

Report for:	Muswell Hill Area Forum 17 July 2014	Item Number:	
Title:	School Place Planning in Muswell Hill		
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Ward(s) affected:	Bounds Green ward, Fortis Green ward, Muswell Hill ward,	Report for information	

1 Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1 School Place Planning in our borough sits within the Council's Admissions and School Organisation Service. The Service uses a wide variety of data, including Greater London Authority school roll projections, and other intelligence to ensure that there are enough places to meet current and projected demand, while at the same time balancing this against the need to ensure that there is not overprovision.
- 1.2 Between 2009 and 2013 an additional 1300 places were created in Haringey schools, and a further 450 places are expected to be delivered between 2014 and 2016. Of the places already created 93% were provided in (Ofsted rated) 'Good' or 'Outstanding' schools (set against a national average of 79%).
- 1.3 The average cost per primary place delivered between 2010 and 2013 was £6,392. This figure is 30% lower than the England average per primary place and underpins that our borough has provided value for money in the provision of additional places. This figure relates to completed projects only.
- 1.4 The figures provided in paragraphs 1.2 to 1.3 above have been taken from the Education Funding Agency's (EFA) Basic Need Scorecard. The EFA has published these score cards to increase transparency and accountability for place planning and the use of public money. The scorecards focus on quantity, quality and cost: these measures were chosen because these are the most important issues for authorities and for parents. London Councils' publication Do the Maths (updated April 2013) sets out that 42% of the projected national shortfall of primary and secondary places between 2013 and 2016 are in London. This equates to a shortfall in the Capital of 118,000 places. The work being carried out by Place Planners in Haringey continues to ensure that we respond to increasing demand in a timely manner having regard to the borough's agreed Place Planning Principles (set out in para 5.10 below). The Muswell Hill Area Committee has requested an update on the sufficiency of local primary school places in the Muswell Hill area, including an update on any school expansion plans.

- 1.5 In July 2013 Cabinet considered Admission and School Organisation's annual School Place Planning report.
- 1.6 This report set that year on year the borough population is rising and therefore we will need to provide additional school places to meet future demand. The report and associated data is available to view at ww.haringey.gov.uk/schoolplaceplanning.
- 1.7 Cabinet agreed that feasibility studies should be undertaken to explore whether it would be possible to create additional school places at three schools, two of which serve the wider Muswell Hill planning area:
- St James CE Primary
 - Bounds Green Infant and Junior schools
- 1.8 On 15 July 2014 Cabinet will consider a report which will set out recommendations following the conclusion of the feasibility studies and a verbal update will be provided to the Muswell Hill Area Committee on 17 July 2014.

Background information

Demand for reception places in our borough

- 1.9 Consecutive annual school place planning reports show the demand for reception places in our borough is on an upward trajectory. Data from 2003 onwards has shown a steady increase in the demand for school places. In 2003/04 there were 2820 reception children in our schools: by 2013/14 (PLASC^[1] January 2014) this figure had risen to 3,139, representing an increase of 11 forms of entry between 2003/4 and 2013/14.
- 1.10 These additional forms of entry have been provided the local area in a number of ways: we have permanently expanded a number of our schools including at Tetherdown, Coldfall and Rhodes Avenue and we have also provided a number of 'bulge' (one off) reception classes across a number of our primary schools.
- 1.11 There has also been some provision of places through the opening of new free schools in the borough including Eden Primary opened in 2011, providing an additional 30 reception places for the Muswell Hill area.

Table 1: Number of births and pupil roll projections by corresponding intake year compared against the number of available places across the borough

^[1] PLASC – Pupil Level Annual School Census

Intake year	Actual & projected births applicable for that cohort intake	Actual (2008/9-2013/14) & Projection (2014/15-2024/25) reception aged pupils ¹	Available reception places across the borough	% of reception surplus/deficit	Deficit/surplus No. of places
2013/14	4191(actual births)	3,139	3230	2.82%	91
2014/15	4412(actual births)	3,326	3350	0.71%	24
2015/16	4283(actual births)	3,287	3260	-0.82%	-27
2016/17	4214(actual births)	3,265	3260	-0.15%	-5
2017/18	4179 (projected births)	3,288	3260	-0.87%	-28
2018/19	4284 (projected births)	3,380	3260	-3.68%	-120
2019/20	4350 (projected births)	3,426	3260	-5.10%	-166
2020/21	4447 (projected births)	3,466	3260	-6.32%	-206
2021/22	4542 (projected births)	3,501	3260	-7.39%	-241
2022/23	4623(projected births)	3,528	3260	-8.23%	-268
2023/24	4670(projected births)	3,551	3260	-8.93%	-291
2024/25	4707(projected births)	3,570	3260	-9.50%	-310

This table includes bulge classes at St James' (+1fe), bulge class at Noel Park (+1fe), bulge class at St Mary's CE (+1FE) and additional 2fe at Harris Free School. The source of the data in the above table is the GLA and the October 2013 and January 2014 PLASC

Demand by planning area

- 1.12 For the purposes of school place planning the borough is split into five planning areas (PAs). A map of the planning areas and their ward breakdown is included in Appendix 2 of this report. Muswell Hill is in Planning Area 1.

Planning Area 1 (PA1)

- 1.13 PA1 comprises the following wards – Alexandra, Fortis Green, Muswell Hill and the north half of Bounds Green ward (50%). We currently provide a total of 510 reception places in this PA every September. For September 2014 we have increased this capacity to 540 places by providing an additional 30 reception places at St James' Primary in the form of a 'bulge' or one off reception class to meet projected demand. If we do not provide additional reception places in this PA our projections show that we will have a shortfall of

- 1 form of entry (fe) in 2015,
- 2fe between 2016 and 2021 and
- 3fe in 2022

Neighbouring boroughs' school place planning information

- 1.14 The demand for and supply of school places in our borough must not be viewed in isolation. How our neighbouring boroughs plan for school place sufficiency, together with the

¹ *the most up to date projections will be published in the yearly School Place Planning Report (SPPR) in July. The SPPR will provide the demand evidence to support this expansion report.

preferences our parents and carers and those in other boroughs set out on their admission applications do influence take up of school places in our borough. The provisions of the Admissions Code 2012^[2] and relevant case law provides that pupils should not be discriminated against in relation to admission to a school because they reside out of the borough in which the school is located.

- 1.15 We meet regularly (quarterly) with a number of our adjoining boroughs and liaise with all of them to understand how they are providing school places and what impact this might have on the demand for and supply of places in our borough. As part of this liaison we seek to understand how residential development, including regeneration, might impact on demand for Haringey schools.
- 1.16 The London Borough of Enfield is currently experiencing pressure for places in the west of their borough:
- The regeneration of the Ladderswood Estate will provide an additional 356 predominantly family units locally;
 - The North Circular Area Action Plan is replacing vacated terraces with high rise flats resulting in up to 1500 new homes;
 - Ashmole Academy is seeking to provide a 2fe primary school on its secondary site;
 - Enfield expanded Garfield Primary from 1fe to 2fe in 2013;
 - There are several other major residential developments given approval along Bowes Road and Telford Road recently (2013/2014)

Providing additional places

- 1.17 Additional places can be provided through new schools or by expansion (permanent or one off 'bulge' classes) of existing schools.
- 1.18 The Council has always sought to expand primary schools in areas of identified high demand, seeking to gain the support of the relevant school community in taking any expansion forward. Possible additional places are identified in accordance with the Cabinet agreed Place Planning Principles.

Place Planning Principles

1. To meet demand for places within established, new or emerging local communities, having regard for the role of schools at the heart of sustainable communities;

² R v Greenwich London Borough Council, ex parte John Ball Primary School (1989) 88 LGR 589 [1990] Fam Law 469 held that pupils should not be discriminated against in relation to admission to the school simply because they reside outside the local authority area in which the school is situated. Section 86(8) of the SSFA 1998 places an equal duty on local authorities to comply with parental preference in respect of parents living within and outside their boundary.

2. To work to make all our schools good or outstanding, ensuring that every child has a place at a good or outstanding school. Where expansion is needed to meet demand for places, we should favour the expansion of schools where there is proven demand and well-established and successful leadership and management at a good or outstanding school;
3. To have regard to the impact of any changes on the viability and standards at existing and new schools;
4. To bring forward proposals that make best use of scarce capital resources;
5. To work with schools to provide the optimum forms of entry appropriate to the capacity of the school site and the level of demand for that particular school, giving each school the capacity to meet our aspirations.

New schools

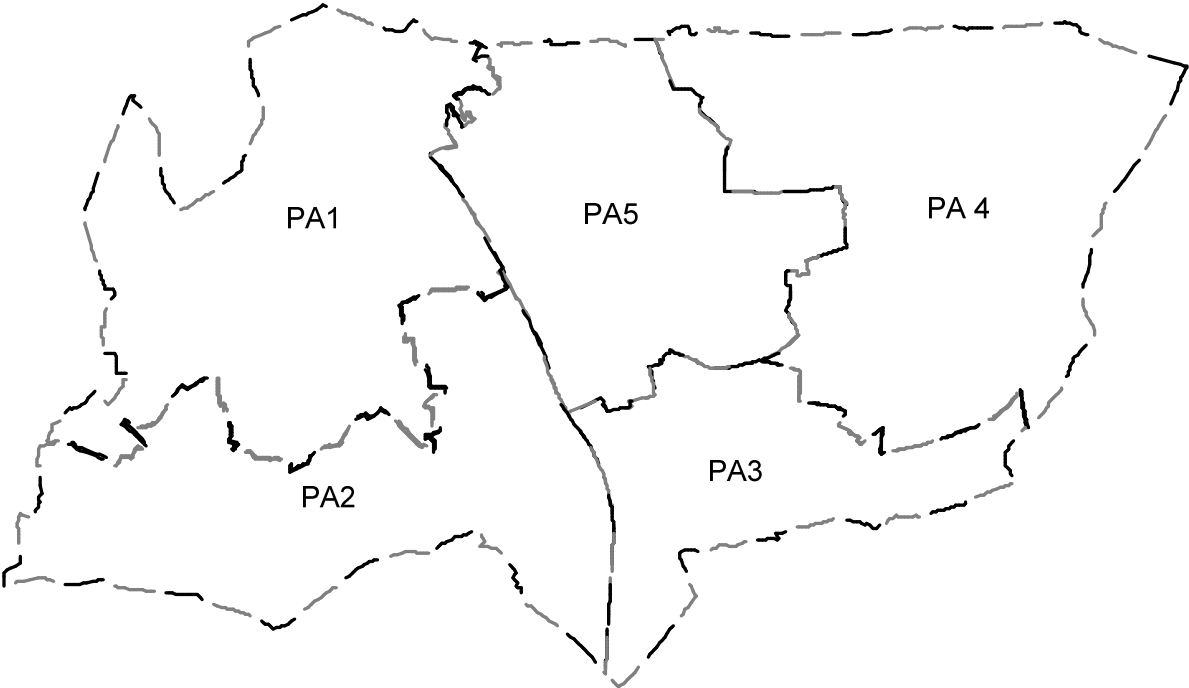
- 1.19 The Education Act 2011 changed the arrangements for establishing new schools and introduced section 6A (the academy/free school presumption) to the Education and Inspections Act 2006. Where a Local Authority thinks there is a need for a new school in its area it must seek proposals to establish an academy/free school.

Appendix 1 – Planning areas

Planning areas	
PA	Wards
PA1	Alexandra, Fortis Green and Muswell Hill and North Half of

	Bounds Green ward (50%)
PA 2	Highgate Crouch End Hornsey Stroud Green
PA 3	South half of Harringay ward (50%) St Ann's Seven Sisters
PA 4	Tottenham Green Tottenham Hale Northumberland Park White Hart Lane Bruce Grove
PA 5	South half of Bounds Green Ward (50%) North Half of Harringay Ward (50%) Noel park Woodside West Green

Planning Area Map



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