

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

COUNCIL MEETING – 29 JANUARY 2014

Question by: Ms Josephine Miller

To: The Leader of the Council

QUESTION

“Will Members of the borough’s Cabinet explain exactly what personal dealings and relations they have each had with the people behind Fulham Boys School prior to the consultation being submitted?”

ANSWER

I have no personal dealings of any significance with the people behind Fulham Boys School. But I am sure, like me, a number of Cabinet Members know a lot of people involved with all the schools in the borough, as well as people who live and work in the borough or grew up here and went to school together.

We are elected from the people and by the people, so we know the people who are involved with local schools including Sullivan and New King’s School and those interested in a Fulham Boys School.

There have been a number of attempts to suggest some impropriety in relation to the decision on the Fulham primary schools’ merger, all of which are entirely unfounded, incredulous and frankly rather nasty.

There are very strict rules about declaring interests and we know when and where to declare an interest and I know these rules have not been broken.

My final comment is that if knowing people disbarred us from making decisions, the Council would grind to a halt. This claim is nothing more than a desperate attempt to slur people, it is without any merit and unworthy of the Council Chamber.