

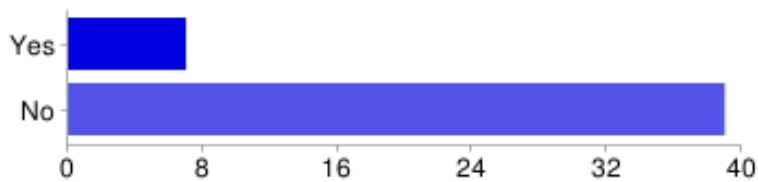
Results of 2010 CARA Survey Into Proposals For New North Kingston Secondary School

Introduction

The following are the results of a survey sent out to CARA members with respect to the New Secondary School for North Kingston Consultation exercise which runs till Friday 26TH February 2010. Full details of the proposals and changes announced at the Public Meeting with respect to the arrangements for the planning and design of the new school can be found at www.kingston.gov.uk/secondary_expansion In total some 46 discrete responses were received (approx 17% of those in receipt of survey).

This first block of results indicate significant opposition (85%) to the proposals as currently stated balanced against recognition that some provision for a new secondary school is required.

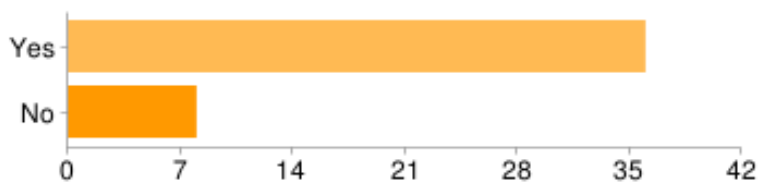
Do you agree with the proposals as they stand?



Yes	7	15%
No	39	85%

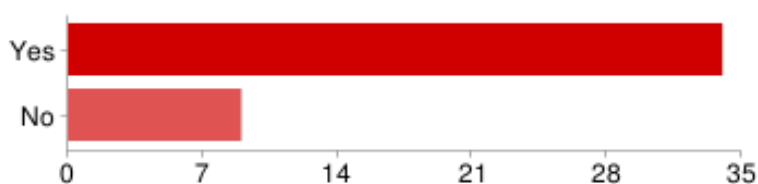
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Do you agree with current plans for school - Non-selective



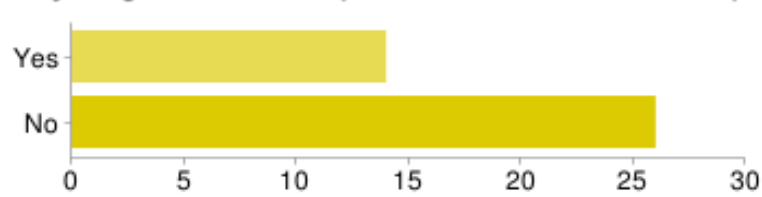
Yes	36	82%
No	8	18%

Do you agree with current plans for school - Co-educational



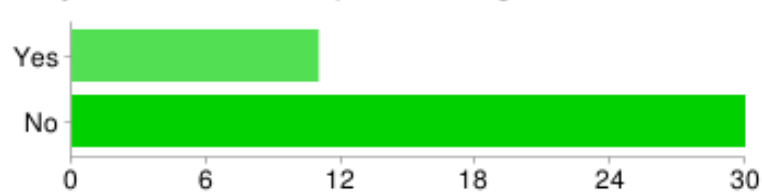
Yes	34	79%
No	9	21%

Do you agree with current plans for school - Humanities Specialism



Yes	14	35%
No	26	65%

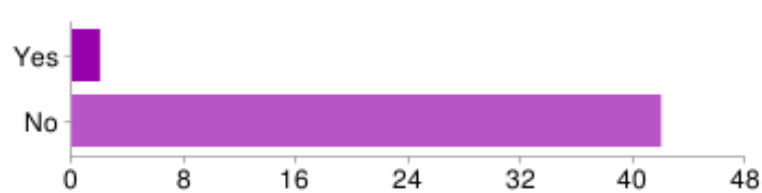
Are you satisfied with the process being followed



Yes	11	27%
No	30	73%

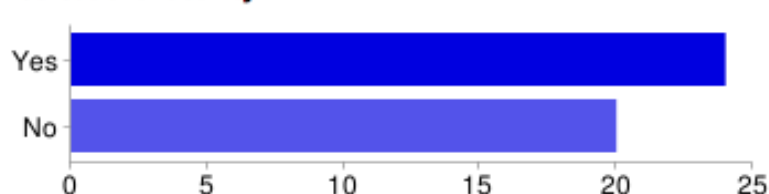
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Do you think the Hawker Centre should even be considered as part of the solution? - For the sixth form



Yes	2	5%
No	42	95%

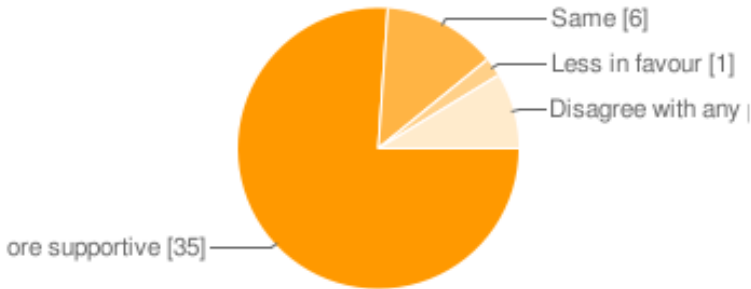
Do you think the Hawker Centre should even be considered as part of the solution? - For sports / recreational activity



Yes	24	55%
No	20	45%

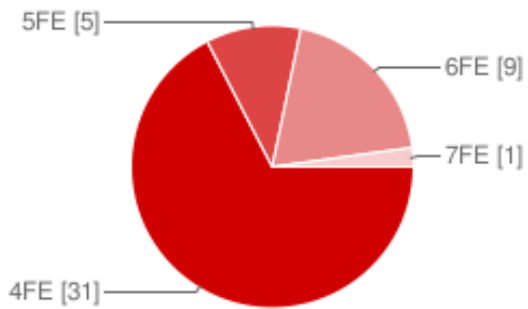
Again very strong opposition (73%) to the manner in which the current process is being undertaken as well as near unanimous objection to using Hawker Centre for the provision of sixth form education. Sentiment is less divisive over the use of the Hawker Centre for sports / recreational activities.

Would you be more supportive of a smaller school?



More supportive	35	76%
Same	6	13%
Less in favour	1	2%
Disagree with any proposal	4	9%

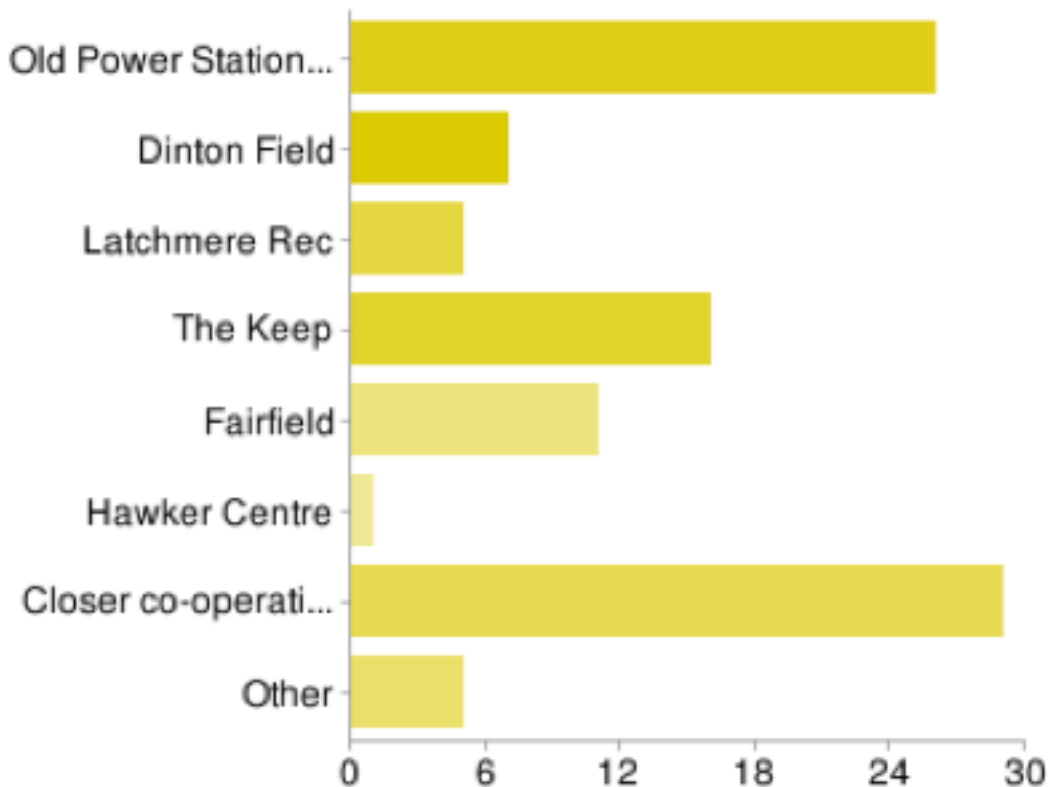
If a smaller school was to be considered, what size could / should it be?



4FE	31	67%
5FE	5	11%
6FE	9	20%
7FE	1	2%

A significant majority (76%) of respondents indicated that they would be more supportive of a smaller school being considered for the North Kingston Centre location. 67% thought that 4FE would be the optimum size. 20% considered the site capable of supporting 6FE as opposed to the 8FE as currently proposed.

Do you think the Council should more properly evaluate other sites and options?



Old Power Station site	62%
Dinton Field	17%
Latchmere Rec	12%
The Keep	38%
Fairfield	26%
Hawker Centre	2%
Closer co-operation with other adjacent authorities	69%
Other	12%

(People could select more than one checkbox, so percentages may add up to more than 100%)

Two very strong patterns emerged from this question. Nearly 70% of respondents expressed a desire to see better and closer co-operation with adjacent local authorities (i.e. Richmond) as opposed to the 'two purse' approach that exists at present.

Additionally 62% of respondents were in favour of the vacant land on the old Kingston power station being properly evaluated for use as an alternative location for a new secondary school.

Respondents were then offered the chance to comment as to what they would like CARA's position to be?

- Make proper planning process take effect as opposed to a rushed approach seen thus far
- leader re getting a kingston school for kingston kids
- To protect our area from the negative aspect of continued development on environment.
- Flexible
- Support for a smaller school that would only use the Hawker Centre site for sports fields
- Ensure a proper and effective process is followed.
- AGAGAINST PRESENT PLANS
- Oppose on grounds of overdevelopment of the site and impact on local traffic
- To oppose the current proposals.
- oppose the school completely
- Propose a smaller size school at NKC if other sites not appropriate after proper evaluation
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- Not sure they can present a representative view at all
- Protect local MOL, express local concerns about increased traffic and parking, and doubts about the unnecessary (politically inspired?) haste to earmark a site for the school. Also concern that we are being asked to agree to we know not what!
- Against
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- Absolutely against 8FE school.
- disagree with proposal
- Supportive but vigilant
- against current plan
- object to proposal of such a high rise building in a residential area
- Find out the truth of the situation before rushing to judge.
- Cara does well keeping the finger on the button
- oppose-traffic issues
- To keep us informed about progress and pass on residents' concerns.
- Oppose use of Hawker site and keep for general use as now
- Support
- Watching possibility of any green spaces being built on
- Representative and supportive of local opinion
- Represent collected interests
- Hands off the Hawker Center
- Support a smaller new school proposal but make a stand on size. Propose a smaller school could share Sporting facilities with Tiffin Girls as this school should never have been closed as a Local Secondary School in the first place.
- Oppose proposal
- Oppose the new school/campaign for Tiffin to accept 30% local children/expand Grey Court's capacity.
- To oppose the proposal
- supportive with caution
- Kingston Richmond cooperation to improve and expand GreyCourt
- to continue to seek a majority view so far as possible from the residents

Respondents also provided the following additional comments

- We need to improve our area including traffic flow, parking for residents etc, not the opposite!
- The proposed number of students will create a mayhem on public transport and road usage as well as a security and social problem
- See <http://hamlife.blogspot.com/2010/02/new-secondarey-school-for-north.html>
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- A school is needed, but I am very concerned about congestion
- With Tiffins and Fernhill we have enough schools in the immediate vicinity already. The impact on traffic and public transport would be horrendous
- Seems unlikely that we can get another site selected (although great for trying). So think we probably need to focus efforts on minimizing size and impact on NKC site. Planning will not be so tough as there will be pressure to push things through. So we need to be really on top of things.
- size and dominance is the main objection
- Very sad to lose the current building - could it not be adapted for the sixth form?
- RBK say "the future demand for places is XYZ, hence 8FE and North Kingston site is the only option; there is no Plan B because there are no other options. Well, this might be true but they have not convinced me.
- Additional traffic on the Richmond Road of major concern.
- We need a Secondary School in North Kingston. It seems rather large, but presumably the numbers estimate is accurate.
- The traffic will I believe be a really problematic area.
- I was not able to attend the meeting as away so may not know enough
- Loss of Adult education is a concern. Also the overcrowding of roads and transport resulting from £ schools in a row on the Richmond Road. A single sex boys' school there would redress the provision imbalance in N Kingston where Coombe Girls' and Waldegrave are fairly accessible.
- We are concerned about the impact on the traffic along the Richmond Rd, of an extra (ultimately) 2000 people per day arriving in the area. Although the plans do indicate that the intention is that people will be encouraged to travel by bus/ bike etc, this is ok in theory, but probably unlikely in practice. The traffic along the main road is already at saturation point during the morning and evening rush-hours. What plans are proposed to alleviate transport problems ?
- RBK are doing a very poor job of this whole process. They have opted for the 'easiest' solution without giving proper consideration to more suitable sites
- Our main concerns are the impact on traffic on the Richmond Road and parking in the surrounding residential roads. Assurances that there would be better transport links to Surbiton, school bus with on site terminus would free up normal bus route for residence. Tiffin Girls' cause most of the problems as they are not local children and the parents picking up also have little regard for local residence. This needs to be addressed along side any additional proposal for a new school.
- Pressure on local schools would decrease if Tiffin took more local children who live in the borough that funds the school.
- I am not convinced sufficient research has been undertaken by RBK - the money is making them charge ahead.