

Public Consultation

Brent Council proposed expansion of Barham Primary School

1.	Introduction <p>Barham Primary School, Danethorpe Road, Wembley, HA0 4RQ is a community school located in the south western region of the borough. It provides school places to 630 boys and girls between the ages of 4 – 11 (Year R to Year 6); there is also a nursery with 90 part time places.</p> <p>Currently, the demand for school places in Brent, as in many outer London boroughs, is increasing. The demand for primary places in the Wembley area specifically has led to the proposal to expand Barham Primary School.</p> <p>Brent Council is consulting with staff, parents and the community on the option to expand the school by one new form of entry (1FE). The expansion will provide an additional class in each year group (210 new primary places in total). The increase of 30 places in each year group is intended to start at Reception age in January 2013 and rise to Year 6 by September 2018.</p>
2.	The proposal <p>Brent Council is proposing to expand Barham Primary School, Danethorpe Road, Wembley, HA0 4RQ by one form of entry (210 additional places), taking the school capacity from 630 places (Year R – Year 6) to 840 (Year R – Year 6). The school will continue to provide a nursery with 90 part time places.</p> <p>The expansion of the school is intended to commence in January 2013. With regards to admissions, the increased intake will affect those children entering Reception at the school from January 2013 to September 2018.</p> <p>The proposed accommodation for the expansion by one form of entry would be of a permanent high quality modular construction situated next to the existing school building. Subject to further design, it may include demolition of the unused nursery building situated at top right side of the school. It is proposed that the expansion will comprise of new classrooms and expansion of the existing hall used for dining. Building Bulletin 99 will be used as a guideline for constructing the new extensions to the existing school.</p> <p>The new Reception class is expected to be available from January 2013. Remaining building works will be completed by April 2013.</p>

3. Additional information

Between September 2007 and September 2011 an additional 1786 primary school places were created throughout the borough. Of those 1360 were permanent places through permanent school expansions, whilst 426 were temporary places, also known as 'bulge' places. 'Bulge' classes are a short term solution.

Even with the additional 'bulge' places, a significant number of Brent children remain without a school place, particularly in the Reception to Year 3 age groups. To meet this shortfall in primary school places, the Council is implementing a programme to expand schools which meet the criteria i.e. located in an area of local demand, with physical capacity to expand, leading to improving learning outcomes, making efficient use of resources and promoting diversity of type of provision.

Under the current proposal to expand Barham Primary School, no changes to its special educational need (SEN) provision are being proposed.

4. The growing number of primary school pupils

The number of children seeking a primary school in Brent is increasing year on year. This is due to several factors e.g. the renewed popularity of Brent schools, the inward migration of children into the borough, the new housing developments throughout the borough attracting new families and the rising birth and fertility rates. As a result, in areas of high demand there are insufficient school places. 'Bulge' classes add capacity to the intake for just one year but in the following year can create the impression of a greater shortfall in borough wide school places.

Trend in primary pupil numbers in Brent

As at January	Reception number on roll	All ages – Reception class to Year 6
2007	3027	20959
2008	3183	21338
2009	3291	21512
2010	3386	22071
2011	3623	23297
Change from 2007 to 2011	596	2338
Percentage change	19.7%	11.2%

5. The need for more primary school places in the future

In August 2011, Brent Council carried out a review of primary school places which estimated that an additional 15 forms of entry (15FE) will be required in Brent by 2014/15 – an estimate of 450 places in each year group. The pressure of increasing demand is already evident with few places available in Brent's 60 primary schools. Brent Council is supportive of the proposed expansion of Barham Primary School to help address the shortage of primary school places.

Demand continues to increase in the Wembley area and a permanent increase from three to four forms of entry will help satisfy some of that demand. It is anticipated that the increased demand for primary school places will eventually create a shortage of secondary school places.

6. Steps being taken by Brent Council in meeting the demand for primary school places in the borough.

Between September 2007 and 2011 the following permanent and 'bulge' classes were created:

	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
Permanent	244	341	251	236	176	56	56	1360
Temp/bulge	210	105	31	30	30	20	0	426
Total	454	446	282	266	206	76	56	1786

Other schools for which consultations for school expansions are currently underway include Fryent Primary School and Mitchell Brook Primary School.

7. 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 expand the school by 1FE. 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: **Wednesday 15 February 2012**

- 8. You can also attend a public meeting for parents, carers and the community which has been arranged to discuss the proposed expansion of Barham Primary School.**

Date: 23 January 2012

Time: 6.30pm to 7.30pm

**Venue: The School Hall
Barham Primary School
Danethorpe Road
Wembley, HA0 4RQ**

- 9. The procedures for reorganisation**

Barham Primary School in partnership with Brent Council intends to meet with staff, parents and the local community, to receive their views.

If, after the consultation, the Council decides to proceed with the expansion 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 Barham Primary School. Thereafter, a 4 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.

10. Consultees

This document is being sent to:

Barham Primary School: parents, staff, governors and student council
All maintained schools and Academies in Brent
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
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
Local private nurseries
Any trade unions who represent staff of Barham Primary School
Representatives of main trade unions in Brent
Any local partnerships including Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership

Barham Primary School Consultation Response Slip

Please tear off and return by: **Wednesday 15 February 2012**

I agree / disagree with the Council to expand Barham Primary School by one form of entry (1FE). *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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Female	<input type="checkbox"/>
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My age group (please tick one):

16-24	<input type="checkbox"/>	25-34	<input type="checkbox"/>
35-44	<input type="checkbox"/>	45-54	<input type="checkbox"/>
55-64	<input type="checkbox"/>	65-74	<input type="checkbox"/>
75+	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Asian Indian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asian Bangladeshi	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>	Black African	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed White and Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed White and Black African	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed White and Asian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
White British	<input type="checkbox"/>	White Irish	<input type="checkbox"/>
White Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Ethnic Group	<input type="checkbox"/>