

Title: Consultation responses analysis

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1. Note: Analysis as of consultation closing date on 9 January 2025. N=13

2. Please indicate which of the following schools you have an interest in? N=8 (respondents allowed to tick more than one)

School name

Hornsey School for Girls Secondary (4)

Park View Secondary (4)

Rokesly Infant Primary (5)

3. Please tell us who you are - tick all options that apply? N=12

Response	Number	Percentage (%)
Resident	9	75%
Parent / Carer	5	42%
Teacher or other school staff	1	8%
Headteacher	0	0%
Governor	1	8%
Local authority	1	8%
Other	0	-
N =	12	100%*

* respondents allowed to tick as many categories that apply

The most popular respondent type were local residents (9 or 75%) followed by parent / carers (5 or 42%). Responses were also received from teachers (1 or 8%) governors (or 8%) and local authority (1 or 8%). Respondents were allowed to tick as many categories as applicable.

4. Please let us have your view on the proposed PAN reductions at the selected schools? N=7

View - This is an opportunity to reduce class sizes, which MUST not be missed.
Response – The aim of proposed PAN reductions is to reduce the number of surplus places across our schools and to ensure better funding and sustainability for all our schools. We are not proposing to reduce the size of classes.
View - Not happy with the reductions.We talk about schools not shops,they must be funded and maintained
Response – The aim of proposed PAN reductions is to reduce the number of surplus places across our schools and to ensure better funding and sustainability for all our schools.

Calibrating the supply of school places with the demand for them is the best way to ensure the adequate funding of all our schools.

View - good to have reduction, let's keep small schools open and reduce the size of these bigger ones

Response – The local authority only has a limited ability to adjust the sizes of some schools within the borough. Any action taken to reduce or increase capacity can only be made taking into account the current and future demand for places at any particular school and across the borough as a whole.

The proposed reductions have been carefully selected by location and school to ensure a reduction in surplus (not required) school places. It is unlikely that these proposed reductions will have any material impact on the likelihood of parents/carers obtaining a school of their preference.

View – Worries me to reduce access for future children.

Response – The proposed reductions have been carefully selected by location and school to ensure a reduction in surplus (not required) school places. It is unlikely that these proposed reductions will have any material impact on the likelihood of parents/carers obtaining a school of their preference.

The latest data from the Office for National Statistics shows birth rates are at their lowest level since at least 2002. Birth rates are the single most important determinant in likely future demand for school places. All three of the schools in this consultation are not having any reduction in physical capacity and will be able to revert to their substantive (original PAN) should demand for school places pick up at a later date.

View - Against More

Response – The council has a statutory duty to provide a school place to all residents who require one. It also has an obligation to ensure schools are sufficiently funded balancing the supply of local school places with their demand. School Place planning is therefore about removing or adding school capacity when required.

View - Should be reduced only if there are enough places provided in the other local schools

Response – We have large surpluses across our primary school estate in the majority of our 5 planning areas. The proposed reductions have been carefully selected by location and school to ensure a reduction in surplus (not required) school places. It is unlikely that these proposed reductions will have any material impact on the likelihood of parents/carers obtaining a school of their preference.

View - They look reasonable. Student enrolment is declining in most of London.

Response – The latest data from London Councils does indeed show that demand for school places has reduced significantly across the majority of London boroughs in recent years.

5. Please use the space below if you have any other comments or views on the proposed admissions arrangements and co-ordinated schemes set out in Sections 1-7 of our consultation N=4

View - The council proposals are short termist.

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View - More school places not less as new builds increase need in this area

Response – The latest data from the Office for National Statistics shows birth rates are at their lowest level since at least 2002. Birth rates are the single most important determinant in likely future demand for school places. Additional housing does is less likely to lead to additional demand for school places if less children are being born. In addition not all housing is suitable for young families and housing affordability is a key factor across London. Nevertheless our annual school roll projections account for all housing development data.

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