Shaping the future of St Mary’s CE Primary School

Consultation on a possible school expansion

The consultation period will run from 15 September 2014 to 7 November 2014

This document sets out:

• We need more primary school places in the borough to meet demand
• Why we are thinking of expanding St Mary’s CE Primary School
• The consultation timetable
• How you can give your views

PUBLIC MEETING
22 September at 9.15am and repeated at 6.00pm.
To be held at St Mary’s CE Primary School - Rectory Gardens, N8 7QN

www.haringey.gov.uk/schoolexpansions2014
**Why are we thinking about expanding schools?**

Pupil populations have been rising right across London for the last 7 years. It's estimated that by 2018 an extra 133,000 primary and secondary school places will have to be created across the capital. Over the last 10 years in Haringey we have seen an increase in demand for the borough's reception equivalent to over 11 forms (more than 300 school places).

So far the increase in demand for school places in this area has been met through permanent expansion and by the addition of 'bulge' (one off) classes such as the reception class St Mary's agreed to take in September 2014. However such measures are only a short-term fix and do not address the underlying need for additional permanent school capacity in the borough.

We believe that the best way to address the projected shortfall of school places in the borough is the permanent expansion of a number of primary schools across Haringey, including St Mary's CE Primary School.

These permanent expansions would enable Haringey to maintain high educational standards and to continue to work towards our goal of providing an outstanding education to all children in the borough.

In the case of St Mary's, local demand for places already exceeds supply with the number of applicants rising every year. We are proposing to increase the school's reception intake from two forms to three to address this.

We believe that the school's popularity, high-quality of education and "capacity to improve further" (Ofsted 2014) make the expansion of St Mary's a viable proposal in the best interest of local families.

In this consultation we will seek the views of parents, staff, local residents and other stakeholders, to find out whether they support the principle of school expansion at St Mary's.

Further information, including data about the demand for and supply of school places in Haringey can be found in our 2014 annual School Place Planning Report, available to view at the council’s website at www.haringey.gov.uk/schoolplaceplanning

**Why permanently expand St Mary’s CE Primary?**

The council has a statutory duty to ensure every child in the borough has a school place. In recent years demand for local school places has significantly increased in the Hornsey and Crouch End area; to the extent that without taking further action there will be more children than school places.

For entry in September 2014 there were 709 applications made for the 656 available reception places in the local area: a shortfall of 53 places. The council have a statutory duty to ensure every child has a school place. The 656 local places takes account of the additional 30 places being provided at St Mary’s for 2014 in the form of a ‘bulge’ (one off) reception class. We expect (based on actual and projected birth rates) that demand for reception places will outstrip supply by approximately two form of entry (60 places) in 2015/16, and one form of entry from 2016/17 onwards if we do not provide more reception places locally.

In 2012 and 2013 we looked at which school(s) in the local area we might carry out further work with to see if an expansion would be possible. We identified that St Mary’s CE Primary School was one of the schools that best met our School Place Planning Principles. These principles consider the popularity, quality of education, available space and value for money of any possible expansion. As a result the Council’s Cabinet (the decision making body) agreed that we could undertake feasibility work which explored the possible expansion of St Mary’s.
What has happened so far?

Initial feasibility and design work was undertaken in 2013 and 2014 to see if the school and its site is physically capable of being expanded and to begin to explore how any expansion might be delivered. This study also considered ways to ensure that the learning experience for all children within the school is protected and enhanced.

As part of this feasibility work we have also had initial conversations with Ms Fran Hargrove, the head teacher of St Mary's CE Primary, and with the school's governors to discuss its possible expansion. By sharing the data with the head teacher and with governors we have been able to discuss the rising demand for school places across the borough and in the Hornsey area. We have also had early conversations about what an expanded school could look like from a design perspective.

As part of these conversations we sought agreement to begin consulting with all those who might have an interest in school expansion. This includes parents, carers, pupils, staff and governors at St Mary's CE Primary, parents and carers of preschool aged children who will seek a local school place in the coming years, local residents and businesses, and other local schools.

We want everyone interested in the future of St Mary's to have the opportunity to examine the evidence for rising demand and tell us whether or not they think an expansion at St Mary's CE Primary School should go ahead.

What will happen in this consultation?

We want to know whether or not people support the principle of increasing pupil numbers at St Mary's CE Primary. We are not currently asking people their views on how the building might be designed. However we do understand that for you to be able to give informed views we should give you idea of what an enlarged school might look like. Some early concepts of this have been borne out of the feasibility work that has happened so far and we will share this work with you as part of this consultation.

Consultation on the possible expansion of St Mary’s Primary School will run for eight weeks – between 15 September and 7 November 2014. We will ensure that the consultation is publicised as widely as possible in order to engage with all those who might have an interest in the expansion. Public meetings and exhibitions will provide further information and enable you to talk to us about our proposals.

Once we have gathered and considered all views we will prepare a report that recommends whether or not we should publish a statutory notice setting out our intention to expand your school. The publication of a notice is the first statutory stage required for the expansion of any school. The timeline for the current consultation is set out on page 4 and, following on from that timetable, there is a timeline for the four statutory stages for expanding a school.
Table 1: Timetable for this consultation period

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<td>15 September 2014</td>
<td>Beginning of the eight week consultation period</td>
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<td>Monday 22 September 2014 at 9.15am and again at 6.30pm</td>
<td>Public meetings at St Mary's Primary – we want to offer a daytime meeting and an evening meeting to ensure that working and non working parents and residents are given an opportunity to attend</td>
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<td>September to November 2014</td>
<td>Displays available in the school providing some visual information on the possible expansion</td>
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<td>7 November 2014*</td>
<td>End of consultation period and deadline for submitting views to the Council</td>
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<td>Consideration of all feedback from stakeholders together with all other material considerations and preparation of a report on the outcome</td>
<td>7 November to 1 December 2014*</td>
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<td>The Council's Cabinet Member for Children and Families decides whether or not to proceed to the next step (statutory Stage 1)</td>
<td>Between 8 December and 12 December 2014</td>
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*The consultation date has been extended by two weeks to provide additional time for stakeholders to consider this revised document which sets out the implementation date of any expansion as September 2015.

What will a new school look like?

If the decision to expand the school is taken the expansion would take place incrementally over seven years and this is set out in Table 2 below. The table below does not take account of recent one off ‘bulge’ classes at the school.

Table 2: How the school could expand

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Number entering reception</th>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>2021</td>
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When will a decision be made?

The outcome of this consultation will be reported to the Cabinet Member for Children and Families who will decide in December 2014 whether or not to publish a statutory notice setting out the Council’s intention to expand St Mary’s CE Primary School. Further details on this timeline, together with an indicative statutory timeline are set out in tables 1 and 3.

1 This table represents a school incrementally changing from two to three forms of entry but does not take account of the bulge classes delivered to reception and year 1 cohorts at St Mary’s CE Primary in recent years.
After consultation

Table 3: Timeline for next steps only if, after consultation, a decision is made to proceed with our proposal to expand St Mary’s CE Primary School

Please note: The dates shown in the timetable would need to be followed to if we do proceed with the statutory stage. It should not be read as implying that a decision has already been taken to proceed.

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<th>Stage</th>
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<td>Stage 1(^2) – Publication of Statutory Notice setting out intention to expand a school</td>
<td>8 January 2015</td>
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<td>Stage 2 – Representation period (formal statutory stage)</td>
<td>8 January 2015 to 5 February 2015 – this is a further opportunity for stakeholders to make their views known</td>
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<td>Consideration of all feedback from stakeholders together with all other material considerations</td>
<td>5 February to 26 February 2015</td>
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<td>Stage 3 – Decision at Cabinet</td>
<td>17 March 2015</td>
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<td>The next stage only happens if the Council’s Cabinet agrees that the school should be expanded</td>
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<td>Stage 4 – Implementation</td>
<td>Sept 2015</td>
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If a statutory notice is published the design work will continue in parallel to allow the project to be delivered in the event that a final decision to expand the school is made.

Even after this decision is taken a further step will be required: the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 will require a planning application to be submitted for the works to expand the school. As part of this planning application a traffic impact assessment (TIA) will be required to show how the additional vehicular and pedestrian traffic will be managed. Any planning permission subsequently given can be conditional on traffic calming measures to minimise the impact of the development and protect the safety of those walking or driving in the local area.

\(^2\) The four statutory stages are set out in the Department for Education’s School organisation: statutory guidance available to view at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-organisation-maintained-schools
Where can I get further information and give my views?

There are a number of ways for you to tell us your views on this consultation;

- By attending one of the public meetings arranged for 22 September where you will have the opportunity to ask questions, share your views and hear the views of others.
- A copy of this consultation document can be downloaded from the Haringey website at www.haringey.gov.uk/schoolexpansions2014
  Further background information that informs this consultation can also be viewed on this page including our 2014 School Place Planning Report that contains data on existing birth rates and school rolls.
- By email to stmarysn8expansion@haringey.gov.uk
- By telephoning 020 8489 3607
- By completing the response sheet attached and either handing it in to your school office or posting it to:

  Education Services
  48 Station Road
  N22 7TY

All comments must be received by the end of 7 November 2014

Other proposals

In addition to considering the expansion of St Mary’s CE Primary we are also consulting on the expansion of St James C of E Primary N10 and Bounds Green Infant and Junior School N11. Further details can be found at www.haringey.gov.uk/schoolexpansions2014

Bounds Green has a published admission number of 90 (three forms of entry) but this number was reduced to 60 (two forms of entry) in September 2005 to respond to local demand. The school is currently oversubscribed (more children want a place there than there are places available) and there is a waiting list for places at the school.

St James C of E Primary is a one form entry school admitting 30 reception children each September. Our expansion consultation is seeking views on increasing the intake to three forms (90 children) a year.

All of the projects outlined in this consultation document have been proposed to meet the local demand for school places.
Tell us what you think

We want to know what you think about the proposal to expand St Mary’s CE Primary School from two form of entry to three forms of entry.

To have your say, simply complete and return the response sheet below. You can either hand it to the school office or return it to the address provided below.

All comments must be received by the 7 November 2014.

To what extent do you support the proposal to expand St Mary’s CE Primary School to 3 forms of entry in each year group? (Please tick the appropriate box that best describes your view).

- [ ] Strongly support
- [ ] Support
- [ ] Neither support nor do not support
- [ ] Do not support
- [ ] Strongly do not support

Please use the box below to tell us the reason for your views:
What do you see as the potential advantages of the expansion?

What do you see as the potential disadvantages of the expansion?

Please use the space for any other comments on this proposal and add a separate sheet if you need to.
The Council’s equal opportunity policy requires us to monitor consultation responses and take active steps in ensuring that all of Haringey’s diverse communities participate in public consultation exercises. In order to improve our practices in how we communicate, it would assist us if you could please complete the questions below.

**In which capacity are you filling out the questionnaire?**

*(Please tick as appropriate)*

- □ A member of staff at St Mary’s CE Primary
- □ A pupil at St Mary’s CE Primary
- □ A parent or carer of a child or children of another school:
  If so, could you please tell us which school?  

- □ A pupil at another school:
  If so, could you please tell us which school?  

- □ A parent of a child or children at St Mary’s CE Primary
- □ A member of staff at another school: 
  If so, could you please tell us which school?  

- □ A member of the governing body at St Mary’s CE Primary
- □ A member of the governing body of another school:
  If so, could you please tell us which school?  

- □ A representative of a local community group:
  If so, could you please tell us which school?  

- □ A parent of a child or children **not yet** of school age
- □ A local resident
- □ Do you represent any other group/body not mentioned above?:
  If so, could you please tell us which one?  

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