

Consultation on the proposal to create additional school places through the expansion of Rhodes Avenue Primary School

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Many of you will now know that Haringey Council is in discussions with the Headteacher and the governing body at Rhodes Avenue about the possibility of expanding the school.

The proposal is to expand the school to accommodate 3 forms of entry (90 reception places). The first 3 form reception entry would start in September 2011 with 90 places offered in subsequent years. The school would eventually cater for 630 children by 2017.

The consultation was due to start on Monday 22nd September until Friday 21st November. However, owing to a bye-election in the Alexandra ward, the consultation dates have had to be delayed. The council is under restrictions during this bye-election period and must not publish material that appears to affect public support for a political party.

The council has not made a firm decision on this expansion and will listen carefully to views expressed during the consultation. A full consultation on the proposal will start on 10th October 2008.

What happens next

1. Any expansion would require formal statutory consultation as well as substantial building works. Statutory consultation has two main stages: consultation with all stakeholders including local schools, followed by a decision to proceed or not to the next stage;

2. formal publication of statutory notices.

We are only conducting the first part of the consultation outlined above. The outcome of the consultation will be reported to the Council's Cabinet in January. Cabinet will then decide if an expansion of Rhodes Avenue is appropriate.

Timetable

Consultation with all interested parties.

Starts	10 th October 2008
Public meeting	14 th October 2008 3:30pm -4:30pm 7pm-8pm
Finishes	28 th November 2008
Cabinet decides whether to proceed with statutory notices	24 th March 2009

The next stage **ONLY** happens if Cabinet decides that the expansion proposal should go forward and statutory notice can be published.

Statutory notices published	31 st March 2009
End of statutory period	30 th April 2009
Cabinet make a final decision on the proposal (if objections are received)	June 2009

Further details about the process will be published in the main consultation document. This will be circulated to the parents and staff of Rhodes Avenue and other interested parties at the beginning of the consultation. It will also be available on the Haringey website on or before the 10th October 2009 at www.haringey.gov.uk/rhodesconsultation.

We always welcome and listen to your views. If you would like to make any comments or have any further queries relating to this matter, then please contact Carlene Burgess.

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