

Hammersmith and Fulham Local Education Authority Public Notice of Proposal Peterborough Primary School

Notice is hereby given in accordance with section 15 (1) of the Education and Inspection Act 2006 that Hammersmith and Fulham Local Education Authority of Hammersmith Town Hall, King Street, London W6 9JU ("the Authority") intends to discontinue Peterborough Primary School, Clancarty Road, London SW6 3AA, with effect from 31 August 2008.

This proposal seeks to address the high level of surplus primary school places in the south of the borough. There are five community primary schools within the Authority's area that currently have sufficient capacity, based on their published admission numbers, to accommodate the pupils that will have to transfer, namely: Langford Primary School, Gilstead Road, SW6; Sullivan Primary School, Peterborough Road, SW6; New Kings Primary School, New Kings Road, SW6; Fulham Primary School, Halford Road, SW6 and Sir John Lillie School, Lillie Road, SW6.

In the event of closure, the Authority will work closely with Peterborough's staff and governing body to ensure that pupils and their families are given high quality support and guidance through the closure period. The Authority will ensure that all pupils are given fair access to alternative places in neighbouring schools and elsewhere in line with parents' preferences. These admissions will be managed by the Authority, with particular priority given to current year 5 pupils. Full support will be given to the transfer of any statemented pupils and those with learning difficulties to alternative schools.

The Authority confirms that all applicable statutory requirements to consult in relation to this proposal have been complied with.

There are no proposals for specific transport arrangements as the alternative schools with current surplus capacity are within reasonable walking distance of the school and this proposal will therefore not lead to greater car usage.

In the opinion of the Authority these proposals are not related to any other proposals which may have been, are, or are about to be published.

Peterborough Primary School is a community primary school providing education for pupils both with and without special education needs (SEN). There is no specific SEN provision at the school.

Complete copies of the proposal can be obtained by writing to Barbara Beese, Children's Services Department Cambridge House, Cambridge Grove, London W6 0LE , or by telephoning 020 8753 3636, or emailing barbara.beese@lbhf.gov.uk

The proposal can also be viewed on the council's website: www.lbhf.gov.uk

Any person may object to, or comment on the proposal. Objections, comments and representations must be made in writing and addressed to:

Andrew Christie
Director of Children's Services
Hammersmith and Fulham Local Education Authority
Town Hall
King Street
London W6 9JU

Objections, comments and representations must be received by no later than 5 p.m. on 22 November 2007.

Signed: Andrew Christie
Director of Children's Services
Date: 11 October 2007

Explanatory notes

(i) This proposal is made in the context of Hammersmith and Fulham Local Education Authority's Primary & Special Schools' Strategy, published on 30 March 2007, which set out its vision for primary education over the next five years. A 10 week consultation period concluded on 09 June 2007. The Education & Inspection Act 2006 is specific that the strategic role of the Authority is to promote choice, diversity and high standards to ensure the fulfillment of every child's educational potential.

(ii) The Authority is also obliged to address the issue of surplus capacity in its primary schools and in the south of the borough there is currently a high percentage of surplus places in primary schools. When examining Peterborough Primary School, the Authority reviewed the level of surplus places at the school and standards of attainment and achievement. Peterborough Primary School was identified in the main because it has the lowest number of children on roll of schools in the south (148 at May 2007) and the lowest standards at Key Stage 2.

(iii) Section 15 (1) of the Education & Inspections Act 2006 ("the Act") provides that where a Local Education Authority proposes to discontinue a community school, then the Authority shall publish their proposals under this section.

(iv) Regulations made under the Act further provide that "any person may make representations on any proposals published under Section 15 and that, where the proposals were published by a Local Education Authority, then:

"(a) any comments/representations under this paragraph shall be sent to the Authority within the prescribed six week period, "the representation period"; and

(b) where proposals are published by the Local Education Authority and there are no objections from specified objectors - the local Church of England diocese or the Bishop of the local Roman Catholic diocese, the proposals must be determined by the Authority within two months from the end of the representation period."