

Elsley Primary School Public consultation meeting

to expand from 1 form of entry to 3 forms of entry

Wednesday 14 January 2015, 3.30pm and 6 pm

Present: Raphael Moss, Headteacher
 Hareesh Hirani, Chair of Governors
 Ross Beaton, Vice Chair of Governors
 Approximately 4 Governors
 Carmen Coffey, Local Authority Representative
 Tunde Awofolaju, Local Authority Representative
 Approximately 12 Parents and Local Residents

Main issues & comments raised

- Parking – including staff parking
- Which entrance the construction will use
- Amount of land made available from Ark Elvin Academy
- Effect of Immigrants on the school community
- The school site / play space
- Bad parking by parents
- traffic

Introductions

Raphael Moss, Headteacher

Background information

Carmen Coffey - School Places / consultation process
 Tunde Awofolaju – design / construction

	Issues \ comments	Response given
1.	What is the timetable for the expansion?	The proposal is to expand the school by September 2016, construction will take around 6 – 8 months and the additional children will increase over 7 years from September 2016.
2.	The play space is not sufficient for an increased number of children.	The school could have staggered play times. The space will be compliant with primary play space guidelines. We could install acoustic fencing.
3.	If the school is expanded can the London Road entrance be used as well to minimise traffic on Tokynton Avenue?	Entrances to the school and traffic flow will have to be assessed. We will never eradicate all the traffic problems. The school will encourage walking and walking buses.
4.	The increase of pupils will reduce the facilities available especially the	Expansion of the school requires new building work and as such creates an opportunity for better facilities. Brent

	school hall and kitchen.	Council has allocated funding for the expansion which will go towards the educational needs of pupils and staff. As such construction will ensure classrooms and all other school facilities are modernised and suitable for the new volume of children.
5.	The building will be too big and not sympathetic to its surroundings.	We will work with the school to design the building and re design the play space. We can consider looking at the wasted space at the top of the site. The design stage has not begun yet.
6.	Could Brent officers monitor traffic during opening and closing times to ensure parents comply with considerate parking?	If expansion goes ahead there will be consideration as to how to manage traffic problems..
7.	Will planning take into consideration our views?	Your concerns will be taken on board and listed in the Executive report. The design team will also consider your concerns before permission is sought.

Other concerns raised included:

- Insufficient parking for staff cars
- The increased number of pupils may mean more children from immigrant backgrounds and this will affect the quality of education that the other children receive
- Which entrance construction vehicles will use as the main entrance on Tokynton Avenue is already congested and unsuitable for heavy loads
- The amount of land to be granted from Ark Elvin Academy