

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM**

**COUNCIL MEETING – 29 JANUARY 2014**

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Question by: Ms Emily Genochio

To: Cabinet Member for Education

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**QUESTION**

“Can the Cabinet Member for Education explain the administration’s position that it is a surplus of school places in south Fulham and economies of scale and nothing else ...that these are the only two factors behind the planned closure of Sullivan Primary School?”

**ANSWER**

The report on which Cabinet made its decision set out the relevant factors for that decision. It is a matter of fact that there are surplus places at Sullivan school, and it is also a matter of fact that savings will be made by implementing the proposal. These savings will enable additional spending for the benefit of pupils at the enlarged New King’s school.

The term ‘closure’ hides the fact that the Council is effectively amalgamating two schools, as well as making a significant capital investment.

It is not denied that further opportunities may be opened up by the decision. The report recognises this at paragraph 6.6.