

## Methodology and Responses: Statutory Consultation for the expansion of Tufnell Park Primary School

### Methodology

- Statutory Notices published in *Islington Gazette* and *Islington Tribune*
- Statutory Notices displayed at Tufnell Park Primary School in a conspicuous place inside the school.
- Statutory Notice published on a dedicated consultation webpage on the Council's public website along with a Tufnell Park School expansion consultation leaflet.
- 360 Tufnell Park School expansion consultation leaflets were given to the school and distributed to parents.
- A letter was sent to the following stakeholders

School Governors  
 Staff  
 London Diocesan Board for Schools  
 Westminster Diocese Education Service  
 Other local schools nearby  
 Parents of children at the school

- An online Survey Monkey questionnaire was created and a link for the questionnaire was published on a dedicated webpage on the Council's public website, the distributed Leaflet and Letter.
- A drop in event was held at the school so that parents and staff could ask about the consultation and submit their responses.
- Information was published on the Tufnell Park School website.

### Responses to Consultation undertaken March 2017

<b>Local head – Agree</b>	However, given that many other local schools are struggling to fill their classes (we currently have 20 vacancies across the school), I am concerned that this additional capacity will put further pressure on our school roll and hence budget
<b>Parent/Governor – Agree</b>	It's essential.
<b>Volunteer/Interest – Agree</b>	No Comment
<b>Parent – Agree</b>	The expansion is long overdue, and is a requirement for this great school
<b>Parent/Governor – Agree</b>	Very supportive of the expansion

<b>Parent – Agree</b>	I recognise that there is a need for more school places in the area.
<b>Parent – Agree</b>	Yet again the question is flawed. For the avoidance of doubt, I am in favour of the expansion. Please learn to draft a simple one question questionnaire!
<b>Parent – Agree</b>	I think the additional funds and improvement to the school infrastructure and facilities which this will bring to the school will be an improvement for all, teachers, other staff and pupils. It will improve morale to have teaching taking place in a better and more supported environment.
<b>Parent – Disagree</b>	Prefer an expansion to two form entry school. Council should consider a second two form entry school on Holloway Prison site. Thus creating more school places and relieving pressure on the small Tufnell Park Primary site. Welcome the new build, as the school has not seen maintenance in many many years.
<b>Parent - Agree</b>	No Comment
<b>Interest – Agree</b>	The school is excellent. The staff and parents are very motivated to keep improving. The area is changing and a lot of families are moving in, so we can see that the demand for school places will be increasing. The TPS has done an excellent job with its limited resources, and we believe that given additional resources, it will be able to keep improving the schools level and its educational services to the areas families.
<b>Head of Local School –Disagree</b>	Is there the need? Has the effect on other local schools been taken into consideration? Do parents want such a large school? Are you confident it will fill?
<b>Parent – Agree</b>	Our main concern is the safety, profitable and smooth running of the school during the works and the improvement of all areas at the school due to better infrastructure and new staff after the works

so the increased pupil numbers do not affect its performance.

**Neighbour /prospective parent – Disagree** There is very little information in the associated documentation. In particular:- there is no information on the options considered and the reasons for favouring the proposed one- there is no information on the amount of disruption which pupils of the school will face during the work- there is no information on traffic management. Are there studies/plans regarding how traffic will be managed once the school is twice the size? Without further information, I do not know why expanding this school is better than building a new school (to co-exist with TPPS) on the Holloway prison site. After all:- much of the stated increase in population is likely to be on the prison site- the transport links to that site are excellent (according to the Holloway Prison Discussion Paper)Without further information, I cannot support the proposal.

**Local Resident – Disagree** The form attached to this survey contains very little information about the proposed expansion. It simply states the fact that the council is proposing to expand the school and asserts that this is necessary in view of future population growth projections in the borough. There is no detailed information as to what these projections are and no information as to what (if any) the different options are (e.g. building of a new school alongside new residential developments or expanding other nearby schools). There is also no information at all as to how the proposed expansion would be implemented (e.g. what would be the impact of on-going building work on children attending the school, on local residents living near the school). The manifest lack of public information regarding that project is further exemplified by the fact that, despite living extremely close to the school, I became aware of that consultation by pure coincidence. I tried to find more substantive information on the proposal but only came across incidental pieces of information. It seems that a previous consultation ran from 12th September 2016 to 14th October 2016 but that did not contain any more information than what is attached to the current survey. Incidentally, a newsletter from the TPP school head teacher (dated 20th December 2016) suggests that the council has already selected a shortlist of three contractors to make plans for the new school and that a decision was to be taken in late January 2017. This does not help in clarifying the consultation/decision process followed by the council but rather

suggests that, despite the lack of information given to local residents (who may also be parents of future pupils attending the school), the decision to expand the school has in effect already been taken. Although I and my family would be affected by this, given the lack of public information on the substance of the proposal and decision process to be followed, it is difficult to meaningfully comment on the current proposal.

**Parent – Agree** The expansion will lead to more children travelling to the school from a wider catchment area. This could easily result in greater school run congestion and place children at risk from traffic including children attending the nearby Bridge and Holloway Schools. Islington Council should commit to an area wide scheme to filter traffic and make it easier and more convenient to travel to school by walking, cycling and scooting. This would mitigate the effects of increased traffic on local residents and contribute to other council objectives such as reducing obesity, increasing physical activity and tackling air pollution.

### Responses Initial Consultation undertaken 2016

**Parent – Disagree** worried out disruption, lack of playground space, school will lose close knit community feel

**Parent – Agree** Most importantly if the school is able to take that responsibility by handling and focussing on all students in the future, and if that won't affect its education progress... I wouldn't see why not. If so, the expanding of the school will be beneficial to local residents. I would personally agree with growing the school.

**Parent – Disagree** Tufnell Park is a small school where all the children are known. It feels secure and welcoming. I am afraid the expansion of the school will make it lose that.

**ParParent – Agree** No Comment

**Parent – Agree** More school places are definitely needed and if it benefits the school to expand and will make it a better school then I see no reason not to do so. Change may be scary but it is also exciting

**Staff – Agree** No Comment

**Parent – Agree** I agree on the proposal of a 3 form entry primary school. It is a social responsibility to provide school places when there are not enough. Furthermore this will help to improve many

aspects of the school, not only facilities but more new teachers that will come/join full of motivation. It will help to create a dynamic to make a better school for our kids

- Parent – Agree** I agree with the proposal for a 3 form entry primary school. Tufnell Park primary is a great school and more children should have access to it.
- Parent – Agree** No Comment
- Parent – Agree** I'm behind and for the expansion. However, I'm concerned about the level of disruption during the reconstruction. Overall, I view this as a very exciting opportunity
- Parent – Agree** I have a concern about disruption, as my child will be in Year 6 and then leave the school. I do think it will be positive and beneficial to the community.
- Parent – Agree** My elder daughter, Charlotte, is in Year 5. My younger daughter, Kathleen is in Year 2. We believe they are receiving a wonderful rounded education under the guidance of caring and motivated teachers. While the rebuild will be physically disruptive, we are confident that the teachers will work hard to maintain the ethos and values of the school, and that the ultimate transformation of the school will benefit local children for generations to come.
- Parent – Agree** I not only agree but feel it is absolutely necessary for the future of this school and its pupils that it is upgraded in line with the current proposals
- Governor/Resident – Agree** I strongly support the proposal - we need more places in state schools in the area, and this will enhance the physical environment for a new generation of children. It will also give the school a chance to develop and build on successes of the last few years.
- Parent – Agree** No Comment
- Parent – Disagree** I consider the expansion will have a detrimental effect on the children as the school is too small to take such an expansion. The development should be on another site. I am aware of other schools in London which have expanded and it was very disruptive for the children unless the work carried out in school holidays. if the expansion happens it should be for a 2 form entry.

**Parent – Agree**

This is a fantastic opportunity to develop a relatively large site and build a school which will be modern and well equipped. It is exciting for all those involved in the school. As a parent I welcome the prospect of a bigger school with state of the art facilities including more specialist facilities for sport, music, art etc.