Primary Schools Expansion

Have Your Say !!!!!
Consultation on expansion of Primary Schools

The Local Authority has a statutory duty to plan and secure sufficient schools for their area to meet the needs of its children and families and therefore it is obliged to plan for the expansion of its school capacity.

As the increasing pupil population continues to impact across our Primary, Secondary and Special school provision, we need to ensure that we effectively deliver sufficient school places.

Havering Council is proposing to expand a number of primary schools in the borough from September 2014. In addition to this, by September 2016, three primary schools would also be expanded through the Priority Schools Building Programme.

This document aims to explain why we need to expand these schools. It also marks the start of a formal consultation regarding the future of these schools. You will have the opportunity to express your views and ask questions on any of the proposals for expanding schools and all responses will be considered before final decisions are made. The consultation period starts on Monday 3 February 2014 and ends on 3 March 2014.

**Why do we need to expand our primary schools?**
As you may be aware, there is a rising demand for primary school places in the Borough which is likely to continue for the foreseeable future. We are therefore planning to increase the number of primary school places to meet this demand.

Havering has experienced an increase in the cohort between birth and Reception. This rate of growth has been increasing in recent years, from +9.4% in 2009/10 to +14.2% in 2012/13.
In July 2013, the pupil forecasts were revised to take account of an increased birth rate and population movement. Cohort growth has continued throughout the primary year groups, and for the previous 3 years has been around 1% per cohort per year on average. A 2-year average cohort rate of 14.1% has been applied to the birth figures for the approaching cohorts over the next 4 years.
The revised forecast shows a deficit of around 1800 places across all the year groups by 2015/16. Hence, the need for Phase 2 expansion programme to provide the additional primary places required.

Further information regarding the Pupil number forecasts and the Programme of additional school places report can be found on the Council’s website via: [http://www.havering.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Education-consultations.aspx](http://www.havering.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Education-consultations.aspx)

**Which primary schools are being considered for expansion?**
The map attached below shows the distribution and location of the borough’s schools across our various planning areas.

The schools have been identified because they match the following criteria:
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- They can be expanded as there is scope to create additional accommodation on site.
- They are located accessibly to where there is increased pressure on places.
- They are sufficiently educationally secure and resilient to have the capacity to manage a significant increase in size without adverse impacts on standards.
- There is a clear aspiration on the part of the school to manage the expansion.
- The expansion should provide good value for money.

The following primary schools are being considered for expansion from 1 September 2014:

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<td>Upminster Infant</td>
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<td>Benhurst Primary</td>
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<td>Newtons Primary</td>
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<td>Crowlands Primary</td>
<td>Romford</td>
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and this junior school for implementation from September 2017:

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In July 2011, the Government launched the Priority Schools Building Programme (PSBP) which was aimed at addressing schools with the worst condition issues. London Borough of Havering was successful in securing support for The Mawney, Suttons and Hacton Primary Schools and all three schools are due to be re-built under the Programme with an increase of places in each school.

Under this Programme therefore, the underlisted schools will be expanded from 1 September 2016:

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What will happen to the school buildings?

In all the above proposals except the three PSBP Schools, existing buildings would be remodelled and/or extended on their existing site. Whenever there is a change to the organisation of the Local Authority’s schools, every effort is made to ensure that the quality of education, the welfare, safety and security of pupils continues to be given the highest priority. We have a good track record for managing major building projects at primary schools and we aim to keep disruption to a minimum both for those teaching and learning as well as for anybody who lives close to the schools.

What are the benefits for the school?

The proposed expansion will provide new and upgraded accommodation for local children, improved facilities; help to further raise standards of education and an opportunity to expand the curriculum among other positive benefits for the school.

The benefits of larger schools include:

- Opportunities for young people to interact with a wide range of peers, and to prepare for secondary school;
- Capacity to develop a strong leadership team which will share the responsibility of knowing children and their families individually, and have direct and empowered links with the Head teacher and governors when necessary;
- Flexibility of organisation due to multiple year groups and a significant budget;
- Opportunities for staff to specialise and offer high quality support to colleagues;
- Capacity to retain high quality staff by offering a wide range of experience and consequent promotion opportunities within one organisation; and
- Opportunities to offer a very wide range of extra curricular activities due to the range of talents and interests of the staff.

What happens next?

All responses will be considered after the consultation ends on **3 March 2014**. If the Council then decides to proceed with the proposal it will publish a statutory notice and other information on the **28 March 2014**, followed by a four week ‘representation period’ during which there will be a final chance to express views. Subject to the outcome of the representation period, the Council intends to make a final decision on all expansion proposals by **2 May 2014** for implementation from **1 September 2014**.
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Statutory Timeline
Where there is a need to apply the statutory process to increase the capacity of a primary school to enable it admit additional numbers, the following timescale will be adopted.

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<td>Decision to undertake statutory consultation</td>
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<td>3 February – 3 March 2014</td>
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<td>Decision to publish Statutory Notices and Proposals</td>
<td>21 March 2014</td>
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<td><strong>Statutory Stage 2</strong> – Publication of Statutory Notices</td>
<td>28 March 2014</td>
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<td><strong>Statutory Stage 3</strong> – Representation Period</td>
<td>28 March – 25 April 2014</td>
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<td><strong>Statutory Stage 4</strong> - Decision on proposals by the Local Authority</td>
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<td><strong>Statutory Stage 5</strong> - Implementation</td>
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How can I respond to this proposal?

You can state whether you support these proposals or not by completing the questionnaire below and return by post to the;

Freepost Plus RSRA-GZUR-ULHE
School Organisation Team, Learning & Achievement
London Borough of Havering
Town Hall, Main Road
Romford, Essex
RM1 3BB

Comments and views can also be expressed online at;
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2014PrimaryschoolexpansionsConsultation

If you have any questions regarding any of these proposals, please call Pooneeta Mahadeo, School Organisation Manager on 01708431092 or email; Pooneeta.mahadeo@havering.gov.uk.

You can request this information in a different format or language, by contacting Ada Egot on 01708 433841 or email ada.egot@havering.gov.uk.
CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Which school(s) are you completing the consultation feedback for? (Please tick as appropriate)

Benhurst Primary [ ]
Broadford Primary [ ]
Crowlands Primary [ ]
Newtons Primary [ ]
Parsonage Farm Primary [ ]
Scotts Primary [ ]
The RJ Mitchell [ ]
Upminster Infant and Junior [ ]
Hacton Primary [ ]
Suttons Primary [ ]
The Mawney School [ ]

Q1: Do you support the proposal to expand this school(s)?
Yes [ ]  No [ ]

Q2: I support the proposal to expand this school(s) for the following reason(s)
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Q3: I do not support the proposal to expand this school(s) for the following reason(s)
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Other Comment:
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Additional Information
Please can you indicate whether you are a; (Please tick appropriate box)

A parent
Local resident
Teacher/other staff at this school
Teacher/ Other staff in another School
Governor at this school
Governor from a local school or academy
Other (Please specify)