Primary Schools Expansion

‘Have Your Say’
The Local Authority has a statutory duty to plan and secure sufficient school places for their area to meet the needs of its children and families and therefore it is obliged to plan for the expansion of its school capacity.

As the increasing pupil population continues to impact across our Primary, Secondary and Special school provision, we need to ensure that we effectively deliver sufficient school places. Since 2011, the Council has created an additional 3547 primary school places in the borough. Of these, 2505 are permanent places created through the expansion of 21 existing primary schools under first and second phase of the school expansion programme. The table below shows the additional primary places created so far.

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<th>Number of temporary places created</th>
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<td><strong>1042</strong></td>
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Since May 2013 two free schools have been approved for opening within the borough. Drapers Maylands free school opened in September 2015 with a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 60 and the Romford free school is due to open in September 2016.

The Council has invested over £30million in recent years to provide the additional primary school places needed, but our pupil forecasts predict further increases in demand in the primary sector with no sign in the short to medium term of a significant decrease in demand. There is therefore a need for further investment in additional and permanent school places to enable the Council to fulfil its statutory duty of providing sufficient school places. To meet this demand, Havering Council is proposing a further expansion of a number of primary schools in the borough from September 2016.

This document identifies the schools proposed for expansion and outlines the statutory process of school expansions.

You will have the opportunity to express your views and ask questions on any of the proposals for expanding the identified schools during the pre-statutory consultation. The pre-statutory consultation period starts on Monday 30 November 2015 and will close on Friday 15 January 2016. All responses will be considered before final decisions are made.
Why do we need to expand these schools?
A combination of sharp rise in birth rate, increased housing and migration has created the need to provide additional primary school places in the borough.

• Havering in common with the many other London Boroughs and urban areas is currently experiencing an increase in demand for primary school places. This increase in demand is due to rising birth rates and families moving into the borough from other parts of London, the UK and abroad. Havering saw a 26% increase in the number of actual births from 2003/04 to 2013/14. The ONS live birth data for 2013 shows that all London boroughs experienced a drop in their birth rate from 2012 to 2013 apart from Havering which had a 4% increase.

• The number of Primary age pupils is expected to continue rising significantly from 20,374 in 2014-15, to 24,278 in 2019-20, which is more than 3,000 extra pupils over the next five years.

• Havering will be undergoing future regeneration particularly in the Romford area. Any proposed new residential developments will add further pressure to the demand for school places in all areas of Havering, as pupil numbers are projected to continue to increase. The Rainham and Beam Park Housing Bid have also been approved. A total of 1800 units are expected to be delivered over the period 2015/16 to 2021/22. The projected child yield over this period has now been factored in the school roll projections. Beyond this period further development is expected and in the long term, this is likely to result in a continuation and projected increase in pupil numbers.

• Some areas of Havering have seen rapid housing growth and other demographic changes that have led to more families with school age children moving into these areas, which in turn create an additional demand for school places.

*Our Pupil Number forecast report and the Commissioning School places plan 2015/16-2019/20 contain useful additional information.*

Which primary schools are being considered for expansion?

The following schools have been agreed for permanent expansion subject to consultation and statutory processes, including planning processes and consultation:

a. Broadford Primary School  
b. Crownfield Infants & Junior Schools  
c. St Peter’s Catholic Primary School  
d. The James Oglethorpe Primary School

The map on page 8 of this document showing the borough’s primary schools highlights the location of these schools within their various planning areas.
Broadford Primary School
Demand for places across the area has been high and this is projected to continue, particularly due to the impact of planned housing. Broadford Primary has been agreed as an appropriate location for additional numbers to be accommodated. The school was expanded from 1.5 FE to 2 FE in September 2014 and was successful in securing PSBP2 funding for demolishing the old block.

Broadford is an outstanding school which is popular and admitted an additional class at Yr3 this September to accommodate the high demand. The LA is consulting on expanding the school from 2 FE to 3FE from September 2016 and will demolish the old block and replace it with a permanent new block. The additional classrooms required to accommodate the expansion are designed to be in the new block. The governing body support a permanent building solution with enhanced facilities suitable for the increased pupil numbers.

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<td>Broadford Primary</td>
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Please visit the school’s website via [http://www.broadford.havering.sch.uk/](http://www.broadford.havering.sch.uk/) to keep up to date with any arrangements for meetings to discuss the proposal further.

Crownfield Infants and Junior Schools
Demand for places across the area has been high and a number of schools in the planning area have already been expanded to accommodate the high demand for places. Both Crownfield Infants and Junior Schools are popular and good schools thus been agreed as an appropriate location for additional numbers to be accommodated. The extra classrooms required are designed to be in permanent buildings.

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<td>Crownfield Junior</td>
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Please visit Crownfield Infants or Crownfield Junior website via [http://www.crownfieldinfantschool.org/](http://www.crownfieldinfantschool.org/) or [http://www.crownfieldjunior.co.uk/](http://www.crownfieldjunior.co.uk/) to keep up to date with any arrangements for meetings to discuss the proposals further.
St Peter’s Catholic Primary School
St Peter’s Primary School is in St. Edward the Confessor Parish and is south of the A12. There are two other Parishes to the north of the A12 Corpus Christi and St Dominic’s. St Patrick’s Primary School Collier Row is in the Parish of Corpus Christi and St Ursula’s Infant and Junior Schools in Harold Hill are in the Parish of St Dominic’s.

The Parish of Most Holy Redeemer is to the East and south East of St Dominic’s Parish and to the East of Edward the Confessor. The Parish of Christ the High Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park is to the East of Edward the Confessor and south of the A12. There is no Catholic School in either of these Parishes

Between 2009 and 2014 baptisms numbers increased in St Edward the Confessor Parish from 15 to 33 peaking in 2010 at 42.

St Peter’s Primary school is currently a one form entry primary school with an outstanding Ofsted rating and oversubscribed.

Pressure for additional places has been high for some time in the Romford planning area so in response the school has admitted an additional 30 pupils at YR this September. The extra classrooms required to accommodate this increase on a permanent basis are designed to be in permanent buildings. The school and Diocese support a proposed building solution with enhanced facilities suitable for the increased pupil numbers.

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Please visit the School’s website via [http://webfronter.com/havering/StPetersRomfordWeb/](http://webfronter.com/havering/StPetersRomfordWeb/) to keep up to date with any arrangements for meetings to discuss the proposals further.
The James Oglethorpe Primary School

The James Oglethorpe primary is a 1.5 FE school located in Upminster and Cranham planning area. The school has a Published Admission Number of 45 which means that it organises in split year group classes. So across Key Stage 1 years 1 and 2 are currently taught in 3 mixed-age classes and in KS2 years 3 and 4, as well as years 5 and 6 are taught in mixed age classes, meaning we have 6 classes in KS2 at present. This arrangement is very demanding causing the school to have to implement cross-year group planning on a two-year cycle, to differentiate far more broadly than normal due to the wide span of ages in each mixed class and to aim to meet the joint, yet different, needs of the two year groups within each class, for example, preparing year 6 children for tests, whilst also maintaining the learning momentum for year 5 pupils in the same class.

As a 2-form entry school the class organisation will be much simpler and the demands of the new National Curriculum, which is organised into single Year Group, objectives will be met more easily. Each year group would simply be divided into two classes, each with a class teacher.

With the need for additional places in the area and the LA failing to implement a permanent expansion, the school has had to take bulge classes in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 during the last academic year. In September 2015, they agreed to take another bulge class in Reception. Therefore, the school is almost operating as a 2 FE school without having the permanent infrastructure and capacity for a 2FE school. Some internal remodelling has been done to bring the old library area into use as a temporary teaching space.

The James Oglethorpe Primary is a good school and is confident that the benefits from having a larger school will enable them to provide an excellent education for all the pupils that attend the school. The Governing Body welcomes the proposed expansion to 2FE as this would enable the school to further enhance the quality of provision.

It is intended that the school should cater for all of the children living in Cranham and part of Upminster and not just some, which would lead to an even greater sense of community.

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Please visit the schools’ website via [http://www.jamesoglethorpe.havering.sch.uk/](http://www.jamesoglethorpe.havering.sch.uk/) to keep up to date with any arrangements for meetings to discuss the proposals further.
Existing Premises and sites
All schools identified have sufficient site to allow for expansion and every effort will be made to minimise disruption for pupils, parents and neighbouring residents during building works, for instance scheduling as much work as possible during school holiday periods. There will also be a separate consultation about the design of any new buildings particularly with residents local to the school sites as part of the usual planning application procedures.

Transport implications and safe routes to school
As part of the process, schools will be expected to provide and, if necessary, revise school travel plans. Advice will be given by the Smarter Travel to School team (part of the Regeneration, Policy & Planning Service) to support the schools. Schools will be fully involved in the process of identifying problems regarding routes to school and potential solutions.

Concerns relating to this can be raised as part of the planning process which is subject to a separate consultation at a later date and must take place before planning permission can be granted.

Impact On Staff And Pupils
Expansions of schools do not require in themselves reorganisation of staffing structures. Disruption for existing staff and pupils from any building works will be kept to a minimum and the schools and local authority will try to ensure that staff are supported and retained through the process. Teaching staff and classroom assistants will be recruited as and when required by the schools.

School Budgets
School budgets are calculated using a range of factors, the most significant of which is the number of pupils. An increase in pupil numbers would result in an increase of the budget in line with associated costs. Head teachers, governors and the local authority will continue to work together to ensure that schools have the right amount of funding to support the proposed number of pupils. ‘Growth funding’ is specifically targeted at expanding schools in the first year.

This consultation booklet is being sent electronically to all parents/carers, school governors, teachers and support staff who work at the schools identified for expansion. Copies are also being sent to head teachers of the neighbouring schools in the localities, local councils, MPs, Church Dioceses, leaders of the early years facilities, community groups, unions and professional associations. Copies will also be available at local libraries.
What Happens Next?
All responses will be considered after the consultation ends on 15 January 2016. A separate planning consultation will take place alongside to consider build and design. If the Council then decides to proceed with the proposal it will publish a statutory notice and other information in February 2016, followed by a four week ‘representation period’ during which there will be a final chance to express views. Subject to the outcome of the representation period, the Council intends to make a final decision on all expansion proposals by end of March 2016 for implementation from September 2016.

Statutory Timeline
Where there is a need to apply the statutory process to increase the capacity of a primary school the following timescale will be adopted.

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<td>Pre-Consultation period</td>
<td>30 November – 15 January 2016</td>
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<td>Decision to publish Statutory Notices and Proposals</td>
<td>January 2016</td>
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<td>Statutory Stage 1 Publication of Statutory Notices</td>
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<td>Statutory Stage 2 Representation Period</td>
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<td>Statutory Stage 3 Decision on proposals by the Local Authority</td>
<td>March 2016</td>
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<td>Statutory Stage 4 Implementation</td>
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Have Your Say
You can state whether you support these proposals or not by completing the consultation questionnaire and return to any of the school’s reception office listed in the consultation questionnaire.

Alternatively, you can complete this questionnaire online by clicking on the link below; https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016expansions

Further information about the consultation including some comprehensive frequently asked questions can be viewed at; https://www.havering.gov.uk/Pages/Services/School-organisation-place-planning.aspx

If you have any other questions regarding any of these proposals, please call Pooneeta Mahadeo, School Organisation Manager on 01708 431 092 or email; Pooneeta.mahadeo@havering.gov.uk

You can request this information in a different format or language, by contacting Ada Egot on 01708 433 841 or email ada.egot@havering.gov.uk
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Primary Schools Planning Area Map

15. Clockhouse Primary
18. Crownfield Inf. & Jnr
20. Dame Tipping
43. Oasis Pinewood
51. Rise Park Inf. & Jnr.
67. St. Patrick’s Cath. Primary

16. Concordia Academy
(to open Sept.16)
19. Crowlands Primary
31. Gidea Park Primary
37. Hylands Primary
43. Mawney School
68. St. Edwards C of E
72. St. Peter’s Catholic Primary

10. Broadford Primary
24. Drapers Maylands Academy
30. Harold Court Primary
31. Hildene Primary
32. Mead Primary
48. Pyrgo Priory Primary
69. St. Ursula’s RC Inf. & Jnr

3. Ardleigh Green Inf. & Jnr.
5. Benhurst Primary
35. Harold Wood Primary
40. Langtons Inf. Jnr. Academy
45. Nelmes Primary
64. Squirrels Heath Inf. & Jnr.
70. St. Mary’s Catholic Primary
76. Towers Inf. & Jnr.
82. Wykeham Primary

8. Brantfil Primary
28. Engayne Primary
38. James Oglethorpe Primary
69. St. Joseph’s RC primary
78. Upminster Inf. & Jnr.

7. Brady Primary
39. La Salette Catholic Primary
46. Newtons Primary
50. Parsonage Farm Primary
52. Rainham Village Primary
80. Whybridge Inf. & Jnr
Consultation Questionnaire

Are You? Tick As Appropriate

- A Parent
- Local Resident
- Governor at another school
- Other Please Specify ..........................................................

Which School Are You Completing The Consultation Feedback For? Tick As Appropriate

- Broadford Primary
- Crownfield Infants
- Crownfield Junior
- St. Peter’s Catholic Primary
- The James Oglethorpe Primary

1. Do You Support The Proposal To Expand This School(S)? Tick As Appropriate
   Yes  ✔  No  ❑

2. I Support The Proposal To Expand This School(S) For The Following Reason(S)
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3. I Do Not Support The Proposal To Expand This School(S) For The Following Reason(S)
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Do You Have Any Other Comments?
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Tell Us About You
It’s helpful to learn a little more about you, to check we’re hearing from a wide cross-section of our stakeholders. The information you give us will remain strictly confidential and will be used for monitoring purposes only, in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Are You? Tick As Appropriate
- Male □
- Female □

What Is Your Postcode?
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What Is Your Age? Tick As Appropriate
- 18-24 □
- 25-34 □
- 35-44 □
- 45-54 □
- 65+ □

Do You Consider Yourself To Have A Disability?
- Yes □
- No □
- Unsure □

If Yes, Please Specify ........................................................................................................

Are You? Tick As Appropriate

Pregnant □
On Maternity Leave □
Returning From Maternity Leave □

Is English your first language?
- Yes □
- No □
- If No, Please Specify ........................................................................................................

What Is Your Ethnic Group?

A. White
British □
Irish □
Any other white background □
If other, please state ........................................

B. Mixed
White and Black Caribbean □
White and Black African □
White and Asian □
Any other mixed background □
If other, please state ........................................

C. Asian or Asian British
Indian □
Pakistan □
Bangladeshi □
Chinese □
Any other Asian background □
If other, please state ........................................

D. Black or Black British
African □
Caribbean □
Any other black background □
If other, please state ........................................

E. Other Ethnic Group
Arab □
Any other ethnic background □
If other, please state ........................................

Prefer not to say □

Thank you for providing your views on the proposed school expansion. The information gathered from this consultation will be used to inform a report that will determine whether or not we proceed to the statutory stage of the school expansion process.