

Appendix 12

Uxendon Manor Primary School formal consultation responses received - 11 June to 9 July 2015

Agree = 01

Disagree = 02

Total = 03

<u>Agree</u>	Response number reference	Comment	Parent/ member of staff / other	Gender	Age group	Ethnicity
Agree 1	Ux1	Thank you very much for the information. I [am] aware expansion is the best solution for the council, school and children. I do not have any further question.	Parent	Female		
<u>Disagree</u>	Response number reference	Comment	Parent/ member of staff / other	Gender	Age	Ethnicity
Disagree 1	Ux2	<p>I am writing to object in the strongest possible terms to the proposed extension of Uxendon Manor School. My family house is as near to the school in [address provided] as is possible to be. The disruption it would cause to the surrounding roads and parking in the area would be catastrophic. At the moment with the size of the school as it is the amount of congestion is very bad so what it would be like with a larger school is difficult to imagine.</p> <p>Also the expansion of the school hall for community use worries me as we had a lot of trouble with the school being let out several years ago and we had a lot of problems with noise and disruption. This is a very built up area and does not lend itself to lots of activities other than any ones that are entirely school based which I am happy with.</p> <p>I do understand the need to expand schools with the growing population of the country and the difficulties you find yourselves in but as we have lived in this house for over 40 years now we do not feel that we have to have disruption on this kind of scale.</p>	Local resident	Female		

		We do hope you are going to have a public planning meeting in the school in the not too distant future so that we can air our views in public.				
Disagree 2	Ux3	<p>I am writing to you regarding the proposals to double the intake of pupils at Uxendon Manor JM+I School, Kenton.</p> <p>For a number of years there have been various proposals to increase the intake of pupils at this school based on the need to provide increased primary school places in Brent.</p> <p>Uxendon Manor JM+I School lies on the boarder of Brent and Harrow and the nearest public transport link is the 183 bus on the Kenton Road which separates the boroughs. Kingsbury, Kenton and Preston Park Road tube stations are a substantial distance from the school. It is not clear to me from the various documentations available for this consultation that pupil intake proposed for the school will come solely or even mainly from Brent. Brent parents who are offered a place at the school from a substantial distance away will increasingly rely on private transport to deliver and collect children from the school. The roads around this school are already very difficult to drive around at school-run time with Claremont High School also being in close proximity to Uxendon Manor. I therefore believe that before approval is given to expand Uxendon Manor information should be provided as to where the expected increase in pupil numbers will be coming from and how they will travel to and from the school and what will be the expected impact on local resident traffic and what proposals will be put in place to alleviate traffic congestion in the area.</p> <p>A Planning Application was submitted earlier this year to build two temporary classrooms at the rear of the school hall. Along with two other local residents I objected to this proposal and spoke to the Brent Planning Committee about my concerns. A temporary classroom block has now appeared at the back of the school but in a position not agreed at the Planning Committee. A further retrospective Planning Application has been submitted to 'legitimise' this building. Yet another Planning Application has been submitted for yet another two temporary classroom unit between the playground and the grass area at the rear of the school. This Application appears to have been submitted on the assumption that the school will get approval to double the intake, demolish some buildings and obtain finance to put up a permanent additional structure.</p>				

		<p>We therefore have several consultations going on at the same time but with different assumptions about the outcomes. The school is consulting about doubling the size of its intake and therefore doubling the size of the school accommodation space required. This consultation has only recently gone out to the local community and Planning Applications have not yet been considered by the Planning Committee yet a temporary two classroom unit is already in place and a further unit has been ordered for placement during the summer holidays. School intake has increased this year with temporary in-school classroom accommodation.</p> <p>The whole process appears confusing and rushed – a true cart before the horse situation. The Council and School Governors are leaving themselves open to legal action including a potential judicial review on their procedures and consultations with regards to the proposals. I urge you to suspend any further development at Uxendon Manor until a full review of the legally correct procedures have been obtained and checked against what has actually happened. To give you one example a meeting was held at the school on Wednesday 6th May about the proposals. 450 letters were apparently sent to local residents. Residents at the rear of the school in Brookfield Crescent did not receive this letter. According to a council officer this was an ‘oversight’. So it was. But it should have been corrected before any further developments took place. It was not. Apparently the residents of the Kenton Legion Hall were consulted as were the staff who ran the nursery at this Hall. The only problem was that the nursery stopped operating over ten years ago and the Hall itself was demolished last year!</p> <p>One of the documents provided to support one of the Planning Applications at the school is the Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey. This very detailed document has a number of serious errors including reference to the Tookey Close Open Space (page 5) to the North of the site. No such site of Local Importance for Nature Conservation exists in that location. This is a legally required document yet it is flawed. This, along with errors that have occurred with Planning Applications adds support to the need for legal review by the Council on both the submitted supporting documents and the consultation procedures concerning proposals to expand Uxendon Manor School.</p>				
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