

Kingston Primary Expansion – Final comments

<p>Worried about the quality of education our children will receive if numbers expand.</p>
<p>It will increase traffic to the area. Also the worry that individual attention will decrease as pupil numbers increase and this will affect the quality of education.</p>
<p>I believe that 4 form entry primary schools are too large (3 FE is rather large as well). Such huge schools have a negative impact on the necessary caring atmosphere of primary schools where everyone should look out for everyone else. Also, space within the school grounds will be further limited and the drive to get youngsters out into the fresh air getting exercise will be affected. What is needed is new purpose built schools. There have been plenty of sites given up to residential developments recently.</p>
<p>Latchmere School is already too big! My children attend there and we have all noticed how large the School has become. It is chaos at School drop off and collection times! Far too many children and adults! It has lost that nice 'small school feel'. Not even enough room for parents and children to walk safely without bumping into each other. It will be even worse when they expand!</p>
<p>In further requirements for parents who work full time, it would help us if some form of Afterschool club and breakfast club is considered with these expansions. I.e. breakfast club 7.30/8am - 9am. Afterschool club 3.15-6/6.30pm.</p>
<p>I believe that the expansion of King Athelstan Primary will jeopardise the close teacher-pupil relationships and lead to a much more impersonal and formal atmosphere.</p>
<p>I feel that children will need to have the opportunity to go to a school which already has good standards or is working towards them. By particular schools expanding this will mean the standards and key processes a school has can be carried forward and with more help of extra staff. I feel that although expansion is good, the schools need to ensure they keep the attainment, attendance and standards they have worked hard for.</p>
<p>I feel that 3 form entry is the largest that a primary school should be. Four form entry is just too big and overwhelming, especially for KS1. It also takes away from a community feel where everybody knows each other's names etc.</p>
<p>Latchmere 3FE to 4FE far too big for a primary school (especially for the children in KS1). Fernhill - is the site really big enough? If the council goes ahead with this school expansion surely they must give the school the field at the back of the playground. As a parent of children at Fernhill I would want to see real value added to the educational provision of the older children at the school (i.e. better sporting/music/art facilities) by an expansion. It can't be just about building a space that will take extra children; otherwise there will be no point in the existing school community going through the headache of a new build.</p>
<p>It is IMPERATIVE that primary schools be expanded to ensure all children have the right to attend the school of their choice. At present all local schools are massively oversubscribed with huge waiting lists for nursery/primary places.</p>

We feel if a NK secondary is to be built nearby Fernhill and Tiffin Girls already creates a large pupil intake, for more classes at Fernhill, congestion would be an issue.

I agree that the children in the above NK schools need a good, local, non-selective, secondary school that the majority of them can go on to. In the past, it has been a shame to see children who have been friends for years, split up and ending up going to secondary schools all over the borough, and even further afield. However, I do hope this development is not at the expense of the HC which is a much loved community facility used by the whole age range; mums, tots, pensions keeping fit, boys and girls playing tennis, teenagers playing football and basket ball etc. (or at least ensure there is plenty of consultation with the local community about any new uses to which it is to be put).

Already lots of congestion/parking problems around Fernhill. With the additional classes in the past 2 years there has been a huge increase in road traffic, dropping and collecting as the catchment has widened. With the planned secondary site so close, I don't think it's a good idea. I would not want the primary expansion to jeopardise the secondary, which will serve a wider catchment, covering all NK primary schools.

It's unclear why there is a need to rush into increasing capacity at already large schools on small sites in Kingston when just over the border in Ham there are three small schools, all with space for expansion if necessary. It appears that Kingston and Richmond should co-ordinate their school plans better. I would need to see more information on the project pupil numbers and a comparison with the Ham and Petersham area in order to form an informed opinion.

As a School Governor of a Community School I am in complete agreement with the need to provide extra primary school places. Any expansion needs to take place with the 21st Century classroom at its heart. I also feel that as schools are expanding to meet the needs of the community that future devolved capital funding should not be impacted upon as this is not a 'new build' to meet the existing requirements of a school.

Too many children in not enough space.

Latchmere is already a three form entry school. Increasing it to four forms will impose a huge strain on the site. The roads and pavements surrounding Latchmere are already congested and I cannot see how the particular problem which this creates can be successfully overcome (particularly given the proximity of St Agatha's school). I also have serious reservations as to whether the school can cope from both a practical and academic standpoint with four forms. It would be so wrong to jeopardise the excellence of the school by putting it under a strain for which it is simply not designed. Overall, I don't believe the expansion of Latchmere is necessary or appropriate. This is particularly so given that there is a one form entry school in North Kingston (St Luke's) which could be increased to two form. This would be a fairer and more proportionate proposal.

There is no clear cross-borough evidence in pupil numbers that these expansions will be necessary. Not sure that the statistics used are robust enough - they need checking. When you contrast this situation with the small single form of entry schools on the Richmond side

of the borough, unsure why serious consideration has not been given to working with Richmond to deliver a solution based on considering North Kingston, Ham and Petersham as a single education zone with a joint approach to capacity planning and funding. There should be a joint solution. Seems very unrealistic and unsustainable to expand already overcrowded primary schools on overcrowded sites. All schools in North Kingston and Ham are good or outstanding. The councils could work together on providing safe routes to school. Essential for local authorities to work together for best value for tax payers and for the best options for children and families.

I believe none of the above schools are of an appropriate scale, or on suitable sites, to go to 4 form entry. I believe that, as a child's first experience of full-time education, and in the interests of internal cohesion as well as equitable access to facilities, primary schools should be kept smaller rather than larger wherever possible. I think Fern Hill may just about accommodate a larger intake, but I am not sufficiently knowledgeable of the other schools' facilities to support their expansion (I doubt it would be appropriate in either case). Primary school provision in Kingston has clearly been under strain for some time. The present crisis should have been foreseen by the Borough, who would have done better to provide at least one extra school in the relevant area. Politically and economically difficult though this might now be its surely better than compromising our children's formative education with cramped, over-extended schools.

There has been no real evidence of need to increase these numbers, particularly as there are schools on the Borough Borders who neither's NOR will be negatively impacted on by the increase in numbers at Fern Hill and Latchmere. Also in terms of quality, I don't feel that Fern Hill has the capacity on its grounds to expand and still offer the same level of quality. It would be better to work with Richmond LA to establish where best to expand schools.

With regard to Fern Hill and Latchmere why are you extending already overstretched sites when you could be working with smaller schools that are on your border in Richmond? Have you looked at population data for these border areas? Is there capacity here for you to use?

My daughter is due to go to school next year and we are afraid she will not get into our first choice. It seems one has to live on the doorstep of a school in order to get in.

4 forms of entry seem too many.

I am a Councillor in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames and a Governor at Meadlands Primary School, Ham. There is absolutely no reason to expand the schools marked with a cross, which are all on extremely small sites and unsuitable for expansion. In Ham and Petersham with have schools on very large sites with one form of entry and we should be working together with to ensure that these schools are expanded and present a joint offer to children in the North Kingston and Ham & Petersham and Richmond Riverside Ward. This would be much better for the children, much better for the environment and ensure that with increases in Ham & Petersham school class numbers an improved provision for children.

This expansion is well overdue. I am concerned, however, about nursery places and the reliance on the PVI sector. The increase in primary school places will mean nursery places will only be available to siblings living very close to the school. This may increase the amount of cars at each school as siblings without nursery places in the same school will need to travel to nursery.

There is no clear cross-borough evidence in pupil numbers that these expansions will be necessary. Not sure that the statistics used are robust enough - they need checking. There should be a joint solution working with Richmond where they have only 1 form entry primary schools and plenty of space to expand. Seems very unrealistic and unsustainable to expand already overcrowded primary schools on overcrowded sites. All schools in North Kingston and Ham are good or outstanding. Come on - work together for best value and for the best options for children and families!

I feel I can only comment on my local school as I do not know the space available for expansion at the other schools listed. Alexandra infants and St Paul's schools have very limited space for expansion. There is a children's centre on the Alexandra school site which has taken space. If there was a plan to expand the school then this centre should have been built elsewhere in the borough. The children have very limited outside space to play. In addition the school was built for 2FE and the infrastructure would need to support the expansion e.g. larger school hall, outside space etc. I believe the borough should build a new primary school instead of trying to expand existing schools.

Fern Hill is small with limited outside space and is situated next to the proposed site for the large 8-form entry secondary school. Given the future building works this could be a problem for many years, this disruption is unacceptable.

Very limited supply of schooling given the local demographic profile shows that lots of children of school going age.

Expanding these schools is simply making them too large for the space provided. We need new schools built, not encroaching on old schools which ultimately will impact on teaching, outdoor areas etc.

Now victim of our own success!! Too big schools not able to manage so successfully. Heads preoccupied with increasing numbers. No time spent on school development plans. Schools in this borough that need support/finances that may be further overlooked during this process, which will not "shake down" for a few years.

Fern Hill is too small to handle 3FE.

I agree with the proposal only because of the absence of firm plans to build a new primary school in North Kingston. More planning seems to be allowed in the private housing sector, resulting in this overcrowded and short term approach. Glad at least, that the consequences of this housing bubble have been recognised and that action must stand.

Schools are not businesses that must be managed. They are concerned with the care and well being of children. Latchmere is getting too big. As a result, it risks turning into too big a responsibility, with too many staff for one person to manage and still stay human with a

caring attitude. The curriculum is changing due to criticism that children are being forced to learn in too structured an environment. Freedom to play requires space to move. The children already have very limited space. Where will the extra children play? What will happen when it is wet? It is not satisfactory for them to always be in their classrooms watching videos. There will be too many parents and children at the school gates. A serious crash could very easily arise if there is an emergency.

As a parent and local business person in North Kingston I have direct experience of the ongoing primary school expansion programme. So far my son's school Alexandra has had 2 new classes added to their small site and I learn that a third is being planned for. Whilst I appreciate the need for extra school places, surely these interim measures are insufficient and display a lack of foresight and planning for future growth within the borough. You cannot keep selling land to house developers without ploughing those funds back into support infrastructure in all areas. Schools being just one, but something that affects most incoming families into the borough. There appears to be a lack of overall planning with the Council and we still await a decision on a secondary school! Please stop reducing the area that children of primary schools have access to and develop a strategy for schools properly.

The preference of humanists and other non religious families and teachers will always be for inclusive secular schools to expand where there is a need, because faith based schools may operate discriminatory admissions and employment policies. As a local resident I am concerned at the possible impact on traffic on Richmond Road, of expanding Fernhill, as well as overcrowding on a restricted site destined to house a new secondary school as well.

There is no justification provided for the expansion of Latchmere to a 4 form entry. While the quality of a school ultimately depends on the quality of the staff it is clear that environment is a significant additional contributory factor. There are good reasons there are few 4 form entry primary schools in the UK - simply the scale of the school does matter at the margin, and 4 forms is too big. Nursery / reception and infants children will be intimidated by such a large grouping of children. The concept of school as an extension of family -with all adults able to identify, name and interact with all children in the school, will be lost. I also have significant reservations about the impact on play space within the school that such an expansion will create. I understand that Latchmere already segregates its infants and junior play grounds, so that year 1s is in one zone and year 2s in another. As school rolls grow this is only likely to be increased further limiting the children's freedom to run and generally express themselves in free play. I also question the need to take Latchmere to 4 form entry. The consultation makes clear that such an expansion is, at the margin, only just justifiable based off the boroughs projections. So why go ahead? The consultation document makes no mention of my Latchmere is the most suitable school to go to 4 form entry. If a 4 form entry school is required why is Latchmere the most suitable site? What consideration was given / could be given to expanding one of the other schools from 2 to 4 form entry? Is it really the case that the best architectural and social solution is to expand Latchmere? What comparative statistics have been produced to allow us to judge the impact on each school site? Impact on play space per child would be a good start. I am

also surprised that we are seeing the notion of any 4 form entry schools being proposed in the borough. My interpretation of the earlier consultation process was that this option was firmly rejected. So why has it re-appeared here. It is worrying that the consultation document makes little or no reference to the feedback received in the first phase of consultation. Would I be right in assuming that is because the draft proposals here do not reflect feedback from the community? As a parent of pre-school aged children I should note that I would be very reluctant to see my children in a 4 form entry primary school.

Scale of Latchmere will be unacceptably large. Intimidating for little children to face a 4 form entry school will change the culture of the school. Also believe the proposed expansion will have a deleterious impact on play space and quality of school life at Latchmere in general. Already the school has moved to "zoning" in play space. With an additional form of kids there will be no space to run / exercise at break time. Finally, and possibly most importantly, the Council's own projections suggest that for much of the foreseeable future the additional class room will not be necessary in the Kingston Town area. Rather than commit to significant building work and associated disruption for existing school kids and those soon to arrive why not reconsider the need for "bumper or bubble" classes as and when the demand materialises.

When combined with the new secondary school proposal on the North Kingston Centre site, I cannot see the space for expansion without the removal on most of the kids playing area.

It is vital that more school places are created to meet increased demand for Sept 2011, particularly in North Kingston area. Given shortage of time, and lack of suitable sites to develop, expanding existing schools in area is most sensible option available.

4 form entry is not suitable for the Latchmere site.

4 forms are too big for any primary. Children already get overlooked in both educational and emotional/behavioural context in a 3 form 30 children+ per class school.

I will be going to Fern Hill and I think there will be too many children there if it is expanded as a big school is being built next door.

There will be too many children already with the new secondary school next door.

I think there will be too many children there when the new secondary school is built.

Fern Hill should be exempt from expansion bearing in mind the huge secondary school being built next door.

It is ridiculous to expand Fern Hill as well as building an eight form entry secondary school next door.

A new school should be provided on a separate site. All of the schools listed will be ruined by the addition of 120 children (class of 30 x 4 years). There is already very little space for children to play outside. Hall size is not sufficient at St Pauls for another 120 children; playground and other facilities will be swamped.

No primary school should be larger than 3 form entry. 120 children in a year are simply ridiculous.

Firstly the congestion of traffic around Catchment area will become unmanageable. The potential demand for after school care and breakfast clubs increasing. 3. The ongoing impact of continual expansion in other years to cater for the demand for the additional form entry in Reception Year.

Being a parent of 2 young children, I want to be able to choose my local school. If possible extending these schools will help alleviate the problems locally.

King Athelstan - poor reputation. Desperately need more spaces in schools like St Luke's, Latchmere, and Fernhill, all of whom have excellent reputations? Outrageous that those who pay a premium on property deliberately for catchment area, fail to get a place.

Expansion should be dropped if building a secondary school on adjacent site goes ahead.

Three form entry is enough in any primary school.

I don't think children of primary school age should be in such large schools. Latchmere is currently 3 form entry which is big enough. Other solutions to the extra 30 children are needed. Children will not know each other and teachers will not know them in a 4 form entry school. Where will they play? Will they be able to run? Staggered play times will add to fragmentation rather than a cohesive school.

Reasons NOT to expand Fernhill - too much expansion in addition to proposed secondary school next door (N Kingston site) - traffic/parking already a nightmare - loss of use of field (belonging to NK site currently) for sporting activities, disruption to current pupils - site too small.

Due to the increasing number of children at primary school age I believe that it is imperative that a new senior school is built.

Our child is due to start school in Sept 2011 and we are very worried that he will not be able to get a place in one of our 4 local schools in North Kingston.

I strongly disagree with the plan to expand Latchmere School to a 4 form entry as this is already a very large school which is struggling to maintain a nurturing atmosphere which is essential for children to learn. In addition expanding the special needs provision must be supplemented by additional training of the teachers to recognise such problems at an early age and ability to support the children in the classroom. This is currently very poor especially in the infant school & parents are left to their own devices to sort out the problems. Expanding the school further will be to the major detriment of children with special needs and this will impact significantly on the more able children.

I agree with the strategy providing there are sufficient resources to provide all or the building work of infrastructure necessary to support expansion. In the case of Latchmere I am in favour but only if all of caveats listed by governors are met and there is a commitment to the ongoing development of the school as the holistic entity. Development must not be as one off approach. It must also focus on children's needs first and foremost.

I think our schools are full to the brim. We need a new school. There has been no town planning- you can't build new houses and expect the services to cope with increased demand.

Limited places available for this highly regarded school.

Too crowded in school buildings. Danger from traffic at pick up/drop off. The limited amount of space in the playground. Numbers not conducive to good education environment.

The school site is too small for another form entry. The children have very little play area. Also there are concerns that it will not be funded enough and the children will suffer.

We live south of the borough and school places are not as much of an issue. I don't know enough about the size or layout of the above school to pass judgment.

The site which these school are on is too small to take the extra children. My son was the first year in Fern Hill with the booster class. Children can not do what they used to do with the extra 30. No play ground. Impossible to pick up you reception child from the new class room/ Pushing + crushing- children falling over. These children are very young + need to feel safe - build new primary schools instead of squeezing children into the existing ones. Stop children travelling distance less cars. This school will be completely spoilt and will also become a building site it is and will destroy the community spirit it had before the extra class started.

3FE is large enough for a primary school. Share the extra pupil burden wider than the above schools.

I think it will be handy for parents who live in the borough as they will be able to have their children go to school close to their home or work. Also I think that if there will be fewer children in the class the staff will be able to pay more attention to those children.

It just seems completely wrong that a school with such little space (Alexandra Infants) has been chosen as a school for permanent expansion when there are other schools in the area with far more space. In addition, when there is a need for additional school places it seems crazy that a Children's Centre with a spectacular garden has been built in the grounds of Alexandra when this space could have been more usefully used to expand the school, providing the space for a kitchen in order to provide hot school meals for example. The poor children who attend the school look in envy at the garden of the Children's Centre which they walk past each day before entering their own school grounds which seem like the poor cousin in comparison. It is definitely wrong that church schools that leave local children without school places because of their entry criteria (and who, as a result of their criteria encourage 'cheating' by parents to get their children into their schools) are not required to do more to help their local communities. It also seems a shame to have to expand Latchmere to a 4 form entry school when there is still a one form entry school. And finally, why choose to expand one of the least popular schools?????

4 form entry too big for primary school. Reasons against expansion of Fern Hill: Too many children on same stretch of busy Road - Tiffin Girls, proposed new secondary school, Fern

Hill. Area not big enough for 3 form. Loss of use of field for sporting activities - where will the nearest grass area be? Traffic will be horrendous. Fern Hill staff and parents currently use parking facilities at North Kingston School. If this becomes secondary school, then parking will spill out on to local resident streets, and dangerous drop off points along the busy road. Parking is already horrendous. Disruption to current pupils with loss of space for play while building work is carried out. Would be much better to build new schools from scratch rather than mess about with and spoil existing schools.

I cannot agree with any expansion of "faith" schools. Children should not be segregated by religion because of the effect to social cohesion.

4 Forms is too big for this age group of children my eldest found the playground a scary and daunting place for most of the first year when there were 90 children. She had nightmares and did not want to go to school for most of reception year. There is not enough outside space to accommodate this number of additional children. I also find it outrageous that the church school do not have to help accommodate this growth.

There isn't sufficient access for parents and children at fern hill especially if N Kingston Site is redeveloped. At the moment adding additional forms will only make this worse. The site is too small for 3 forms throughout. However well the building is adapted the land is not long enough for playground and new buildings. More children will travel further therefore more traffic.

Due to increase in children population within the borough and of course the entire country as a whole we do need expansion to our schools.

The site is too small at Alexandra for parent 3 FE.

I totally agree that Kingston needs to find extra school places but I feel the sheer numbers warrant an additional school in North Kingston. I can only comment on the impact at St Pauls where there are already issues arising from the size (lack of) the playground. Although the current building works prove you can fit another 3 classrooms on the site. I do not think there is adequate playground space for 240 let along 360 children. Children of that age need plenty of space to run around safely in order to make the most of their learning in the classroom.

Latchmere is the only school in Kingston Town that is going to have 120 places where as all others are 90. I believe that 3FE is sufficient and life is too much and my concern for this overcrowding and pupils not getting appropriate attention from teachers thus putting children's education in jeopardy at Latchmere.

I do not think that any primary school should be form entry. This is simply too big for a primary school. See the attached sheet for my reason. For the reasons set out below I am of the firm view that adding a permanent fourth class per year to any primary school is not an acceptable option. Moreover, I believe that many parents would be put off such large school and would try to get their children into one of the small schools in the area. I am the mother of two boys in years 2 and 3 at Latchmere. My third child will be starting reception at Latchmere in September 2010. I think Latchmere is an excellent school but its main

disadvantage is already its size. Many Kingston Parents with children at other schools did not choose Latchmere because they thought it was too big. From both the point of view of teachers and parents a primary school is thought to work better if it is smaller. There are good reasons why most primary schools are two or three form entry opposed to being the size of many secondary schools. Adding a permanent fourth class per year would give rise to the following issues: 1. the playground are simply not big enough to accommodate 4 classes per year and are already quite frightening places particularly for younger children. At the moment playtimes can be quite wild and out of control. It is already difficult to supervise the children properly and there have been bullying issues. An increase in the number of children would surely make playtimes unmanageable. Children would just get lost and not be able to find their friends. 2. Pick up and drop off times would be even more chaotic and stressful for parents and children. 3. So many children would make the school environment very intimidating particularly for those children of infant school age. 4. The school would become less personal and it would be impossible to know each individual child. 5. There would be significantly less mixing between year groups. It would be difficult to create a warm caring environment which is so important at primary school level after all we are not dealing with children of secondary school age. There must be a point at which even a strong successful school with good leadership and teachers would struggle to manage such a significant increase in children with the result that the feel of the school, the care of each individual child and the quality of the education would be adversely affected. Turing a primary school into a school with four classes per year is just not an acceptable option from any point of view.

Disruption to education while the work is taking place. Increased traffic on roads that are already struggling to cope Increased danger to our children due to increased volume of people travelling. Sites not big enough for expansion. Extra classrooms being added at the expense of outdoor space Detrimental effect to ethos of school (already being experience at Fern Hill as a result of adding classes) Richmond Road cannot cope with a new secondary school and an extended primary school plus a 6th form.

I am concerned about the size of Latchmere at present it just about maintains the illusion that it is a smaller school despite its size. How will an increase in pupils affect staff communication and the pupil's feelings of belonging? There is also the impact on outside space. this has already been compressed with children complaining that there is much less space for them to now play in. the outside space is also a concern for Alexandra this impacts at playtime and opportunity for outdoors PE.

I believe as part of the expansion program which has been discussed in various chapters I am for the opinion that education matters should be foremost. Hence my decision to give a full support to the programme.

I think we need a whole new school. The above schools are already overcrowded with too much pressure on playground space and key amenities e.g. school hall lunch time eating areas etc...

Why consult when decision already taken and expansion building has already started? Why use up space with start centre when the school is not big enough?

Latchmere is already a 3 form entry and I can't see how over time the school will be able to accommodate the cumulative years. There doesn't appear to be room for expansion.

The school grounds and facilities are already overcrowded at playtime and pick up/drop off. The school cannot accommodate an extra class each year after 3 years, 90 children. 4 years 120, 5 years 150 etc. The school will be too big and over whelming for small children KT2 5RD.

I think you have to careful how big you make a primary school and if 4 form seems too large. We are currently 3 Form and that is good.

I am concerned that access to outside areas is already limited for student at Alexandra Infants. Further funding must be provided to school for the redevelopments of outside areas whilst expansion occurs.

I understand the rationalisation but have no desire for a 4 form entry. The building work and end effect will cause enormous upheaval and I have no expectation that the LA will manage the works to timetable or that the capital funds will remain fully available.

Whilst some increase in classes is required not as many as you forecast. It is wrong to assume numbers of children will continue to increase so half this number.

Very Worried about overcrowding in Fern Hill especially given plans to build new school next door. Feel strongly that four forms indeed three forms is too big for a primary school more needs to be done to find fresh sites.

I think small schools are better than big ones Kingston needs smaller schools than expanding the existing ones.

Other schools have space and potential to expand - Latchmere is already a large school with pressure on facilities, playground space etc. I do not understand why the faith schools are excluded from this process - St Luke's being a single form of entry is ridiculous in an area where there is pressure for spaces. There is space to expand both St Luke's and St Agatha's.

I don't think schools should be expanded to accommodate children who live outside of the Kingston Borough. We should be concentrating on the number of places needed for those who live in Kingston and pay their council tax to Kingston council. If the figures suggest that the need has been created from resident children then I agree with any expansion to cover the numbers. If however they do not then I would probably vote against the expansion.

King Athelstan is not perceived by many parents as a desirable choice. The school needs to dramatically improve in performance and reputation before I would ever consider it as an option. There is no point expanding a school nobody wants. The faith schools which are popular with parents should be made to expand.

I think the additional amount of children and parents will make the school and surrounding areas far too busy and unsafe especially in playgroup areas and school entrances at 9AM and 3.15PM. I believe the friendly relaxed atmosphere of the school will be lost. I feel it is

unfair as existing pupils will suffer I don't know any parents at the school who doesn't think this proposal is appalling.

I don't know enough about any of the Kingston Town schools to comment.

Undecided regarding Latchmere due to how big the school will become - Could be intimidating for reception age children to be in 4 form entry am not concerned that the size of school would affect educational standards.

3 Form Entry is big enough for a primary school. 4 Form Entry is too big. Parents prefer smaller schools not massive schools for this age group. My children attended Latchmere many years ago and it was a big school then.

It is hard enough for some children to get into schools so the more places available the better.

Already the school has had extra form entry. The atmosphere has definitely changed for the worse. Bullying has increased plus tensions outside our lovely school are no longer what it was. All I can foresee is the continued worsening.

I know that Latchmere & Alexandra are good schools so I hope my child will have a chance at getting in. We are not religious so that seriously limits our opportunities with other good schools in the area.

Latchmere School is already too big! Please build another school- rather than making bigger, unfriendly schools for our children. I am shocked that Latchmere could become 4 form entry!

I would like my children to attend this school.

I live on Willoughby Road and these are our nearest schools for my little boy, who will start school in Sept 2011. I am very keen to secure a place at either of these schools and with demand being so high I am very keen for both of these schools to expand so that they have room for him.

Considering parenthood. Living in Kingston for all my working life and concerned at high level of competition for local places in the future.

Latchmere is already a 3 form school and adding another one would be completely unfair to all the students. It is already a large school and adding another form is completely irresponsible. Alexandra school is way too small to add another form; they do not have enough playground space. Why have no faith schools been added to the primary school expansion list! We pay for these schools through our council tax and are excluded because we are not religious!!! If they want to be selective let them pay for themselves otherwise add an extra form to one of the many (too many in my opinion) faith schools in Kingston.

I am in favour of the expansion, as my youngest son is part of the first bulge year and I would like him to go to the same schools as his older brother. My biggest concern about the expansion of my local schools is the lack of outdoor space currently and the fact that this will be more of an issue once additional classrooms are built on the sites. The playground area needs lots of careful consideration to make it a safe and practical area for a much

larger school population. Drop off and pick up times are also heavy congestion periods at both schools.

I think Latchmere is large enough already with 3FE. 4 would be too big. King Athelstan is not a popular school with parents. If it was made larger people would be pressurised to accept a place there against their will.

Fernhill should decline Richmond Children Latchmere is big already.

Whilst accepting that the North Kingston needs extra places. We cannot agree with extending Fern Hill School. This is not because of the size of the school but Richmond Road and the surrounding area cannot cope with an extra 200+ pupils at Fern Hill as well as the proposed secondary school. We think all the extra pupils will have a significant impact on congestion.

With some reservation as the small play areas and parking small will become more congested.

A new primary school in its entirety is required in Kingston - While 3 form entry just works at Alexandra it is stretching the existing plot/area to its absolute max especially as a children's centre is also being built on the land Fern Hill was originally built as an overflow - why not again? Kingston is only going to get increasing numbers of families/children because of its location/house prices. You only need to look at the past trends.

What choice is there? We are steamrollered into this position by bad planning a new building of small flats and houses.

St Paul's school places are limited at present. I worry that another 120 children at maximum capacity may mean insufficient playground area, assembly time, meal time etc. staggering these things detracts from the school as a whole unit.

I believe there is a need to expand the numbers of places in the Borough as it is overpopulated. The important thing to remember is that it doesn't affect the level of teaching in the schools affected. Also the council should consider carefully that there is adequate space for this.

Those with largest land area should expand proportionately - Why does Alexandra have a new children's centre, no expense spared when it has little enough space for the expansion? Why does St Agatha's not appear on the list?

The increased numbers of children and parents will make the school and playgrounds overcrowded and unsafe. The atmosphere of the school will be changed permanently. The staff will not be able to cope effectively with the amount of children to be cared for. The ethos of the friendly school where nearly everyone knows is another will be lost. I do not believe the existing pupils should suffer with their proposed overcrowding. We do not know any parent at the school who doesn't think these proposals are ridiculous.

Latchmere is big enough as it is building a new wing. King Athelstan is my preferred option.

I think that a new school in North Kingston should be built instead of the developments of "exclusive 2,3,4 bed apartments" which are constantly popping up all over the area. There

never seems to be a problem finding space for those but somehow there is for a school. Even now a new development is going up next to the seven kings car park I am also extremely sceptical about the whole consultation process reading the minutes of a council meeting after the previous consultation we find that even through the majority of respondents disagreed with the prospect of any school expanding to 4 form entry this was heavily played down because of the relatively low number of respondents over all and sure enough on this form we see that both Latchmere and Burlington are to go to 4 forms. Lets how that after the next General election it is not decided to disregards the results of those who do vote just because of a low turnout. Is it any wonder that people have become disenchanted with + cynical about politics and that responses to so called consultation are so low? A least whilst consultations are not democratic the results of the next election will be and I will be voting purely on this issue as I know will many of my friends.

The reason I have said no to Latchmere is because it is already the larger school in the area taking 3 forms. If the others could be increased to a similar size first and then increase Latchmere if necessary I think this would be the most advantageous decision for the school and its pupils.

It depends on the level of budget and making sure were left with a better school than we currently have rather than just providing additional places so the council can discharge their short comings.

The extra children need to be educated somewhere but I think 4 forms at Latchmere would probably make it too big for a primary school. Expansion needs to be done in such a way as not to lose any more outside play space than is absolutely necessary; as they don't have much space currently, especially at Alexandra Infants.

The reason Kingston school have such a good reputation is because they are not too big. Latchmere is already the biggest in the area why was Moor Lane School closed if there is a shortage of places in primary schools? Re-open that school and save money building a new school in Surbiton and stop wasting public money. Existing schools should not be ruined with unnecessary expansion.

There should be a new primary school. There is too little space to expand these schools above- especially in the grounds of Alexandra.

School becoming far too large.

Latchmere schools are already becoming overcrowded- please don't make it any bigger!

School sizes to be smaller not bigger! Why not build a new school?

Only reservation is how long can new flats be erected and how long can schools keep being expanded.

My daughter is due to start at St Luke's in September. If it were St Luke's that was having the permanent expansion then I would not be happy. I do however realise that these increases need to be made.

To whom it may concern - Having been involved in attempting to make both Chessington Community College as well as Holyfield school new buildings suitable for the needs of disabled pupils; it would be reassuring to know that there is a policy to ensure that the architects brief for these proposed new education facilities will ensure that they will enable pupils with disabilities to have access to suitable toileting arrangements which will cater for those pupils who are unable to use a standard disabled toilet and may need to be hoisted onto a height adjustable changing bench in an appropriately sized larger disabled toilet with adequate room for a helper and their wheelchair or walking aid. Also that any lifts installed will be able to be used in the event of a fire evacuation by pupils, visitors or staff with a mobility problem.

i agree with the expansion because I believe every child has the right to go to school local to their home. It also makes sense from a green stand point not to be actively promoting long travel distances to school. I do feel however as a parent of a child at Alexandra infant school that the provision of a children's centre (recently completed) on the school already limited site with all its manifest expenditure of fixture and fitting and lavish external landscapes is adding insult to injury- a mistake/disgrace! I can only hope that the same funds will be available similarly landscape what remains of the much reduced play area of the school itself to somehow achieve a modicum of recompense after all 300 children attempting to play in a much smaller area than previously 210 children played in will need some pay back!!

One of the main reasons why Fern Hill is a good school is because of its current size. If it expands it will lose its friendly, easy human scale feel. The parents will no longer know each other in the same year or the children. The site is also already big enough. It was purpose built for this number of children and to take new buildings on. It will always feel wrong. My other two children went to Latchmere, and I always felt that the school was already too big, which is why I chose Fern Hill for my 3rd child. Do not do this it is a totally unsuitable solution to the problem, children should not be educated in big schools where they get lost, Fern Hill is the right size now intimate and friendly children this would be a grave mistake.

The expansion of the building would provide the necessary classroom space but the playgrounds are hopelessly too small access to the infant school is very congested. With the one additional reception class we would be queuing to try to reach the gate! Already parents fill the waiting area! Spill onto both sides of the streets when waiting to fetch children. This is especially dangerous for accompanying children standing on the road. As parents we have protested at each level of consultation and no one has taken any notice. Why bother ask us?

Latchmere is a big school already 3 form entry. Better to expand 2 form entry school to 3 form entry and build new schools. Parents don't like schools to get too big. Better to build new schools which are why Fern Hill was built 12 or so years ago. It became an outstanding school. More schools are needed not super big schools.

The council have had several years of building bulge classes in local schools. Why has the decision to build new school not been taken? This is a very short term view currently

employed- sticking in extra building at each school. Alexandra school area has been decreasing steadily over recent years so the children have less and less space. Now a community centre has been built on the land that the children cannot even use!! Why do the council give permission to properly developers in the borough without having the accessory infrastructure to support this increase in population?

I would prefer a new primary school to be built as existing schools will become too large at Latchmere it already feels twice as big after the recent infant/junior merger and teething problems. It won't have time to be fixed before a new expansion happens.

Children need local school and this seems to be the most pragmatic solution.

I think the location of the new Secondary school should be seriously reconsidered as the volume of children in a small area is going to be dangerous .The YMCA site seems to me a much more appropriate place to build the Secondary school taking at least some of the numbers away from the main road.

Big schools don't work! Build a new school!

I don't know enough about Latchmere, Fern Hill and King Athelstan to comment on their expansion. Regarding Alexandra and St Paul's, my queries would be whether there would be enough playground space and how difficult it would be to use the space effectively if the schools are to remain separate. I also want to know when the building work will be completed, given that the schools won't reach full capacity until next year's 2 form entry has left.

My Son needs to be able to go to a school near to our home.

It makes sense to focus on the expansion n good schools wherever possible- Making the best use of leadership, governance, staff and ethos.

It is necessary to provide sufficient places for primary children and as the building for a new school cannot take place in the time span required any school with enough space and or additional buildings should be utilised in this way as long as it has no adverse effect on the existing pupils and their learning environment and experience.

Fern Hill primary is located on the very busy Richmond road. It has already become very dangerous with the extra numbers of small children travelling to and from school. As the new secondary school is probably going to be on the North Kingston Site this is only going to make the problem worse. I would not suggest fern Hill as 4 form entry school.

Latchmere is already a very big school. Making it a 4 form entry would turn it into a super school making it more impersonal. I don't think that Alexandra and St Pauls School have enough space to be able to build new buildings without affecting significantly the area dedicated for play.

Existing schools should not be interrupted or affected by the lack of places available. New schools should be built for the increase in the birth rate, which is proven to be a result of the government's immigration policy.

Undecided- would not consider the 3 schools above for my children as they are too far away so I don't have an opinion on those King Athelstan. Not many parents living in the area would choose this school for their children including myself. So I see no point offering more places there.

I do not think St Luke's should have taken a bulge class in 2010/11 year. It is a 1 form entry school, and the impact of these extra children has a massive effect on the school i.e. siblings in the intake may not get into the school or whole classes will be full of sibling both situation are not ideal.

The schools are already congested, and building works will be incredibly disruptive. Why did the council not consider building new schools whilst it was busy dishing out planning permissions that increased the population base of the Borough - the strain on places that has arisen over the last few years cannot be a surprise?? New schools must still be the answer to this problem - and they should be targeted in areas on population increase. It is clear after the existing expansion that there is a lot longer distance travel across the Borough to get to schools - increasing traffic problems in the Borough. Schools located in areas of demand clearly reduce traffic in the Borough. The third bullet point for reasons why there is additional demand suggests the Borough is offering places to people outside the Borough - why?? Surely the Borough should offer places only to people living within the Borough. Ensuing disruption with these expansion plans will be exacerbated by the additional plans for a new secondary school in North Kingston. There will be chaos on the Richmond Road for years. The situation is a mess, and the solutions proposed seem to be reaction to the situation we find ourselves in due to poor / ill conceived planning in the past.

While expansion plans has to take place my concern is for larger schools. 1. There will be a decrease in playground space (as shown already in schools). 2. Children will become lost in system of large school and there is no feeling of community.

Fern Hill was a small happy purpose built school with "permanent" staff. It has already been expanded twice! Play area and garden area are already reduced! Parents are unhappy.... Many are switching to less pressurised schools. BUILD ANOTHER PRIMARY.

By enlarging the catchment area for fern hill and Latchmere you are increasing traffic/parking problems. Look at areas where additional places are being offered and increase those nearer. Children are attending Fern Hill (using cars) from Kingston Hill. Alexandra is nearer and within walking distance.

I don't think any primary school should exceed 3 form entry.

I do not believe any school in Kingston should be 4 form entry. Latchmere is already having problems regarding space in playground and congestion at pick up and drop off. Increasing Latchmere will affect the educational standards and friendliness Latchmere is renowned for.

As a parent of one young child (so far) I see that there is a need for enough school places. As a resident I think the most important aspect of this is to promote sustainable travel, as per your proposal, to ensure that children are walking to school where possible so that traffic is not made even worse than it currently is.

No school should have more than 3 forms of entry - it will jeopardise the ability of the teaching staff to deliver outstanding results

Existing school resources need to be used fairly (i.e. places allocated to children living in the borough and not by selective criteria) before further expansion, which is a self-perpetuating process. Continuing prioritisation of the needs of children over those of adults is distorting use of resources locally. The older adult population is growing and their needs are being overlooked.

I feel that Latchmere does not have the space to accommodate 4 classes. Alexandra & St Paul's schools have very limited space, there is no playground space as it is particularly St Paul's, and I feel it is unacceptable to increase both of these schools on a permanent basis to 3 forms of entry. I also think that the new children's centre at Alexandra is completely unnecessary and is surprised that the outside play area for the centre is more substantial than that of the actual school. Plus, surely this area and extra building could have accommodated the 3rd class this year over having a porta cabin taking up the precious outside space. As far as I am concerned, the council has made a seriously bad decision in doing this, the parents at the school are not happy!!!!

Latchmere is already a 3 form entry school to make it any bigger will have a negative effect on school. The children will not be able to get to know all the other children. The staff will not be able to get to know all the children in that year group. I think the children will suffer. The school will lose its sense of community. At present there is a good community feel about the school. I also don't believe there will be enough open space for the children to lie in. They have already lost open space due to the bulge class.

Latchmere is an outstanding community school and I can understand why it is oversubscribed. However, I believe expansion to 4 form would dilute the sense of community and cohesion within the school. Children of primary school age should be educated in a school where they feel secure and confident before they make the transition to a much larger secondary school. Expanding the school will put huge demands on local residents in terms of movement of cars and people. With the recent expansion to 4 reception classes, there is already congestion on the narrow pavement and within the walkways in the infant school.

I live near to St John's C of E School in Portland Road which as you know is only a one form entry with, I believe, admission priority given to regular church attendees. This results in many children in the immediate area not being able to get a place at their nearest school as many families attend church in order to obtain a place for their child and therefore very few places are left. I know of many families in this situation. Has any consideration been given to the use of the Bedelsford School site for the expansion of St John's? This would obviously mean the relocation of Bedelsford but, as a specialist school, the vast majority of children attending appear to arrive by vehicle are not necessarily local and therefore a relocation would have a reduced impact on those families.

There will be space and congestion problems if the adjacent secondary school goes ahead.
There will be no where for staff and other visitors (of either school) to park unless an underground, (or under playground) car park is built.

I feel that Latchmere is big enough already and 4 form entry is too big for a primary school as well as any disruption that would be caused by building work should it have to expand.