

## Introduction

This document explains the proposal to create a new secondary school in Haringey opening from September 2010. It is written for parents / carers, school governors, school staff, pupils and other people who have an interest in the development of a new secondary school. This is the start of the public consultation process and you will have a number of opportunities to express your views.

The consultation is about the idea of having a new secondary school in Haringey and whether people think this will be good for the community. This consultation is not about the design and layout of the buildings.

All views and responses will be considered in taking the proposal forward. It is important to note that the responses received by the council do not constitute a ballot or a vote on the proposal. We will consider your views along side wider educational factors at each stage of consultation.

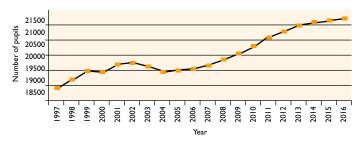
## The Proposal

The proposal is for a new secondary school to open for pupils in September 2010. The school would initially admit 162 pupils (6 forms of entry) and when there is sufficient demand, increase to admit 216 pupils (8 forms of entry).

The school would be built to accommodate 8 forms of entry in each year group.

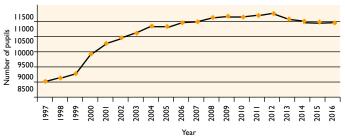
# Why do we need a new secondary school?

Pupil numbers in Haringey's primary schools have steadily increased in the past ten years. Pupil projections indicate that this trend will continue.



Trend of primary aged pupils in Haringeys primary schools

Also pupil numbers in Haringey's secondary schools have increased to the point where all of the schools are nearly full. Projections show that we will need to open a new school by 2010.



Trend of secondary aged pupils in Haringeys secondary schools

## What would the new school be like?

Current regulations governing the establishment of new secondary schools require the Local Authority to engage in an open competition process. A competition is when interested parties compete against each other to establish the new secondary school. 'Bids' can be to establish any of the following types of schools:

### **Community schools**

The local authority employs the school's staff, owns the school's land and buildings and is the admissions authority i.e. it has primary responsibility for deciding the arrangements for admitting pupils

#### **Foundation schools**

Maintained by the local authority but the governing body is the employer and the admissions authority. The school's land and buildings are either owned by the governing body or by a charitable foundation.

### **Voluntary controlled schools**

Schools in England and Wales which are maintained by the Local Education Authority with a foundation (generally religious) which appoints some – but not most – of the governing body. The local authority is the admissions authority.

#### Voluntary aided schools

Schools in England and Wales which are maintained by the Local Education Authority with a foundation (generally religious) which appoints most of the governing body. The governing body is the admissions authority.

#### **Academies**

Publicly funded independent schools, for pupils of all abilities, involving sponsors from business, faith or voluntary groups, working with central Government and local education partners. Sponsors and the Government Department for Education and Skills provide the capital costs for the Academy and running costs are met in full by the Department.

### The Current Position

There are 224,000 residents in the borough. Over half are from ethnic minority backgrounds and over 190 languages are spoken in Haringey schools. Of 31,000 pupils, three quarters are from ethnic minority backgrounds and 16% of students below age 16 are of refugee or asylum seeker status.

Haringey currently has a total of 11 mainstream secondary schools.

Seven community schools:

- Alexandra Park
- Fortismere
- Gladesmore
- Highgate Wood
- Hornsey School for Girls
- Northumberland Park
- Park View Academy
- White Hart Lane

Two voluntary aided schools:

- John Loughborough
- StThomas More

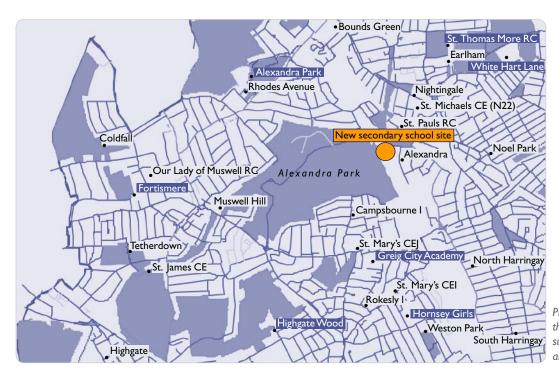
#### One academy:

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Given the diverse nature of Haringey's school population, Haringey Council will propose that the new school should be a non-denominational, inclusive school, which suggests a community school.

# Proposed location of the new secondary school

The chosen site is in Wood Green, in the centre of the borough, and is an area being developed as a 'cultural quarter'. Already there are creative industries established near the proposed site and within a short distance



Proposed location for the new secondary and surrounding primary and secondary schools

is Wood Green itself, where there are significant opportunities for educational links. Also nearby is Alexandra Palace with its historic links to the media.

The site is 2.43 hectares in area. Alexandra Park contains sport pitches which could be used by the school. Access from the site to Alexandra Park would be likely to be through a pedestrian tunnel under the adjacent railway.

# The New School in the Community

The land forms part of the 'Heartlands' development, which is a significant regeneration scheme in the centre of the Borough. It is one of the largest development opportunities in North London and will contribute towards the regeneration of under used sites and attract major investment into the area.

The draft Haringey Heartlands Development Framework (2003) lists one of the objectives for this land as to provide 'improved community facilities, such as provisions for primary health care and improved school provision'. Development proposals include establishing a Cultural Quarter, creating new public open space and the addition of shops, offices, surgeries and housing in the area. A new school in this location should make a very significant contribution to the regeneration of the area.

## The process

Under Section 66 of the Education Act 2005 local authorities are now required to hold a competition whenever statutory proposals are required for a new secondary school, including proposals by the council.

A competition is when interested parties compete against each other to establish the new secondary school.

Before this starts, the council must consult widely – this document is part of that consultation. If, following consultation, the council still supports the proposal it must publish a preliminary notice inviting bids for the new school. The notice will invite bids from independent promoters within 4 months. After the deadline the council must publish

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details of all received bids, along with the councils bid.

There will then be a six week representation period in which comments or objections can be made by anyone with an interest in the new secondary school. This includes prospective parents, local primary and secondary schools, local residents, councillors and community and special interest groups.

After the representation period the details of the bids and all comments received are forwarded to the School Organisation
Committee (SOC) for a decision on who will establish the new school. The SOC is set up by law and is independent of the council. It is made up of five groups who represent a number of different interested parties. These include representatives from Haringey Council, Haringey school governors, the church Diocesan Boards and the Learning and Skills Council.

If the SOC is not able to make a unanimous decision, then it is the school adjudicator who will decide. The Adjudicator is completely independent of the SOC, and the Council. The Adjudicator's decision is final.

### **Timetable**

Start of consultation	26th June 2006
Public meeting	13th July 2006
End of consultation	11th August 2006
Council to publish invitation to bid to promote the new secondary	4th September 2006
Deadline for bids to be received by the council	22nd December 2006
Publish Statutory notice detailing the received bids	3rd January 2007
Public meeting discussing all bids	16th January 2007
Statutory notice period ends	13th February 2007
Deadline for decision by SOC	24th April 2007

This timetable is consistent with development of a school for September 2010 opening.

## How can you give your views?

There are a number of ways to tell us your views on the proposal to build a new secondary school in Haringey.

 By attending the public meeting, where you will have the opportunity to hear the reason why a new secondary is needed and the process of opening the new secondary school.

The meeting will be on 13th July 2006 at 6.30 – 7.30pm.

The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at Civic Centre, High Road, Wood Green, N22 8LE.

- By completing the response sheet attached and either handing it in at school or posting it to: Corinne Hilton, Haringey Council, The Children's Service, Professional Development Centre, Downhills Park Road, London, N17 6AR. Further copies can be obtained by telephoning 020 8489 5019 or from www.haringey.gov.uk/newschool
- By talking to us at the public meeting
- By email to Corinne.Hilton@haringey.gov.uk
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