be given to those who live closest to the school and have done so for the longest.

remove sibling preference or move it to below distance.

See Q3

See Q3

see Q7

Seem fair

Seem fine

Seems fair.

Seems fine

September babies should also be given the choice of going to school a year earlier when they provide evidence of working at the require level

sibling rules is unfair when bulge years are introduced

Some people can't send their children to the infant school as it doesn't provide enough hours so stay in nursery till school this policy would impact them. If you proceed with this policy you need to ensure infant school offer full day with after school clubs to help parents who work

sound fine

Subject to response in 3; I agree.

Summer births being able to attend after their 5th birthday is a very good idea. I am a SENCO in a primary school and the vast majority of our children on the SEN register are summer born.

The changes for summer born children seem sensible

The current rules on admissions should be kept the same.

The existing ones are fine. Don't change it.

The new proposed sibling rule us unfair - 0.5 miles is too small a distance with the likely result of siblings attending different schools unless the older sibling is able to change to the younger sibling's school The sibling rule should not be changed

The proposed change is helpful in that it ensures that local children are able to attend local schools, rather than the present situation where local children are sometimes forced to travel further to attend school because siblings have been given priority. However, it is essential that parents are given sufficient notice of this proposed change and to introduce a clear date on which the new system will come into affect. This is in keeping with equitable and administrative law principles. The long lead in time and the continued priority for those children who are siblings of children admitted before 2017 will ensure the most equitable application of this new rule. If the Council strives to ensure that all schools within the borough are either OFSTED rated as 'Outstanding' or 'Good' and ensures that there are sufficient school places for children within the borough, none of the issues that have resulted in this change in policy would arise. The Council must also ensure that there are sufficient faith schools in the borough to meet the needs of the local population. At present there are still schools within the borough that require improvement. The Council should provide sufficient support and resources to these school to ensure they improve and therefore provide parents with assurances that their local school is the best place for their children.

The proposed policy seeks to give more weight to Criterion 5 (Distance) and less to Criterion 4 (Sibling). It is worth examining the pros-and-cons of switching the criteria altogether. E.g. why not set Distance as Criterion 4, ahead of Siblings?

They are largely fair and adequate.

They are sensible but tough for parents who genuinely need to move once the child is in school. Ultimately you cannot ask parents to drop siblings off at different schools. If the youngest gets put in a different school will the eldest also be offered a place?

They seem fair, and pretty standard.

They sound reasonable.

This is very fair

Very nice that finally parents of summer children can decide whether they start school aged 4 or 5 years. One of my children was August born and special needs. He was not statemented as thankfully his problems were not that severe - but that meant starting school later (ie aged just 5 years) was not an option. To this day he would have benefited from being amongst children who were either a bit younger or the same age (because of his special needs). Would be great to introduce this late entry to Year 7 in secondary schools for summer children. Am sure it would change national results for public exams.

We agree with the principle of attempting to prevent families abusing the system by renting for a short period within catchment area. It should be the case that children are able to attend their local school and there should be a variety of children from different socioeconomic backgrounds who are able to attend. That said, the current lack of school places and tiny catchment areas fuel the above behaviours. We do not feel the above proposal will prevent the above behaviours and may in fact worsen the gap between those who are able to use their financial means to get around the system and those who cannot.

Yes

Yes great - in full support

Yes the linked school idea is good.

### Open text responses to Question 5

What do you think about our proposed Pan-London co-ordination of reception and junior admission arrangements?

**Note:** No corrections have been made to the submissions:

Q5)What do you think about our proposed Pan-London co-ordination of reception and junior admission arrangements?
A good idea.
Acceptable
Again a fair proposal that makes sense
Again it is far to complicated.
Agree
Agree
Agree
agree
Brilliant idea as stops parents playing the system and applying to lots of schools in different boroughs and holding places in state and independent sector especially round here. Please roll out to Secondary schools too

Dreadful. As it is in bad English. Having worked as a lawyer in a past life, I understand legal documents but this document is absolutely ridiculous, very badly drafted and unclear.
Excellent - very necessary
Fine
fine
Good
good
good
good idea
I agree
I agree with the Pan London co-ordination of reception but not of repeating at the junior stage
I agree.
I can't see any difference with what has previously happened.
I do not agree that children from other Boroughs should be allowed to take Haringey school places unless there are spare places available within Haringey. Haringey children should always be accommodated ahead of any children from outside the Borough. Islington children are getting school places in Haringey at the expense of Haringey children. These families do not contribute towards the Haringey budget via Council Tax. This is wrong.
I do not know about this proposal and do not know how to find out about it
I do not know how this is different to current arrangements
I don't know - there is no information on this proposal
I don't really understand this, and I don't what what the policy is at the moment so I don't think I can comment on it. I imagine there aren't many out of borough children coming to Haringey schools unless they are very close to the borders.
I don't think it will make a significant difference to the catchment areas.
I don't think that children in care should have priority.
I have found the Pan-London arrangements work really well and this should be continued/expanded
I hope the council do check addresses as thoroughly as they are allowed to.
i think excellent schooling should be available to all regardless of post code
I think the proposal is detrimental to family life and the stresses that are already present are huge. I wholeheartedly disagree with this proposal!
If this would improve and simplify school planning for Haringey, I am in favour. If I could suggest an improvement, it would be item 47. Why can families not be automatically placed on waiting lists for *all* schools ranked higher in their preferences regardless of borough, given this is a Pan-London co-ordination?
I'm afraid I have no comment.
I'm happy with these arrangements and fully behind ensuring that when families apply, they are not cheating the system by applying from a rental property.
In support of the arrangements.
It is vital that this is done, to prevent families only moving close to their school to get in, then moving away. This will encourage better home school community links and prevent those who are genuinely part of the community from missing out on local school places.
It looks rather complicated but reasonable as far as I can understand.
It sounds ok to me



no comment
no comment
No comment
No comment
No comment
No comment
No comment
no comment
no comments
No comments
not sure what his question means so can't comment.
not sure why this change is being put forward and how this benefits a family with young children
OK
ok
ok
ok
Please see the answer above. There is opportunity to improve the identification of the eligible home for admission purposes.
Quite complicated. Not sure how easy this will be for people to understand.
Revealing the order of preference to other local authorities (para. 10) may be unfairly penalising families who live near/at the boundaries between two boroughs.
see Q7
Seems fine
Seems ok.
Seems sensible.
Should be a national policy or drop-it. And solves the wrong problem anyway.
Strongly disagree.
These appear acceptable.
They seem clear and adequate.
This is sensible especially for people close to borders of boroughs.
This seems reasonable
We support cross-council admission. It is good for those living on the borders.
Yes
yes

### Open text responses to Question 6

What do you think of our proposed nursery admissions arrangements?

**Note:** No corrections have been made to the submissions:

Q6)What do you think of our proposed nursery admissions arrangements?
Again a fair proposal
Again the siblings need to have priorities.
Agree
Agree
Agree
Agree
agree
children in care should not get priority
Don't agree siblings plus 0.5m should be given priority.
Excellent
Fair
fair
Fair.
fine
FIne

Fine
fine
fine
fine, as in line with reception admissions. I would suggest the same sibling criteria should apply as with the reception admissions criteria
For nurseries attached to a school I think the 0.5 mile sibling rule should apply.
good
good
Good.
I agree
I agree
I agree with these arrangements.
I am happy with this
I can't see any change to the nursery admission arrangements, and these look fine.
I diasagree
I don't support the changes. All siblings should attend the same school if it has a nursery attached.
I don't think nursery and school admission criteria should differ as this causes upset to children who e.g. get in to nursery and then not a school
I don't think that children in care should have priority.
I don't think this is different?
I still believe nursery and school places should not have 'catchment' areas
I strongly disagree that siblings should be given auto access. Instead I feel that the new proposed changes to the schools admission criteria should be applied here as well. This should be put in place ASAP. My local school only had 6 spaces out of 60 to offer to non siblings. The remaining 6 were offered a place on distance, however this distance was less than 90 meters. This is ridiculous.
I support it
i think excellent schooling should be available to all regardless of post code
I think the main problem with Nursery Education is the lack of funding and massive cuts that have happened recently. I know my local, and excellent, Children's Centre (as it used to be called) has been massively affected. So I don't think tinkering with admission arrangements will help. But I have read them and they sound fine.
I think the proposal is detrimental to family life and the stresses that are already present are huge. I wholeheartedly disagree with this proposal!
It has always struck me and others as nonsense that children in the nursery aren't automatically carried through into the main school. Absent a good reason for this, that provision should be fixed with immediate effect.
It sounds fine. I like the policy on multiple births - this is a big problem and worry for parents of twins
It's difficult to see the proposed changes without seeing the original policy. What's changed?
It's ok
it's okay but it's about time to think about offering full time spaces as parents work and part times are really nit convenient
Looked after children and those with a specific social/medical need should receive priority over other children in all cases.

Looks reasonable.
Looks sensible
My opinion is to not change the admission process.
My understanding is that nursery places have previously been allocated via the school. I am not sure why you would change this. I agree that siblings should get priority at the school.
na
no comment
No Comment
No comment
no comment
No comment
No comment
No comment
No comment
No opinion
No opinion.
not sure
Not sure how this differs greatly from current setup
ok
ok
ok.
Partially in favour of this as the sibling priority in nursery hasn't been changed to reflect primary placements.
remove sibling preference or move it to below distance.
same as above
Same as above.
Same sibling proposed change should apply, save that where the qualification is that a sibling was admitted prior to September 2017, if the family have moved say more than 1 mile away, should not count.
see Q7
Seems fine
Seems fine.
Sensible
Some people can't send their children to the infant school as it doesn't provide enough hours so stay in nursery till school this policy would impact them. If you proceed with this policy you need to ensure infant school offer full day with after school clubs to help parents who work
Sorry, I couldn't care less, nurseries attached to schools are of no use to anyone I know as we all work full time and have to use private nurseries!
Sound good.
Sounds fair, similar to the current school application system if I have read it correctly
The children should be given priority if they've have a nursery place.
The proposed nursery admissions arrangements seem to be very fair
These appear acceptable
They are clear and adequate - perhaps the sibling rule needs to be revised, in line with the reception / junior changes?

They seem sensible. Central applications for nursery would be very useful. We are applying at the moment and it's difficult to get all the information from the schools sometimes.
They sound fair and acceptable.
They sound reasonable.
This admits that it is going to impractical for the others.
This seems broadly fair.
This seems fine, but think there needs to be a nursery attached to more primary schools in the borough.
This seems reasonable
This sounds fair.
yes

### Open text responses to Question 7

What do you think of our proposed secondary admissions arrangements?

**Note:** No corrections have been made to the submissions:

<b>Q7)What do you think of our proposed secondary admissions arrangements?</b>
Acceptable
Again - close the loophole - its unfair.
Again difficult to see the difference without seeing the original, what'd the difference?
Again I can't see what is different
Again the sibling priority should be changed to reflect the primary position.
Agree
Agree
Agree
Answers provided above regarding sibling priority.
Appears acceptable on face of it.
As already mentioned, I disagree with the proposed changes to the primary school admissions, but in any case, I don't understand why the sibling priority change is being proposed for primary schools and not secondary schools, given that the challenges of having two children at different secondary schools is much less, as the children can usually make their own way to school. Changing the admissions at primary school level will likely mean the older child will also have to change school as children this age typically need to be accompanied to school, resulting in a disrupted education for families who have to move frequently (typically low income families and renters).



As far as I can tell from reading this- they are not changing?? Having a sibling policy at Secondary level has always seemed strange anyway given children at this age are independent enough to take themselves to and from school solo and so the need to have all children dropped at one location no longer exists (as at Primary). And renting a house/flat for 6 months to get the oldest child into the desired Secondary in Year 7 in Haringey is rife in the wealthier parts of the Borough. I would like to see a clamp down on this and the same rules- or stronger ones- proposed for Primary admissions applied to Secondary ones too.

children in care should not get priority

disagree

don't agree siblings should be given priority. Secondary school children can often make their own way to school so less problems with drop-off/ pick-up.

Don't agree. Again, places should have a 'catchment process'. As a parent, who works and has worked since leaving Uni, paid taxes, own our own home, never taken a penny from the system - I detest that I cannot choose the schools(s) that I want for my children. It's a discriminatory process.

don't know - there is no information available

fair

Fine

fine

Fine parents who do not take a state school place but who do not tell the council they are rejecting a place by the relevant September. Fine them the costs of administering filling the school place. Put all the information about all the schools in the forms eg page 14. You have missed off at least two academies. From a parent's point of view they are local state school choices.

fine, as long as the family has not moved out of the area when the sibling applies

Fine.

Good

Good

Haven't read

I agree

I agree

I agree

I agree teachers should be allowed to have their children at school. I don't understand why sixth formers don't count as siblings. In many families older children have a key role helping younger children to school.

I agree.

I always question the medical need criteria as any child I have known with a statement seems to get into whichever school the parent chooses.

<p>I am concerned that there is no similar proposal to a change in sibling priority for secondary admissions as there is for primary admissions. Given the increase in the number of children in primary schools, there is likely to be similar pressures on secondary schools places within a two to three years. I would urge the council to consider extending this rule to secondary admission arrangements and also introduce priority catchment areas. Being proactive will mean that there won't be the problems with secondary admissions that there have been with primary schools. I also wonder whether it is really sustainable to have an all girls' school that caters for borough residents that are not in the local planning area when there is likely to be a shortage of secondary school places in the next few years in planning area 2, particularly non-religious secondary schools.</p>
<p>I do not agree with the entry criteria change to Hornsey School for Girls and I think it should not be changed. It is very fair at the moment and gives girls from all over the borough the chance to attend this excellent all girls school. It will be a great shame if these changes go ahead.</p>
<p>I do not understand why you are not implementing the same changes as the proposed changes to primary admissions. It is a huge problem in Haringey that many parents are moving close to the most popular secondary schools (or obtaining an address fraudulently ) - very often by renting a smaller property, to get their child in. They then move back to their original home (or may have never moved out of it) but are then able to get subsequent children in through the sibling rule. I personally know and know of through friends, people who have done this to get into Alexandra Park School. It is extremely unfair.</p>
<p>I dont think sibling rule should apply for secondary School kids if family have moved out of the area. The idea that families rent a place to get their first born into a school and then move away and is able to get subsequent siblings into schools is unfair to kids who live locally. Secondary school kids can get to school u themselves so sibling rule is unnecessary</p>
<p>I don't think that children in care should have priority. Ok with the rest.</p>
<p>i think excellent schooling should be available to all regardless of post code</p>
<p>I think it is fair</p>
<p>I think that sibling status should apply when child is in year 7 - 13</p>
<p>I think that the same changes as for primary school should be applied for secondary too. At this age, the children are more likely to get to school by themselves, which makes the need for easy family logistics less relevant.</p>
<p>I think the new proposals for siblings regarding distance for primary schools should also apply for secondary schools.</p>
<p>I think the proposal is detrimental to family life and the stresses that are already present are huge. I wholeheartedly disagree with this proposal!</p>
<p>I think the same policy suggested for primary schools should also apply to secondary schools to stop people playing the system. Many do. It is wrong and stops genuine local people from attending a school in their own community.</p>
<p>I think the sibling rule should only apply for those families living within a certain distance from the school</p>
<p>I think the siblings rule should only apply if the family live 0.5 miles from the school, as per primary.</p>
<p>I think these are good .</p>

<p>I think you should extend the primary policy to secondary schools to stop parents accepting a place in temporary accommodation and then moving out of the area. This would allow local children to attend their local school</p>
<p>I think you the same restrictions as those you are proposing for primary schools should apply re sibling priority for secondary schools - ie that if the family has moved outside a specific distance the next child should not get priority over nearer children for a place. My sense is that there is far more manipulation of this in secondary schools than primary, with far less rational justification (eg by the age of 11 onwards children usually don't need to be taken to school by their parents - so having children at different schools is no longer as complicated as it is for primary age children).</p>
<p>I would like the secondary admissions arrangements to be the same as the proposed primary admission arrangements whereby any sibling living more than a set distance from the school because their parents have moved house would no longer get priority admission: "Children with a brother or sister already attending the school and who will still be attending on the date of admission, whose home address is no more than a distance of 0.5 miles from the school. Children with a brother or sister already attending the school and who will still be attending on the date of admission, whose home address is more than 0.5 miles from the school will also receive priority where the child's home address has not changed since the last sibling was offered a place or the last sibling was admitted prior to September 2017."</p>
<p>I would strongly support sibling priority being restricted to applications within a defined distance from the school. There will be increasing pressure on secondary places in the coming years and this will inevitably lead to the 'shopping around' we see for reception applications where parents move temporarily close to a school to secure a place. Restricting sibling priority will have all the advantages at secondary that it has a primary level including supporting children in accessing local schools and encouraging better links between schools and their local communities. There is also less of an argument for sibling priority to exist at all at secondary level as pupils are able to travel independently to school. It's a shame that the Council have not supplied any statistics in this consultation about how the sibling priority affects first applicants at secondary level. This means it is very difficult to make an informed contribution to the consultation on secondary admissions.</p>
<p>If you are going to bring in the change in sibling rule due to moving further than 0.5miles, then you should possible consider bringing it in for secondary admissions instead. There are far more parents who move in order to gain a place at a secondary school than primary. Also this doesn't cause as huge problems with regards to getting children to school as they are able to travel by themselves.</p>
<p>It doesn't appear to be a change from now - will secondary move to be in line with primary?</p>
<p>Its a shame that the change of address for sibling criteria won't apply for secondary schools.</p>
<p>it's fine</p>
<p>It's not clear if there have been changes to previous years criteria. I agree that siblings should be given priority.</p>

Like with primary schools I think it shouldn't be that if you have one child in a primary school, any further children get a place before it is based on distance as this is where some people will take advantage of it if they have money and rent or buy somewhere right by the school they like to get their first child in an area somewhere else if they choose to after that is done.

Looks sensible

na

No comment

no comment

No comment

No comment

No comment

No comment

No comments

No further comment

no problem

No strong views. Perhaps a sibling distance limit (say 1 mile?) is also pertinent here?

No view

Not favourable of the change.

not sure

ok

Ok

ok

Potentially, too disruptive for the student.

reasonable

remove sibling preference or move it to below distance.

Same as my response to the last question regarding primary schools.

seems ok

sounds clear

Sounds fair, not aware of which aspects have changed

Sounds reasonable.

Siblings should have sibling priority

The current rules on admissions should not be changed.

The proposed admission arrangements seem very fair

The sibling admission policy is unfair and should be changed to reflect your proposed sibling admission policy for community and VC primary schools. Currently children who live close to local secondary schools are denied a place because siblings of children already attending who may live many miles away from the school, sometimes in another London borough, get priority. This is unfair.

There are a lot of cases of places taken by students from non-local families having worked the system with first children (places gained from a temporary local address), and the siblings automatically being taken on the roll.

There is a gap in the admission arrangement for families with kids with special needs. Please note that a family with special needs kids is already emotionally strained for a number of reasons, so life should be made easier...for example having kids in the same school would help. I will make an example which reflects my situation. My daughter is in Y4 and my son is in Y3 (he has special needs). Now, I would like to choose school X for my son as I have heard that he can get good support there. From the admission criteria it looks like I have good chances that my son will go to X school. However, my daughter cannot go to X school, because we are outside catchment area and she will apply to secondary school before my son. So she will have to go to school Y, hoping for a transfer to school X the following year. This will be disruptive for my daughter, but it is important that both kids attend the same school. How are you planning to resolve this problem? There is clearly a lack of flexibility in the sibling admissions criteria.

They are OK. The sibling again should be allowed to attend and have priority

They seem fair

They seem reasonable.

They should match the Primary School admissions criteria, and not give priority to siblings when the family have moved away from the local area. Secondary school children are old enough to get themselves to school so there is not the same need for siblings to attend the same school.

Think this should follow same vein as primary proposals

This seems reasonable

We still need more places at secondary schools. The catchment for many is very small ie APS and Fortismere. There is going to be high demand for places in 3 years time as the bulge classes created in primary schools move to secondary.

We support the same change to the siblings rule for the secondary schools admissions

Why not have the 0.5 mile rule for secondary schools also? I am sure the same 'fiddling' goes on in relation to good secondary schools as it does in relation to primary schools.

yes

The sibling priority criterion should be valid only in the case when the sibling who is to be enrolled in the school is at the time of the enrollment at school still living in an address within the permissible catchment area. If the address has changed, the catchment must play the first role. Otherwise the local children whose parents have pursued residence and proximity to the school, are totally deprived of their catchment and proximity rights. -The first criterion should be the catchment area. It does not make sense to live in one place and go to a school in another area.



### Open text responses to Question 8

What do you think about our proposed Pan-London co-ordination of secondary arrangements?

**Note:** No corrections have been made to the submissions:

Q8)What do you think about our proposed Pan-London co-ordination of secondary arrangements?
Acceptable
Again, Haringey children should be given priority and children from other Boroughs should only be considered for places if there are spare places available.
Again, I'm not sure what they are at the moment.
Agree
Agree
Agree
Appears acceptable on face of it
As above.
Complicated and confusing
disagree

Don't agree. Again, places should have a 'catchment process'. As a parent, who works and has worked since leaving Uni, paid taxes, own our own home, never taken a penny from the system - I detest that I cannot choose the schools(s) that I want for my children. It's a discriminatory process.

don't know - there is no information available

fine

fine

Fine

fine

Fine.

Good

good

good

good

Good

Good.

Great idea

I agree

I agree

I agree with the proposals

I agree.

I don't fully understand what this is, it is not made clear.

I don't know enough to comment

I don't think that children in care should have priority. Ok with the rest.

I have not heard of this

i think excellent schooling should be available to all regardless of post code

I think the proposal is detrimental to family life and the stresses that are already present are huge. I wholeheartedly disagree with this proposal!

It does nothing to rectify the situation where families own a home on one part of the borough, then rent for a year near Fortismere / AP before returning to their original home. There needs to be a check that home owners are applying from their family home.

It is o.k.

na

no comment

no comment

No comment

No comment

No comment

No comment

No comment

No comment

No comment

no comment

no comments

No comments

No further comment

no problem
No view
Not quite sure what this question means so can't comment.
not sure
not yet sure
ok
ok
Same as last response. Nightmare document, very badly drafted.
see Q7
seems okay. do not fully understand how it is different to now- maybe if you showed the difference.
seems sensible
Seems sensible.
Should be national or dropped.
Sounds reasonable.
They seem fair
This seems reasonable
Unsure of the implications of this
Very good
Very helpful to have all children in the same school.
We support it too, just as for primary schools.
What is it?
yes

### Open text responses to Question 9

What do you think about our proposed in-year admission arrangements?

**Note:** No corrections have been made to the submissions:

#### Q9)What do you think about our proposed in-year admission arrangements?

As your guidance says, it could be damaging to the wellbeing of a child to have to transfer him between schools. This is what we would be forced to do if the new sibling policy is introduced without the current proposed priority for children who live more than 0.5 miles from school but have a sibling there from before Sept 2017. We simply could not collect and drop off the children at the same time at different schools, so we would be forced to transfer the first born sibling to our nearest school, at significant risk to his wellbeing. We would much prefer not to have to do so, and very strongly support the proposal that children with siblings at the school prior to Sept 2017 should continue to have priority no matter the distance from school. However, if such priority is removed, then this should be balanced out by giving priority to the in-year transfer required for the first born sibling who started school prior to Sept 2017 but lives more than 0.5 miles away to ensure siblings can go to the same school

Being able to apply for six schools doesn't make sense. This increases administration with the result that you are unlikely to get into your preferred schools if you live a distance away from them. Unless of course they were failing schools that wouldn't be anyone's first preference.

Council should make life easier for children and family

don't know - there is no information available

fair

Fine

fine

Fine

fine

Fine but more should be done to stop fraudulent admissions

Following up on validity of home addresses needs to be thorough as many parents move into a temporary address to get their place with no intention of staying once they have secured a place. This puts 'real' residents at a disadvantage and is unfair

good

Good.

I am concerned about the section on transferring children in-year which seems to imply the default position should be that children should NOT move schools unless there is a pressing reason for doing so. I think that emphasis should change to encouraging families to move unless there is a pressing need NOT to.

I don't think it is fair to remove a child from the waiting list of a school higher on their preference list - they should be given a choice and it should be clearly explained when any offer is made. I think it's fine to remove ones below the offered place, but NOT above.

I think the distance is too short. I think it is still part of a local community to live 0.75 miles from a school I think this proposal totally ignores the fact that it is KNOWN parents move into an area to get their children into schools then move away and therefore take up spaces because they can afford to play this move. I feel the council should add in a criteria that looks at how LONG a family with siblings has been living in an area and offer that place to a second sibling OVER a child the only recently moved to the area as well as those that are single child family that have lived there longer than a new child. i.e. length of time living in an area has a priority over distance There is a significant amount of development happening in N10 (woodside avenue and two at the top of muswell hill) this will have a very serious impact of number of children and Haringey has not accounted for this)

In year admissions are very difficult due to oversuscriptipion. When parents move home they end up with a placed offered in the most undesirable school that ms to oversuscriptipion, they may eventually get a place in the desired school after a few years but this cause a great disruption to the well being of the child. More schools are needed so oversuscriptipion is not longer a problem.

It seems fair.

It will be good to clarify whether an elder sibling transferring into the school of a younger sibling gets any priority, as a result of the proposed 0.5 mile policy change.

no comment

No comment

No comment

No comment

no comment
no comments
No comments
No further comment
No view
No view.
ok
ok
ok
Ok
ok
OK but we should not accept students from outside the borough.
Ok, but strict checks must be implemented so that parents don't rent a house near the school in order to get the child in and then move shortly after. Or rent a second property close to the school.
really do not understand.
Reasonable
refer to section 30; transfer between school. So, it looks like you are aware of the emotional impact of a transfer but this is not addressed for families with kids with special needs. Haringey should have a think on how to address this situation, what about early admissions?
Same as above.
The proposed in-year admission arrangements seem to be fair
These appear acceptable.
These seem reasonable
They seem fair
This seems fine.
We support the proposal
Would be ok if the sibling rule weren't changing but the proposed change means it will be highly likely that siblings will go to different schools



## Open text responses to Question 10

What do you think about our proposed in-year fair access protocol?

**Note:** No corrections have been made to the submissions:

Q10)What do you think about our proposed in-year fair access protocol?
agree
agree
As above in Q9
Council should make life easier for children and family
Fair
fine
Fine
fine
Fine
Fine
Good
good
Good
Good.
I agree
I agree
I agree

it seems fair.
It sounds complicated but not unfair
Makes sense
na
No comment
No comment
no comment
No comment
No comment
No comment
No comment
no comment
No comment
no comment
no comments
No comments
No further comment
No view
No view.
ok
ok
ok
ok
OK
OK but we should not accept students from outside the borough.
The placement of these children can be the cause of much confrontation. I believe the Haringey IYFAP is both fair and it's implementation is transparent and effective. This means that the majority of schools engage and trust the process. I have concerns that one secondary school is abusing both the admission process and the IYFAP process.
This appears acceptable.
This is fine too.
This seems reasonable
This sounds fine to me. I think clarifying and checking addresses is perfectly reasonable.
Very unclear.
We support the proposal
yes agree
yes, promotes equality and fairness, hope ALL schools participate?
You haven't supplied any context, this makes it very difficult to have an opinion.

## Open text responses to Question 11

What do you think about our proposed sixth form admission arrangements?

**Note:** No corrections have been made to the submissions:

Q11)What do you think about our proposed sixth form admission arrangements?
Again no context. What's changed?
agree
Agree
Agree
Children should have easy access to nearest school
Don't agree. Again, places should have a 'catchment process'. As a parent, who works and has worked since leaving Uni, paid taxes, own our own home, never taken a penny from the system - I detest that I cannot choose the schools(s) that I want for my children. It's a discriminatory process.
don't know - there is no information available
fair
fine
Fine
fine
Fine
fine
Finr

Good
good
Good.
Haven't read.
I agree
I don't have any objections here, but I don't know what the current rules are.
I think the proposal is detrimental to family life and the stresses that are already present are huge. I wholeheartedly disagree with this proposal!
it seems fair but I'm afraid I don't know enough
na
No comment
No comment
no comment
No comment
No comment
No comment
No comment
no comment
no comment
No comment
No comment
no comments
No comments
No further comment
No opinion
No view
No view.
not like APS allowing siblings of sixth formers - reduces local places at year 7 AND in year
OK
OK
ok
reasonable
Remove the sibling preference.
These appear acceptable.
These seem reasonable
They seem reasonable
This seems fine.
Those who currently attend the school should be given priority, if they have gained the necessary entrance grades.
Too unclear to follow - plain English please.
Yes great.

**Full Individual responses received to the consultation via email or letter**

## Respondent (1)



**CATHERINE WEST MP**  
*Member of Parliament for Hornsey and Wood Green*

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16 November 2015

Dear Ms Riordan

### **School Admission Arrangements 2017/18**

I am writing in response to your consultation on proposed admission arrangements for schools in the academic year 2017/18. School places is an issue I have been contacted about by a number of parents and there is real concern, particularly in the Crouch End area, where growing numbers of children are unsuccessful in gaining places in any of the local schools.

As the Member of Parliament, I wrote to the Education Minister after my election to push for the Government to tackle what is a London-wide school places crisis by providing more local funding to allow good or outstanding schools to expand. It is an issue I will continue to raise in Parliament.

However, in the short-term, a number of the local parents who have contacted me have expressed their strong support for your proposal to change the sibling oversubscription criterion for community and voluntary controlled schools. Parents have told me that not only do they feel this would prioritise places for people who live in the area, they also feel this would act as a deterrent to families who choose to move in for a short period of time to gain access to a particular school. One has asked if the council could introduce the change even sooner as they feel it will make such a positive difference to the current situation where some children in Crouch End are allocated places on the other side of the borough.

I would be grateful if these comments could be taken into account as part of your consultation and I look forward to hearing the outcome.

Yours sincerely

**Catherine West MP**

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## Respondent (2)



**From:** Riordan Eveleen  
**Sent:** 09 December 2015 16:40  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Abbey Jon; XXXXXX Primary School; Kiernan Chris  
**Subject:** Re: School Admission priority for children of teaching staff at XXXXXX

Dear XXXXXXX

Thank you for your email setting out your desire to see a priority for teaching staff reflected in the borough's community primary schools' oversubscription criteria. Jon Abbey has passed your email on to me and asked me to respond to you.

The oversubscription criteria for the borough's primary community schools are set out on page 18 of the [Primary Admissions booklet](#). Under the provisions of the School Admissions Code 2014 (hereafter referred to as the Code) we are required to set our arrangements by 28 February in the year before they come into effect. As you have pointed out, the admission arrangements and associated oversubscription criteria don't currently include a criterion that gives priority to the children of teaching staff in the school. The admission arrangements set out in the booklet will be applied to all children starting school in September 2016. These arrangements have been consulted on and agreed as set out in the Code and they cannot be changed now for 2016 entry. In summary, under the current oversubscription criteria you would not be prioritised for a place at XXXXXX and your application would be processed under the distance criterion.

We are currently consulting on the proposed admission arrangements for the academic year 2017/18. Details of how to make your views known on these proposed arrangements, including those for our primary community schools, are available to view [here](#).

Para 1.39 of the Code sets out that oversubscription criteria *may* give priority to children of staff –

*"Admission authorities may give priority in their oversubscription criteria to children of staff in either or both of the following circumstances:*

- a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or*
- b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage".*

There is currently no proposal to change the primary community admission arrangements to include a priority for staff children. There has been an upward trajectory in the demand for reception places in Haringey in recent years and many of our community schools are very popular and oversubscribed. Schools such as XXXXXX draw the majority of their intake from a very small area around the school and prioritising staff children would mean that the number of local places available would be likely to decrease. The balance of demand and supply of reception places locally is very tight and there has not been a demand from primary schools to see staff children prioritised over local children. Further, parents and carers in the borough have asked us to give consideration to prioritising local families over those further away by limiting admission through the sibling criterion to those siblings where the families continue to live locally to the school.

Given the representations you have made in relation to prioritising of staff children, I will ask for your email to be considered as a representation to the current consultation on our admission arrangements so that your views can be reported to the Council's Cabinet who take the final decision on the admission arrangements for the borough. While the consultation is on arrangements that will determine admission in an academic year that is too late for your XXXXXX, it will ensure that a view that staff children should be prioritised in the borough's community school admission arrangements will be put before Cabinet.

You have also asked if a social need can be included in the admission arrangements for primary community schools and you point to the support for this from the Head teacher at XXXXXXXX and your MP. The current admission arrangements do include a social medical criterion which states that:

*"Children who the Authority accepts have an exceptional medical or social need for a place at one specific school. Applications will only be considered under this category if they are supported by a written statement from a doctor, social worker or other relevant independent professional. The information must confirm the exceptional medical or social need and demonstrate how the specified school is the only school that can meet the defined needs of the child".*

If you would like your XXXXXX to be considered under this criterion you should make this known by ticking the relevant box on your application form and submitting the relevant information to support your application. Without supporting information ("written evidence from a doctor, social worker or other independent professional") I regret that the social medical panel will not consider your application under this criterion. A panel of three education professionals will consider your application and make a final decision. Separate to this an independent appeal process is available to you against the refusal of a place at any of the schools that you list on your application form.

While I encourage you to apply under the social medical criterion if you believe that your circumstances indicate you may meet the criterion, I do want to manage your expectations in this process. The threshold for satisfying this social medical need is high and further detail on this is set out on page 12 of the booklet. Page 19 of the booklet sets out the number of places offered under this criterion for the borough's oversubscribed primary community schools.

I trust this answers your queries.

Kind regards

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**From:** XXXXX  
**Sent:** 02 December 2015 20:24  
**To:** Abbey Jon  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** School Admission priority for children of teaching staff at XXXXXXXXXX

Dear Jon Abbey,

I am a teacher at XXXXXX school and have been in contact with my local MP, David Burrowes as well as Nicky Morgan, Secretary of State for Education and my school head teacher, XXXXXXXXXX to discuss the possibility of teaching staff gaining a school place for their children in the school they are working at.

My daughter, XXXXXXXX will be due to start reception next September, 2016. She is currently attending XXXXXX nursery. Although we do not live very far away, we are not in the catchment area for the school. However, the previous head teacher, XXXXXXXXX was more than happy to give my XXXXX a place in the nursery as she was aware of the benefits of allowing teachers to have their children attend the school they are working in. As you are aware, it is only nursery places that the school have power to make decisions on. All other admissions are decided by the local authority. This is my reason for writing to you.

I have attached the letter I originally sent as well as the recent reply that I received from Nick Gibb, secretary of Nicky Morgan (via David Burrowes MP). My letter outlines the many benefits that prioritising admission for children of staff would have on the school.

**In the reply from Nick Gibb, his letter states that it is up to the local authority to decide the criteria for school admissions. However, he also writes that XXXXXXXXX school has a social needs policy within its admission criteria. He comments that Haringey could see the working arrangement of a teacher there to be a social need, subsequently prioritising the children of staff to gain a place at the school they are working at.**

I have spoken at length to XXXXX (head teacher) about this and he gives his full support to the idea. He has read the reply from the House of Commons and fully agrees with the idea that is suggested. As you will read in my original letter, it would help to enable the school to retain outstanding teachers and would allow part time teaching staff, like myself, to build back up to working full time hours (something a large proportion of teacher parents will not do whilst their children attend other schools). It would actually make up a very small percentage of the admissions each year but would be most beneficial to the wider community of the school, as well as working parents, like myself.

At present, XXXXXXXX has many job share and part time members of staff, largely to do with this very issue.

Thank you for reading my email and attached letters. I hope that you find my correspondence of interest and it would be great to open a discussion with Haringey local authority about this important matter. I know that XXXXXXXX is also keen to open up a dialogue about this and hopefully prioritise the small number of children and staff that this will affect.

It would be really useful to hear back from you with your thoughts on this matter and find out whether there may be an opportunity to gain my XXXXX a place in reception for September 2016. As there is already a 'social need' criteria written into the admissions policy, it would not need to be rewritten or reviewed. Instead it would simply be needed to be interpreted as a 'social need' by the local authority to offer inclusion for teaching staff.

We are currently at the stage of preparing to make our choices for our schools admission application (to be submitted by January 15<sup>th</sup>) so this is a matter I would really appreciate discussing with you in the very near future. I emailed Lynne Tighe some time ago regarding this but am yet to hear a response.

Yours sincerely,

**Respondent (3)**

**From:** Cllr Waters Ann

**Sent:** 08 December 2015 14:32

**To:** XXXXXX

**Cc:** Labour Councillors; Lib Dem Councillors

**Subject:** RE: Haringey Primary Schools

Dear XXXXXXX,

Thank you for your email received on 7 December 2015 which I gather you have sent to all councillors. I am replying on behalf of the Council and copying my response to all councillors; individual councillors may wish to contact you separately.

I am pleased to hear that you welcome the consultation on a proposed change to the sibling criterion for our community and voluntary controlled primary schools to ensure that local places are retained for families living locally. The proposed criterion would limit the admission of a sibling(s) to a school *if* there is a change in address between admission of the first child in a family and any subsequent child(ren) and that change of address means the family have moved to an address that is more than 0.5 miles from the school.

*If* the change to this criterion is agreed by the Council's Cabinet when it is considered in February 2016 it would take effect with the admission of children into reception from September 2017. Under the provisions of the School Admissions Code 2014 (paragraph 15b) the changes being proposed cannot be implemented before 1 September 2017. If implemented the criterion would only apply to oversubscribed schools for families where the first child is admitted to the school on or after that date. As currently proposed the criterion would **not** be applied retrospectively i.e. it would not apply to families with a child already on roll at the school before 1 September 2017.

Paragraph 6.20 (page 10) of my [Cabinet Member signing report](#) dated 29 October 2015 sets out why it is not proposed to apply the criterion retrospectively. While there is no legal reason for not doing so, the report does set out the view that applying it in such a way would impact on families who chose to move under criteria that would not have limited their ability to send younger siblings not yet of statutory school age to the same school as their sibling(s). The report acknowledges that while the introduction of such a criterion would potentially provide greater access to local places for local families it does also have the potential to impact negatively on families who are not home

owners and who are either in temporary accommodation or who permanently rent in the private market as they are not always able to maintain the same address over an extended period.

The purpose of the consultation is to invite and consider all views on the proposed change. These views will be analysed by officers and a report prepared for Cabinet setting out a recommendation on whether or not the criterion in its current form should form part of the admission arrangements from 2017. As part of this analysis and recommendation, officers will consider whether the criterion should be applied retrospectively to families with a child in the school **before** 1 September 2017.

You have said that the change to the criterion would, if introduced, have "zero impact until c2020". In fact the criterion has potential to impact on admissions from 2017 as it would deter anyone who was minded to rent on a short term basis from doing so if it didn't advantage them for second or subsequent children. In each subsequent year the impact would grow until it applied across all year groups. It would also immediately impact on any in year applications (children who apply to join the school at a point other than the beginning of the reception year) for families without a child in the school.

Officers tell me that they have already received a number of responses to the consultation setting out a wide variety of views both for and against the criterion and outlining the impact that any change would have on their own or other families in the borough. I have asked officers to consider your email in this way and its contents will be included and considered in the report that they will prepare early next year for the Cabinet meeting in February.

Best wishes

Ann Waters

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**From:** XXXXXXXXXX  
**Sent:** 07 December 2015 20:42  
**To:** Cllr Waters Ann  
**Subject:** Haringey Primary Schools

Dear Councillor,

This is the first time that I have contacted you and my apologies for doing so out of the blue. I live in Haringey with my young family and have significant concerns about an important local matter. Your engagement on it is important to us and I very much welcome your view.

As you might be aware, the Council is presently consulting on reviewing the admissions criteria for primary schools. In recent years, in line with other London hotspots, siblings have begun to take up the majority of school places in several schools – in a number of instances the families have long moved away from the neighbourhood (or only took up a temporary address to secure access and game the system). It is only families who either

gamed the system initially, or who no longer live near to the school, who are the target of the proposals.

The council has proposed to fix this, following in the footsteps of a number of other London councils in order to ensure that the local community is properly served, which is anyway Council policy. This is great and shows equity as we pay local tax and vote for local services to be provided by the council.

One of our priorities as a family is to have our XXXXXXXX grow up in a vibrant local community and build lifelong ties. If XXXX is forced to commute to school, aside from the severe logistical problems that that will cause us, XXXX grow apart from the neighbourhood, which is an opportunity lost and unnecessarily so.

Unfortunately, the proposal put out by the council staff will make zero impact until c2020. This is inexcusable and privileges children not yet in school who live sometimes way outside of the area over children who would otherwise walk to school. There is no legal reason for doing this and there are lots of angry views expressed about it on key forums, such as Mumsnet. In addition, I understand that the Ham High is looking at a piece on this.

Ultimately this is a political call and leadership from the elected Councillors is essential, which is why I would very much appreciate your views and actions on this matter as a priority.

Kindest wishes,

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#### **Respondent (4)**

Wed 30/12/2015 17:31

Dear sir or madam,

Thank you for proposing this new policy to tackle the schools admissions problem for families like my own where we are unlikely to get in to our 6 nearest primary schools for September 2016. Mainly due to the current unfair siblings policy.

All our local schools are very oversubscribed and yet many of the siblings being admitted before us, live much farther than us. Unfortunately this change in policy will not come soon enough for my first XXX get into a local school. We are likely to not get a place at any of our 6 closest school choices or might get into a school well over 0.5 miles away. But this new policy if brought in could mean my XXXX due to start school in September 2018, will not be able to go to the same school as my XXXX because we live further than 0.5 miles. This must be addressed in the new policy. We and families like us, can not suffer or be penalised twice. The policy should make exception for families who have been forced to go to / 'choose' schools further than the 0.5 mile limit. We will not have moved, we just happen to live in a dead zone for primary schools.

Additionally 0.5 miles seems arbitrary but I'm sure there is good reason for it. The policy should note it's for families who have moved rather than families who were just unfortunate enough to not get into 6 closer schools due to the old sibling policy.



Thank you for reading.

Kind regards,

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## Respondent (5)

Wed 16/12/2015 14:44

I am responding to the consultation about admissions for 2016-17.

I agree with what Haringey is trying to achieve, so that local children get priority for their local school, but also feel it is important that siblings are kept together. What I disagree with is your definition of local and the criteria you wish to introduce, especially the requirement for the family to live within 0.5 miles of the school if they have moved house.

When my XXXXXXXX was accepted at XXXXXX we lived 0.2 miles from the school in a 2 bed flat. When her XXX was born we moved to a house so that each child could have its own room. XXXXXX is still our nearest community school yet we now live 0.6 miles from the school. Under the criteria you are proposing our son would not get priority for XXXX even though his sister will still be attending the school and it is our local school.

Many families with young children will move address, either through choice or necessity, and often because their landlord wants them to. The officer at the consultation said all children in Haringey live within a mile of a community school. This means there will be a lot of families like ours who live between 0.5 and 1 miles from their nearest school and I can think of lots of parts of Haringey where this is the case – around Ridge Road in Hornsey, around Colney Hatch Lane and around the bottom of Alexandra Palace where we are.

Given the aim of the policy is to ensure local children get to attend their nearest school I propose the criteria should be amended so that siblings still get priority where the family has moved but still live within a mile of the school or where the school would be one of the two or three closest to the family anyway. I don't think it's enough to say the nearest school as the catchment of the nearest school may be tiny (as happened to us with Weston Park) and so the older child goes to a school which they were able to get into.

In addition I understand why you want your policy to be as simple as possible but there should be room for some discretion. Tragic things happen to families and there needs to be some flexibility in your policy to allow for this.

I understand from officers at the consultation at Hornsey library that because my XXXX is already attending school these rules should not apply to us and it would be wrong for any new criteria to apply to children already in school. However our situation is not unique and other parents in future may find themselves in the position I outlined above which is why I feel so strongly about it.

Thanks

## Respondent (6)

Fri 11/12/2015 10:43

Dear Sirs

Please find attached the objections of the Governing Body of Belmont Infants School to the proposed changes to primary school admissions in Haringey. We would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt. Should you wish to discuss any of the points raised, do not hesitate to contact me on XXXXXXXXXXXX.

Kind regards

Dan Rosenberg  
Chair of Governors – Belmont Infants School

## **RESPONSE TO ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION: OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS IN HARINGEY FROM GOVERNING BODY OF BELMONT INFANTS SCHOOL**

We are writing to register our objection to the proposed change in the schools admissions criteria for primary schools, abolishing the sibling rule and instead replacing it with the new criteria as set out in the consultation document. This is an objection on behalf of the Governing Body of Belmont Infants School, one of the schools which will be affected by this. Belmont Infants is a popular and oversubscribed school, with a small 'catchment area'. We understand that the stated intention of the policy is to stop parents moving into the area to get their children into a school and then moving out again to a distance further away from the school, safe in the knowledge that the younger siblings will also be able to attend the school.

However, it would not appear that Haringey has thought through the full consequences of doing this. There is certainly no indication in the consultation document that it has done so. The drawbacks of this scheme, which are likely to affect particular groups of families, are not spelt out in the consultation document. Only a positive case for the change is put.

### **Consequences of policy**

The consequences of this policy will be to make it harder for certain groups of people to have two (or more) siblings attending the same school. The groups that will be disproportionately affected are set out below. There will often be overlap between the groups.

#### **Families in private rented accommodation**

Non-home owner families in private rented accommodation are far more likely to be affected. By definition they are more likely to move accommodation more often. They may move because of (amongst other reasons)

- increased rent in an area
- the landlord evicts them for whatever reason
- the need for more spacious accommodation for the same level of rent (an obvious point given that this change will by definition affect growing families).
- Changes in financial circumstances forcing them to move to a cheaper property (whether that be in terms of unemployment/ benefit reductions/ illness etc)
- Wishing to move to a larger property as their financial situation has improved (a not uncommon situation for families relatively new to the country, who often start off renting a room in a shared house).
- It would also mean that if families privately renting and saving up for a deposit wished to buy they would either need to put it off until the second (or subsequent) sibling was in school, or alternatively have two children at different schools/ disrupt the schooling of the elder child.

At a most basic level, this proposal is indirectly discriminatory from a socio-economic perspective, as it is poorer families who are more likely to be privately renting than wealthy ones, particularly in Haringey, where there are huge income discrepancies between those who can afford their own properties, and those who cannot.

Our school, like many others, has many families attending it who privately rent – the school suspects that the vast majority of parents are privately renting.

#### Families in temporary accommodation housed under homelessness legislation

This rule would disproportionately and negatively affect those families placed in temporary accommodation by Haringey's homelessness department as they are likely to be moved around without having any choice as to whether or not they take accommodation. They would also be seeking to bid for properties. We have families in temporary accommodation in our school, where were this rule in place younger siblings would not have been able to have joined older siblings who were established in the school. This group of families has enough problems as it is, and often school is the only constant. Forcing parents to drop off siblings at two (or more) schools, or children's schooling to be disrupted (if they could all be found places at the same school), is not in their interests, or those of society as a whole. By definition, families in temporary accommodation are likely to be socioeconomically deprived.

#### Secure Tenants (council or housing association) seeking to move to a larger or more suitable property.

Again, this is an obvious problem that will be faced by growing families. If a family in overcrowded accommodation (of which there are many in Haringey) wishes to move, they will not be able to bid for properties coming up outside the 0.5 mile area without their children being forced to go to different schools/ having their schooling disrupted if they can get in. The same applies to families who may wish to move for disability related reasons. Similarly, were they to be in temporary accommodation and subsequently to be offered permanent accommodation, then that would then have the consequence that siblings would not be able to attend the same school.

By definition, council tenants are less well off than owner occupiers.

#### **Indirect racial discrimination**

Not only will this have a discriminatory effect on a socio-economic basis, but it is almost certain to have indirect discriminatory effects on grounds of race and ethnicity as well.

#### Indirect discrimination/ private renting

Families with children from communities that are less established in the borough (in particular those from Poland and other Eastern European countries) are more likely to be in private rented accommodation. They will be significantly and disproportionately affected by this rule. That would certainly be the case in respect of Belmont, where so far as we are aware anecdotally, the overwhelming majority of Eastern European families are privately renting.

We would see large numbers of children of Eastern European heritage whose parents had to take their children to two different schools. Alternatively, there would be a large number of parents who would subsequently remove their child from our school (if they could find a place at the school that the younger sibling went to), which would be very disruptive for us.

In respect of families who are more established in the UK, our understanding of the demographics of Haringey (and it is very much the case in relation to the area around our school) is that those renting are more likely to be from ethnic minority backgrounds (and in particular black African/ black Caribbean backgrounds) than owner occupiers.

This proposal (if enacted) will therefore disproportionately cause problems for particular ethnic groups as set out above.

#### Other issues

- If families who are privately renting have more than two children, this has the potential for huge disruption to children's education, as the children may have to move schools (if they could get in) on numerous occasions.
- Given house prices in Haringey, often owner occupier families live in flats when the children are younger, and then seek to buy a bigger property later on if they can afford it (often in a slightly cheaper area). This will leave them with the choice of moving and having to move their child's school, or alternatively staying put in a small flat with two (or more) small children.
- This will create an administrative nightmare at the start each term for schools and the admissions services, as parents will be trying to get their older children into the same school that their reception children are starting in. It will lead to instability in schools, and (particularly for schools such as ours which is likely to be very badly hit) be likely to lead to places not being filled on census day.

It is very hard to see who this changed policy is likely to benefit other than primarily owner occupier families who have chosen to buy houses close (but potentially not quite close enough) to heavily oversubscribed schools, who (for whatever reason, given the fact that Haringey is densely populated and has many schools close together) do not wish to attend other local schools.

It is however very easy to see who that this policy is likely to affect much larger numbers of people negatively, and it is likely to affect them significantly, as they will either have to be taking children to two schools, splitting up siblings, or a sibling already established in a school would have to move, thus causing significant disruption to that child's education, as well as the friendships of the children remaining in the school. There will also be much greater turnover of pupils at schools as a result.

As set out above this policy will have negative impacts on those from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds, and is also likely to significantly affect those ethnic groups that are more likely to be privately renting, as well as having significant consequences for families in temporary accommodation, who we understand to be disproportionately of Black African/ Caribbean/ British heritage.

#### The consultation itself

We also strongly suspect that those who are most likely to be negatively affected by this policy are the ones who are least likely to respond, and the council should bear that in mind when considering the consultation responses.

We very much hope that the Council does not proceed with this idea, which is likely to cause significant problems for individual families, is indirectly discriminatory, is (given Haringey's demographics) contrary to the school admissions code, and is likely to seriously affect the cohesion and continuity of student body of schools such as ours, which has large numbers of pupils from families who live in insecure private rented accommodation.

Belmont Infants School Governing Body

11<sup>th</sup> December 2015

## Respondent (7)

Hi XXXXX

Hope you are well. I recently read the Proposed Admission Arrangements 2017/18 document available on the Haringey website regarding reforming sibling priority. As you know I am a keen advocate of the rule that has been put in place by other councils and so am very pleased it has been put forward for consultation in Haringey. The statistical evidence you have put together really does make a compelling case for the change, most notably in Crouch End. It is a very progressive measure.

The general basis of the suggestion I think is sound but there are a couple of issues I have found with it. I will be submitting this in the consultation but just wanted to make you aware also. I don't feel the exemption for siblings of elder children admitted to school pre September 2017 described in paragraph 6.20 is necessary. Yes, I acknowledge the issue of changing the rules on parents who have already unwittingly moved but if you announce the rule early next year they will still have almost a year to move back within the new sibling catchment area should they choose to. If they decide they do not want to do this then they have the option of schools closer to their new address. Furthermore, parts of Haringey (again most notably Crouch End) have a primary school place shortage for local children now but if you introduce the new rule with this clause it will not be until 2019 or even 2020 until you realise the extra places brought about from sibling restriction.

I noticed that whilst Wandsworth did introduce the sibling priority restriction in exactly the same format as your proposal, Hackney did not have such a clause for children of existing elder pupils. Instead they have opted for a wider priority zone (0.75 miles) and applied this to all applicants (presumably they can narrow the zone further after a couple of years). According to a recent press report 10 of the 64 siblings admitted to Coleridge this year live more than a mile from what is North London's most popular school by number of distance children per 0.1 square mile. This fact caused outrage in the local community and is deemed wholly unacceptable by almost all parents. If the rule is introduced as planned it will be allowed to persist for another 3-4 years. **My suggestion would be either to remove this clause (perhaps with an initial wider area as Hackney have done) or to set a temporary wider area for siblings of children who were admitted to school before September 2017.** This temporary area could even be as large 1 mile but at least you would ensure that from 2017 no reception children will travel more than 1 mile to an oversubscribed school and I think this will go a great deal to appeasing parents struggling to get their children into a school a few hundred metres from their home.

I also want to touch briefly on a point made in paragraph 6.11 where you say the practice of temporarily renting close to a school is "not unlawful per se". I understand it doesn't constitute a criminal breach of law but it does contravene Haringey's admissions rules where you clearly state "we will not accept a **temporary** address used to obtain a school place". I understand the point you are making is that the sibling rule will help guard against such practices but I feel this wording confuses the matter and may work against what you are ultimately trying to achieve. People assume that you have tools available to weed out such applications from temporary addresses but this paragraph leaves it a bit in doubt.

Thank you for the work you have done on this ruling and I admire the way Haringey is responding to the demands of local people. I look forward to the consultation and given our previous communications I just wanted to convey my thoughts to you personally.

Kind regards

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### Respondent (8)

Tue 01/12/2015 21:18

Hello,

I would like to raise a few question about the proposed admission change:

We are private tenants and don't own a home. We can loose our home at any time if the landlord decides to sell the property or simply not renew our contract. Despite us being a family we have no protection. The proposed criteria change now also puts us into the position that our second child might not be given a place at our first XXXX school if we came into the unfortunate position of having to find a new rental property outside the 0.5 mile zone.

I understand that you are trying to stop people buying and renting houses to get into a school catchment – however a lot of people are renting because they simply can't afford to buy a home and we still feel very much part of the school community and would be discriminated. I believe strongly that cases need to be looked at individually. Or as a Borough, Haringey could start to introduce a more secure and protected rental system, so people that just move into the area renting a flat for a short period to get into a school, simply wouldn't be able to find such flats. Like this people that move into the catchment would have to commit to a minimum of a 2-3 year contract.

Our first son was admitted 2014 and would still be at the school when our second child would start reception. Are we still protected if the criteria are changed?

Or if we are affected how are we supposed to find a school place, as other parents will be in the same situation? Also how are we supposed to deal with drop-offs and pick-ups logistically, with both parents working?

This admission change doesn't seem to be thought through in detail and it feels like that it will penalise wrong people.

I look forward to your response to my questions.



Best,

**Respondent (9)**

Tue 01/12/2015 21:07

I am writing to query the proposal for change in admissions criteria for schools in Haringey.

My children presently attend XXX School in Year 2 and 4. We previously lived on XXXX Road, N8 in a flat for 6 years. We had two children there and had to move 3 years ago as we needed more space. We bought a house in Crouch End on XXXX Rd, and have had a 3rd child who will be due to start reception in Sept 2019. We walk to school - it takes 12 minutes.

My concern is if the criteria changes are we still in the catchment area? If not how would I get two children to different primary schools for the same time and pick up? This would put incredible stress on the family and at a potential cost?

Please advise me.

Regards,

**Respondent (10)**

Wed 25/11/2015 20:56

To whom it may concern

Our school has requested some feedback regarding the criteria for siblings admissions with a view of not having siblings as a priority if parents move out more than 0.5 miles from the school: We think it is an excellent idea as so many people just move into areas to get into a school and move out a few months after their first child has been admitted as they know they have the priority.

If siblings are outside the catchment area , then they should not get the priority.

We think that the new proposal for siblings being in a 0.5 miles for catchment area is an excellent idea or they lose their priority

**Respondent (11)**

Wed 25/11/2015 16:28

Dear admissions team,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed changes to the sibling entry criteria for 2017/2018.

I am strongly opposed to this proposal, which would prevent priority to siblings.

Both of my children attend our local primary school in Muswell Hill. Changes to primary criteria would not affect me as my children are both in school, but the reasons I am strongly opposed are:

- It is impractical to separate families - it is difficult to transport children to different schools. It also separates siblings, who offer emotional support for each other.

- Where we live, the distance boundaries are so small, we sit on the edge of three primary catchments. Luckily, both of my children made it into the same primary - based on catchment and sibling entry. We have lived at the same address for more than ten years. Some families on the ever-changing boundaries could therefore be separated.

- The justification for preventing sibling priority in the consultation seems to be based on a small number who move into desirable school catchment areas. I would question what evidence there is? What is the scale and the numbers? What is the justification for this - fact based? Certainly in XXXXXX Primary, in both of my children's classes, I cannot think of an example where I know this has happened.

- Some families who live in rented accommodation are forced to move at short notice because of private landlords - this is no fault of the family - rather the wishes of private landlords. This may push children out of catchment - but still living locally. This potentially affects low-income working families significantly and families who live in rental property.

- Speaking to parents at the school gate, I have not found any parent who supports the proposal to prevent priority sibling entry.

- For these reasons, I am opposed to the proposals to prevent sibling priority for 2017/2018 entrance.

Yours faithfully,

### **Respondent (12)**

Mon 04/01/2016 16:50  
Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to contribute my view to the proposed changes to selection criteria regarding the admission of siblings to primary and secondary schools.

I am thoroughly in favour of the change. I have known so many families who have moved into the area or rented in the area to get a first child into both primary & secondary schools locally then moved straight back to their original homes leaving children who have always lived locally without a place. This change should prevent this from happening.

With best wishes

### **Respondent (13)**

Mon 04/01/2016 16:50

Having read the proposal I can say whole heartedly that I am in favour of this. We walk to school and daily see the people who do not reside in the area drive their children to school.

By implementing the proposed changes for the primary school it would also ease the already crowded polluting traffic.

### **Respondent (14)**

Sun 15/11/2015 19:50

Hi

It said you were consulting the public on the change of sibling rule in Haringey schools. I think this is a great idea for secondary school kids. In fact a BRILLIANT idea!

I think at secondary stage siblings make their own way to school anyways so can't see why siblings should go in front of the queue at all.

In my view it should be on distance only after the SEN and kids in care etc. Local school for local kids is important and it's unfair that people who live miles away can get a place before kids who live closer, just because they used to live in the area in the past.

However for primary school kids it may be different. Young kids needs their parent to take them and it may be difficult to go to several schools to drop off and pick up, so it will penalise families who might have to move for various reasons. Not everyone is moving to cheat the school system. Thanks