



A Public Consultation

Proposed Expansion of Leopold Primary School to 4 Forms of Entry on a Split Site by September 2015

1. Introduction

Leopold Primary School, Hawkshead Road, London, NW10 9UR is a community school located in the southern half of the borough. It has an admission number of 420 places to boys and girls between the ages of 4 – 11. There is also a nursery with 60 full time places.

Currently, the demand for school places in Brent, as with many outer London boroughs, is increasing. The demand for primary places in the south of the borough specifically has led to the proposal to expand Leopold Primary School on a permanent basis.

Therefore Brent Council in partnership with the Governing Body of Leopold Primary School is consulting with staff, parents and the community on the option to expand the school by two forms of entry (2FE) to 4 forms of entry (4FE) on a split site. The expansion will provide an additional 60 places in each year group (420 new permanent primary places in total). At full capacity the school will have 840 permanent places (Reception –Year 6) on two sites with 420 places each (Reception to Year 6).

The school currently runs temporary classes at a satellite provision at the Gwenneth Rickus Building, Brentfield Road, London, NW10 8HE. Therefore between the two sites the school already provides 720 places (420 permanent and 300 temporary). The proposal is to make all 840 places permanent as developed below. In the event of permanent expansion being approved, these places will continue to be split between the two sites.

You are invited two meetings (one on each site) to discuss the proposals:

4pm on 20 May 2015 – Brentfield Road, NW10 8HE

7pm on 20 May 2015 – Hawkshead Road, NW10 9UR

Alternatively you can give your views in writing or online. Full details can be found in this document.

2. The proposal

Brent Council is proposing to expand Leopold Primary School, Hawkshead Road, London, NW10 9UR by two forms of entry (420 additional places), taking the school capacity from 840 permanent and temporary places (Year R – Year 6) to 840 permanent (Reception – Year 6). The school will continue to provide a nursery with 60 full time places on the Hawkshead Road site. The school will become a four form of entry school (4FE) on a split site of 2FE each.

Leopold Primary School is providing 10 temporary Reception - Year 4 classes in the Gwenneth Rickus Building (off site/satellite) taking their current total number of places to 720.

Table 1: The current places in the school 2014/15 academic year

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
Permanent	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	420
Temporary	60	90	30	90	30	0	0	300

Table 2: The available places in the school year by 2020/21 academic year

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
Permanent	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	840
Temporary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

If the proposal to expand on a split site is approved the increase in number of permanent places at the school will be gradual until 840 is reached in September 2020 as illustrated in the table below:

Table 3: Number of pupils in each year group in each academic year

Date	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
Sep-14	120	150	90	150 *	90	60	60	720
Sep-15	120	120	150	120	120	90	60	780
Sep-16	120	120	120	150	120	120	90	840
Sep-17	120	120	120	120	150	120	120	870
Sep-18	120	120	120	120	120	150	120	870
Sep-19	120	120	120	120	120	120	150	870
Sep-20	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	840

*there will only be 2 classes going forward as children will be relocated through the borough naturally.

<p>3.</p>	<p>Why expand Leopold School?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Brent school place planning strategy has criteria only to expand Good and Outstanding schools according to OFSTED classifications (Office of Standards in Education). • Leopold Primary School was classified as a Good school by OFSTED in December 2011. • By expanding to 4 forms of entry (4FE) Leopold Primary School will be providing local opportunities for more children to attend good provision. • Leopold's exceptional reputation and caring ethos offers both challenges and support to children enabling strong personal development. • For planning purposes the borough is split into 5 different regions (planning areas) so that local demand can be calculated. Leopold Primary School and 9 other Brent schools providing primary provision fall into planning area 4, of which 6 schools have already been expanded in recent years. Stonebridge Primary School is consulting to expand once more.
<p>4.</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>The proposed accommodation for the expansion by 2FE would utilise the existing Gwenneth Rickus Building. It is not currently anticipated that any new build accommodation will be required however and, depending on relevant surveys, some existing annex buildings may be refurbished or replaced and some internal refurbishment and remodelling may be required within the main existing buildings. It is therefore not envisaged at this stage that there will be a loss of current external play areas.</p> <p>Any required building work, once all relevant approvals are obtained would be envisaged to be undertaken during the coming summer holiday period and into the 2015/16 academic year. Some phasing of works may be necessary. In addition, safety measures and clear zoning of construction and non-construction areas will be in place to ensure that the school site is safe for continued use.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>The growing number of primary school pupils</p> <p>The number of children seeking a primary school in Brent has been increasing year on year. This is due to several factors e.g. the renewed popularity of Brent schools, the inward migration of families into the borough, the new housing developments throughout the borough attracting new families and the rising birth rates. As a result, in areas of high demand there are insufficient school places to meet current demand.</p>

The pressure of increasing demand is already evident with few places available in Brent's 61 primary schools. Brent Council is supportive of the proposed expansion of Leopold Primary School to help address the shortage of primary school places.

6. New primary school places

In March 2014 the Local Authority consulted with all primary schools in the borough to explore the possibility of increasing the number of school places. It has been evident that the demand for Reception places would be greater than the number of available places. This assessment was based on the number of on-time, late and in year admissions applications received by the Local Authority, the current forecast of student numbers and local factors such as feedback from schools.

The Local Authority has reviewed capacity constraints at all primary schools and identified the maximum need for school places in the local areas. Discussions have taken place with schools which were suitable and willing for expansion. This was followed by an initial feasibility assessment of potential expansion sites.

Since 2005 the Local Authority has analysed the increased demand for school places and created a programme to increase primary places through permanent expansion of schools and temporary classes across Brent. The table below demonstrates how many permanent and temporary primary places have been created since September 2006.

Table 2: Number of additional places created in Brent since 2006

Total number of additional places (Reception to Year 6)	Permanent places (Reception to Year 6)	Temporary places (Reception to Year 6)
5729	3746	1983

7. We would like to hear from you

Brent Council and Governors of Leopold Primary School are at the moment consulting all interested parties including parents and staff at the school, all schools in Brent and neighbouring boroughs with an aim to receive feedback on the proposal. This consultation is the first step in the process of possible expansion. A further consultation on any planning application for the Gwenneth Rickus Building on Brentfield Road would take place by Autumn 2015.

We would welcome your views on the proposal to expand the school by 2FE on the Brentfield Road site. If you have any comments that you would like to make in relation to this proposal, you can either use the attached tear-off response form or write to:

**Judith Joseph, 5th Floor, Brent Civic Centre
Engineers Way, Wembley, Middlesex, HA9 0FJ**

Or

Send an email to: **judith.joseph@brent.gov.uk**

Copies of this consultation document are also available at the school reception and completed responses can be returned to the school reception at either Hawkshead Road or the Gwenneth Rickus Building on Brentfield Road.

Alternatively, this document can be downloaded from:

<http://www.brent.gov.uk/currentconsultations>

A limited translation service can be provided for this document on request to judith.joseph@brent.gov.uk

All written comments must be received by: **Friday 19 June 2015**

8. **You can also attend either public meeting for parents, carers and the community which have been arranged to discuss the proposed expansion of Leopold Primary School.**

First meeting – Brentfield Road site:

Date: 20 May 2015

Time: 4pm

**Venue: Leopold Primary School Main Hall,
Gwenneth Rickus Building
Brentfield Road
London
NW10 8HE**

Second meeting – Hawkshead Road site:

Date: 20 May 2015

Time: 7pm

**Venue: Leopold Primary School Hall
Hawkshead Road site
London
NW10 9UR**

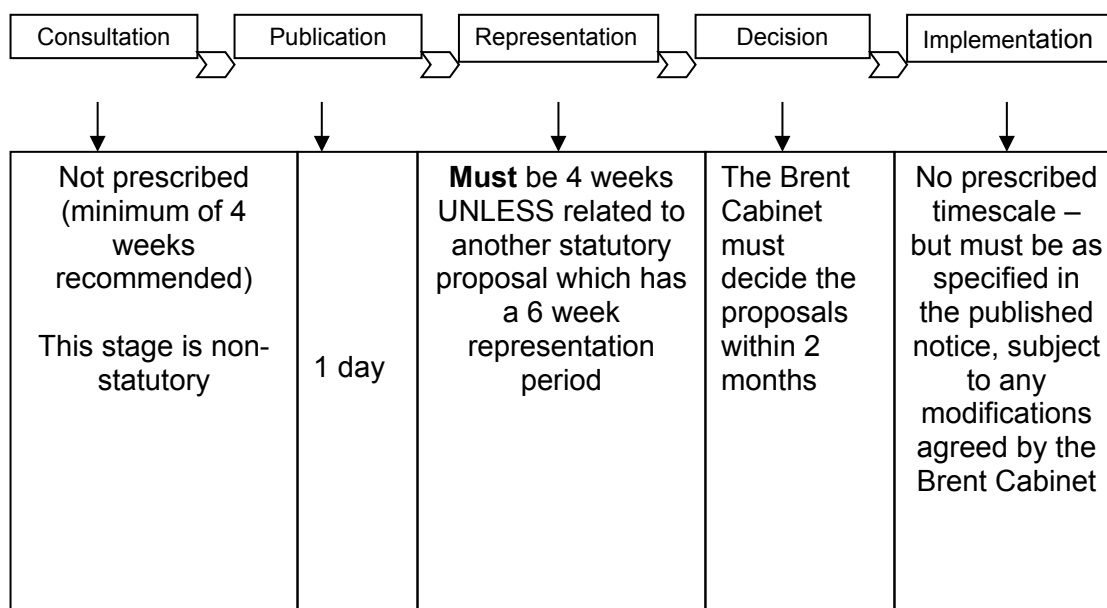
9. The procedures for reorganisation

Brent Council in partnership with Leopold Primary School intends to meet with staff, parents and the local community, to receive their views.

If, after the consultation, the school's Governing Body decides to proceed with the expansion then a statutory proposal will be published in the local news paper and will also be placed at public places e.g. on the main entrances to Leopold Primary School, Brent Libraries, Brent consultation website, Leopold School website.

Thereafter a 4 week representation period will commence during which anybody can write to make formal representations on the proposals. Representations can be in the form of support, suggestions or objections to the proposal. All representations will be presented to Brent Council's Cabinet Committee which will make a decision on the proposal.

Table 3: 5 stages for a proposal for an excepted school expansion – the first is non statutory the remaining 4 stages are statutory.



10. Consultees

This document is being sent to:

Leopold Primary School: parents, staff, governors and student council
All maintained schools and Academies in Brent
Brent Council
Westminster Diocesan Education Service
London Diocesan Board for Schools
London Borough of Ealing
London Borough of Barnet
London Borough of Camden
London Borough of Harrow
London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham
London Borough of Westminster
Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
Local Resident Associations
All Councillors
Local Member of Parliament
All Brent Customer Service Shops
All Brent Libraries
All Brent Children Centres
Sport England
Secretary of State, School Organisation Unit
Local private nurseries
Any trade unions who represent staff of Leopold Primary School
Representatives of main trade unions in Brent
Early Years and Family Support Service
Early Years Quality and Improvement Team
Parent and Toddler groups in the area
Brent Music Service
E Music
Let Me Play
Kickstep

Leopold Primary School Consultation Response Slip

Please tear off and return by: **Friday 19 June 2015**

I agree / disagree with Brent Council to expand the school by two form of entry (2FE) on a split site. *Delete as appropriate*

Comments:

(Please use the back of this form if you require more space)

Signed

Parent / member of staff / other*please specify*

Please send to:

**Judith Joseph
5th Floor, Brent Civic Centre
Engineers Way
Wembley
Middlesex HA9 0FJ**

Or email judith.joseph@brent.gov.uk

Comments continued:

About you

By answering the following questions, you will help us ensure that we deliver a fair service to all our community. You do not have to give us this information, but we hope you will. All information will be treated in the strictest of confidence and will only be used to monitor and improve Brent Council services.

Gender (please tick one):

Male		Female	
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My age group (please tick one):

0 -15		16-24	
25-34		35-44	
45-54		55-64	
65-74		75+	

Which one of these groups do you feel you belong to (please tick one)?

Asian Indian		Asian Pakistani	
Asian Bangladeshi		Asian Other	
Black Caribbean		Black African	
Black Other		Chinese	
Mixed White and Black Caribbean		Mixed White and Black African	
Mixed White and Asian		Mixed Other	
White British		White Irish	
White Other		Other Ethnic Group	