

## Appendix 5



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### 20 June 2014 Response to Cabinet Proposals from New King's School

The Governors and Senior Leadership at new King's would like to thank the Council for the opportunity to respond to these latest proposals.

We fully understand the Council's reasons for postponing the implementation date of the original proposals, as the timescales are not sufficient to consult on a full revocation. These extremely short timescales have unfortunately also had a huge impact on the challenges facing the school. Parents, pupils and staff were all very excited about the significant investment and improvement planned for their school and have now had to come to terms with this policy change in a very short period of time.

Our key concern, however, is not with the delay to implementation, but the proposed publication of proposals to revoke the original decision. The latter offered hundreds of children access to an outstandingly well-resourced primary school and could also have given them access to a similarly well-structured Boys Secondary School in South Fulham. The original decision also provided the children of Parayhouse School with a far more appropriate setting to meet their needs. The original proposals paved the way for a very significant investment in the education of thousands of children and young people. By revoking these proposals, the council would be removing this significant investment and reducing educational opportunities for these young people.

We are pleased that Sullivan have been given the opportunity to continue their school; they are a dedicated and effective team who care deeply about the education of their children. It is unfortunate however that in order to retain the status quo, so many potential improvements will be lost.

Our original involvement in this process was not in any way directed at an amalgamation with Sullivan. We simply wanted to offer our children the very best possible opportunities. We will continue to develop our partnership with Thomas's London Day Schools, who share our vision of outstanding community education, and hope that the Council will be a supportive partner in helping us achieve our high ambitions for the children of South Fulham.



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