

A New Secondary School in North Kingston

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Welcome

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Purpose of Meeting

- Outline why a new school is required and how it will be provided
- Provide detail of what the school will be like and ask your views on establishing a new secondary school in North Kingston
- This consultation does not cover design details for the new school buildings; this will be consulted on separately

LA Role

Commissioner of School Places

Statutory responsibility to ensure:

- Sufficient school places for all children who need one
- Fair access to educational opportunities
- Sufficient schools in area
- Promote diversity and increase parental choice

Second consultation?

- Informal consultation in summer 2009 largely covered site details only
- This demonstrated a majority in support of a school on the North Kingston Centre
- Less support for the inclusion of the Hawker Centre
- Previous responses informed this proposal
- This consultation outlines the need for a new school and the Local Authority preference for key aspects, and is the start of the statutory consultation process.

The proposal

- A Co-educational, non-selective school for 11-18 year olds on the North Kingston Centre site
- Eight Forms of Entry (240 places) subject to planning consent
- A school predominately for the community in the north of the borough, but not exclusively
- No decision can be taken at this stage on the school provider

Need for a new school

- Growing school age population in Kingston, as well as in neighbouring Local Authorities
- Lack of choice of Kingston school for parents/carers in north of the Borough
- Reliance on out-of Borough places in schools which the Local Authority cannot depend upon in the future
- Lack of co-educational school in Kingston Town area

Need for a new school

- Live births in Kingston increased by 23% between 2002/03 to 2007/08, and are expected to be sustained at this level.

2002/03	1794 live births
2003/04	1945
2004/05	2036
2005/06	2024
2006/07	2140
2007/08	2202

- In same period Richmond growth was 12%, Merton 26% and Sutton 15%.

Need for a new school

- Other factors; new housing, popularity of schools, reduced migration out of London
- Since Sept 2008 significant rise in number of children entering Kingston Primary Schools via 'bulge classes'
- Shortage of secondary places from 2015/16 onwards to accommodate pupils transferring to secondary school
- Now permanently expanding Kingston Primary schools by up to 14.5 Forms of Entry from Sept 2011

Need for a New School

- Currently 10 Kingston secondary schools provide 1615 places per year group (54 Forms of Entry)
 - 2 Selective Single Sex Secondary Schools
 - 2 Single Sex Roman Catholic Secondary Schools
 - 4 Single Sex non-selective schools
 - 2 Co-educational non-selective schools
- Forecast that 480 extra places required by 2018/19 (16fe)
- New school will provide 240 of the extra places (8fe).
- Plan to also expand existing schools under the Building Schools for the Future Programme.

Need for a new school

- From September 2011 540 pupils per year in Kingston Town area Primary Schools, includes 120 new places per year.
- Richmond secondary schools currently educate approx 150 Kingston pupils per year
- 240 places (8fe) are required to provide sufficient capacity to accommodate projected demand for places at the secondary school
- Place planning coordinated with neighbouring Local Authorities

New School – Key Features

- Co-educational
 - Kingston well served by single-sex schools.
- Post-16 provision
 - All Kingston schools have sixth forms attached; considered critical to ensure participation, continuity and high standards of achievement; attracting staff.
- Year 7 Pupils only in 2015
 - Places for pupils in other year groups are not required in 2015. Usual model for new school responding to population growth.
- Admission Criteria
 - Will depend on who the provider is – Local Authority as commissioner will inform the need to be met.

New School – Key Features

- **Collaboration and Partnership**
 - Will work closely with Grey Court, Tiffin Girls and other Kingston Secondary Schools
- **Being an Extended School**
 - Will have a range of before and after school activities, as well as access for the community outside of normal school hours
- **Special Educational Needs**
 - Fully inclusive school with a Specialist Resourced Provision for 10 pupils with Behavioural, Emotional and Social Needs

School size and effectiveness

- Research findings do not support view that school size is a barrier to excellence (EPPI review 2004)
- Effectiveness depends on leadership and quality of teaching
- Very successful large schools evidenced in recent Ofsted report on outstanding schools
- Kingston's two outstanding non-selective 7fe secondary schools likely to expand to 8fe.
- Teddington School admits 225 pupils each year (7.5fe), and Grey Court 200 (6.7fe)

Education Vision

- Personalisation will be at the heart of the school – we aim to meet all children and young people’s needs
- Learners will play a prominent role in shaping the school – consultation has already begun and will continue
- The school will be at the heart of the community – responsible to it and providing for it
- The school will share its excellence widely – and benefit from the excellence of other schools and services
- Our school will maximise the use of space and time - though technology, design and timetabling

Education Vision - Specialism

- Most secondary schools are specialist schools and all new schools required to have specialism(s)
- Specialism(s) does not remove the requirement to teach a broad and relevant national curriculum
- Kingston schools current specialisms:
 - maths/computing x 2, technology x 3, sports x 1, science x1, performing arts x 1, languages x 2
- New School proposed specialism - Humanities (English) and Music
 - Will allow focus on basics, literature and creativity
 - Will balance specialism offer in Kingston

School Provider Competition Process

- Local Authority is required to outline its case for a new school and consult – this consultation
- Competition Notice is issued – providing outline specification for a new school
- Potential school providers come forward during minimum 4 month statutory period
- 2nd notice issued outlining competing bids
- Further public consultation held on school provider
- By November 2010 provider of new school will be determined

What type of school might it be?

- LA cannot determine who provides the school
- Decided by competition and DCSF promotes this
- LA can put forward a bid for a new community or foundation school, alone or with partner organisation
- Other possibilities include a Voluntary Aided Church School, Foundation/Trust School without LA involvement
- If LA bids, decision is made by Office of Schools Adjudicator, otherwise decision made by LA.

Site and Costs

- North Kingston Centre only viable option to provide a new school
- Located in close proximity to an area of large population growth of school aged children
- Estimated capital cost of £30 million through Building Schools for the Future Programme
- Options for building being considered
- Post-16 provision and some sports facilities on site
- Main playing fields and outdoor sports facilities will be elsewhere

Re-location of existing services at North Kingston Centre

- Adult Education courses at North Kingston Centre until end of 2011/12 Academic Year
- All displaced services will be located elsewhere within the Borough
- Full consultation regarding proposed locations with all affected users
- Anticipated that use of Hawker Centre site can be limited to external sports facilities

Design of the new building

- RBK has recently appointed architects to design the schools within the BSF programme.
- They will design the school following national BSF guidance and government space per pupil guidelines.
- The feasibility study will test if the existing NKC building can be incorporated into the new building.
- The initial design work is to understand the range of possible costs & to obtain the necessary level of planning security.

Planning Application Process

- A Development Brief will be prepared to provide planning security for the new school as required by Partnerships for Schools with 6 week consultation June / July 2010
- The submission of the planning application will follow the statutory process, with pre-application consultation in early 2011.
- The current consultation does not cover design proposals for the new school, this will be consulted on separately at the appropriate time.

Promoting Sustainable Travel

- About to commence a traffic impact assessment
- This will inform discussions with the Highways Department
- Negotiation with Transport for London re bus provision to support new school
- School travel plan will be developed to encourage sustainable travel
- Many pupils will live within walking & cycling distance; may actually reduce current journeys

Building Schools for the Future Programme – National Objectives

- Transform teaching and learning and support the Every Child Matters agenda.
- Provide inspiring environments for the 21st century curriculum, flexible to enable variety in learning and teaching styles, and a broad innovative curriculum.
- A step change in ICT services, which guarantee availability and develops the use of ICT in teaching and learning.

Building Schools for the Future Programme

Kingston & Croydon BSF Update

- Formally entered BSF Programme December 2009
- Approximately £280m funds reserved for Kingston
- Includes funding for additional places
- Requirement to set out what works we are undertaking to the estate and what services we are outsourcing to private sector partners by end of November.
- Start procurement of partners February 2011 and start works on site in the summer of 2012.

Chessington Community College

Our BSF One School Pathfinder was the first school in the programme delivered nationally (phase 1 opened September 2008)



What happens next?

26 February 2010	Close of Consultation
9 March 2010	RBK Executive considers results of consultation
1 April 2010	Competition Notice is issued
11 August 2010	Deadline for bids
1 September 2010	2 nd Notice issued outlining bids with further public consultation
12 October 2010	Deadline for comments on bids
November 2010	RBK Executive or Office of the Schools Adjudicator makes decision on school provider. Planning certainty required for PfS.
November 2010	Kingston progresses to next stage of BSF Programme, including new school.

Your views are important

- Important for the Local Authority to demonstrate level of support for a new school
- Views will be taken into account when finalising the outline specification
- Please respond by 26 February 2010 – online or by post

Thank you for attending
this evening

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