

## Elsley School Informal Consultation Responses Received – 9 February 2015

Agree = 19

Disagree = 05

Not sure = 01

Total = 25

<u>Agree</u>	Response number reference	Comment	Parent/ member of staff / other	Gender	Age group	Ethnicity
Agree 1	A1	No Comment	Parent	Female	25-34	Black Caribbean
Agree 2	A2	Very good move	Resident			
Agree 3	A3	Brent has: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Planning permission granted for more homes close to this school.</li> <li>2. Overall population is going up</li> <li>3. Birth rate is increasing</li> <li>4. Today's record shows that London will have to create 900,000 more places for the schools</li> <li>5. This is the Council's responsibility</li> </ol>	Parent			
Agree 4	A4	The Brent Teachers Panel agrees with these proposals because of the increasing need for Primary School places. However it does so with the following provisos; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the workload of existing staff is not increased</li> <li>2. That any building work complies with the highest standards of health and safety, especially in regards to asbestos</li> <li>3. That we are concerned about the open, playing space available for children. We would not support any reduction in the</li> </ol>	Brent Teacher's Panel			

		current playing space outside				
<b>Agree 5</b>	<b>A5</b>	No comment				
<b>Agree 6</b>	<b>A6</b>	<p>I am writing regarding the proposed expansion of Elsley Primary School.</p> <p>I am in favour for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a need. I know many children who do not have school spaces. With all the new flats and houses the need will increase. I Hope the developers make a contribution to the building costs!</li> <li>• Elsley is a good school. My children went there. It has a great new head with the passion and vision to see the project completed and put things in place to accommodate the extra numbers. It is good to build on what's good - not bring in 'free schools' which are so unknown.</li> <li>• The head has the vision to see the school as a resource for the community - as the director of another community project I am hugely in favour of this.</li> <li>• It would be good to have more use of the playing field ... it is so redundant at the moment as I hardly ever see it being used by Ark Elvin (formerly Copland)</li> </ul> <p>My reservations include: Traffic and parking! As a local resident this is a concern.</p>	Resident			
<b>Agree 7</b>	<b>A7</b>	This is to confirm I have no objection to expansion of	Other	Female		

		Elsley Primary school by two forms of entry, as long as the Governors, Parents and surrounding residents have no objection.  Also the Governors and Council should look into the school being used more extensively by the community.				
	<b>A8</b>	No comment		male	0-15	Asian Indian
	<b>A9</b>	I am happy with it and I am behind it as Elsley is a very good school and I hope this continues.	parent			
	<b>A10</b>	Great idea	parent	female	35-44	Asian Indian
	<b>A11</b>	No comment	Parent	Female	35-44	Black African
	<b>A12</b>	It is a good thing that the school is getting bigger as more space and more children will be getting education as the population in London is increasing rapidly. Not all children in London get to go to school. Some children are at home waiting to get in a primary school as there are not enough spaces in schools right now. I think everyone has the right to get an education as this will have a big future ahead of them. An education will prepare them for any obstacles that will come in their way. A bigger school means more children and this will benefit them.		male	0-15	Asian Indian
	<b>A13</b>	No comment	parent			
	<b>A14</b>	no comment				
	<b>A15</b>	No comment		male	35-44	Asian Indian
	<b>A16</b>	I agree with the expansion of Elsley Primary School. However we would like to make some points. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Where will construction traffic be routed?</li> <li>2. Where will construction workers park?</li> <li>3. Between 08:40-09:10 and 15:10-15:35 you cannot get in and out of your own drive due to school traffic. There are no parking restrictions i.e. yellow lines etc. People park in the pavement and intend to do about the increased traffic? We need to be consulted.</li> </ol>	Resident	Female	75+	White British

		Brent has never enforced any type of parking restrictions i.e. parking on double yellow lines in Northchurch and are parking over driveways corners and the pavement in Gaddesen Ave.				
	<b>A17</b>	I hope the school can improve the cleanliness of school facilities e.g. toilets and carpets.				
	<b>A18</b>	No Comments	Member of staff	female	65-74	White Irish
	<b>A19</b>	No comments	Member of staff	male	45-54	White British
<b><u>Disagree</u></b>	<b>Response number reference</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Parent/ member of staff / other</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Ethnicity</b>
<b>Disagree 1</b>	<b>D1</b>	I would like to complain against the extension of Elsley Primary School. It would cause too much disruption to the residents. There are already too many extensions and buildings being put up in Wembley.  We do not want further building work here in our small area.	Resident			
<b>Disagree 2</b>	<b>D2</b>	I would like to formally complain about the proposed expansion. Wembley already has had too much construction. Our local roads already face too much traffic. There are no solutions to this. The school is in what used to be a quiet residential setting and increasing the size can't possibly keep it quiet.  The construction lorries will cause noise and possible damage to roads or cars.  I protest this development wholeheartedly.				
<b>Disagree 3</b>	<b>D3</b>	I completely disagree with Brent Council to expand Elsley Primary School by two forms of entry (2FE).  I am a local resident and my views of why there	Resident	Male		

	<p>should not be an expansion of Elsley Primary school are as detailed below.</p> <p>(1) I have found parents that our collecting there children from Elsley School <a href="#">at 8.30am to 9.30am</a> and <a href="#">2.45pm to 4.00pm</a> parked on my driveway and other residents drives on my road. This has been happening on a regular basis and on numerous amounts of occasions I have found mine or my sons car has been blocked in on the drive way, this has made my son late for work and has inconvenienced me and my wife greatly.</p> <p>(2) Myself and also many other residents on my road have witnessed physical road rage amongst irate parents, male and female, whom are collecting their children attending Elsley school.</p> <p>(3) A large numbers of vehicles are causing road blocks on Berkhamsted Avenue, and Gaddsen Avenue, which in affect is becoming a very worrying and frightening Health and Safety issue quite clearly to myself and all the residents concerned, It is only a matter of time before a child or resident, pedestrian will be seriously hurt.</p> <p>(4) Each day, we experience bad parking, which encounters vehicles blocking drives, half parked up on the road, this makes disabled persons i.e. wheelchairs users /pushchairs or young and old alike not have proper access to pavements, this then becomes Hazardous, which forces pedestrians into the road, and this is not safe for any one.</p> <p>The above experiences are already happening on daily basis right now and this is without expanding the Elsley Primary school.</p>				
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<b>Disagree 4</b>	<b>D4</b>	<p>I <b>DISAGREE</b> with Brent Council to expand Elsley Primary School by two forms of entry (2FE).</p> <p>As residents we have already tolerated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• heavy traffic, creating gridlock between 08:30-09:30, and 13:00-16:00 Monday to Friday;</li> <li>• noise from the children during break times, and loud music during the garden fete, in the summer;</li> <li>• discourteous parents, blocking our driveways and actually parking in our driveways;</li> <li>• parents and children littering the area, including depositing sweet wrappers over our garden walls, into our front gardens;</li> <li>• my garden backs onto the school, and have endured the security lighting shining directly into my house every evening, for</li> </ul>	Resident	Female		

		<p>years, causing me sleepless nights and giving me a headaches during the evenings; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The school security alarm going off every once in a while, driving myself and other residents to distraction with the noise.</li></ul> <p>We have tolerated this, as this is sadly what comes with living near a school, and it is difficult, even impossible to enforce. We erected a 6 ft fence, but because the security light is located high up, we cannot block this intrusive light from entering our garden or home. This light pollution is unacceptable.</p> <p>Our quality of life is already impaired by living near this small primary school. The proposal to enlarge the school would aggravate the problems that already exist, creating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• an adverse effect on the residential amenity of neighbours, by the additional noise from the children, the additional traffic from the parents, and further loss of privacy;</li><li>• the proposal to develop into the field beyond the footprint of the school is a travesty. We live in an overpopulated town, already hampered by the school, its activities, Wembley Stadium, and SSE Arena events. We have tolerated it, as we have to co-exist as best we can. To develop upon Greenfield Land is to destroy what little parkland and green space we have left, for ever. Once the land is developed upon, you cannot go back and restore it. It is destroyed for generations to come, and to suggest such a scheme shows a complete</li></ul>				
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		<p>lack of respect to the residents who live there, and humanity as a whole, who will still have to continue to live there for many years to come.</p> <p>Whilst I <b>object wholeheartedly to this proposal</b>, I would like to make a positive point. I appreciate the area is heavily overpopulated and needs a school, I also appreciate Mr Raphael Moss (Headteacher) taking the time to invite residents to a meeting to discuss the proposal, this shows some courtesy, for which I am grateful. The proposal is however unacceptable, and environmental impact life-changing and life-long.</p> <p>Brent Council should carefully consider the growth of the borough, and the detrimental effects these decisions have, on everyone who lives, works, and travels there. Why not develop upon Brownfield Land? Furthermore, we have many derelict buildings in the area, such as the Unisys Building opposite Wembley Point. Why not refurbish this derelict building and use it as a school?</p> <p>I look forward to hearing from you.</p>				
<b>Disagree 5</b>	<b>D5</b>	<p>I <b>DISAGREE</b> with Brent Council to expand Elsley Primary School by two forms of entry (2FE).</p> <p>Please see my reasons below.</p> <p>1. Gaddesden Avenue and surrounding roads already have a huge problem with cars double parking, which has led to emergency vehicles unable to get through during school start and finish times. The extra traffic would only add to the already dangerous parking situation.</p>	Resident	Male		

		<p>2. Litter is currently scattered all over the adjoining roads, which is thrown out of the vehicles of parents parked up while waiting to collect their children. Additional pupils will have an additional negative impact on the cleanliness of adjoining roads and environment.</p> <p>3. The playing field is currently used by many local residents throughout the year, especially local youths playing cricket and football plus dog walkers. The field has become extremely bio diverse, over the past few years has started attracting rare birds including birds of prey back into the area. If this facility is taken away children will be forced to play on the roads, and local wild life will diminish, which will be a tragedy for future generations of Wembley.</p> <p>If the current site of Elsley School is unable to accommodate the demands of extra pupils, surely it would be better to relocate to a more suitable site that can be redeveloped and expanded i.e. opposite Wembley Point which has been empty for years, rather than destroy much needed valuable green space.</p> <p>I look forward to hearing from you.</p>				
<b><u>No Decision</u></b>	<b>Reference Number</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Parent/ member of staff / other</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Ethnicity</b>
No Decision 1	<b>N1</b>	No comment				