



Consultation on the proposal to increase secondary school pupil places

Consultation period: 20 November 2015 to 10 January 2016



ISLINGTON

We are consulting on our plans to increase the number of pupil places at Arts & Media School Islington, Central Foundation Boys' School, Highbury Grove School, & St Mary Magdalene Academy.

We want to know your views.

What is this consultation about?

We are consulting on the proposal to expand some of our secondary schools to provide additional places. These are required to meet our statutory duty to provide sufficient school places. The consultation will run from the 20th November 2015 to the 10th January 2016.

We are committed to ensuring high quality provision in the borough. We are seeking to secure additional places in schools where parents have indicated a strong first preference and where we are sure that the leadership and management, including governance, has the capacity to support the expansion and continue to improve quality and standards. All of the proposed expansions have been endorsed by our School Improvement Teams and other support services.

The proposal also reflects the Council's policy to ensure sufficient supply of school places by expanding existing good and outstanding schools and the need to create more boys places. We are therefore only looking to expand mixed or boys only schools.

We have agreement from Council Members for the proposals in the consultation and are confident that the increases in numbers in the schools indicated will not have a detrimental effect on other schools in the borough.

Following agreement from Schools Forum and discussions with all secondary colleagues we wrote to all of our secondary schools in the summer term asking for expressions of interest in expansion and we are pleased that four schools have responded to this request.

The Local authority is now seeking the views of residents, schools and other interested parties.

Current capacity and demand

We have 10 secondary schools in Islington comprising of three Voluntary Aided schools, one of which is a girls school and two of which are boys schools. We have two mixed Academy schools, five community schools, of which one is a girls school and four are mixed schools. Historically two of our boys only schools became mixed schools which could have resulted in an over-supply of girls places.

In 2016 we are expecting to see an increase in the demand for secondary school places. By 2024 the demand is expected to be 20% higher than it is in 2015.

Demand for Year 7 places has already started to rise. The Greater London Authority (GLA) projections indicate that we are likely to have more demand for places than are currently available by September 2018 and that there will begin to be pressure on places for September 2017 entry, with only 12 surplus predicted places available.

Table 1: Year 7 school rolls, projections and capacity

LBI Secondary					
	Academic Year	Y7 roll #s. & projections May '15	Pupil Admission Numbers (PAN)	surplus/deficit on May '15 Prj.	Surplus (%)
Actual Rolls	2011/12	1456	1635	179	11%
	2012/13	1477	1635	158	10%
	2013/14	1436	1635	199	12%
	2014/15	1480	1488	8	1%
Roll Projections	2015/16	1537	1635	98	6%
	2016/17	1545	1635	90	6%
	2017/18	1623	1635	12	1%
	2018/19	1709	1635	-74	-5%
	2019/20	1760	1635	-125	-8%
	2020/21	1808	1635	-173	-11%
	2021/22	1878	1635	-243	-15%

As all secondary schools in Islington are rated good or outstanding by Ofsted and all schools in the borough were above the floor standard for attainment at age 16 in 2015. Islington secondary schools will continue to increase in popularity.

Roll projections 2015 -2030

The table below shows the data from the 2015 October census. It is worth noting that the Secondary pupil projections from the 2014 place planning report were 7408 and actual numbers 7401, which gives us confidence in the planning projections.

Table 2 School data October 2015

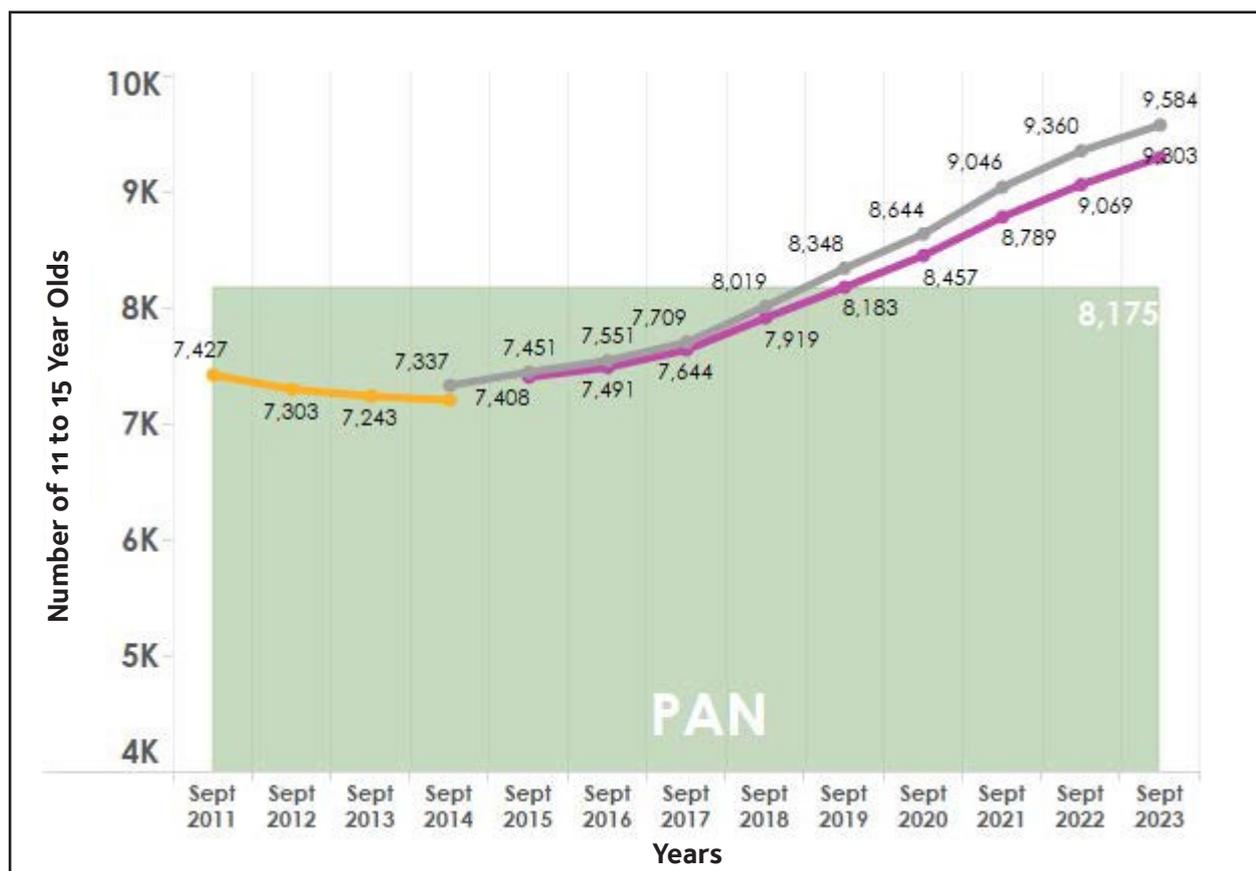
October 2015 Census data		Year Groups				
		7	8	9	10	11
4614	Central Foundation	150	151	145	148	144
6906	City of London Academy Islington	130	122	109	109	124
4324	Elizabeth Garrett Anderson	176	177	177	176	140
4307	Highbury Fields	133	138	125	122	135
4108	Highbury Grove	210	206	210	206	209
4112	Holloway	168	168	166	169	158
4325	Islington Arts & Media	122	111	99	111	148
4704	Mount Carmel	66	66	69	90	95
4651	St Aloysius	177	178	176	178	170
6905	St Mary Magdalene's (Sec)	178	172	168	173	153
Sec	Secondary Totals All Schools :	1510	1489	1444	1482	1476

Secondary School Roll Numbers and Projections

Over recent years secondary school rolls were reducing, although this is now set to reverse both locally and nationally, mainly due to increased numbers of reception pupils funnelling through, and so will be followed by a period of rapid growth as the expanded primary population makes the transition into secondary phase.

Three of the proposed expansions have received increased first preferences in the 2015 application process. The other school has seen an increase in numbers of pupils in year 7 of 10%.

Figure 1: Secondary roll numbers, future projections and capacity (Published Admission Numbers)



Source: May Census 2012-15, GLA full model projections and 2015 capacity (PANs)

The surplus places across year groups are approximately the same each year, the figures for our community schools are shown below. There are very few vacancies at the boys only schools and both Central Foundation and St Aloysius have been consistently full for many years. Highbury Grove has become increasingly popular over the last few years.

The table below summarises the current vacancies assuming the vacancies in mixed schools are split 50/50 between boys and girls places. These places can be offered to boys if necessary.

Vacancies - Gender	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 7-11
Boys	21.5	34	54.5	42.5	42.5	195
Girls	103.5	112	134.5	110.5	110	577
Boys	17%	23%	29%	27%	28%	25%
Girls	83%	77%	71%	73%	72%	75%

Demand in surrounding boroughs

We import 212 more secondary pupils to our schools from other boroughs than we export to other boroughs. This is based on the January 2014 data provided by London councils. There is also high demand on pupil places in the surrounding boroughs.

Most boroughs are anticipating large increases in secondary numbers from 2018, in line with current cohorts of primary pupils.

In Haringey, secondary schools have some limited capacity in years 8, 9, 10 and 11 to allow for new admissions, while year 7 is close to capacity. Harris Academy Tottenham opened in 2014 with 90 year 7 places rather than 180 but will increase its PAN to 180 from September 2016. In the longer term, based on current class sizes, there will need to be additional capacity created to meet the demand from larger cohorts that will transfer from the primary sector over the next five years. In Camden the UCL Academy secondary school opened in September 2012, with 180 Foundation (Year 7) and 125 Level 3 (sixth form) students. It will reach full capacity, around 1,150 students, by 2016.

Camden has a secondary school, Regent High, which currently has surplus capacity and an additional 2 FE in reserve should place pressure escalate, providing enough places in the system until around 2018/19, but will need to be expanded in 2019/20. There is also the UCL Academy in Camden which is expected to reach full capacity of 1,150 students in 2016.

Hackney secondary schools are mainly full and there is little or no surplus capacity, with fewer Hackney children going out of borough at secondary transfer than in the past. Hackney are consulting on opening a six form entry secondary school in Clapton and discussing other expansion options. In Hackney a new secondary free school, Hackney New school has opened but this does not seem to have had any impact on Islington admissions.

Proposal for consultation

The four schools who responded to our expression of interest in expansion are (including proposed increase):

 Highbury Grove School 8 Highbury Grove London N5 2EQ	 Arts & Media School Islington Turtle Road London N4 3LS	 Central Foundation Boys' School Cowper Street London EC2A 4SH	 St Mary Magdalene Academy Liverpool Road London N7 8PG
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We would like to hear from you

We want to hear your views on our proposal to increase secondary school places at some mixed and boys only schools in Islington

Please note that there will be separate planning consultations for any structural changes required as a consequence of the increase in pupil numbers.

Anyone may support, comment on or object to the proposal by visiting our website and filling in the survey, or submitting their views on the response form.

We will read and consider all consultation responses we receive. At the end of the consultation we will write a report bringing together all responses we have received and our answers to them. The report will be available on request. All views will be taken into account.

Who will be consulted?

- ▶ Local residents
- ▶ Staff and school governors
- ▶ Local primary and secondary schools
- ▶ Other Local Authorities
- ▶ Parents of pupils currently at the schools concerned
- ▶ Parents of pupils who will be attending the schools in future

Responding to the consultation

If you would like to submit comments on the proposal, please visit www.islington.gov.uk/consultations or complete the response form on page 6.

If you have any queries please contact:

Email: linda.page@islington.gov.uk

Telephone: 020 7527 5484

Post: Islington Council, Laycock PDC, Laycock Street, London, N1 1TH

This stage of the consultation will close on Sunday 10 January 2016.

We will make information about this consultation available in other languages on request.

Consultation Response Form

Consultation proposal

We are consulting on our plans to increase the number of pupil places at Arts & Media School Islington, Central Foundation Boys' School, Highbury Grove School, & St Mary Magdalene Academy.

Your views are important, please do let us know what you think

1 Do you agree/disagree with the proposal

I agree

I disagree

I am not sure

2 Do you have any comments on the proposal?

Note: You can type your comments directly into the box if completing the form on a computer screen and provide as much information as you want as the box will expand with a scrolling bar. If you complete the form by hand, then please continue on another page if required.

3 Your details and interest (please tick appropriate boxes)

Name (BLOCK CAPITAL):

Local resident

Staff and school governors

Local primary/secondary school

Parent/carer of pupils who will be attending the schools

Parent/carer of pupils currently at the schools

Other local authority

School who has expressed an interest in the expansion proposal

Other - Please specify

Date:

4 Monitoring information

Monitoring equality information in our consultation process is important in our work to promote equality. The information you provide will help us to build on successful actions, identify the needs of those experiencing inequality and help us to decide where to target our resources. This information will not be used in a way which allows individuals to be identified. The categories we use are similar to those used in schools. We comply with the Data Protection Act 1998. We are aware of the sensitive nature of this information and assure you that it will not be used for any other purpose.

We would therefore ask you to help us by completing the following questions.

Gender

Male Female

Ethnicity - please specify

- White
- Black or Black British
- Mixed parentage
- Asian or Asian British
- Chinese, South East Asian, South East Asian British
- Other

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

The definition of disability according to the legislation is: "A physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term effect on your ability to carry out normal day to day activities." Long term is taken as more than 12 months.

Yes No

Faith or belief - please specify

- Buddhist Christian Hindu
- Jewish Muslim Sikh
- Other Atheist/No belief I do not wish to say

5 How to submit your response form

Please return your completed form **by no later than 10 January 2016**, either:

- ▶ **Electronically:** If using Microsoft Outlook email application, please click the 'submit' button and follow the instructions on the screen. If using another email application (eg. Gmail, Yahoo, Hotmail), save a copy of the completed form on your computer and send it as an attachment to an email to linda.page@islington.gov.uk. A receipt confirmation will be sent to you within a few days.
- ▶ **By post:** Linda Page, Islington Council, Laycock PDC, Laycock Street, London, N1 1TH

Submit

Thank you for taking the time to complete the form. We appreciate your contribution.

Appendix B - Consultation on Expansion of Secondary Schools Pupils Places - Responses

From	Name	Interest	Do you agree/disagree?	Any comments	Date response received	Gender	Ethnicity	Disability	Faith
Diana Osagie		School who has expressed an interest in expansion proposal	I agree	It is important the secondary schools in Islington expand to meet the demand for places from KS2, for the stability of the secondary community, this is best achieved via expansion of existing schools and the creation of new ones.	04.12.15	Female	Black or Black British	No	Christian
Tracy Williams		Other - Local Authority	I agree			Off	Off	Off	Off
Marcus Read		Local primary/secondary school	I agree			Male	White	No	Atheist/No belief
James Dallas	James Dallas	Staff and school governor	I agree	At St John's Highbury Vale, we are keen to see opportunities for our pupils to go to high quality secondary schools in the local area which has historically been a problem, especially for boys. We are therefore particularly supportive of the expansion of St Mary Magdalene and Highbury Grove.	22/11/2015	Male	White	No	Christian
Nicole Haynes	Nicole Haynes	Staff and school governor	I agree	The Local Authority must ensure that the expansion for the selected schools does not have a detrimental effect on other schools in the borough who are currently under capacity. The document suggests that there is a far greater need for boys' places than girls, therefore supporting schools to become coeducational would also assist in evenly distributing the student population.	03.12.15	Female	Black or Black British	No	Christian
Josephine Dibb	JO DIBB	Local primary/secondary school	Not sure	I am concerned that 3 of the proposed schools are mixed and this could have an impact on the girls' schools carrying surplus places. Will be of particular concern should the schools choose to change their admissions criteria. A better option might have been to look at one of the girls' schools accepting a mixed intake. Two of the schools suggested have a poor academic performance. Is it right to increase the size of such schools?	14th December 2015	Female	White	No	Do not wish to say
Rob Hull	Rob Hull	Other - Governor Holloway School	I agree		21-Dec-15	Male	White	No	Christian
Julie Keylock		Other - Special School	I agree		30.11.15	Female	White	No	Atheist/No belief