

APPENDIX 2

Full set of representations received

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 July 2014 19:27
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Save Sullivan school

Categories: Blue Category

To whom it may concern

Sullivan primary school is an amazing school with amazing and dedicated staff. My Son use to attend Sullivan from 2010 until 2013, I took him out with a heavy heart after finding out that Sullivan was closing. My son loves Sullivan and was extremely upset when he had to leave, even after been in a new school with new friends for a year he would love to go back to Sullivan. I live in south fulham and I'm surrounded by lots of new homes being built and I am very concerned that by closing Sullivan lots of children will be without school places in a local school. Sullivan Is an asset to fulham and to see it close would be devastating for the people of Fulham.

Kind Regards
Michelle Bird

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 July 2014 23:20
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Sullivan Primary School

Categories: Blue Category

Hello,

I am a former pupil and a resident of the Borough Hammersmith and Fulham, and fully support Sullivan school and am completely against its closure. It should stay where it is with the staff it has at present. The school is in the top 2% of the country, so therefore has no grounds for closure.

God bless,

Peter Hendtlass

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 July 2014 23:17
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Fulham boys school

Categories: Red Category, Blue Category

This is to voice my outrage to the decision to postpone the opening of the Fulham Boys School. It is very damaging to the future of the boys who are already being accepted. If this school doesn't go ahead as planned it will ruin their futures and I Can't believe that you are prepared to do so.

Very hopeful

V. B.



Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 July 2014 16:07
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Fulham schools

Categories: Red Category, Blue Category

The former council paid due diligence to the problem of 2 under subscribed primary schools in my area. Neither the New Kings School, nor Sullivan school were fully subscribed. It made common sense to merge the 2 schools . Space is needed for another boys school in Fulham as there are not enough secondary places. The sullivan school was a temporary building and it is logical for it to be demolished and a proper new secondary school built there.

Yours sincerely
Valeri arends

Sent from my iPad

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 July 2014 16:52
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Sullivan Primary School/ New kings Primary School
Categories: Blue Category

Dear Mr Wharton:

I fully support the Council's interim decision to delay until August 2015 the previous administration's decision to merge Sullivan and New Kings, in the light of a forecast shortfall in primary school places stemming from the provision of more affordable housing, especially in the south of the borough.

I also support the council's expectation at August 2015 to propose not to proceed with any such merger, a merger which in my view would have been indefensible for humanitarian, educational, environmental and indeed even common sense business reasons.

We are asked to respond "in writing" to you. Please inform me if this e-mail qualifies or not. Please also inform me if you are to provide an on-line form, or paper form, to facilitate comment you are requesting. I would not wish to fall short by failing to tap-dance in the right quarters.

My husband Roland and I are long-term residents of Peterborough Road, aged 85 and 84 respectively. We have no rigid political affiliations. We always go to Sullivan's annual fete. I myself, and with help, in 2001 and 2002, weeded, dug, manured, replanted and restored the school's inner playground "garden", which cost me £800, and which I maintained alone until I reached 74. I am a member and the founder of PRARA, whose aims on this matter I support, but this e-mail is also my individual comment.

Yours Faithfully

Patricia Hicks

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 July 2014 21:17
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: FBS

Categories: Red Category, Blue Category

Dear Alan

I have been a resident of Fulham for 21 years. I am now the mother of two children, one being a boy. I own my property and it is far from large. My first child started school in the private system and had to move for financial reason. Both my children now attend All Saints. When my son turns 11 what should I do if the FBS is not allowed to open as planned? Should I wait and see if the current secondary school options for boys improves? Of course they haven't improved significantly in 22 years so there is no reason to think they will become outstanding in the next few years. Should I consider moving out of London? Is this really the only option Hammersmith and Fulham council and the department of education are giving me. That I should up root my family and leave the very place that I have lived for half of my life.

I commend the council for wanting to build more affordable housing but what about those of us who have already scrimped and saved for a mortgage, those of us who have no family close by and have built a network of friends, the people that already live in Fulham? We deserve the right to choose between excellent schools, the right to live our life's in the community we know.

And when all the affordable housing is built and the children, whom the council have assumed will attend Sullivan school, grow up which secondary school will they go to?

How very short sighted of the council to make primary school provision for these extra families.

Will they also be expected to accept average secondary schools or move out of London? I fully support Fulham Boys School and urge the council and government to do the same. Awaiting your response,
Christine Wong.

Sent from my iPad

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 July 2014 18:58
To: Wharton, Alan
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Sullivan Primary School

Categories: Blue Category

Dear Mr Warton,

I am writing to express my support for Sullivan Primary School. All three of my children have attended Sullivan School as did I as a child. Sullivan is an excellent school with a unique place in the local community. I chose to send my children to Sullivan Primary school because of the unique ethos, atmosphere, teaching and facilities. It would be such a loss to local children if Sullivan were to close. The school has a family atmosphere where children are at the heart of policy and decisions, this nurturing environment and academic rigor brings the best out of every child and gives them a sense of confidence in who they are.

There has been so much in the news about the problems London faces to be able to provide sufficient primary school places and the demand is only going to increase, especially in this particular area of Fulham, which has seen an increase in residential developments and families moving into the area. Closure would mean a loss of primary school places, when in fact Sullivan's early years unit is already over subscribed. Closure goes against statistics logic and common sense.

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 July 2014 06:07
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Sullivan

Categories: Blue Category

This is to make inform you of my support for the Sullivan School to remain open. None of the parents or indeed the local residents wanted it to close or change. The school has and is an essential and integral part of the local community

Yours L West

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 July 2014 09:27
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Support for housing

Categories: Green Category, Blue Category

Hello there Alan,

Hope you are well,

I am writing to show support for the intention to create £400 new 'affordable' homes to rent, as a young professional myself with my family all based in South Fulham it would be so great if I was able to rent somewhere affordable that would allow myself to be with my family! I think its much needed within the South of Fulham as houses and flats available to rent are far too expensive.

I also work in the borough and I'm sure staff within my workplace would also be interested to know this information as they would live in the area if it wasn't too expensive! There aren't enough decent places for the price in Fulham and these flats sound fantastic.

All in all it is a great idea and you have my full support

Thank you,

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Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 July 2014 12:46
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Fulham schools

Categories: Blue Category

Dear Alan

I am delighted that the decision has been made to keep Sullivan Primary school open considering the riverside developments taking place, and therefore the growing demand for primary and secondary school places.
Many thanks

Kind regards

Jo Nicholson

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 July 2014 13:22
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Sullivan School

Categories: Blue Category

Dear Mr Wharton

As a local resident of LBHF, I just wanted to say how pleased and relieved I was to hear that Sullivan School has been reprieved.

My family has lived in Parsons Green for almost 50 years (my parents moved in in 1966) and Sullivan has been a huge part of the community and infrastructure of the area during that time.

It is vital that it remains so and that you and your team continue to support the school and help it grow and move forward. We all want to see Sullivan continue to provide local children with a great education and nurture them as people.

Yours sincerely,

Eleanor Preston

Sent from my iPhone

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 July 2014 15:15
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Sullivan Primary School

Categories: Blue Category

Dear Mr Wharton

We were so thrilled when the new LBH & Fulham Council reversed the decision to close Sullivan Primary School. Those of us who live and work in education in the Borough were horrified at the idea of demolishing a successful and purpose built primary school when there is a shortage of primary school places. This will become even more essential when the new affordable flats are built nearby.

Please make every effort to see that this good news becomes reality.

Jennifer Preston
Education Consultant

Long serving school governor (Ackmar primary school for the deaf - Holman Hunt - New Kings - Holy Cross)

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 July 2014 16:55
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Sullivan School

Categories: Blue Category

We were very glad to hear that the idea of closing Sullivan school has been shelved. Please make sure such an issue will not arise again where the community had no input in the decision .

Naomi McCarthy

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 July 2014 17:10
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Sullivan School

Categories: Blue Category

Dear Mr Wharton,

I write to confirm that I fully support LBHF's decision to revoke the decision to close Sullivan school. I trust that decision will shortly be ratified and that Sullivan will enjoy a long and illustrious future for the education of local children.

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 July 2014 22:10
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: sullivan school plans

Categories: Green Category, Blue Category

Dear Mr Wharton,

I am writing to express my support for the new proposal to keep Sullivan School open. I am an educational consultant, a Fulham resident and also the mother of two daughters due to start Reception in Sep 2015 and 2017. I had always taken a keen interest in Sullivan School as I knew it was the only state primary school we could realistically gain a place at that we would be happy with. We live 300 metres from L'Ecole Marie d'Orliac but the catchment area is too small and we live 200 m from Holy Cross but are not Catholic, so Sullivan was our only local school and we were devastated to hear it was closing.

We could obviously get a place at New Kings and it looked like they are really trying their best to become a good school, but personally I have visited both schools for music sessions / toddler meetings, show arounds and have always found the Sullivan children far friendlier and better behaved. I would not have sent them to the merged school. I also follow the demographic development in Fulham with higher birthrate and more and more families moving here and it seemed like madness to close a perfectly popular community primary school.

My feeling from talking to current Sullivan and New Kings parents is that everyone is very relieved that the merger has been halted and it would cause a massive outrage and disruption if Sullivan School is closed after all these passionate efforts by parents to keep it open.

With best wishes,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]t
[REDACTED]

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 July 2014 11:50
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Sullivan school

Categories: Blue Category

Dear Mr Wharton

I understand that you are looking into the closure of Sullivan school again.

I have many friends in Fulham with past and present pupils there and I think it would be such a shame to close it.

The children flourish in such a happy environment and grow into being valued members of our local community.

I do hope that it will stay open.

Kind regards

Amanda Carrasco

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 July 2014 14:46
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Proposal to revoke the decision to amalgamate New King's Primary School with Sullivan Primary School on the New King's Site.
Attachments: Response to Sullivan Primary closure 140716.docx
Categories: Blue Category

Please find attached a response sent on behalf of the Members, Trustees and Directors of the Fulham College Academy Trust to the proposal to revoke the decision to amalgamate New King's Primary School and Sullivan Primary School on the New King's site.

We would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Regards,

Linda Potter
PA to Burnie Peppice, Executive Principal
and
Peter Morgan, Vice Principal - Head of School

Fulham College Boys' School

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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16 July 2014

Alan Wharton
Children's Services
2nd floor
Kensington Town Hall
Hornton Street
London, W8 7NX

Dear Mr Wharton,

Response to Proposal to revoke the decision to amalgamate New King's Primary School with Sullivan Primary School on the New King's site.

The Fulham College Academy Trust (FCAT) fully supports the local council's agenda to provide Schools of Choice for local residents. FCAT supports the proposal to revoke the decision to close Sullivan Primary School by amalgamating its pupils into New Kings Primary for the following reasons:

- There is a growth in the primary demographic nationally and particularly in Hammersmith and Fulham; reducing the number of primary places in a time of growth does not seem sensible.
- The new administration has already stated that it intends to increase affordable housing in the area and this will have a further impact on the number of families requiring school places.
- Sullivan School has been under-subscribed but its roll is now growing and the school has been judged as Good by Ofsted, for a second time, and is well regarded by its local community. The school is 89% full and the trend is increasing. 79% of children in the Reception class chose the school as their first choice.
- The consultation did not make clear why it was closing Sullivan but retaining New King's; Sullivan is chosen by more parents; significantly more in Years R-4. New King's has only recently moved from a satisfactory Ofsted judgement to good. Recent outcomes for the two schools are similar with both schools being above both LA and National averages for the key measure of L4+ in En+Ma. If the LA was looking to

reduce primary places in this area Langford Primary has very low outcomes and is not providing an adequate standard of education having been judged inadequate by Ofsted in March 2013; it is difficult to see why Sullivan has been singled out.

- We were surprised that a relatively new building is deemed to be at the end of its useful life and would question whether it requires £6 million to make it fit for purpose. We would be surprised if the borough had allowed one of its schools to fall into this state of disrepair. We support the proposal to invest £200K under new plans for the school
- The consultation did not provide information on all the other schools in the area or give any indications of the predicted demographics for Fulham. There was no breakdown given to show the percentage of residents attending each school to support the proposal.

Finally we understand that our response to the previous consultation was not considered as it was not sent using the on-line response form. This is not in the spirit of consultation and we are pleased to note that responses to the new proposal can be sent via email or post.

We would appreciate confirmation that this response has been received.

We support the proposal to revoke the decision to close Sullivan Primary as we believe that it is in the best interests of local residents and the community

Yours sincerely



Andy Masheter
Chair of Executive Board FCAT



Bernie Peploe
Executive Principal FCAT

For and on behalf of the Members, Trustees and Directors of the Fulham College Academy Trust

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 July 2014 08:35
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: SULIVAN SCHOOL, Peterborough Road.

Categories: Blue Category

Dear Mr Wharton,

As LBHF council have now revoked the closure of Sullivan School to make the site available to Fulham Boys Free School, I am writing to register my support of this decision.

I knew nothing about this school until as a member of PRARA (Peterborough Road and Area Residents Association), I was involved in raising an objection to the FBS on the grounds that it would result in exacerbating the already problematic local traffic situation due to the fact there were already so many schools and nurseries (5) in and around Peterborough Road. We were joined in these concerns by HDRA (Hurlingham and District Residents Association).

Since then I have got to know more about this school – its high ranking and excellent OFSTED report and the dedication of the teaching staff led by the excellent Headmistress, Wendy Aldridge. The proposed amalgamation with New Kings Road Primary school (and the sacking of Ms Aldridge) would have destroyed the achievement of Wendy Aldridge and her team and also destroyed the unique advantages of the Sullivan School site with its garden – an living laboratory, in this urban environment. Schools are organic and dismantling the achievements of a gifted Headmistress would be to the detriment of the pupils and a great loss to the borough and London.

The decision to preserve Sullivan School and the site is what could be described as a 'no brainer'. As reported in the Evening Standard yesterday, (16th July), London could be short of 110,000 school places over the next four years, as predicted by the study from the London Councils. The shortage of primary school places will spread to secondary schools as London parents are less and less likely to afford private education. The rising cost of property and land makes building new schools or expanding existing ones is complicated by the Government's Free Schools policy which makes it harder for local authorities to plan for the future. It's too early to judge the educational quality of Free Schools. The Evening Standard leader comments, "....some have opened in areas where there is no great shortage – yet local authorities are prevented from themselves opening new schools by ministers' ideological diktat."

In the same edition of the paper, there is another report that says the Mayor has offered the FBS a guarantee of a permanent site, enabling it to open as planned in September. "...sources at City Hall said the Mayor had several future sites for the school in mind, although none would yet be announced. Mr Johnson said: "I am delighted we have been able to find a solution" "

When will this announcement be made?

Ann Rosenberg
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

To: ALAN WATSON,
CHILDREN'S SERVICES,
2nd floor,
KENSINGTON TOWN HALL,
HOUGHTON STREET,
LONDON W8 7NX

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

16th July 2014.

Dear Sir

THE PRESERVATION OF SULLIVAN
PRIMARY SCHOOL.

I am writing because
I believe Sullivan Primary School to be a very important
aspect of life for many children in Fulham. My Cousin
Peter and the school love it. It is such a great school & its
buildings are a lovely red brick for many years. I
do believe you can afford to receive such a great
I hope very much that the Sullivan School will remain.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Collier

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 July 2014 16:17
To: Wharton, Alan
Cc: Matt Heath
Subject: Saving Sullivan school

Categories: Blue Category

Dear Sir,

We are writing to say how delighted we are with the council's decision to revoke the closure of our school. The proposal to close, set out by the last administration was nothing short of madness, it never made any sense and the so-called "consultation" was a complete disgrace.

We have 4 children at Sullivan and all of them are thriving. The fantastic leadership, under the headship of Wendy Aldridge, should be celebrated, as not only did they keep their integrity throughout the whole ordeal, but they continued to keep the levels of achievement & welfare of our children at an all time high. The SAT results which 2 of our children took this term, lay further testament to this. Sullivan school has high expectations of its pupils & as a result children work hard & enjoy learning.

The proposal to ever close such an inclusive & rare gem of a primary within the SW6 community was purely based on ideological nonsense.

Sullivan is a wonderful, highly valued primary community, which we are both very proud & thankful to be a part of.

We remain fully supportive of Sullivan & are behind the new administrations plans to revoke the decision to close us.

With kind regards
Matt & Faith Heath

Sent from my iPad

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Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 July 2014 17:59
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Sullivan Primary School

Categories: Green Category, Blue Category

Mr. Alan Wharton,
Children's Services,
2nd floor, Kensington Town Hall,
Hornton Street,
London, W8 7NX.

Dear Mr. Wharton,

PROPOSALS TO REVOKE PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED PROPOSALS TO DISCONTINUE SULIVAN PRIMARY SCHOOL AND ENLARGE NEW KING'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

This response to the current consultation on the above proposals is submitted by PRARA, the Peterborough Road & Area Residents' Association, which represents several hundred Fulham residents. Sullivan School is situated in the PRARA membership area.

We consider that these Proposals should be approved and adopted by the Council. We have noted that the housing policy being adopted by the new administration will produce an increased demand for primary school places, whilst the previously published proposals were reducing the number of available places. We therefore consider that the loss of places that would result from an amalgamation is unacceptable.

We have also noted current reports indicating a forthcoming shortage of both primary and secondary school places across London. We consider that this wider and longer term picture should also be taken into account when deciding the number of primary school places needed in Fulham, as well as that for immediate and medium term

We were never convinced by the case put forward for the discontinuation of Sullivan Primary School and consider that as a community school Sullivan provides an important element of primary school provision in the area. It is recognised as a good school and its closure was strongly opposed by the local community.

Please confirm receipt of this submission.

Sent by
Anthony Williams
Standing Committee Member

[REDACTED]

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 July 2014 12:14
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Sullivan school

Categories: Blue Category

Dear Mr Wharton,

I attended Sullivan Primary school end of term concert and was very impressed by the whole event. All the children from the very youngest to the top form put on a very good performance and they all were enjoying it. The whole atmosphere at the school was very happy and the staff were very welcoming and appeared very competent. The actual school building was impressive, very spacious, clean and tidy and a wonderful place for children to be educated with another advantage of having a garden with grass and somewhere to observe nature and grow things, a plus for children living in a city. I sincerely hope that Sullivan will remain open as it gives a wonderful start to a future generation.

Yours sincerely
Ann Genochio

Sent from my iPad

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 July 2014 19:54
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Sullivan School

Categories: Blue Category

Dear Mr Wharton

I am really concerned about what has been happening at Sullivan School. I am told there has been a change of plan revoking the decision to close Sullivan, but that there is a new consultation happening soon to review that second decision. I am writing to strongly support keeping Sullivan open, not just for the next year but permanently. It is undoubtedly a centre of excellence, high standard of education and behaviour, hard working, dedicated teachers and above all, a magnificent headteacher who has shown her true mettle and high ideals in the face of the threatened closure, keeping spirits up, keeping the children focused whilst maintaining the teaching and learning process with never a falter.

Although I no longer live in Hammersmith, I have been connected with Sullivan since 1962, working with every headteacher since the school opened and seeing from the inside the wonderful work which goes on there.
Yours sincerely, Yvonne Kierans.

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 July 2014 19:03
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Sullivan Primary School

Categories: Green Category, Blue Category

Dear Alan,

I am writing to strongly support Hammersmith and Fulham Council's, **'Proposals to revoke previously published proposals to discontinue Sullivan Primary School and enlarge New King's Primary School'**.

The new administration's enlightened policy on affordable housing is reason enough for the proposals to be revoked. Affordable housing is needed; it ensures that it is not just those with significant incomes who can afford to live in one of the premier cities in the world. Occupants of this housing will create a demand for school places; the council's proposals are therefore common sense.

However, as an employee of Sullivan Primary School, my views are also driven by the desire to allow the school to continue its successful journey. This success is not a matter of opinion; it is fact:

- the school is firmly in the top 2% in the country. Our Key Stage 2 'value added' results have been rated 233rd in England and Wales out of more than 15,000 schools;
- the school has been recognized as an exemplar in its Gold Club award by the Mayor of London;
- the school's 2014 SATs results were outstanding.

Of course, schools should not only focus on academic success. Sullivan is a true community school with a special atmosphere. Its pastoral care is exceptional.

Frankly, it would be absurd to close such a school and we look forward to working with an administration that **shares** that view.

Regards,

Paul Richards

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 July 2014 00:25
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Please save Sullivan School

Categories: Blue Category

Dear Mr Wharton,

I am writing to inform you that I completely disagree with the merger of New Kings and Sullivan primary schools. I feel that the term 'merger' was disingenuous and used to make the definite closure of a wonderful school more palatable to the general public as it would be Sullivan that would be closed; its buildings, meadow, garden and playgrounds bulldozed, its headteacher and most of the staff dismissed and its pupils absorbed into New Kings. I cannot see in what way can this be considered a 'merger', just the annihilation of a wonderful school that serves its local community incredibly well.

I am a parent of a child in Sullivan's nursery and I strongly oppose the previous council's proposal to close the school. Two years ago I was one of those mothers in the playground discussing the merits and virtues of the so-called schools "of choice" in the area, ie Holy Cross RC school and the Holy Cross bilingual school at Marie D'Orliac but after my daughter started Nursery at Sullivan I have been completely won over and I think anyone who visits the school can see and feel just how special it is. It has become my first choice for primary school as being neither a Catholic nor French-speaking family, Sullivan is quite simply, even just based on Ofsted reports and recent academic results (if you want to ignore personal gut feelings) the BEST state primary school in the area. For what it's worth, we have turned down reception places for our daughter at Holy Cross Bilingual and St John's Walham Green (both much lauded as so-called "schools of choice" by the previous council) as our school of choice is Sullivan Primary School.

This fantastic, inclusive school with its abundant greenery and newly refurbished Foundation stage playground is an absolute treasure. I have taken tours of all the primary schools within easy walking distance of Parsons Green and Sullivan has the best facilities for young children - chief of all, SPACE to run and space to explore which does not exist in any of the other schools. Please don't take this away from my children (I would love my younger daughter to attend Sullivan too in the future).

I know that there were plans to renovate New Kings to accommodate the children from Sullivan but New Kings has a much smaller footprint and I have seen their children playing at break time and their play area is already incredibly crowded.

I was appalled by the way that the proposal had been set up meant that the two issues - a site for the Fulham Boys Free School and the closure of Sullivan school - were effectively merged into one and if people supported the opening of the Free School, it meant that they automatically supported the closure of Sullivan School. This was a completely ridiculous set-up as I would fully support parents who want the Free School but not at the expense of the happiness and education of hundreds of children at Sullivan School.

Please save Sullivan school and allow it to continue to grow and thrive and to serve its purpose in providing a great education for the children in Fulham.

Yours sincerely,
Luisa West

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 July 2014 23:25
To: Wharton, Alan
Cc: Rosie Wait
Subject: Sullivan

Categories: Blue Category

Please allow this school to survive - if only there were more schools like Sullivan - exceptional in every sense.

Thank you for listening,

Josephine Miller
a resident of the Borough

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 July 2014 14:00
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Review of Sullivan School Closure

Categories: Blue Category

I feel very strongly that the merger of Sullivan and New King's Schools should not go ahead. Ultimately, this will reduce the number of school places in South Fulham and as the Labour Administration is planning to build 400 affordable homes in the area, primary school places will be at a premium. It's clear that both schools will be needed, therefore both should remain independent of each other.

J. Dunleavy

Sent from my iPad

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 July 2014 14:36
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Closure of Sullivan

Categories: Blue Category

Hello my name is Vicky and my son attends Sullivan primary it is a amazing school who have helped my son with his anxiety issues when he first started it's a fabulous school my son is on target for everything and doing very well teachers are amazing there. Sullivan was my first choice in school and we don't even live in the borough we travel everyday from roehampton. Please keep Sullivan open !!!

Sent from my iPhone

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 July 2014 17:37
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Council's consultation to keep both Sullivan and New Kings School open, serving the community as they have done so well for so many years.

Categories: Blue Category

Dear Mr Wharton,

As a teacher at Sullivan Primary I am writing to you to give my support to the council keeping both Sullivan and New Kings School open. I understand the council intends to create 400 new affordable homes in the the borough which means more school places will be needed. As a good school with unique facilities I feel Sullivan must stay open to provide excellent schooling for the children in the area particularly as the amount of children is growing.

Regards

Fred Fowle

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 July 2014 17:41
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Consultation

Categories: Blue Category

Dear Mr Wharton

I am emailing you in response to the local authorities decision to revoke the closure of Sullivan Primary School.

I am a long term employee and fully support the council's decision to keep Sullivan open.

I believe that their decision will enable us to continue to grow in strength especially as their intention is to create 400 new affordable homes to rent which will mean that the demand for primary school places will be high.

We have always been a popular primary school and have very strong support from our parents and the wider community. We deal with enquiries for school admission on a daily basis and I foresee that this will continue.

Kind regards

Lisa Gates

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 July 2014 19:24
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Sullivan Primary School Fulham

Categories: Blue Category

Dear Mr. Wharton

I recently attended Sullivan School's end of term concert and was very impressed by the clear evidence of excellent learning outcomes for the children in this thriving school. I was also impressed by Hammersmith and Fulham council's support for continuing to maintain this outstanding school which plays such an important role in the community.

A few days later, BBC London news was predicting a severe shortage of Primary School places in the near future in all areas of London. By maintaining Sullivan school on its current site , rather than the earlier flawed proposal to amalgamate it with another school which would have reduced the number of primary school places, reinforces the prudence of Hammersmith and Fulham's decision regarding Sullivan School.

Yours sincerely
Judith Adams.

Roberts Sue

Subject: FW: Sullivan response to the Council
Attachments: Response to Council July 14.doc

Sent: 28 July 2014 14:53
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Sullivan response to the Council

Dear Alan

I have attached a response to the consultation from the Leadership team at Sullivan.

Kind regards

Wendy

Wendy Aldridge
Headteacher

Sullivan Primary School
Tel: 0207 736 5869

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Monday 28th July 2014

Dear Mr Wharton

On behalf of the staff at Sullivan the Senior Leadership team are writing to strongly support Hammersmith and Fulham Council's 'proposals to revoke previously published proposals to discontinue Sullivan Primary School and enlarge New King's Primary School.' We understand that the new administration's proposed policy to deliver affordable rented housing in south Fulham may result in a further need for school places. Therefore the proposal should not apply as it would reduce the existing supply of school places.

We are extremely optimistic about Sullivan continuing on its successful journey. Sullivan is a popular and diverse community school that has received overwhelming support this year from parents, friends and residents in south Fulham. We pride ourselves on the special atmosphere that is created in the school, the positive approach to all areas of learning and the unique and outstanding outdoor learning environment for primary aged children.

We believe following our outstanding academic results achieved this year that we are in an excellent position to continue to offer the best education for the children in the local community. We have retained a loyal, experienced and dedicated staff team who will be able to drive the school forward to achieve our long term goals.

We look forward to working with the new administration.

Yours sincerely

Wendy Aldridge
Headteacher

Emily Caldwell
Deputy Headteacher

Jean Tarran
Senior Leader

Louisa Perez
Senior Leader

Emily Genochio
Senior Leader

Helen Roberts
Senior Leader

Emily Murray
Senior Leader

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 July 2014 11:13
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Re: Consultation to Revoke Decision to Close Sullivan Primary School

Categories: Blue Category, Green Category

Dear Mr Wharton,

While I have no party political axe to grind, as a former head of Sullivan Primary School I was delighted to learn that subsequent to the recent local elections the new administration at LBH & F Council have decided to begin a consultation to revoke the decision to close Sullivan Primary School.

Sullivan Primary has, in recent years, gone from strength to strength and this year achieved its best ever KS2 SATs results. However, its strengths go beyond just exam results. It provides a safe, caring environment where children from a wide variety of backgrounds can thrive and are introduced to a range of cultural experiences and opportunities they might not otherwise get. The school has extensive grounds which include a nature garden and being mostly single storey the school is accessible to children and adults with mobility problems.

Sullivan Primary School is fortunate to have as dedicated a headteacher as Miss Wendy Aldridge and she is fully supported by staff, governors and parents. Given Sullivan's record alone it would seem to me counter-productive to go ahead with its closure. Moreover, at a mere common sense level, given the 400 new 'affordable' homes scheduled to be built in the area, plus the generally anticipated increase in demand for primary school places, the closure of Sullivan Primary School would appear unwise in the extreme.

I hope that you will do whatever lies within your power to ensure that Sullivan Primary School remains open both for the benefit of the current generation of pupils and the benefit of future generations of children.

Yours sincerely

Alison Newbold

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 July 2014 12:29
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Sullivan School

Categories: Green Category, Blue Category

Dear Sir or Madam,

I should like to add my voice to those who are pressing for confirmation of the decision to assure the future of Sullivan School.

I attended the whole-school Concert at Sullivan on Thursday 10th and was deeply impressed by the quality of the event in terms of the enthusiasm shown by both staff and pupils, the excellence and originality of the performance and the self-discipline amongst the children all of whom behaved impeccably. I have never seen a show of this standard before – not even at my own and my children's Prep Schools.

I also met the Headmistress and most of the teachers, and they struck me as models of commitment to their charges, and to their school's future.

It would be a grave loss if all of these qualities were to be thrown away by an ill-judged resurrection of the deeply flawed scheme which had threatened the future of this remarkable school over the last year.

Yours faithfully,

Richard Genochio

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 July 2014 08:38
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Re: Sullivan School

Categories: Blue Category

Dear Sir,

I am writing with regards to the council's consultation that Sullivan Primary remains open, I have always been in favour of saving an amazing school and feel it should remain open more so if the council are proposing to create 400 new affordable homes, which I am also in favour of.

If Sullivan were to close with new properties being built there would certainly be a shortage of primary school places.

I would also like to state Sullivan had their highest SATS grades ever.

Yours sincerely
M. Wilson
(Local Resident)

Sent from my iPhone

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 July 2014 09:03
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Sullivan school

Categories: Blue Category

I am a local resident and I think Sullivan school should remain open, the school is a great school ,with outstanding teachers and is disabled friendly, it has had the best SATs this year dispute the threat of closure! My children and grand children have attended this amazing school, there are 400 new affordable home being built in the Fulham area,these family's will need a school for there children to attend .

I hope they can send there children to Sullivan so they to can have the best primary education in the borough of Fulham ,a Boris Jonson gold star school.

Your sincerely
David Wilson

Sent from my iPhone

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 August 2014 11:28
To: Wharton, Alan
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Save our Sullivan!!!

Categories: Green Category, Blue Category

Dear Mr Wharton,

As I have had no response to my earlier email, just wanted to make sure that you have registered my name as a Sullivan campaigner. More than ever before, we need to keep excellent schools like our Sullivan open - particularly in view of all the housing developments planned and going on in our area where we will see a huge demand for school places.

As you know Sullivan is highly regarded as one of the top schools in our area and its pupils have achieved remarkable results. The dedication of the staff and teachers is not to be overlooked.

Please help us to keep this school as successful as it is by keeping Sullivan alive!!!

With best wishes,

Josephine Miller
Grandparent

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 August 2014 18:45
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Saving Sullivan School-email of support
Categories: Blue Category

Dear Mr Wharton,

I am writing to express my support for Sullivan Primary School in Fulham and appeal to revoke the last council's decision to close it and amalgamate it with New King's Primary School.

Sullivan Primary has had excellent Ofsted reports for the last two years and has become a very popular choice amongst local parents.

The headmistress, Wendy Aldridge is an excellent head, very proactive and inspiring who attracts like-minded teachers and the children love the school. It also has ideal outside space and equipment for a primary school and it would be a travesty to deprive active youngsters of this.

Yours sincerely

Pippa Chapman

Wharton, Alan

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 07 August 2014 12:28
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Sullivan Primary School

Categories: Blue Category

Dear Mr. Wharton,

I am writing in relation to the H&F Council's proposal to revoke the previous decision to close Sullivan Primary School. My twin sons are going to attend Year 2 this September in Sullivan Primary School. They have been with Sullivan since Nursery.

Sullivan is the best Primary School in Parsons Green. Not only the teaching staff provide high quality teaching but they do genuinely care for our children.

They work very hard to ensure our children learn and continue to have interest in learning . Our children are happy to go to Sullivan every day, because they have made a lot of friends and they are very close to their teachers and teaching assistants. All the Staff in Sullivan work very hard every day and are so passionate about what they do that they leave a part of themselves in this school.

My husband and I have lived in H&F for 20 years, but only since taking our children to Sullivan we have felt that we are part of the community. Sullivan staff and parents are very close to each other and our children have formed excellent friendships. This phenomenon is rare and not common in other schools in the borough. As the new administration in H&F council plan to build new homes in the borough, saving Sullivan Primary School (the best primary school in the borough) from closure would be a wise and common sense decision.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Eirini Pitsilou (parent)

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Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 August 2014 14:56
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Sullivan Primary School

Categories: Blue Category

To whom it may concern

I am writing to express how happy I am that the council in Hammersmith and Fulham have chosen to revoke the decision to close Sullivan school.

As a successful community primary school we have worked hard as a staff to ensure that we provide an excellent education for the children. The intention to build 400 new affordable homes will inevitably mean that the need for school places will also increase. As a teacher at Sullivan Primary school I can assure you that we will continue to improve as a school and offer the children of our community a rich and varied curriculum that will prepare them for the challenges of the future.

Yours Sincerely

Helen Roberts
(Class Teacher, Sullivan Primary School)

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 August 2014 22:11
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: consultation re. Sullivan school

Categories: Blue Category

Dear Mr Harton,

As a member of the teaching staff at Sullivan school who has been associated with the school for some 37 years (both my children and grandchildren have attended the school), I am delighted that there is now a proposal that the school remains open.

The large open site with extensive outside learning opportunities is ideal for the education of city primary school children, many of whom live in flats. Sullivan is an excellent school which has built up impressive provision for the children who attend, which is reflected in the high standards and levels of progress the children achieve. Visitors to the school always comment on the very welcoming and special atmosphere of the school, and the calm and purposeful learning environment.

Despite the threat of closure during this last year, the school has continued to thrive - a testament to the excellence of the head teacher and her staff, and the loyalty this engenders. Over the last few years Sullivan has become an increasingly popular school, and we look forward to this continuing with the proposed expansion of home building in the area with a larger proportion of affordable housing that is being proposed by the current council,

Yours Sincerely,
Barbara Aldridge
(specialist literacy teacher)

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 August 2014 16:25
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Keep Sullivan going!

Categories: Blue Category

Dear miss Wharton

Please continue further support to continue keeping Sullivan open after stay of execution to stay as community school etc in competing with future local primary academies. We are so pleased that with further plans for more homes it is good the recognition that we need more school places not reduce because of land grab.

Thank you

Miss H Lawal

Sent from my iPhone

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 August 2014 11:15
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Revocation of the previous decision to amalgamate Sullivan and New King's schools in Fulham.

Categories: Blue Category

Dear Mr. Wharton,

in response to the current consultation that is running on the Hammersmith and Fulham website, I would like to record my support of the Council's proposal to revoke the previous decision to amalgamate Sullivan and New King's School in Fulham.

Sullivan is a lovely school, with dedicated staff who appear not to have given up the fight during this lengthy process of an attempt to extinguish them and donate the site to a new secondary free school. Sullivan is situated in a particularly 'leafy' part of Fulham with a country-feel to the surrounding area - so necessary for young children, some of whom may reside in difficult circumstances. It is a school on quiet-ish streets within walking distance of two parks which is such a bonus in inner city London. The building itself is particularly suited for children who may have a physical disability, unlike New King's School with its seemingly endless flights of stairs to reach the top. From the reports published by Ofsted it appears that Sullivan is an excellent school - why would a Council destroy something like that? Perhaps, as Sullivan is doing a good job of educating children, when the necessary works are carried out to update its premises, thought should be given to enlarging it - especially given the predicted need for more primary school places.

I was particularly disappointed at the end of the last consultation to discover that, despite the fact that more people disagreed with the Council's proposals than agreed with it, the final analysis did not take into account residents' responses. This seems to be an absurd state of affairs and surely made the previous decision flawed. If residents' responses were not to be counted, then the consultation should have clearly shown that residents need not respond because their opinions would not be taken into account. I have lived in Fulham for more than 60 years. I went to school in Fulham and both my children went to schools in Fulham.

Please keep Sullivan School where it is - a local school for local children.

Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 August 2014 12:25
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Hammersmith + Fulham council proposal to revoke the decision to close Sullivan Primary School.

Categories: Blue Category

Sent from my iPad Dear Sir. We fully back the Proposals by the Newly elected H+F council to Revoke the decision close Sullivan Primary School. The decision made in the first place was totally against the wishes of Parents, Local residents and associations throughout the area including other local schools in the community. Due to the change in housing policy by H+F council another 1000 affordable homes are to be built in South Fulham (The Sands End Riverside Development) This will see a increase in the number of Primary School spaces in this area where good Primary Schools are at a premium. It is evident with its recent Fine Record Including Pupil Achievements, Award from the Mayor of London and Good Ofsted report, Sullivan School more than meets that standard. Yours Sincerely. Mr Antony West. and Miss Tracey Bunce. Lifelong Local Residents, Parents and Ex Pupil. [REDACTED]

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 August 2014 21:36
To: Wharton, Alan
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Comments on PROPOSALS TO REVOKE PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED PROPOSALS TO DISCONTINUE SULIVAN PRIMARY SCHOOL AND ENLARGE NEW KING'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Categories: Blue Category

Dear Mr Wharton,

I would like to categorically state that I am for this proposal to revoke the closure of Sullivan Primary School and the enlargement of New King's Primary School.

The area needs these community schools so that it may cater for the increase in children that is forecast; this is also important as these schools are not church schools and can therefore more easily cater for the diverse nature of the community.

The closure of Sullivan and merger with New Kings would have detrimental effects on the children at both schools according to education experts and as an educationalist/lecturer I agree. In fact I believe Sullivan should be financed to expand to a two form entry school to help with the places needed in the borough for nursery/primary school children.

Yours sincerely,

Jason Alakija

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 August 2014 07:14
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Fwd: SUPPORT DECISION TO REVOKE CLOSURE OF Sullivan Primary
Categories: Blue Category

From: Mathias Kulubya <[REDACTED]>
Date: 8 August 2014 14:00:12 BST
To: "AWarton@westminster.gov.uk" <awarton@westminster.gov.uk>
Subject: SUPPORT DECISION TO REVOKE CLOSURE OF Sullivan Primary

Dear Ms AWarton@westminster.gov.uk

Childrens Services

Please find my submission regarding revoking decision to close Sullivan Primary School. As parent and resident of Sullivan Court, I support decision to keep Sullivan Primary school open. It is a brilliant local primary school well led by inspirational Principal Ms Wendy and staff. Keeping both New Kings and Sullivan Open is a welcome decision and excellent Sullivan Primary School 2014 SAT results vindicate new cabinet decision.

I am also pleased to support new elected labour cabinet focus on demand for primary school places and investment in housing.

We need to see planned merger funds re- invested in both primary schools to better facilities.

Kind regards

Mr Mathias Kulubya
[REDACTED]

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 August 2014 10:36
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Sullivan Primary School

Categories: Blue Category

I am writing in support of keeping Sullivan Primary School in Fulham as is.

I am not in favour of an amalgamation with New Kings Primary.

Best regards

Christoph Auer
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 August 2014 10:10
To: Wharton, Alan
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: sullivan primary school

Categories: Blue Category

To whom it may concern,

i have a son in Sullivan Primary School. We, all family, are really happy in this school. i have an another kid, 1 and half years old daughter, and one another is expecting. It is important for my family to survive Sullivan. On the other hand, the council intends to build more affordable homes in the vicinity, so demand will continue to have a good school in the region.

Please take in to account our unique request to survive our Sullivan.

Best regards,

Behalf of Keceli Family

M.Alper Keceli (Mr.)

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Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 August 2014 17:01
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Sullivan Primary School - consultation to revoke the decision by the previous Administration to close Sullivan Primary School.

Categories: Green Category, Blue Category

Dear Alan

I just wanted to register my unwavering support of Sullivan Primary and the Labour Council's proposal to revoke the decision of the previous administration to close Sullivan. I also support the proposal to provide more affordable housing in new developments to enable families to rent flats in the Borough and in particular in the South of the Borough. I welcome the impact that this will have on the demand for school places in the south of the borough; Sullivan Primary is ready.

As Chair of Governors at Sullivan Primary School, I have worked tirelessly on behalf of Sullivan, its governors, teachers, families and most importantly its children, in providing the evidence to support Sullivan remaining open. It is perverse to consider closing Sullivan Primary. The opposition to the closure of Sullivan has been well documented over the last year, supported by thousands of people and the evidence of why the school should remain open on its site has been presented to the Council throughout the consultation process in 2013 and 2014.

Before and throughout the previous Administration's consultation, the Sullivan governors wrote strongly with preference for the ethos of Sullivan. We highlighted the very high risk of this being lost if the amalgamation with New Kings School on the New Kings site was to proceed and we questioned strongly why the Council had so publicly sacked the Sullivan Headteacher and its governors in preference for New Kings Headteacher and Governors. It is testament to Sullivan's Headteacher that so many of its teachers have chosen to stay at Sullivan Primary for the academic year 2014/15.

Furthermore, despite this last year being one of the most challenging years in the schools history, it's teachers remained focused on providing the best possible education for its children. Sullivan's July 2014 SATS results are incredible and demonstrate why the school should remain open, on its site as a "community" school.

Both Sullivan and New Kings have much to offer but as separate community schools. Under the leadership of Wendy Aldridge, Sullivan Primary should be allowed to continue on its journey, building on its most recent academic results working towards attaining recognition as an outstanding school.

It is very important that the families of Hammersmith and Fulham have a choice of where they send their children to school. Each school has its merits and what suits one family does not necessarily suit another. Throughout the previous consultation relating to the closure of Sullivan, there was overwhelming support/preference for Sullivan. As such, it would be lunacy to jeopardise the education of these young children by closing Sullivan, giving its wonderful and well suited primary school site to another school which is not age appropriate, which is untested and without evidence. I do hope that each of the schools involved in the Consultation can remain or open in the Borough but not, at the cost of another.

I do hope that all of the above points will not be overlooked and that the Council will revoke the decision to close Sullivan.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts.

Best wishes
Rosie Wait (Mrs)
Chair of Governors

Roberts Sue

Subject: FW: Sullivan School Consultation

Sent: 12 August 2014 08:53

To: Wharton, Alan

Subject: Sullivan School Consultation

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to record my full support for the LBHF wish to reverse the previous administration's decision to close Sullivan School. The new administration's plan to build 400 affordable homes for hard working Fulham families, will provide a need for more school places in the area, so it is logical to keep this successful school open.

Yours sincerely,

John Grigg,

Early Years Educator, Sullivan School

Roberts Sue

Subject: FW: Sullivan Primary School - consultation to revoke the decision by the previous Administration to close Sullivan Primary School.

Sent: 12 August 2014 09:51

To: Wharton, Alan

Subject: Sullivan Primary School - consultation to revoke the decision by the previous Administration to close Sullivan Primary School.

Dear Mr Wharton

This email is to register my support for Sullivan Primary and the Labour council's proposal to revoke the decision of the previous administration to close Sullivan. On more than one occasion in the past few months the media has featured articles highlighting the shortage of Primary School places in London owing to the ever-expanding population and I personally found the decision to amalgamate a well-established and excellently run Primary School with another an absurd idea; surely provision should be made for more Primary places, not fewer. I also support the proposal to provide more affordable housing in new housing developments to give more families the opportunity to rent flats in the Borough and in particular in the South of the Borough. I recognise this will increase the demand for school places in the south of the borough and therefore places at Sullivan Primary.

The opposition to the closure of Sullivan has been well documented over the last year, with the support of thousands of people and the evidence of why the school should remain open on its site has been registered with the Council throughout the consultation process in 2013 and 2014. I sincerely hope that the overwhelming support and the evidence previously given will not be ignored during this consultation.

Sullivan has much to offer and under the leadership of Wendy Aldridge, Sullivan Primary should remain open and be allowed to continue on its journey, building on its most recent academic (SATS) results, working towards attaining recognition as an outstanding school. Sullivan has much more to offer as a "community school" and should not be amalgamated with New Kings Primary on the New Kings site which is not as age appropriate as its own site.

I confirm that I would like the Council to revoke the previous administration's decision to close Sullivan Primary.

Best regards

Jane Auer

Wharton, Alan

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 August 2014 12:04
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Consultation Response : New Kings/Sullivan merger
Attachments: FBS Logo email.jpg; ATT00001.htm; Consultation response 12 08 2014.docx; ATT00002.htm

Categories: Green Category, Blue Category

Dear Mr Wharton,

I attach a response on behalf of the Fulham Boys School concerning the current consultation.

Best Wishes

Alex Wade

Alexander Wade
Chairman of Governors
The Fulham Boys School

Alan Wharton,
Children's Services,
2nd floor, Kensington Town Hall,
Hornton Street,
London, W8 7NX,

By email: awharton@westminster.gov.uk

12th August 2014

Dear Mr Wharton

The Fulham Boys School comments on the H&F decision to revoke the decision to amalgamate Sullivan and New King's schools in Fulham

I am writing on behalf of the Trustees of The Fulham Boys School, and all parties with an interest in the successful establishment of FBS this September: boys, parents, staff, local businesses and other members of our wider community.

Background

The Fulham Boys School (FBS) has been and remains strictly neutral on the merger of Sullivan and New Kings Primary Schools.

FBS's representations on the Sullivan/New Kings merger in 2013/14 made clear that our interest in the Council's proposals was limited to confirming our desire to be first in line for a vacant site, if one became vacant. The Council's consultation referred to this interest.

Following the Council's decision of 20 January 2014 to issue statutory notice to close Sullivan Primary, the Department for Education's (DfE) plans for FBS proceeded on the basis of the Peterborough Road site becoming FBS's probable permanent home. These plans were overturned by the new administration's announcement on [June 2] of its decision to review the closure and merger.

FBS wrote to Councillor Stephen Cowan on 9th June explaining this background. We sought assurance that in carrying out its review, LBHF would take into account the wider impacts of any change to its earlier decision, including the legitimate expectations of those of boys, parents, teaching staff and local business expecting to start at FBS in September.

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12th August 2014
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This assurance was not made apparent and DfE announced on 1 July that it was refusing funding for FBS to open in September, due to uncertainties over its permanent home.

FBS started looking to legal remedies, but following assurances from interested parties about possible sites for FBS's permanent home, the DfE announced on 15 July that it would allow FBS to open as planned at Gibbs Green in September. The assurances over site came from the GLA, to work with the DfE and the Council to secure permanent premises for FBS; and from the Council, to work with the GLA, and to undertake its own review of LA owned property to ensure a thorough appraisal of possible suitable options for FBS's permanent home.

Comments on the current review of proposals

We seek the assurance that FBS's permanent home is being considered as part of the Council's wider review of its decision to revoke the primary merger.

The Council notes that its review of the merger decision: "also enables us to consider further the needs of the school communities in south Fulham and undertake a more comprehensive review throughout the borough reflecting the changing approach housing development following the change in administration"

FBS is a free school but was established with local authority support. Our successful 2012 application to set up as a free school received the LA's backing, on the basis of need and demand for an academic boys' school open to all.

The pupil projections since published indicate the increasing demand for secondary places.

Specific to the future of Sullivan, the projected demand arising from an increase in affordable rented housing in the South Riverside area shows an increase of an extra 0.5 primary forms of entry (0.22 to 0.79). This is almost matched by the projections for secondary school places (aged 11-15) showing an increased need from 0.09 to 0.53 form entry.

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There is an upward trend in the school population over the next 10 years but there is a more urgent need to address a projected deficit in secondary school places.

The need for investment in secondary school places was previously strongly evidenced in the background paper on pupil place projections for the whole borough for the Council Cabinet meeting on 20 January. The first conclusion was:

“Based on the statistics above, the following factors will influence the development of this Strategy:

- secondary school places.”

The supporting projections to 2023/24 show a continuing surplus of primary places - 552 for this last year of predictions, assuming the Sullivan/New Kings amalgamation had proceeded. In contrast there is a projected deficit of 316 secondary places by 2019, assuming FBS has opened as scheduled in 2014/15.

Conclusion

Through no desire on the part of FBS Trustees, the futures of FBS and Sullivan became entwined in the past year.

FBS is a free school, but was established with local authority support and the new administration has given welcome assurances of this continuing support.

FBS looks to this current review of proposals to confirm how these assurances will translate into action, specifically in working with GLA and DfE in rapidly securing suitable permanent premises for a needed and wanted academic boys' secondary school, open to all, in the south of the borough.

Yours sincerely,

Alexander Wade
Chairman of Governors
The Fulham Boys School

Roberts Sue

Subject: FW: Comments on PROPOSALS TO REVOKE PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED PROPOSALS TO DISCONTINUE SULLIVAN PRIMARY SCHOOL AND ENLARGE NEW KING'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sent: 12 August 2014 16:59

To: Wharton, Alan

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Comments on PROPOSALS TO REVOKE PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED PROPOSALS TO DISCONTINUE SULLIVAN PRIMARY SCHOOL AND ENLARGE NEW KING'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

I would like to comment on the above mentioned title that I think the original proposal to close Sullivan Primary School and Enlarged New Kings Primary School were very short sighted. It is my understanding that this area South Fulham seems to be expanding with more and more young families and couples it would seem foolish to close a primary school. Also, not to take into account of the devastating effect this would have on all the children at Sullivan Primary School and possible the children at New Kings Primary School in the years to come affecting their ability to progress through their education.

Please do not allow this to happen.

Thank you.

Regards

Jennifer Thorpe

Roberts Sue

Subject: FW: Sullivan

Sent: 12 August 2014 13:27
To: Wharton, Alan
Subject: Sullivan

To whom it may concern,

As a former pupil, resident of the borough and now teacher of Sullivan Primary School I wanted to express my agreement of keeping Sullivan open. It is an amazing school which serves its community extremely well. It is about time affordable housing was created in the area and fantastic that the children from these homes will be able to go to such a successful and happy school.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
Alicia Drabble-Castellano

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