



## MATTERS TO BE SPECIFIED IN SECTION 15 PROPOSALS TO DISCONTINUE A SCHOOL

### **PROPOSED CLOSURE OF SULIVAN PRIMARY (COMMUNITY) SCHOOL, PETERBOROUGH ROAD, LONDON SW6 3BN**

The following sets out the information that must be contained in a complete proposal. Shaded information **must** be published in a statutory notice. See paragraphs 2.2 to 2.10.

#### **Extract of Schedule 4 to The School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools)(England) Regulations 2007 (as amended):**

##### **Contact details**

1. The name of the LA or governing body publishing the proposals, and a contact address, and the name of the school it is proposed that should be discontinued.

Contact: Alan Wharton, London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham, c/o Children's Services, Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, London, W8 7NX. Sullivan Primary (Community) School, Peterborough Road, London, SW6 3BN

##### **Implementation**

2. The date when it is planned that the proposals will be implemented, or, where the proposals are to be implemented in stages, information about each stage and the date on which each stage is planned to be implemented.

1<sup>st</sup> September 2014

##### **Consultation**

3. A statement to the effect that all applicable statutory requirements to consult in relation to the proposals were complied with.

All statutory requirements to consult in relation to the proposals have been complied with

4. Evidence of the consultation before the proposals were published including:

- a) a list of persons and/or parties who were consulted;
- b) minutes of all public consultation meetings;
- c) the views of the persons consulted; and
- d) copies of all consultation documents and a statement of how these were made available.

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[http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/Directory/News/Parents\\_back\\_schools\\_plan.asp#4](http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/Directory/News/Parents_back_schools_plan.asp#4)

### **Objectives**

5. The objectives of the proposal.

Amalgamation of Sullivan Primary(Community) School and New King's Primary (Community) School under a single governing body through the closure of Sullivan Primary (Community) School and the enlargement of New King's Primary (Community) School

(See linked proposals in relation to New King's Primary School )

### **Standards and Diversity**

6. A statement and supporting evidence indicating how the proposals will impact on the standards, diversity and quality of education in the area.

The Hammersmith & Fulham Schools of Choice programme is driven by what parents tell us they want, through their list of preferences when applying for schools. We think that by bringing together these two schools (Sullivan Primary and New King's Primary) on one site, building on the best from each will help the amalgamated school attract more families, fill current surplus places and provide a securer future. Both schools need significant investment to maintain and improve the fabric of their buildings. Amalgamation would enable a larger school to benefit from more wide-ranging improvements to just one site, giving all pupils a better quality education. As part of its vision to become an outstanding and oversubscribed school, New King's School has recently approached the Council, setting out its proposals to convert to academy status working with Thomas's London Day Schools, a local independent school trust with an excellent reputation. If the amalgamation proposal goes ahead, following consultation, the Council would support New King's School with its academy conversion proposal, working closely with Thomas's.

### **Provision for 16-19 year olds**

7. Where the school proposed to be discontinued provides sixth form education, how the proposals will impact on:

- a) the educational or training achievements;
- b) participation in education or training; and
- c) the range of educational or training opportunities,

for 16-19 year olds in the area.

N/A

### **Need for places**

8. A statement and supporting evidence about the need for places in the area including whether there is sufficient capacity to accommodate displaced pupils.

Sullivan Primary (Community) School will be amalgamated with New King's Primary (Community) School. All pupils at Sullivan Primary School will be guaranteed a place at the enlarged New King's Primary School if they want it.

Both New King's and Sullivan schools are small compared with some other primary schools in the borough. New King's Primary School has 30 places per year and Sullivan Primary School has 45 places per year. The combined school would have 60 places per year (two forms of entry). Both schools have also been hampered by unfilled places for some years, and since there are vacancies at other schools in south Fulham, this trend is likely to continue. Both schools are rated 'good' by Ofsted but both schools are chosen by relatively few families as their first or second preference school.

The following figures are those contained in the School Census in the first week of October

	Approved number of places	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL
New Kings	30	23	21	27	24	25	22	30	172
Sullivan	45	45	39	42	36	40	39	31	272
Spare Capacity	75	-7	-15	-6	-15	-10	-14	-14	-81

9. Where the school has a religious character, a statement about the impact of the proposed closure on the balance of denominational provision in the area and the impact on parental choice.

N/A

### Current School Information

10. Information as to the numbers, age range, sex and special educational needs of pupils (distinguishing between boarding and day pupils) for whom provision is made at the school.

Sullivan Primary (Community) School for children aged 4 – 11 years and has 315 places. The total number of pupils on roll is 272 as at the date of these proposals. The school is a co-educational school. The Council's policy is to promote inclusive mainstream schools with regard to children with special educational needs, and the Proposal does not affect this policy.

### Displaced Pupils

11. Details of the schools or FE colleges which pupils at the school for whom provision is to be discontinued will be offered places, including:

- a) any interim arrangements;
- b) where the school included provision that is recognised by the LA as reserved for children with special educational needs, the alternative provision to be made for pupils in the school's reserved provision; and
- c) in the case of special schools, alternative provision made by LAs other than the authority which maintains the school.

All pupils from Sullivan Primary School will be accommodated at New King's

Primary School as detailed in paragraph 8 above.

12. Details of any other measures proposed to be taken to increase the number of school or FE college places available in consequence of the proposed discontinuance.

There are no other measures proposed to be taken by the Council to increase school places available in consequence of the proposed closure of Sullivan Primary School. The proposal will, however, release the Sullivan school site. The Department for Education has approved a proposal for the Fulham Boys' Free School but a suitable site has not yet been identified. A feasibility study may show that the present Sullivan school site is an appropriate size and location for the proposed free school.

### **Impact on the Community**

13. A statement and supporting evidence about the impact on the community and any measures proposed to mitigate any adverse impact.

There will be no adverse impact on the community

The Council is satisfied that there will be no adverse impact on the community because of the close proximity of the two schools and because all of the pupils of Sullivan Primary School will be accommodated at New King's School.

14. Details of extended services the school offered and what it is proposed for these services once the school has discontinued.

Where extended services are currently provided, they will continue to be offered through the amalgamated school.

### **Travel**

15. Details of the length and journeys to alternative provision.

New King's Primary School is about 500 metres away from Sullivan Primary School.

16. The proposed arrangements for travel of displaced pupils to other schools including how they will help to work against increased car use.

It is not anticipated that there will be any change to existing travel arrangements due to the close proximity of the two schools to each other.

### **Related Proposals**

17. A statement as to whether in the opinion of the LA or governing body, the proposals are related to any other proposals which may have been, are, or are about to be published.

[See linked proposals - Separate Statutory Proposals have been published for the

enlargement of New King's School in order to give effect to the amalgamation proposals.]
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### **Rural Primary Schools**

18. Where proposals relate to a rural primary school designated as such by an order made for the purposes of section 15, a statement that the LA or the governing body (as the case may be) considered:

- a) the likely effect of discontinuance of the school on the local community;
- b) the availability, and likely cost to the LA, of transport to other schools;
- c) any increase in the use of motor vehicles which is likely to result from the discontinuance of the school, and the likely effects of any such increase; and
- d) any alternatives to the discontinuance of the school,

as required by section 15(4)

N/A
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### **Maintained nursery schools**

19. Where proposals relate to the discontinuance of a maintained nursery school, a statement setting out:

- a) the consideration that has been given to developing the school into a children's centre and the grounds for not doing so;
- b) the LA's assessment of the quality and quantity of alternative provision compared to the school proposed to be discontinued and the proposed arrangements to ensure the expertise and specialism continues to be available; and
- c) the accessibility and convenience of replacement provision for local parents.

### **Special educational provision**

20. Where existing provision that is recognised by the LA as reserved for pupils with special educational needs is being discontinued, a statement as to how the LA or the governing body believes the proposal is likely to lead to improvements in the standard, quality and/or range of the educational provision for these children.

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