

Appendix 6 - Statutory notice and full proposal

Statutory Notice – Proposal to close Stamford Hill Primary School with displaced pupils transferring to Tiverton Primary School (amalgamation)

NOTICE is given in accordance with section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Haringey Council, River Park House, 225 High road, London N22 8HQ intends to discontinue Stamford Hill Primary School, Berkeley Rd, London N15 6HD on 31 August 2020.

It is proposed to close Stamford Hill Primary School on 31 August 2020 with displaced pupils transferring to Tiverton Primary school (amalgamation). There is no intention to increase the number of places at Tiverton Primary School, as there are enough surplus places available within the school to accommodate all pupils. There is also a surplus of places at most other local schools for families who may prefer alternatives.

It is recognised that displaced pupils will need to make new journeys to school and some pupils may have further to travel. However, analysis on existing pupil addresses shows that 30% of pupils will have a shorter journey to Tiverton Primary school. Moreover, no existing pupil at Stamford Hill Primary school will have to travel more than 160 metres further to their new school since Tiverton Primary is immediately adjacent to Stamford Hill Primary. Full consultation has been undertaken over a period of 6 months (the most recent running from 9 September and 21 October 2019), including meetings with staff, governors, and parents along with other interested parties. A four-week period of representation will now commence, which is the final opportunity for people and organisations to express their views about the proposal.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from the Council's website <https://www.haringey.gov.uk/consultation-future-stamford-hill-primary-school> or by writing to: School Admissions, 7th floor, Haringey Council, River Park House, 225 High road, London N22 8HQ or by email to schoolconsultation@haringey.gov.uk.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to School Admissions, 7th floor, Haringey Council, River Park House, 225 High road, London N22 8HQ or by email to schoolconsultation@haringey.gov.uk.



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20 November 2020

Statutory proposal for closure of Stamford Hill Primary School with displaced pupils transferring to Tiverton Primary School (amalgamation)

1. Contact details

Name and address of Local Authority publishing the proposal:

Haringey Council, River Park House, 225 High road, London N22 8HQ

Name, address and category of school proposed to be discontinued with displaced pupils being transferred to Tiverton Primary School (amalgamation):

Stamford Hill Primary School, Berkeley Rd, London N15 6HD

2. Implementation

Date on which it is proposed to close Stamford Hill Primary School with displaced pupils transferring to Tiverton Primary School (amalgamation):

31 August 2020

3. Reason for closure of Stamford Hill with displaced pupils transferring to Tiverton Primary School (amalgamation)

Following an 'inadequate' inspection judgement by Ofsted in November 2018, the Regional Schools Commissioner, on behalf of the Secretary of State and the Department of Education, placed a directive academy order on the school. Since April 2016, the Department has issued directive academy orders to maintained schools that Ofsted has rated as inadequate. It aims for these schools to open as sponsored academies.

Significant concerns were raised about the long-term sustainability of Stamford Hill Primary School in terms of the vulnerability of its financial stability and its historic ability to attract pupils to the school. Based on the low level of demand for school places locally and the expected future continuing declining demand, the Council considers that Stamford Hill Primary and other local schools will continue to face difficult financial challenges because classes won't be full (schools are largely funded 'per pupil' i.e. how many pupils attend the school).

Schools in the surrounding local area currently have a significant surplus of places and our current school roll projections do not indicate any future demographic growth before 2026/27 and possibly beyond.

In view of this, the Regional Schools Commissioner agreed for the Council to consider alternative options for the future of Stamford Hill Primary School. The Council's preferred option and one that provides a long-term sustainable solution to local falling demand, is an **amalgamation** between Stamford Hill Primary School and Tiverton Primary School which is located in close proximity to Stamford Hill and on the other side of Seven Sisters Road. The proposal would mean the closure of Stamford Hill Primary with the displaced pupils being accommodated by Tiverton Primary School, to create a single two form entry school operating from one site.

Full consultation has been undertaken over a period of six months (the most recent running between 9 September and 21 October 2019), including meetings with staff, governors, and parents, along with other interested parties.

4. Pupil numbers and admissions

The school is a co-educational mainstream community school for pupils aged 2 to 11. The school has a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 30 for each year group, giving a total of 240 places (including nursery places). As at October 2019, the school had 99 pupils on roll.

The school does not provide educational provision recognised by the local authority as being reserved for children with special educational needs. There are 12 pupils on roll (provisional October census 2019) who have been identified as having special educational needs (SEN support) and no pupils with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

5. Displaced pupils

There are currently 99 pupils on roll: 14 in nursery, 14 in Reception, 13 in Year 1, 1 in Year 2, 8 in Year 3, 18 in Year 4, 15 in Year 5, and 16 in Year 6 (provisional October census 2019).

Provision is available at the nearest school to Stamford Hill Primary School, with available places, Tiverton Primary School to accommodate all displaced pupils (amalgamation).

Tiverton Primary School is rated by Ofsted as 'Good.'

During the consultation, it was indicated that some families may have preference for other local schools. All other schools in the local area are rated by Ofsted as 'Good' or 'Outstanding' and have vacancies across most year groups. The Local Authority will endeavour to meet parental preference for school places, wherever possible.

An amalgamation between Stamford Hill Primary and Tiverton Primary will create a single organisation operating as a two-form entry school. This is more aligned with the current projected level of demand in the area i.e. an amalgamated school will satisfactorily fill two forms of entry as opposed to the current surplus created by three forms of entry across two individual schools.

Current projections for school places indicate that there are sufficient places for future cohorts following the closure of the school. The local authority will monitor the projected need for future school places and propose changes, if required, to ensure sufficient places are available.

6. Impact on the community

The school provides use of its facilities on Sundays for a local church group, however, suitable alternative facilities are available for hire at various nearby locations. There will be no loss of any enrichment clubs or programmes for local families in the community.

There will not be an adverse impact on the families of registered pupils at the school because Tiverton Primary School is rated by Ofsted as 'Good' and is able to provide a good standard of educational provision for displaced pupils. We also project that there will be a surplus of school places in the local area at schools rated by Ofsted as 'Good' or 'Outstanding' for families that may prefer other local school(s).

As part of the public consultations carried out from March 2019, the Council identified harder to reach groups in the diverse communities of Stamford Hill Primary School (Spanish, Portuguese, Turkish and Polish). Tiverton Primary School and other schools in the local area all actively promote different cultures and beliefs.

7. Rural Primary Schools

Not applicable

8. Balance of denominational provision

The school does not have a denominational status. The proposed closure will not affect the number of primary schools within Haringey with denominational status.

There will continue to be 4 schools with denominational status within Planning Area 3 (1 Church of England and 3 Roman Catholic).

The number of non-denominational primary schools will reduce by 1.

9. Maintained nursery schools

Not applicable

10. Sixth form provision

Not applicable

11. Special educational needs provision

The school has no provision reserved for children with special educational needs. There are currently no pupils on roll with an Education, Health and Care Plan (provisional October 2019 census).

12. Travel

The approximate distances for home to school travel for pupils from Nursery to Year 6 currently attending the school ranges from 0.0415 to 5.1158 miles.

The table below shows the difference in travel for all year groups to Tiverton Primary School. Thirty percent of the total school cohort will have a shorter journey to Tiverton than their current journey to Stamford Hill. The maximum distance added to a child's journey would be less than a tenth of a mile (i.e. 160 metres). The average child would be travelling only 20 metres further to attend school at Tiverton.

Difference in travel from home to Tiverton Primary School		
Difference in travel	Number of pupils (all year groups)	% of pupils
Shorter travel	30	30.3%
Up to $\frac{1}{10}$ mile more (160 metres)	69	69.7%
Total pupils	99	100.0%

It is anticipated that pupils will walk or use public transport to travel to Tiverton Primary School and therefore any impact on road traffic would be minimal. There is also sufficient local transport provision to cover the routes from home to school of current pupils.

13. Procedure for making representations (objections and comments)

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by:

Email: schoolconsultation@haringey.gov.uk

Post: Stamford Hill Consultation, Education Services, Haringey Council, 7th Floor River Park House, 225 High road, London N22 8HQ

Closing date for responses is Wednesday 18 December 2019 at midnight. We will not be able to consider any responses received after this date

All responses received during the representation period will be published on the Council's website in January 2019.