Woodlands School

Consultation

12 March 2018 – 26 March 2018

Asking for public views on proposed changes at:

Woodlands School

This consultation is available to fill out online via Harrow Council’s consultation webpage https://consult.harrow.gov.uk/consult.ti

Alternatively, you can complete the attached form and hand it in to Woodlands School

Closing date 12 noon on Monday 26 March
Proposal
Harrow Council is seeking your views on proposals to increase the number of places for children with special educational needs (SEN) at Woodlands School by an additional 12 places to meet increasing demand in Harrow.

Current Situation: Rising Demand for SEN places
In Harrow there is provision for pupils with special educational needs in a range of settings including mainstream schools, additionally resourced mainstream school settings, and special schools. Some pupils also attend schools outside of Harrow. Harrow is experiencing a growing and changing population and demand is increasing past the current provision for primary pupils with severe and complex special educational needs. A shortfall of local provision increases the costs of placements at provision outside the borough.

The total number of pupils with a special educational need statement or Education Health Care Plan in Harrow has increased by 340 (or 30%) between January 2012 and January 2017. The number of children with a statement or Plan placed in a special school (Harrow maintained, academy/free school, non-maintained, or independent special schools) has increased by 100 (or 20%) during that period.

Factors contributing to this increasing demand include:
- rising overall population;
- increase in premature baby survival rate with the consequent greater percentage of children with severe and complex needs;
- growing number of children with significant learning difficulties moving in to the borough.

Woodlands School is a special school for pupils aged 3-11 with severe and complex needs some with autism. There are currently 121 pupils attending the school (2017-18). This number was increased from 96 pupils in 2013 as part of Harrow Council’s borough-wide school expansion programme.

Why Woodlands School?
Woodlands School is one of just two maintained SEN primary schools in Harrow borough that can meet this increasing demand. The educational provision at Woodlands School is specially designed to meet the needs of primary-school aged pupils with severe and complex needs and with autism. There are many benefits to pupils and families being able to attend a school in the borough where they live, rather than travel long distances each day.
It is therefore proposed to expand Woodlands by 12 reception places from September 2018. This represents 12 extra places at the school in total – not 12 places in each year group.

To accommodate the extra pupils, another building will be required on the school site. It is proposed that this will be provided as a modular accommodation – probably a single modular building of two classrooms.

There would also need to be additional staff for these extra children. The timetable would be managed to ensure that all pupils continue to have access to the school facilities including the hydro pool and other specialist rooms.

This expansion is for an interim period, designed to deal with demand right now. Harrow Council is developing options to deliver a permanent increase in the provision within Harrow. It is the top strategic priority in the Council’s strategy for children and young people with special educational needs.

How to respond

We would like to hear your views and would ask that you complete the attached form and return it by Monday 26 March 2018 to Woodlands School.

Alternatively, the consultation is available to fill out online via Harrow Council’s consultation webpage [https://consult.harrow.gov.uk/consult](https://consult.harrow.gov.uk/consult).

As part of this consultation, the governing body invites parents/carers to attend a drop in session on Monday 19 March from 10am at Woodlands School. Council representatives will be in attendance to answer any questions and discuss the proposals in further detail.

If you have any questions about this consultation, please contact regeneration@harrow.gov.uk

We look forward to receiving your views on this proposal.

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Next Steps

All responses will be presented to the Harrow Council Corporate Director of People Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children, to consider these responses and make a decision to publish a statutory notice. The Statutory Notices that will expand the school are published for one month and there is further opportunity to make comments. The Notices will then be determined and the governing body will be informed of the decision in early May.
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Consultation Questionnaire

1. Do you agree in principle to the expansion of Woodlands School? *(Please tick one)*
   - Strongly Agree
   - Agree
   - Disagree
   - Strongly Disagree

2. Do you have any other comments?
Equality monitoring questions

This section is to be completed by the parent or carer completing this form

Harrow Council has a legal responsibility to promote and advance equality. To help us to do this, it is important that we have a good understanding of our communities, how our services are being accessed and who is using or would like to use our services. With up-to-date and accurate information we are able to:

- Better understand our service users / residents and shape services to meet their specific needs
- Identify and address any barriers / issues individuals may experience when accessing our services (including information about our services)
- Ensure our policies and services are accessible to everyone who uses them

The information will also enable us to monitor our progress with regards to addressing inequality and allow our employees and service users see how we are performing on equality.

Data Protection: It is your choice whether you provide this information. Your replies will not be used in a way that identifies you.

### Age

- Under 16
- 25 – 44 years
- 65 & over
- 16 – 24 years
- 45 – 64 years

### Disability – Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted or is expected to last at least 12 months?

- No
- Yes, affecting hearing
- Yes, a learning disability
- Yes, another form of disability – please specify
- Yes, affecting mobility
- Yes, affecting vision
- Yes, mental ill-health

### Marriage or Civil Partnership

- Are you married? Yes No
- Are you in a Civil Partnership? Yes No

### Pregnancy or Maternity

- Have you been pregnant and / or on maternity leave during the past 2 years? Yes No
### Sex

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Is your gender identity the same as the gender you were assigned at birth?

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### Sexual orientation

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### Ethnic origin

#### Asian or Asian British

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Any other Asian background – please specify

#### Black or Black British

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Any other Black background – please specify

#### Mixed background

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Any other mixed background – please specify

#### Other ethnic background

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Any other ethnic group – please specify

#### White or White British

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Any other White background – please specify

### Religion and belief

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