

Public Consultation

Brent Council proposed changes to Alperton Community School

<p>1. Introduction</p>	<p>Alperton Community School, Ealing Road, Wembley, HA0 4PW is a Foundation School located in the western region of the borough. It provides 1100 school places for secondary aged children between the ages of 11 to 16. It also provides Sixth Form provision.</p> <p>Brent Council's strategy for Special Educational Needs (SEN) is to support mainstream schools to include pupils with identified SEN within their provision. One part of this is to support the development of Additionally Resourced Provision (ARP) for low incidence and complex needs including some needs currently being met in special school provision.</p> <p>This includes those pupils with statements for Moderate Learning Difficulties (MLD) many of whom are currently successfully included in Brent's mainstream schools with additional support provided by the school.</p> <p>Some pupils with MLD aged 11-16 attend Woodfield special school. Some of these pupils reach a point in their education where they would be able to access mainstream secondary school life within an ARP development. An ARP development at a mainstream secondary school would also provide a broader range of provision and choice for pupils who will be statemented for MLD needs in the future.</p> <p>Brent Council is therefore consulting with staff, parents and the community on the proposal to change the character of Alperton Community School by providing a 20 place Additionally Resourced Provision for children with Moderate Learning Difficulties.</p>
<p>2. The proposal</p>	<p>Brent Council is proposing to change the character of Alperton Community School, Ealing Road, Wembley, HA0 4PW by adding a 20 place Additionally Resourced Provision for pupils with statements of Special Educational Needs for Moderate Learning Difficulties from September 2012.</p> <p>What will happen?</p> <p>The ARP will be developed at the Lower School site on Ealing Road. It will be a new building detached from the current school building but sited within easy access for pupils to all teaching areas. The ARP will provide a base for up to 20 pupils with statements for MLD as well as a resource centre for special needs staff within Alperton School.</p>

Who will this affect?

The ARP will provide access to a mainstream school experience for the 20 MLD pupils who will spend a proportion of their time in school in mainstream lessons alongside the school's other pupils. The development will affect families with children who have statements for MLD. It will increase the range of provision and options at secondary school for these families and their children.

When will the places be available?

It is proposed to open the ARP from September 2012. The development will initially provide an opportunity for pupils currently on the roll of Woodfield special school, which is a Brent special school for MLD secondary aged pupils. It will provide a pathway to access accredited courses at key stage 4 in a mainstream environment in preparation for post 16 choices. Decisions about which pupils will access the ARP will be made as part of the Annual Review planning process in year 9 with the full involvement of families and the pupils. Initially therefore, the ARP will provide opportunities for Year 10 and 11 pupils with MLD in this way. The ARP will progressively broaden its scope to include MLD pupils from other schools and age groups.

The new building will provide additional capacity to Alperton Community School and the 20 additional places will be added to the schools current capacity but will be reserved for pupils with a statement of SEN for MLD.

Feasibility plans are available on request from Alperton School at office@alperton.brent.sch.uk or by telephoning 020 8900 1236.

3. Additional information

Moderate Learning Difficulties (MLD)

The majority of pupils with MLD attend their local mainstream school with support. Some children, particularly those of secondary age who have additional emotional, social and/or communication difficulties are placed in special school provision. The establishment of additionally resourced provision for 20 places at Alperton Community School will provide a broader option for parents and carers of pupils with MLD. It is envisaged that this will result over time in a decrease in the number of places for MLD required at Woodfield School. This will provide the opportunity for Woodfield School to develop to meet the needs of pupils with more complex SEN.

4. The growing demand for special places

Brent Council is addressing the increased demand for ARP and special school places through a number of initiatives guided by careful analysis of SEN incidence data and the development of projections that take account of the overall projected increase in the Borough's population. This proposal should be viewed in the context of other recent developments that have provided additional special school places aimed at providing good quality provision close to home address.

5. We would like to hear from you

Brent Council is currently consulting all interested parties including parents and staff at the school, all schools in Brent, staff within Brent Council and neighbouring boroughs with an aim to receive feedback on the proposal.

Brent Council would welcome your views on the proposal to change the character of Alperton Community School. If you have any comments that you would like to make in relation to this proposal you can either use the attached tear-off response form or write to:

**Judith Joseph, School Place Planning
3rd Floor, Chesterfield House
9 Park Lane
Wembley
HA9 7RH**

Or

Send an email to: **judith.joseph@brent.gov.uk**

Copies of this consultation document are also available at the school reception and from Brent Council at Chesterfield House, 9 Park Lane, Wembley, HA9 7RH.

Alternatively, this document can be downloaded from:

<http://www.brent.gov.uk/currentconsultations>

A limited translation service can be provided for this document on request to judith.joseph@brent.gov.uk

All written comments must be received by: **Friday 24 February 2012**

6. You can also attend a public meeting for parents, carers and the community which has been arranged to discuss the proposed change of character of Alperton Community School.

Date: Thursday 2 February 2012

Time: 5pm to 6pm

**Venue: The School Hall
Lower School
Alperton Community School
Ealing Road
Wembley,
HA0 4PW**

<p>7.</p>	<p>The procedures for reorganisation</p> <p>Brent Council in partnership with Alperton Community School intends to meet with staff, parents and the local community, to receive their views.</p> <p>If, after the consultation, the Council decides to proceed with the changes then a statutory proposal will be published in the local papers and will also be placed at public places e.g. the Town Hall and on the main entrances to Alperton Community School. Thereafter, a 6 week representation period will commence during which anybody can write to make formal representations on the proposals. Representations can be in the form of support, suggestions or objections to the proposal. All representations will be presented to Brent Council's Executive Committee which will make a decision on the proposal.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Consultees</p> <p>This document is being sent to:</p> <p>Alperton Community School: parents, staff, governors and student council All maintained schools and Academies in Brent Governing Body of Woodfield School Young People's Learning Agency Brent Council Westminster Diocesan Education Service London Diocesan Board for Schools London Borough of Ealing London Borough of Barnet London Borough of Camden London Borough of Harrow London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham London Borough of Westminster Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Local Resident Associations Local residents in the immediate vicinity of Alperton Community School All Councillors Local Member of Parliament All Brent Customer Service Shops All Brent Libraries Brent Children Centres Sport England Secretary of State, School Organisation Unit Any trade unions who represent staff of Alperton Community School Representatives of main trade unions in Brent Any local partnerships, including the main voluntary agencies for SEN and Disabilities that Brent has relations with</p>

Alperton Community School Consultation Response Slip

Please tear off and return by: Friday 24 February 2012

I agree / disagree with the Council to change the character of Alperton Community School. *Delete as appropriate*

Comments:

(Please use the back of this form if you require more space)

Signed

Parent / member of staff / other*please specify*

Please send to:

**Judith Joseph, School Place Planning
Chesterfield House
9 Park Lane
Wembley
HA9 7RH**

Or email: judith.joseph@brent.gov.uk

Comments continued:

About you

By answering the following questions, you will help us ensure that we deliver a fair service to all our community. You do not have to give us this information, but we hope you will. All information will be treated in the strictest of confidence and will only be used to monitor and improve Brent Council services.

Gender (please tick one):

Male		Female	
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My age group (please tick one):

16-24		25-34	
35-44		45-54	
55-64		65-74	
75+			

Which one of these groups do you feel you belong to (please tick one)?

Asian Indian		Asian Pakistani	
Asian Bangladeshi		Asian Other	
Black Caribbean		Black African	
Black Other		Chinese	
Mixed White and Black Caribbean		Mixed White and Black African	
Mixed White and Asian		Mixed Other	
White British		White Irish	
White Other		Other Ethnic Group	