

## **CONSULTATION REPORT**

### **STONEBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL EXPANSION PROPOSALS**

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### **1. Overall design of the consultation**

The consultation design and process was discussed at the Officers Project Board with advice sought from the Council's consultation, media, web and equalities teams. A consultation strategy was written and Members were briefed on the process.

Consultation aimed to seek the views of residents and interested parties on the proposal. The consultation ran from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014. A consultation leaflet was produced which included details on the proposals and sought views through two open questions. A website was also created which had the consultation information and an on-line consultation response portal.

<http://brent.gov.uk/regeneration/school-rebuilding-programme/stonebridge-consultation/>

5 consultation events were held:

Date	Venue	
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14/10/2014 3.30-5.30pm	Stonebridge Primary School	Drop in consultation event for parents, teachers and pupils
21/10/2014 7pm	Bridge Park	Brent Connects – Presentation and Question and Answer Session
29/10/2014 9.30-11.30 am	The Hub, Hillside	Drop in consultation event
05/11/2014 5.30 – 7.30 pm	The Hub, Hillside	Drop in consultation event
12/11/2014 5.00 – 7.00 pm	Stonebridge Primary School	Drop in consultation event

The consultation leaflet and on-line consultation included the same two open questions, which asked:

1. Please tell us what you like about the proposals and why?
2. Please tell us what you would like changed and why?

## **2. Distribution and Advertising the Consultation**

Ahead of the start of the formal consultation, meetings were held with:

- The Stonebridge School Governors
- The Welsh School Governors
- Brent Play Association staff
- Headteacher of Our Lady of Lourdes

The first three meetings were with representatives of organisations who are within the site area being consulted on. Our Lady of Lourdes was met as a close neighbour to the site.

The public consultation was advertised through:

1. Leaflets were delivered to properties with 0.5 miles of the site
2. Leaflets were provided to all pupils of Stonebridge Primary School
3. Leaflets were provided to Brent Play Association (the organisation who manages the Adventure Playground), the Welsh School and Our Lady of Lourdes School
4. Consultation information was provided to the local press
5. The website had full details of the consultation
6. The link to the website consultation was sent to the following organisations:
  - Stonebridge Primary School
  - All maintained schools and Academies in Brent
  - Brent Council - key officers
  - 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 Stonebridge 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
- Victorian Society
- English Heritage
- Hyde Housing
- Welsh School
- Our Lady of Lourdes

Ahead of the start of the formal consultation, Brent Play Association started a campaign to save the Adventure Playground. This received local press coverage and was on the front page of The Brent and Kilburn Times for a number of weeks, as such there was a lot of coverage in the media of the proposals.

Responses to the consultation could be made through:

- Completing the online questionnaire
- Completing the paper leaflet and returning it to Brent Civic Centre or in the drop box which was left at The Hub, Hillside for the duration of the consultation event.
- Attending a consultation event

The website did also include an email address and officers phone numbers.

On Friday 7th November officers delivered further leaflets to Fawood Children's Centre, the Hub Hillside reception, Brent START Stonebridge, Hillside Primary Care Centre and St Michael's nursery.

In total around 6,700 leaflets were distributed over the course of the consultation.

### **3. Consultation Summary**

This summarises all the above different consultation responses received, with the exception of the petition which is dealt with separately and does not form part of this consultation report.

The Council distributed around 6,700 leaflets, around 60 individuals attended consultation events (excluding Brent Connects which was not exclusively for this consultation) and we received 90 written submissions (leaflets, on line and 17 A4 signed standard documents). Most of the written responses were from people in Brent/Brent organisations and around 1/3 where it was not or could not be identified that it was from a person in Brent/Brent organisation. The Council also received one response on the phone ahead of the start of the consultation, comments from this were added to the verbal comments from the consultation event.

The majority of responses focused on the loss of the Adventure Playground and the desire to keep this provision. A number of responses only discussed the Adventure Playground proposals, with many of these respondents saying they didn't like anything about the proposal. The highlights of the responses are detailed below:

#### School Expansion

- That the school expansion should be re planned so not to be at the expense of the Adventure Playground or to leave the school on two sites.
- Due to the school having the annexe site it was felt that the school expansion was only providing a further 30 places.
- There were respondents who welcomed the school being on one site.

#### Adventure Playground

- Importance of the safe and supervised nature of the provision.
- Importance of the facility in terms of childcare – including after school and summer school provision.
- As a place for children to go without which they could partake in anti-social behaviour/crime.
- The value of play and play facilities (including the indoor space).
- The facility being a free provision.

#### Open Space

- People wanted to see the open space improved.
- The proposed open space and improvements to the canal feeder were welcomed.
- Residents did not want to see a loss of open space or trees.

#### Housing

- There was a mixed response to whether there should be more housing.
- A number of respondents did not want to see more housing, especially on the current open space site and the Milton Avenue site.
- For those who did wish to see more housing there was a desire for houses as opposed to flats and for the homes to be affordable.
- There was a desire for no high rises and for good design.

#### Welsh School

- There were limited responses on the Welsh School.
- Responses questioned what the future of the Welsh School would be.

#### Other Issues

- Generally the new play space was unsupported as it was seen as unsafe; as it was by a road and unsupervised.
- Traffic and parking issues were raised in regards to the needs to address current provision and the impact of the proposals.
- The proposals need to ensure community cohesion.

### **4. Response Analysis**

In total the Council received 66 online and paper returns to the consultation.

In addition to consultation responses through the on-line portal or paper leaflet, the Council received 17 signed copies of a 2 page A4 document (see appendix ), 7 responses via e-mail and received a petition. Officers at consultation events also took notes of the conversations.

#### **4.1 On-line, paper returns and emails**

This section discusses the written responses received through the on-line consultation portal, hard copy leaflets and emails. Responses from organisations such as other local authorities are included in the written returns and there is not a distinction between organisational and individual responses.

A number of responses completed their answer only under one question heading of the two questions which were asked, as such the consultation analysis has not distinguished between the questions and focused on the content of the answer.

Of the consultation responses 48 provided an address in Brent or stated that they were within the London Borough of Brent. A further two responses gave their address, but these were either not within the borough or could not be identified as being in the borough.

The written analysis is considered in two parts, those identified as Brent (46 responses) and those who are not (27 responses). This is in order to understand if there is a different response to those who are “local” and those who are not.

Officers have not sought to remove responses if it appears that an individual has submitted multiple responses or where there are multiple responses from a household, as it was felt that it would not be possible to know whether those where an address were not given were multiple responses.

It should be noted that respondents did not comment on all aspects of the proposals and in many instances focused on one issue in their response.

The below is a summary of the key points of the responses and has sought to group comments into categories of comments.

##### **4.1.1 Written responses – Brent**

Around two-fifths of respondents said that in general they did not like the proposals or did not want anything to change. Only a couple of respondents in general said they liked the proposals

##### **Stonebridge Adventure Playground and proposed new playspace**

The Adventure Playground was the most discussed response topic with around three quarters of respondents stating that they wanted to keep the playground or they valued the Adventure Playground

The top five reasons for the importance of the Adventure Playground (or in some responses children’s needs in general) were around:

1. The importance of safety, supervision or having friendly/trusted staff.
2. The importance of “play” or play facilities
3. The importance for after school, summer holiday or childcare provision.

4. The importance in terms of keeping children off the streets or that without a dedicated space it could lead to crime.
5. That the Adventure Playground had been around for a long time

Other responses included:

- There was an educational element to the Adventure Playground
- That it allowed different children to mix together
- That it was free
- That it was a place where parents could meet
- Importance for children with disabilities or special educational needs
- Children were able to get food or drink
- Important for Community Cohesion

A few respondents also mentioned that they would like a new or improved facility. The importance of having facilities for children in general was also discussed.

The proposed new playspace was not popular. Around a seventh of respondents discussed this and all were against this with safety issues cited as the main reason.

#### Stonebridge Primary School Expansion

Over a third of respondents discussed the school expansion proposals. The response to whether to expand the Stonebridge Primary School was mixed.

There were a number that did not want the proposed expansion due to the impact on the Adventure Playground, and would want the school expansion re-planned or relocated, including the school remaining on two sites. Some respondents did not view that there was a need for the school expansion or that the proposed expansion was not producing any significant increase in spaces. This was due to the school having the annexe site and it being felt that the expansion was only producing a further 30 spaces.

Some respondents were against the expansion as they viewed Stonebridge as too crowded, whilst there were respondents who were in favour of the proposals.

#### Housing

The housing proposals were mentioned by around a fifth of respondents. Of these respondents the majority did not want housing or for it not to be in specific locations (along Milton Avenue or by the school).

There was mention of the importance of having affordable/social housing by a few respondents, as well as a desire for no high rise and the importance of good design.

#### Open space

Open space issues were discussed by less than a fifth of respondents. Respondents did not want to see the loss of the open space as well as wanting to protect/have no loss of trees. A desire for greenery was raised, although a general improvement of existing provision was most important.

Other comments included mentioning that the improvements to the canal feeder were seen as positive and there was a desire for a meeting place mentioned.

### Welsh School

The Welsh School was mentioned in a couple of responses, which indicated a desire that it is kept.

### Other Issues Raised

Traffic and parking issues were raised in regards to the proposals, both in terms of disruption generated during the construction stage and as part of the development.

The need for clear cycling/pedestrian demarcations was also raised.

The importance of community cohesion was raised by a few respondents

A desire for a library was raised.

## **4.1.2 Written responses – Brent not identified**

### Stonebridge Adventure Playground and proposed new playspace

Again the main responses were centred on the Adventure Playground with, over two fifths in favour of keeping the adventure playground.

The top four reasons for the importance of the Adventure Playground (or in some responses children's needs in general) were:

1. The importance of "play" or play facilities
2. That the Adventure Playground had been around for a long time
3. The importance of safety, supervision or having friendly/trusted staff.
4. That it allowed different children to mix together

Other responses included:

- Importance for after school, summer holiday or childcare provision.
- There was an educational element to the Adventure Playground
- That it was a place where parents could meet
- Importance for children with disabilities or special educational needs
- Children were able to get food or drink
- Importance in terms of keeping children off the streets or that without a dedicated space it could lead to crime.
- Important for Community Cohesion

There was a response which did seek that the Adventure Playground be relocated or closed.

Again, the importance of having facilities for children in general was also discussed.

Only one response mentioned the proposed play space which was not liked due to health concerns for children with the location.

Just over a quarter of respondents discussed the school proposals. The majority of responses that discussed the school expansion or the need for additional school places were positive.

The Welsh School was raised once, including about potential unfair treatment compared with the French school

The housing proposal was generally seen positively.

The couple of responses in regards to the open space also viewed the proposals as positive.

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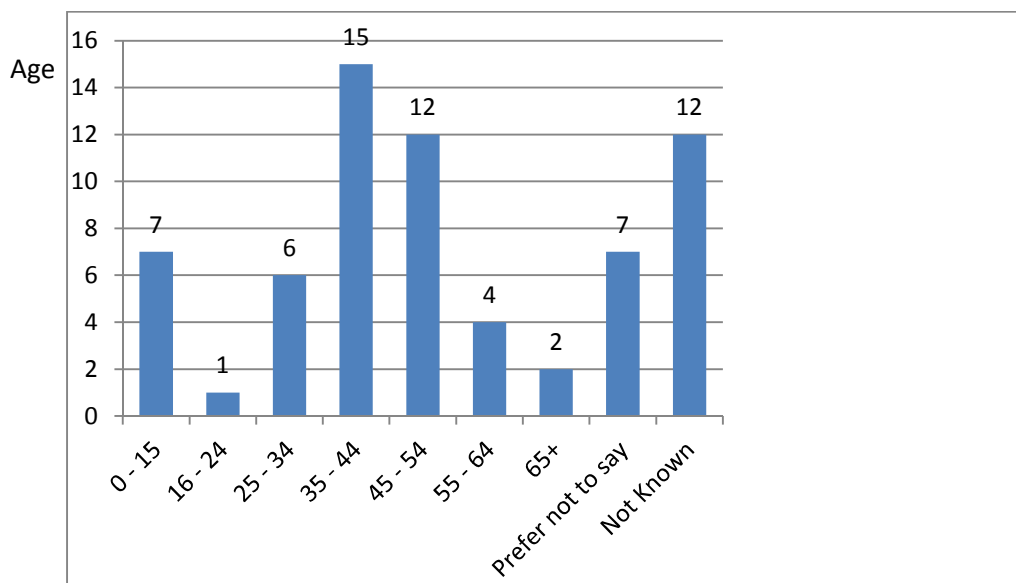
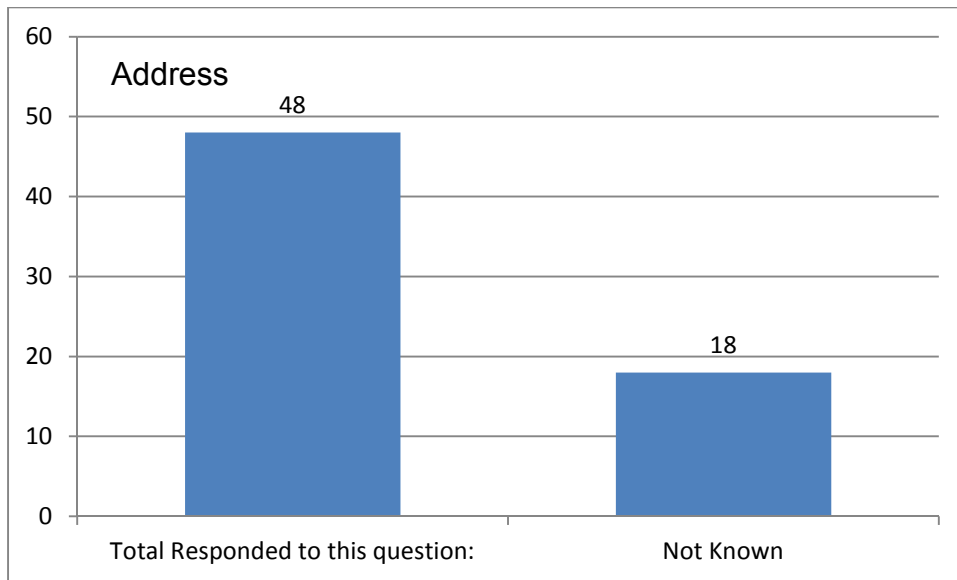
Need for further design information as part of the consultation.

The below illustrates the frequency of themes

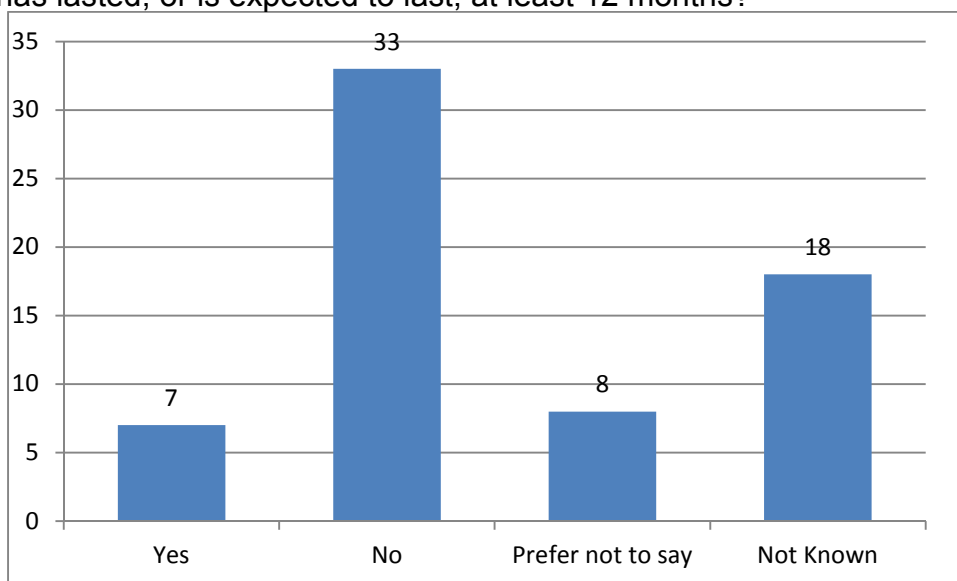


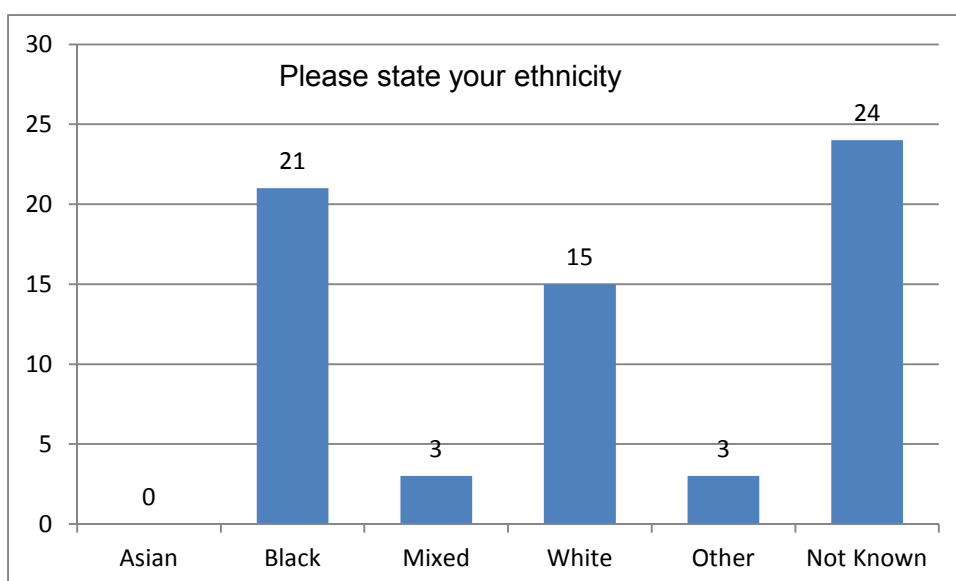
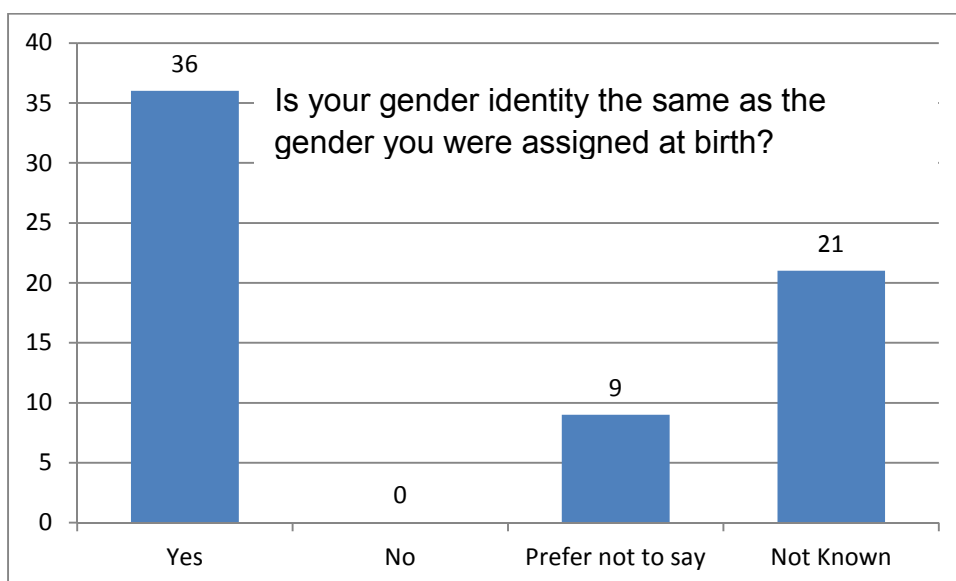
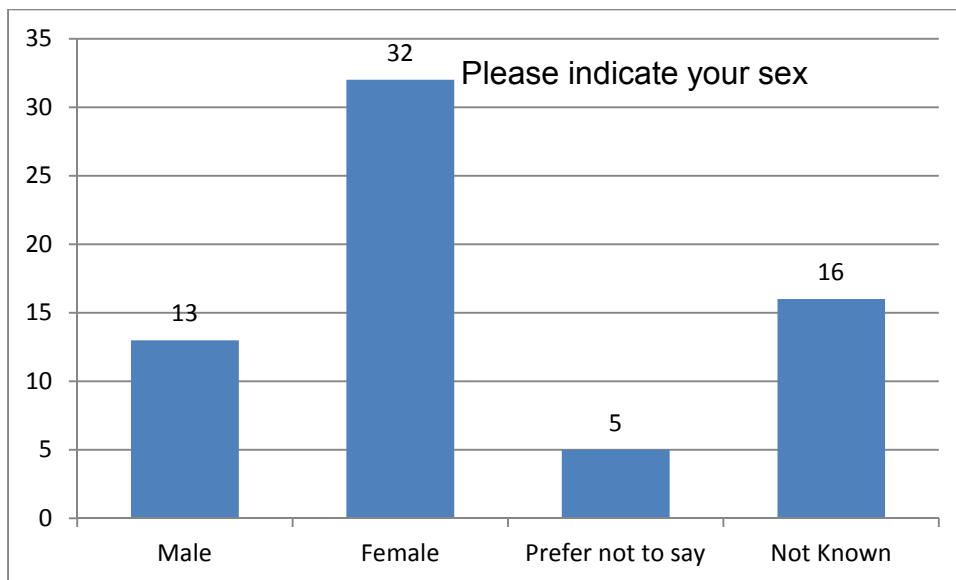
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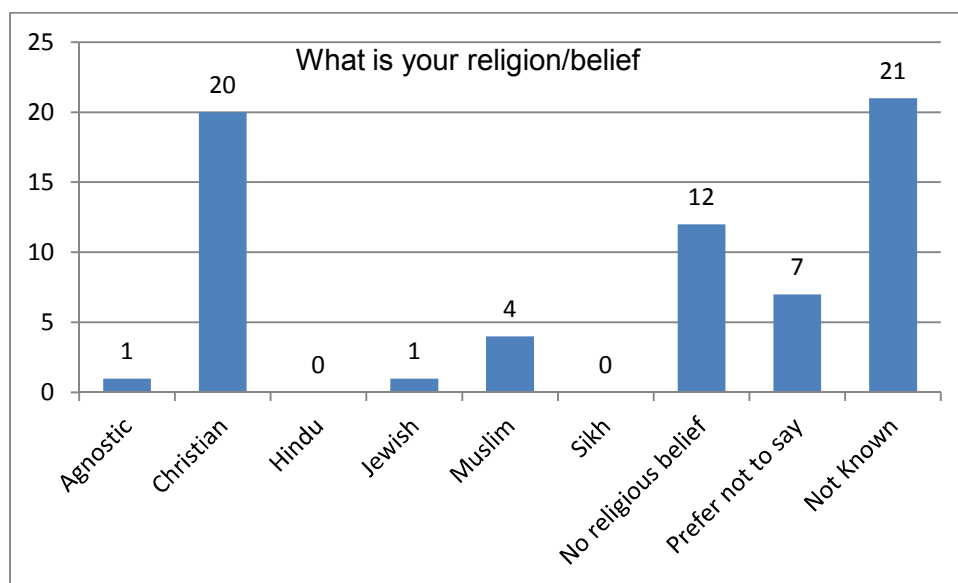
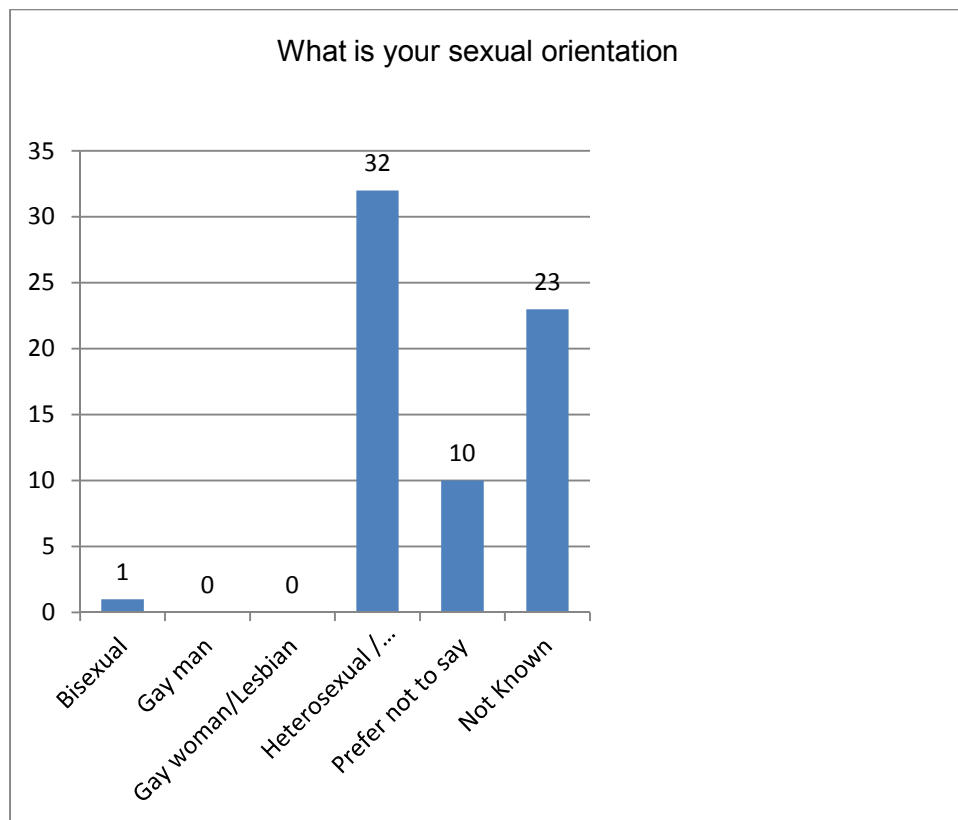




Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?



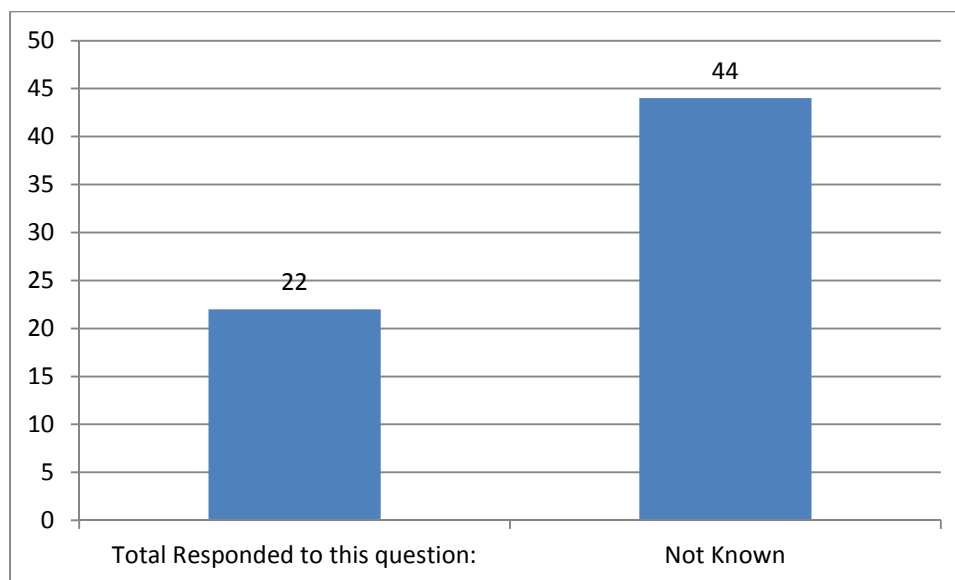




What are the ages of the other members of your household?

Do any members of your household have a health problem or disability which limits their day to day activities and which has lasted or is expected to last at least 12 months? your household?

What is the ethnicity of the other members of your household, if it differs from yours?



In addition to the above, 12 of the responses identified that there were children under the age of 18 in the household and that 4 of the respondent had members of the household who had a health problem or disability which limits their day to day activities and which has lasted or is expected to last at least 12 months.

#### 4.2 A4 Document Analysis

The Council received 17 signed copies of an two page A4 document. The key points of the document are below and the full document is at the end of this report. Please note that for the purposes of considering the overall consultation response, these points are given a “x17” weighting to recognise the 17 signed submissions.

Adventure Playground and Proposed new play space:

- The existing Stonebridge Adventure Playground should not close
- Children must have somewhere to go
- The playground serves as a gap between school home time and actual at home time
- It is free of charge to use and keeps children off the street in a protected compound
- It is part indoor /outdoor smoke free environment where the children do not need to leave to get refreshments or drinking water.
- No park of play space in the open is free from the pollutant tobacco smoke, alcohol drinkers, drug sellers and users, from dogs and fouling, from unclear broken glass that stays in place for days or weeks.
- With any play area there should be proper walkways/paths to walk into or through the area

#### Housing:

- Homes are needed but a mix of new and old homes
- Proposed Housing at the annex site seems reasonable
- Housing on current open space/hillside not acceptable – will obscure the wonderful view of school building (too close to the school)
- Must accommodate older homes and the needs of a financially poor area

#### Primary School Expansion

- The proposal only identifies 30 new pupil places

- Not enough school places are being created, the over populating of Stonebridge is a real concern.

### Open Space

- Trees should remain (current open space)
- Perhaps open space can go inside the school
- There must be sufficient walkways

### Other Issues

- The Stonebridge area does not need another adult education centre.
- Must be sufficient Parking including disabled bays (available to all)
- There should be no segregated parking at all, for employees
- We, my household DO NOT support these proposals

## **4.3 Consultation Event Discussions**

At each consultation event conversations with attending residents were noted, this provided us with the opportunity to understand in further detail the key opinions that were heard through the written responses.

### Adventure Playground

Strong support for Stonebridge Adventure Playground was evident by the majority of representatives, who described the facility not just as a building and outdoor play space that offers 'services' for children and young people, but as a community asset in its broadest sense, it is of social value not only for its place in people's family history and experience but because it represents what it means to live in a community where people grow up together and know each other and support each other through change imposed by others.

The specific positive aspects of Stonebridge Adventure Playground as felt by the residents was that it offers a supervised play space, it is at no cost to the end user, the indoor space, the variety of play offered here and the location.

It was expressed that Stonebridge needs the Adventure Playground as it's a place for local people to meet in an area of poor social cohesion. It also is thought to have a positive effect on some young people in the area and is a preventative measure to crime in an area that has problems with gangs.

Other community facilities do not feel as accessible by the local community and the staff that run SAP have built trusting relationships with the residents.

### Open Space – current

The broad comments about the current open space were that it is not used. There were some views explaining that they'd like it to be used more and improvements around bins and lighting were suggested to address this.

### Open Space – proposed

Most of the representatives agreed that the proposed open space was much better and would be good for local children and would like to see this used by the school.

There were some concerns about the loss of trees and the safety of the canal and some further comments about the ongoing maintenance of this area.

### School Expansion

There were some positive comments on the school expansion and a general understanding of the need for school places, and the benefit of having the school on one site specifically for parents with children at both locations. Some quite detailed improvements were suggested around school access focussing on entrance routes and parking and the need for improvements to the existing building.

There were also residents less keen on the expansion of the school that would be happier for the school to stay on 2 sites and for <sup>1</sup>30 additional places it was not a big enough benefit. Some residents were also concerned that the places would be filled by children from outside of Stonebridge.

Some general concerns about the school were also heard, residents didn't think it was a popular school and a lack of community engagement was voiced.

### Housing

Although some representatives of the local community questioned the need for housing and objected to the proposals, some conversations were constructive and there were some suggestions to develop the proposals. They were less keen on high rise dense housing and would like to see houses for local families, not flats and not privately owned. There was a suggestion to provide shops or commercial units on the ground floor and requests to ensure parking is provided within housing plans.

### Welsh School

Few residents asked about the Welsh school, those that did wanted to know what was happening to it.

### Other/General Points

Generally the new play space by a main road was disliked, it was also explained that this would be underused primarily due to; street drinkers, gangs and intimidation.

There was a strong aversion to the idea of unsupervised play but there were suggestions about having it overlooked by housing which might resolve this and provide something which is semi supervised.

There were several comments about the lack of facilities in Stonebridge (no library, no café) and specifically the need for a secondary school.

There was some objection to the consultation process both in terms of the locations and the days or the events, and also in respect of the amount of information provided.

The below illustrates the frequency of discussion themes at the events as noted by Council Officers and could be used to summarise the most important elements of this consultation;

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<sup>1</sup> Assuming the temporary places at the annex are permanent there is only a net increase of 30 places.



Q4. What is the council's policy on giving employees free parking, tax-free perks at the public expense?

A4. The Brent Civic Centre policy where the largest number of staff is based states that Council employees are discouraged from driving to work; exemptions for use of the car park only exist for cyclists, motorcyclists, disabled staff (blue badge holders) and approved staff Civic Centre Business Users. The Council has a Zip car scheme for staff to use where a car is required for work purposes. In regards to school parking, these are managed on a site by site basis.

Q5. How does the expansion project propose to manage CCTV?

A5. The Council has not considered CCTV as part of the development at this time however CCTV will be considered as part of the school expansion.

Q6. What will the authority do about traffic flow and the zebra crossing and other pedestrian crossings?

Will they be relocated, changed or are there any other proposals?

What, if any, will there be in terms of increased signage located in the area at the annexe and school?

How does the expansion take into account any need for cyclists?

How could a route be linked to accommodate the current cycle network and borough's Long Term Transport Strategy?

A6. Traffic and highway proposals will form part of the planning application.

Q7. Will a new (or returning bus route) come into place to accommodate the extra services required by new residents, the extra 30 pupil places and more visitors to the area?

A7. New bus routes are not within the Councils remit, these would be decided by TFL

Q8. What will happen to the Welsh School?

Is it true you have already given the school/occupiers notice to move on? How will their relocation be funded?

Has a compensation package been provided to the school and if so, what does it involve and how much money is included?

Will the children (and/or staff) of the Welsh School be assimilated into the Stonebridge School and are their numbers included in the figures of pupil numbers already at the Stonebridge School main site?



The sites to which the Welsh School might be moved if the proposals are approved should be revealed. The alternative sites need to have the approval of the school and not involve any expenditure by the School.

A8. Officers have been working with the school to find a new home within the borough. The Welsh School have agreed to use the former Bowling Green Pavilion in King Edward VII Park. Heads of terms have been issued detailing key terms. In order to allow the Welsh school to use the pavilion a planning application is required and this has been submitted by the Welsh School. Brent has submitted an application to the Fields in Trust, who needs to agree to the school using the former Bowling Green Pavilion in King Edward VII Park.

Any child who attends the Welsh School can apply for a school place through their local authority, places offered are subject to the local authority's schools admission policy. Only children who meet Brent's criteria and would be offered a place at Stonebridge could go to Stonebridge. Recruiting teaching staff is managed by the school.

Q9. There is racial prejudice on the part of the Council when the Welsh school is compared to the development of the French School on the former Town Hall site.

A9. The Town Hall site was publicly marketed.

Q10. Will SAP jobs be assimilated into permanent roles at the school?

A10. Recruiting teaching staff is managed by the school.

Q11. Please can I see the Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Equality Responses?

Who is going to benefit from this?

A11. The Equality Impact Assessment is available with the January Cabinet paper. Equality information gathered through the consultation is dealt with in the consultation report.

Q12. There has been a miscalculation and there are only 30 new places being provided at the school.

A12. The current bulge class is not a permanent expansion. Long term facilities are needed to have a permanent expansion. The annexe site currently has 180 pupils, with the proposals to create 210 permanent places.

Q13. Why not work in partnership with North West London College rather than bring further Adult Education provision into Stonebridge?

A13. Adult Education working arrangements are outside the scope of this consultation

Q14. Why don't we put a free underground parking, parking also has to be provided by law.

A14. Parking will be provided inline with planning requirements

Q15. Surely providing more homes will only result in the need for more schools so emphasis should be put on improving and expanding the schools and not selling off every last bit of open or green space to developers for poor quality high rise cardboard boxes, how can this kind of development ever be sustainable or improve anyone's lives?

Brent's emerging demographics are such that housing demand continues to rise and this needs to be planned and provided for.

Q16. Will local children's education be disrupted while this build takes place?

A16. The construction site will be hoarded and secured to ensure the safety of the children. The noisiest elements of the construction are constrained to take place outside of normal school hours. As much of the construction will also take place off site. The construction can also offer learning opportunities for children, understanding about design and construction first hand.

Q17. Where would our children be playing after school or in the summer for that matter?

Where will children go with the closure of the Adventure Playground?

A17. Proposed mitigations are within the January Cabinet report

Q18. Why does Brent Council paint such a poor picture of the reality?

A18. No comment.

Q19. Does the Design Review Panel still exist, and how is it constituted?

A19. No

Q20. Who are the developers?

A20. No developer has been selected as yet.

Q21. I was extremely concerned to find that Forward plans for the December Cabinet included a proposal to terminate the funding of Stonebridge Adventure Playground. This pre-empts the outcome of the current consultation before it closes.

A21. This is now on the forward plan for January 2015.

Q22. Is the school building being removed?

A22. No. The school building is a listed building

Q.23 Albert Terrace is not mentioned

A.23 This is referred to as Milton Avenue

Q24. Why spend all the time taking down the high rises of the old Stonebridge and then just build new ones.

Q24. Plans will be further developed through the planning process.

Q25. The Council has already made its decisions

A25. No. The Council undertakes consultation in order to help form its decisions

Q26. Why don't you ask "What do you think about the proposals?"

A26. There were two questions which gave respondents the opportunity to say what they thought about the proposals

Please tell us what you like about the proposals and why?

Please tell us what you would like changed and why?

Q27. There was some objection to the consultation process both in terms of the locations and the days of the events, and also in respect of the amount/type of information provided.

A27. The Council sought to have a range of location and consultation events were held at three different locations which were local to the site: Stonebridge Primary School, The Hub Hillside and Bridge Park Leisure Centre.

The Council does take on board that one of the events was on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November, but there were alternative days to this event.

As the proposals are in the early stages, there is not detailed information available.

Q28. How many Black people will lead this project or work for the organisations you will be paying? How many Somalians? How many West Indians?

A28. Internally in Brent there are currently no Black people leading this project although some black employees will be involved in developing proposals.

In respect of Brent's supply chain, at each procurement stage, we do collect equalities data. Currently there are no Black consultants employed on this project.

## Annex

### Stonebridge Primary School Expansion Proposals

#### Online/Paper submissions

**Brent Council will soon be providing more news and information by email and text message.**

**If you would like to receive our e-newsletter in the future, please add your email address or mobile number here.**

Total Responded to this question:	17	25.76%
Total who skipped this question:	49	74.24%
Total:	66	100.00%

#### 1. Address

Total Responded to this question:	48	72.73%
Total who skipped this question:	18	27.27%
Total:	66	100.00%

#### 2. Age range:

Responses:	count	%
0 - 15	7	10.61%
16 - 24	1	1.52%
25 - 34	6	9.09%
35 - 44	15	22.73%
45 - 54	12	18.18%
55 - 64	4	6.06%
65+	2	3.03%
Prefer not to say	7	10.61%
Total Responded to this question:	54	81.82%
Total who skipped this question:	12	18.18%
Total:	66	100.00%

#### 3. Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

Responses:	count	%
Yes	7	10.61%
No	33	50.00%
Prefer not to say	8	12.12%
Total Responded to this question:	48	72.73%
Total who skipped this question:	18	27.27%
Total:	66	100.00%

#### 4. Please indicate your sex:

Responses:	count	%
Male	13	19.70%
Female	32	48.48%
Prefer not to say	5	7.58%
Total Responded to this question:	50	75.76%
Total who skipped this question:	16	24.24%
Total:	66	100.00%

**5. Is your gender identity the same as the gender you were assigned at birth?**

Responses:	count	%
Yes	36	54.55%
No	0	0.00%
Prefer not to say	9	13.64%
Total Responded to this question:	45	68.18%
Total who skipped this question:	21	31.82%
Total:	66	100.00%

**6. Please state your ethnicity:**

Responses:	count	%
Asian	0	0.00%
Black	21	31.82%
Mixed	3	4.55%
White	15	22.73%
Other	3	4.55%
Total Responded to this question:	42	63.64%
Total who skipped this question:	24	36.36%
Total:	66	100.00%

**6a. Please specify the detail of your ethnicity:**

Total Responded to this question:	13	19.70%
Total who skipped this question:	53	80.30%
Total:	66	100.00%

**7. What is your sexual orientation?**

Responses:	count	%
Bisexual	1	1.52%
Gay man	0	0.00%
Gay woman/Lesbian	0	0.00%
Heterosexual / straight	32	48.48%
Prefer not to say	10	15.15%
Total Responded to this question:	43	65.15%
Total who skipped this question:	23	34.85%
Total:	66	100.00%

Other, please specify:

### 8. What is your religion/belief?

Responses:	count	%
Agnostic	1	1.52%
Christian	20	30.30%
Hindu	0	0.00%
Jewish	1	1.52%
Muslim	4	6.06%
Sikh	0	0.00%
No religious belief	12	18.18%
Prefer not to say	7	10.61%
Total Responded to this question:	45	68.18%
Total who skipped this question:	21	31.82%
Total:	66	100.00%

Other religion, please specify:

Rasta

### 9. What are the ages of the other members of your household?

- Do any members of your household have a health problem or disability which limits their day to day activities and which has lasted or is expected to last at least 12 months?
- What is the ethnicity of the other members of your household, if it differs from yours?

Total Responded to this question:	22	33.33%
Total who skipped this question:	44	66.67%
Total:	66	100.00%

### Full Written Response returns

#### Online/Leaflet/Emails

Note personal information has been "blanked"

1a - Please tell us what you like about the proposals and why?	1b - Please tell us what you would like changed and why?
I'm in favour for any potential urban development for the better of the community.	More schemes that lead to community cohesion, the implementation of communal gardens/ greenery, public seating etc. We also need supervised play areas for the younger ones of the community, from your drafts, I can see the stonebridge adventure playground is non existent, it will be a travesty to lose such an establishment within the

	community, the plans need to be reworked with this intrinsic part of the locality included!
██████████ I am very happy that you are expanding the school building to get more classes	
Nothing at all.	I don't want any change, am happy with how things are.
Nothing it's takes away our green space unacceptable	I would like to expand existing school site all this money for 30 school spaces the area has two school collecting children is a nightmare why don't we put a free underground parking parking also has to be provided by law
As a parent of Stonebridge school I do not want play centre to close down because we enjoy it even though we are parents Thank you	every is fine nothing should be change.
<p>The expansion of the Stonebridge primary school is total unnecessary. Not only that, but the expansion will be build on the only proper play centre which our children have. If the play centre is closed where would our children be playing after school or in the summer for that matter? The children centre is not only where the children play. It is our second home for us as Stonebridge parents where we meet for coffee and catch up. There are friendly staff at the play centre who look after the kids whether we are there or not. Incolclusion, we love our play centre and trust the staff there. Therefore me, my family and every parents I know appose this proposal, in any shape or form.</p> <p>██████████ One of the parents of Stonebridge</p>	
I do not like this proposal Because the Adventure centre has the Rlght to stay. What about the children who go there think about that. ██████████	I would like this proposal to be reversed this proposal is the wirst what about the Adventure centre think about that ██████████

The only thing I like about the proposals are that there would be more housing but I would hope that this is social housing for local people, but I don't like or support the proposal to close down our play centre which has been running for 42 years. My children don't go there after school as I am at home but there has been a few occasions that I haven't been back in time and I've had to tell them to go there, also I used to attend there when I was a youngster go on trips and have a fun time. I really feel strongly that the Adventure play ground should stay and find another way to expand the school. It's not only children from Stonebridge school that go there its all the children who live in the area and I believe that its a safe and secure place for our childrebn to go after school and during half term holidays the housing situation in the area is ridiculous I have lived in Stonebridge all of my life

I don't believe these houses are going to be for us so I'm all for the Adventure Playground to stay and Stonebridge School should stay on two different sites. DON'T CLOSE THE PLAY CENTRE

Nothing

The play centre should not be closed.

There is a gap of 45 minutes to wait. The play centre is the best place to keep The boys busy and active between the time difference. Especially when I rains or winter session. Please keep it open. It

Build on the undeveloped and unused land ...create more school places elsewhere in the Borough Stonebridge and Harlesden is already 'over schooled' especially since Leopold moved to Gwenneth Rickus.



really dose a very good job. And during the holiday periods when you want the kids to keep active.	
Nothing. Live the park for children!!!!	
	<p>The plans should be changed to preserve the Stonebridge Adventure Playground. It is a vital resource for the local area. I taught on the Stonebridge Estate for many years and know how much the playground contributed to the community. Children are only at school for part of the day. The adventure playground offers wonderful play and creative opportunities after school and in the holidays. It's presence has helped reduce crime in the area and has also helped many children progress to useful careers. A small, conventional playground is no substitute. The enlargement if the school should be replanted to leave the .adventure Playground intact so that school and playground can work together in the interests of the children.</p>
	<p>I recognise the need for additional school places to be created, particularly when the government has stopped local councils building new schools where they are required. I also support the building of new housing but think this should be council housing rather than unaffordable private housing. On this particular site, because of the needs of a disadvantaged population and the unique nature of Stonebridge Adventure Playground as an asset of community value not only as a building and playground but in terms of its staff, I think the planners should go back to the drawing board. The plans should retain the Adventure Playground as it is, or improved, and not incorporate it into the school or remove its staffing. Stonebridge and Harlesden children need a playground in a high density</p>

area to provide space to play, experience challenge and develop physical and teamwork skills They need a staffed playground so they and their parents know they are safe The playground is a place where parents and carers mix and get to know each other Children from many different primary and secondary schools mix happily at the Centre The staff are known and trusted by the community and have their respect In turn the staff know several generations of local people and have seen them grow from children into youth and adulthood This makes a unique contribution to the stability of the area The Council is in danger of concentrating on the 'accountancy' in housing and school place provision and missing the social value of what Stonebridge Adventure Playground provides Increased density of housing with no 'safety valve' such as the Playground provides will build up potential trouble for the future (more flats are to be built on the site of Bridge Park and Wembley Point across the North Circular Road may be turned into flats) The kickabout area is next to the main road posing a danger both from traffic accidents and traffic pollution The Playground's holiday and weekend provision for children with special needs and disabilities is unique and its record of integration very positive The Playground also contributes to the mental health and well-being of children and young people through the care and support it offers Any Equalities Impact Assessment would have to recognise that in closing the Adventure Playground the Council would be depriving an already disadvantaged community further as well as removing support from children with special needs, disabilities and mental health problems I [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] know at first hand the dedication of its playworkers at Stonebridge. [REDACTED]

	<p>██████████ and know of the benefit children revived from the playground. NOTE I was extremely concerned to find that Forward plans for the December Cabinet included a proposal to terminate the funding of Stonebridge Adventure Playground. This preempts the outcome of the current consultation before it closes.</p>
	<p>Make sure the play space remains the Stonebridge Adventure Playground, as there are too many community spaces being demolished. This means children and young people have no where to go after school and during holidays which means a likelihood of vandalism will occur. KEEP THE ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND IN STONEBRIDGE!"The play space is not enough space!</p>
<p>I don't like anything about the proposals, yet again brent council are selling off community assets to mercenary developers, destroying what should be a protected building, a beautiful example of architecture and history in the mistaken name of progres. who is going to benefit from this? The local community who will not be able to afford the new flats or the local children whos education is going to be disrupted while this build takes place?</p>	<p>Leave stonebridge primary school and the other facilities(stonebridge adventure playground) local residents have worked hard to build alone</p>
<p>I like the proposal to improve the open space alongside the canal feeder and to improve the school which looks very run down from the exterior although I do not really understand the improvements proposed.</p>	<p>To me the proposal looks like an excuse to sell off more land for homes to gain profit while being disguised as being an expansion to the school. The reality seems to be that the school is being made smaller with the loss of the fairly recently developed annex. The whole area facing onto the Hillside is going to become another big concrete jungle as it used to be in the old days of Stonebridge with a noisy unsupervised children's playground right next to the busy and congested main road. There will be a loss of many mature trees (at least 60) ,as well as open space which will also have an adverse effect on the</p>

	<p>local wildlife. More high rise residential homes have been proposed which are ugly and leave the residents with no personal open space or gardens. The Welsh school - a unique and special feature is being knocked down, as is the Stonebridge Adventure playground which children from far and wide in the area use and cherish as</p>
	<p>somewhere safe and fun to play and socialise. Albert Terrace is a dead end road - the name [REDACTED] is not even mentioned in the proposal document which just goes to show the lack of knowledge or consideration of the developers, yet it is Albert Terrace that is being most affected by this proposal. There are some 20-30 mature trees which will be lost to new homes being proposed on the opposite side of the road to the existing Victorian terraced properties. This will bring increased traffic and pollution and take away one of the few green areas left in residential NW10. The area is already very over-developed. There are too many cars, pollution and rubbish as people moving in lack personal space. Albert Terrace itself has only recently been re-surfaced, something that was promised long ago when the first wave of redevelopment took place and the roads were ruined by heavy traffic and lorries from the construction workers. All of the local residents had to go through years of noise, disruption, traffic chaos and filthy roads and pavements whilst this took place. We all heaved a huge sigh of relief when this work finally came to an end in our local vicinity and now we are faced with the possibility of this again right on our doorstep. This is a quiet</p>

street with a small amount of traffic which is mainly created by access to the sports centre in the recreation ground at the end of the road (this recreation ground was reduced to accomodate further housing development...) I do not want to see more homes on Albert Terrace and I do not want to see the Adventure playground closed. I am sure that the school could be expanded and improved without losing these areas. There is already the area of wasteground which is not utilised and should have been turned into a wildlife park for the local community years ago. The area between the school and Hillside could be developed without the loss of all the trees to include a new playground area for the school so that the existing school playground could be redeveloped to house classrooms for more children. This would improve the open area, provide further capacity for children without taking away trees and open spaces. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the whole opposite side of Milton Avenue was green space and trees. This has all been lost to development of poor quality residential homes, homes that started to look tatty from the day the developers left. The number of open and safe spaces for children to play has been reduced dramatically. Many local children have told me that they do not use the new unsupervised open spaces such as that adjacent to Lawrence Avenue as they do not feel safe and prefer to use the Adventure Playground. The new homes that have already been constructed are of poor quality, the materials used soon look messy and deteriorate, they seem to be cheaply made and not in keeping with the existing Victorian terraced homes in the area. The last thing this area needs is more high rises - why spend all the time taking down the high rises of the old Stonebridge and then just build new ones. More emphasis should be spent on improving all the communal areas

	<p>and open spaces that already exist and educating people in caring for their community. Surely providing more homes will only result in the need for more schools so emphasis should be put on improving and expanding the schools and not selling off every last bit of open or green space to developers for poor quality high rise cardboard boxes, how can this kind of development ever be sustainable or improve anyone's lives?</p>
<p>I like the development of the green area alongside the canal feeder</p>	<p>I do not like the proposal for new buildings on Albert Terrace replacing the side of the street currently with trees. I do not want the Stonebridge Adventure Playground to be closed. I do not want more high rise buildings built alongside the Harrow Road. Brent took down the old Stonebridge and it's high rises and all the problems they brought and now seems to be building them all again. The quality of the new builds is very poor, they are too high, blocking out light and giving the feeling of another concrete jungle. There are not enough trees and green areas. Albert Terrace is a dead end and quiet road, it is one of the few roads in London where you can park without a problem, all that will change. It is a little piece of tranquility and we are all worried that it will be ruined. Half of the Recreation ground has already been taken away for houses in the last round of building, there are not many green bits left, it is suffocating. There is nowhere for children to play.</p>
<p>Nothing - Becasue it does not benefit the youth's of today. - They are our future, so why take away the one (only) thing that is keeping them on the straight and narrow??? It's nonesense!</p>	<p>Nothing really! But if you can it would be nice to see:- - New/improved building (for play center) - More facilities for young people in Brent</p>
<p>I do not think this centre should be closed down. As it help most kidds to stay of the streets. I think the school should relocate some where else.</p>	

I love Stonebridge Adventure Playground it's the only place my parents let me go all day without worrying and calling me every 30 minutes. I actually get to play and socialise with my friends some of which I made their. Please save the playground.	
No i don't like the proposal because of the exclusion fo the play centre. For over 20 years of my life i can remember the centre thre for the kids, not just the Stonebridge kids but brent, Where are my kids & others supose to go? So i say NO to your Proposals & Yes to keeping the Centre [REDACTED]	
Where as changes are welcomed - NO Provision has been made to replac the Adventure Playground whihc is necessary for the children to play in safely. The Adventure Playground has been there for more than 40 years, the children feels safe and protected when they are there, with adult supervision: The green space that is proposed - there will be a free for all - and children will not feel safe going there. [REDACTED] has been going there for a long time after school, school holidays and when opened other times. I feel there should move the Adventure Playground elsewhere not too far away, still providing the same facilities but in a new place. Not some unattended open space that is already there. I feel that although you have asked for my views - I fel the plans are already mader and nothing will be done about the playground. To take the playground that has been there so long providing a good service to the children in the area to be replace by existing grass area is not acceptable.	
I would like a new building in Stonebridge adventure playground and also I would like to keep Stonebridge Adventure Playground to stay open. It is a benefit for the childrens needs. Nothing	I would like a new building. I would like to keep it open.
I don't like them	dont extend the stonebridge school don't build on the adventure playcenter no unstaffed areas keep all existing trees

	the places you build are not affordable for our community no more build more open space
Nothing	I and many others want you to keep stonebridge adventure playground. It's the only safe, fully supervised area where our children can go and we don't have to worry. It's fun and educational an asset to the community and to Brent you should be making plans to improve it not demolish it. As for extending the school and making more housing the area is crowded enough Save stonebridge adventure park for the future of our children
I don't like anything about the proposals	<p>I can't believe that in this day and age, you are taking away a safe, supervised play area which kids love, to substitute it with an unsupervised area near a main road. An area which is totally unsafe. It seems that Brent council does not care about the children in the area.</p> <p>Stonebridge adventure playground is a wonderful and safe place which kids love. Us parents can leave our kids there without a worry. Not only do they provide an outdoor facility for kids play they also have indoor facilities which children are free to use. It's educational too my children love it there if only there were more places like this. Many generations have used this playground and for you to even think about taking it away from our future is disgusting. keep stonebridge adventure playground open. For the good of the children in the area. What will they do without it hang about it groups on the dodgy streets of harlesden. Think long and hard before taking the only safe place kids have to play one of the best adventure playgrounds around! Just so you can provide more housing don't you think the area had enough housing go build somewhere else and to provide an extra 30 places in stonebridge school! What good is that you need to provide more schools not just an extra 30 places.</p>



<p>I am opposed to the proposal of expansion of stonebridge school. My main reason is because you are taking the one asset this community has from our children. A safe, fully supervised place for our children to play and learn out of school hours. It's an asset to the community and has been for many years. To think that you the council are planning on destroying it provide a few extra school places and replace it with an open unsafe unsupervised play area on a very busy road makes me wonder do you actually care about what happens to the kids in our area.</p>	<p>Stop the expansion and keep stonebridge adventure playground open! I have given my reasons above its the only safe supervised play area of its kind not only in the area but I believe in Brent. Our children love it there and children have been for many years</p>
<p>I Don't think its a good idea because you will lose the play centre which is for the kids and where the kids can play in a safe environment. I've lived in Stonebridge since [REDACTED] and went too Stonebridge Primary School and the playcentre as a child so I know the importance of the playcentre being somewhere to go and play safely without getting caught up in the bad elements of Stonebridge if I didn't go to the playcentre.</p>	<p>More area's for the kids to play because kids need to play to help togetherness, sharing, caring and understanding different children from different ethics so they can grow together and live as one community</p>
<p>I bring my [REDACTED] down to stonebridge adventure its a lovely environment and the staff are friendly and alert. Eventho it open access they try and make sure that all areas are covered with staff especially when their is over 100 children on summer days. I would like the current playground to stay no new one.</p>	
<p>I use to attended the playground. I now send my [REDACTED] down other to play. They enjoy it very much and I know there safe as the staff I recognise from when I used to attend. They're made great improvement especialy to the outside area the children enjoy it and from their happy so am I. A new space is not needed the one we have now is fine. Stonebridge Adventure Playground</p>	

<p>I don't want the proposal to go ahead I use to attend the playground when I was younger, I have ■ children ■ and they now attend the playground they enjoy it and have lots of fun. They feel relax and have made lots of friend there is the playground we have NO WORRIES they are first aid trained and enjoy working with the children and parents. I will miss it if they take it away this is the ONLY centre left in BRENT in whihc children can come and play in a safe friendly environment. SAVE STONEBRIDGE ADVENTURE.</p>	
<p>The proposed development plan looks nicely in the picture, but in fact when inhabited by tenants take more space than it looks, appears new problems with garbage collection bigger traffic jam in the morning 8:30 -9: 15 and 3:00 -4: 00, access to two schools which are located in there is difficult to overcome by pedestrians despite open space and how you narrow that I do not know.</p>	<p>My ■ attend to the Our of lady school the school playground from the street is very of poor condition do not understand why you want to build a playground next to other require repair.</p>
<p>The proposals are trying to keep the Stonebridge area a community.</p>	<p>Stonebridge adventure playground is a focal point of the community and needs to be included in any proposals. The use of the open space has served and helped many children and helped to fulfil UNCRC which clearly states that children have a right to play. This right should take priority over other rights because Stonebridge adventure playground is one of the few free, safe ply areas left.</p>
<p>The consolidation of Stonebridge School on one site and the additional classes because this will benefit the children and staff and help place children without school places in the south of Brent.</p>	<p>We are concerned about the reduction in playing space and feel it would have a detrimental effect on children in an area where play space is limited. We are concerned that young people might turn to other less productive pursuits.</p>
<p>I do not like the threat to Stonebridge Adventure Playground -please ensure itis not affected by any decision</p>	<p>NO threat to any of Stonebridge Adventure Playground</p>
	<p>we dont want to close this play center we are parent stonebridge schooll</p>
<p>We would like the centre to stay open has the children enjoy coming here in the eveling and on summer holiday</p>	

<p>14th Nov 2014. Hub The pictures looked good and excited us ... But... Stonebridge in the "public" eye for better reasons ... But ... More housing ... But... We can have our say ... But ... The proposal is as expected - misleading - Why does Brent Council paint such a poor picture of the reality?</p>	<p>PLEASE CANCEL PLANS. NFA Leave the school at two sites and build on top of the annexe This proposal is really about new housing for new residents. The Stonebridge school has the Annexe as part of it so your proposal is misleading when it says expanding by 210 places. No way should you build more properties in that area of Brent. Take out the overcrowding people are already on top of each other. Who benefits - give we in Stonebridge already the true benefit not your own staff and friends of the Council. WE DO NOT LIKE THE PROPOSALS</p>
<p>I most definately love the playground my dad use to go and now I attend it's lot of fun. Need it to stay I feel safe there</p>	
<p>I DON'T LIKE THE PROPOSAL. I ALWAYS GO TO THE ADVENTURE PLAYGROUNDS WITH MY FRIENDS. WE MEET UP DER TO CHILL AND HAVE FUN WE FEEL VERY SAFE THERE, SOMETIMES THEY PROVE US WITH FOOD AND DRINKS ESPECIALLY ON HOT DAYS SO WE DON'T HAVE TO LEAVE AND WE CAN JUST ENJOY THE DAY ALL THE TIME WITH NO WORRIES.</p>	
<p>Personally the expansion programme/proposal is a wonderful idea in high insight but in reality an encroachment upon a Community Playground that has helped to grow secure and safeguard many of the adults you see today. I am wondering why it is necessary to distrust a space that has done much in the way of stabilising a community. With unsupervised spaces I believe that the level of crime if not idol gathering in a borough that actually could do with less off. Alternative Solutions expanding Stonebridge School elsewhere - alternative housing solutions and better marketing of the next consultation SAP stays</p>	

I think this is a loaded question. Why don't you ask "What do you think about the proposals?" My view is that the current open space has a wildness in places and that is wonderful for children wanting to play and adults wanting a little piece of wild greenery in an urban, concrete town.	I would like you to bring back a library facility for the people of Stonebridge.
That Stonebridge is being considered and clearly there is a bag of money available	Under no circumstances should there be free staff parking. Council employees must pay for parking. No parking at all outside the school location as proposed. There have been accidents and near-misses and money spent in the past years to deal with parking, road users and vehicles mounting the curb onto the green. No houses by the school There must be more than 30 new school places You must not remove the Welsh School. Why is no decisions have been made have they been given notice to move on. Under no circumstances should there be a new play area near the main road. The current playground should remain.the petition of over 1000 signatures adds weight to this. The council should reconsider the over building Stonebridge. There are 2 sites currently in progress and yet more houses on top of each other Not proposals are not detailed enough. It gives very little about what the school will achieve for the pupils.
I DO NOT AGREE TO BUILD THERE. THE SCHOOL NEEDS MORE PLACES BUT NOT HOUSES. SO BUILD ON TOP OF ANNEX. [REDACTED]	
N/A	I would like to change everything about the ideas because I want stonebridge adventure playground to stay.
School expansion - more school places - accessibility - improved sports provision - hopefully community can use - housing opportunities - cleaner modern environment	Clean up canal Improve overall look and feel of school Modern & efficient
	We would like the play centre to stay open for the kids can come and play after school. and in the summer holidays people can socialize kids can have fun

<p>There are aspects of the expansion that are needed such as more school spaces and the generation of new homes but that is all proposed to the detriment of the Adventure Playground. There is no proposal made for a new adventure playground which is an important site for the well being of the kids from the surrounding communities and the children who attend the nearby schools. My child plays there most days after school as there are different activities that he can partake in, new friends that he can meet. For adults, it's a place we can talk while the kids enjoy themselves</p>	
	<p>DONT BUILD ON THE ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND OR LET THE SCHOOL STEAL IT...KIDS FROM LOTS OF SCHOOLS USE THIS PLACE ...HARLESDEN LADY OF LORDS, CONVENT, COPLAND BRENTFIELD, BRAINCROFT, LEOPOLD , AND MORE.....KEEP IT.. STONE BRIDGE SCHOOL HAS NO RIGHT TO TRY AND TAKE THIS PLACE IT HAS BEEN FOR GENERATIONS OF OUR KIDS ...SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY NOT THE SCHOOL...SUPPORT STONEBRIDGE ADVENTURE</p>
<p>The school expansion at the expense of the Adventure Playground is a backward step. The playground is a crucial facility for the children of the community. As someone who worked at the school when it first opened I have first hand knowledge of its effectiveness. the fact that it is still thriving after all this time is testament to its value</p>	
<p>Dont/ it should of never gone ahead</p>	<p>The proposal all together/ the adventure playground is the community HISTORY , my history and my children history / I'm hoping it WILL b my grandchildren history</p>
<p>Not much - you're destroying a priceless asset by destroying the playground!</p>	<p>Leave the playground ALONE. Disadvantaged children need it.</p>
	<p>Keep the Adventure Playground...the children need it</p>
	<p>Keep adventure playground</p>

	<p>What will happen to the play centre? Is there an alternative provision? Parents and Children feel that it is a safe space (supervised) for their Children to play and exercise after School</p>
<p>I think it's a great idea to bring both schools together and all the children will be under one roof. One Family. One School.</p>	
<p>We dont want to close the play center because it is fun and cool. I like play center because it is so fun and cool for evbroby. *The best thing is .</p>	
<p>We dont want it to close. It is fun and I like it so much. My best thing is</p>	
<p>It is extremely important that the Children's Adventure Playground remains open and unchanged. It has a history of supporting children and young people of Brent for over 40 years. I becamas a <b>Child Protection Officer</b> in Brent during the early 90's. Brent's Children Services were in crisis. One point of stability for children and their families was the Stonebridge Adventure Playground. It remains so, to this day and should continue to do so</p>	
<p>Idea for expansion of the school as all the pupils from Stonebridge can come together.</p>	
<p>Nothing- Taking away the community spirit for the children</p>	<p>The whole proposal- My children &amp; grandchildren feel threaten by this proposal</p>
<p>We lick it becas fum ai i catlth and fum. facyou</p>	
	<p>Don't touch the Adventure Playground!! It's been an amazing place for the whole of my life. Special needs and mainstream children and their parents play together. Parents rely on it. There are no comparable sites in the area.</p>

The centre has been a blessing in the community. It allows children to be off the streets and to be doing something of value, whether that be making quick snack, making new friends and developing better social skills, the centre also allows children with SEN to play in a safe environment. Many of my family has gone to the centre and now my children go. Staff are welcoming, professional and always willing to help. WITHOUT the centre children will be left to roam the streets and crime will increase. [REDACTED]

(Much Information is Lacking) The Council has a poor record of fourfiting liked buildings, the listed status of the School is not even mentioned. Has the Willesden Local History Society already been consulted? The sites to which the Welsh School might be moved if the proposals are approved should be revealed. It was strange that no representative of the Welsh School attended the first two consultation meetings. The alternative sites need to have the approval of the school and not involve any expenditure by the Schol. Has the Welsh Assembly Government already been consulted? (Two letters on the subject have been ignored. Written when the proposal was first announced) An allegation has been made (not by me) that in comparison with the development of a French School on the site of the abandoned Town Hall that there is an element of racial prejudice on the part of the Council, on which it has been accused on other occasions. French is not an official language anywhere in the United Kingdom, Welsh is. Other objects to the proposals were made at the first consultation meeting that presumably may result in legal action of some kind. There is no reference to the possible design of housing on the corner of Twybridge Way or indeed anywhere else; That may lack popular appeal. Does the Design

Review Panel still exist, and how is it constituted? Any acknowledgement or response to these suggestions would be appreciated. (The council is to be congratulated on the general design of the consultation document) [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	
I think the proposals are very good. The school is old and needs redeveloping. More housing is definately needed in the area. Having visited the adventure playground in the summer with my children I'm sorry to say it was awful, dirty and needs to be relocated somewhere else or closed down. I think that the regeneration of the canal will be a bonus to the look of the area, and it could be a place to have a picnic with our children. Open green sapce is needed in Harlesden.	

#### Email responses

1. We welcome the creation of additional primary school places that can help to meet the current and future demand being experienced.
2. I have consulted with colleagues in Camden and we have no further comment or any objections in relation to this consultation.
3. No comments
4. An ambitious plan. I hope you can pull it off.
5. I am a Stonebridge Ward resident [REDACTED]  
I wish to oppose the closure of the Stonebridge Adventure playground, although the facility can perhaps be moved to a new site.  
If you persist in attempting to close the playground anywhere, then you need to publish financial statements of subsidies, running-costs and capital needs, long-term usage figures, and why you think the facility is no longer fit for purpose (as far as I know, children are still children, and this is an austerity-hit area, not often visited by the wealthy banking criminal classes).  
Regarding other matters, you should protect the maximum number of mature trees. You allowed over a dozen healthy examples to be felled on parts of the Stonebridge estate, yet the land, facing Winchelsea Road, has remained empty for seven years. Furthermore, it took a successful campaign to impose a 1997 Tree Preservation Order to stop even more trees from being destroyed.  
You need to document and justify the removal of every significant tree, individually. On new parkland paths, you must allow for the cost of robustly-installed UK highways standard signage, where pedestrians have to share paths with cyclists, and also where those arrangements END (since around such areas, some cyclists regard normal 'pedestrian-only' pavements as fair game). Do not make any arrangement 'informal'.  
Cycle paths from your parkland paths should cross pavements, using



contrasting surfaces and tactile paving, to drop-kerbs onto surrounding streets, with minor build-outs to prevent parking.

Since recent new buildings in the area display water damage, you must insist that planning applications document why this will not happen - surfaces that weather badly should be rejected (some turn green!), mortar that leeches out and stains brickwork should be banned (some turns white!), and over-flow pipes on buildings must not even exist externally, or only if designed so they will definitely not stain walls below (some build up ugly permanent stains over several floors!).

All these mistakes seem routinely made in approved designs in Brent, and it would cost Brent Planning nothing to demand higher standards.

6. The architects MUST redesign the project to KEEP the well-established adventure playground which is VITAL to the well-being and safety of the young, local population.

The leadfall in the proposed, unsupervised space could be harmful to the children's developing lungs.

Selling land to developers is unlikely to be beneficial to Brent in the long-term.

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7. "The Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service (GLAAS) provides archaeological advice to boroughs in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework and GLAAS Charter.

Having considered the proposals with reference to information held in the Greater London Historic Environment Record and/or made available in connection with this application, I conclude that the proposal is unlikely to have a significant effect on heritage assets of archaeological interest.

Although this application refers to two large areas, neither area actually lies within a Borough designated Archaeological Priority Area. An environmental desk based assessment was carried out over the general area of Stonebridge, Harlesden, in 1996 by Oscar Faber. This assessment indicated that the sites have had quite heavy industrial use for most of the 20th century and the land is considered to have a high potential for contamination. In light of this and the absence of any known archaeological deposits in the area, I conclude that no further archaeological safeguards are required in relation to this application.

No further assessment or conditions are therefore necessary.

Please note that this response relates solely to archaeological considerations. If necessary my Historic Buildings and Areas colleagues should be consulted separately regarding statutory matters."

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## **RESPONSE TO The Stonebridge Primary School proposals consultation by London Borough of Brent**

This is a citizen's reply to the consultation of 6 October to 17 November 2014

### **Homes**

Homes are needed but new homes must accommodate older homes and the needs of a financially poor area. Stonebridge's community is already housed. The local authority's rehousing policy is unlikely to assist those who are overcrowded and needing one extra room. However, perhaps you could advise us who will be housed in these new Properties? It seems highly unlikely from your proposals that rehousing will be for those already in Stonebridge that desperately need the help.

Proposed housing at the annex site seems reasonable (rigid conditions being met), but not for the site both sides of the intended park (at the main of Harrow road/Hillside). These houses will obscure the wonderful view of the wonderful sight of a Listed Building, the Stonebridge School. Also, the small grass area these properties are proposed on is just about sufficient to keep as it is (cleaned up with some benches and bins). New housing, school expansion and play areas, accounting for the following points (1-21 below), should clearly outlined at the outset and for this consultation to work properly more answers are required to the questions and queries raised about the proposals.

With consultation everything should be stated. Even on-line there are no links to anything else). No lead officer name and no contact telephone number or section. There are no statistics, no scoping documents, no impact assessment, no health and safety risk assessment, and no report from parent governors or children's school council. What do the people in local industry say? What about the trade unions? Medical practitioners? TFL? Those people who live bordering Stonebridge? We would like to hear their views at an early stage of the consultations and then parents could make even more informed choices.

Like with any new housing development, but which seems to have been somewhat ignored there needs to be

- 1) **Rubbish**: sufficient areas for storage of waste bins and recycling and enforcement of dumping rubbish including generally bin bags and fly tipping.
- 2) **Storage of rubbish**: stored at height and away from foxes.
- 3) **Environmental impact re rubbish**: rubbish/recycling should not be left to pollute the roadside or air. Foul smells and spillages should be taken care of quickly. And residents should be informed not to put left over or stale foods out onto the roadside or pavements (as is common place in Stonebridge).
- 4) **Location of bins**: residential or business garbage bins and recycling should not have a permanent home on the roadside/pavements or walkways of our boroughs.
- 5) **Lighting**: there should be adequate street lighting and means for emergency lighting if normal lamp-posts lights go out. Lighting should be permanent throughout the evenings and nights when the construction workers go home and in any case at all times where we live.
- 6) **Rents**: must be more than consideration for there to be social housing rents should be achievable for payment by workers who do not rely on social benefits but maintain their way through working jobs that pay low income e.g. (or less than basic living wage). Rent per week including service charge should not be more

- than £130 per week for a two bedroom property. There must be a reliance away from housing benefit and council tax support unless for those who are destitute and in desperate need. For those who are reliant on housing benefit or financial support assistance should be offered now e.g. workshops and financial planning, how to maximise income and help those who are losing jobs due to budget cuts caused by council officials and employees overspending (and spending badly).
- 7) **Footpaths**: there must be sufficient walkways, wide enough to let two pushchairs pass side by side. It is not sensible to have average but narrow walkways - those types of walkways cause obstructions. Times have changed we need space (see petition, also signed by some Stonebridge School parents - take a look at "The Avenue" Stonebridge. It is cluttered. We need sufficient space. The petition with Brent Council is ongoing and due to go to Committee January 2015. We ask you to pay particular attention to the needs of the children and wheelchair users.
  - 8) **Dog mess**: what do you propose to do about dog fouling during building and after?
  - 9) **Employees**: the workers, on construction sites, should have sufficient welfare resources and somewhere to sit off the work site. Temporary canteen portakabin at ground level away from the worksite. There should be a parent liaison officer from the Stonebridge community who is permanently employed to engage residents' views and understand the important nature of health and safety and our needs. Work should be given to locals - all arguments against this should be scrutinised by our elected officials.
  - 10) **Parking and roads**: There should be sufficient parking and a mix of residential permit zones and free parking and adequate enforcing of this. There should be free to park visitors' bays and clear signage which can be seen before turning into roads. New roads should have some one-way systems that are enforced (unlike Farm Road and Marshall Street in Stonebridge). Parking in public funded schools, unless for short term visitors should be paid for by the staff at the school. It is also about time there is sufficient disabled bays in and around the Stonebridge area and certainly one at each Brent school location. Council employees like residents should pay for parking at their place of work car parks. If not parking should be free parking for all in Stonebridge. What is the council's policy on giving employees free parking, tax-free perks at the public expense?
  - 11) **CCTV**: this should be working and operating in parks, street corners and road-side. Adequate monitors should be put in place. How does the expansion project propose to manage this?
  - 12) **Traffic**: there will be increasing numbers of residents and visitors in/to the area. What will the authority do about traffic flow and the zebra crossing and other pedestrian crossings? Will they be relocated, changed or are there any other proposals? What, if any, will there be in terms of increased signage located in the area at the annexe and school?
  - 13) **Trees**: does the Authority, school, planners, designers etc agree to conservation and replanting the trees? What will you do to relocate the trees? In any case we do not agree to the proposals to build homes that close to the schools (including Our Lady of Lourdes) and the trees should remain except the very large one by the entrance gate at the Stonebridge School.
  - 14) **Cycle and transport network**: how does the expansion take into account any need for cyclists? How could a route be linked to accommodate the current cycle network and borough's Long Term Transport Strategy? Will a new (or returning bus route) come into place to accommodate the extra services required by new

residents, the extra 30 pupil places and more visitors to the area? Where are the results of your consultations with TFL.

- 15) **Impact assessment:** Please publish your results along with your public sector duties in respect of equalities and how your proposals accommodate those groups of people. We do not believe it is enough for the authority to keep asking about our race, age, sexual orientation etc. if you do not publish the results where we in Stonebridge can easily access them and like them to consultations/surveys like this one. Results should not be tied up in hard to access documents containing pages of irrelevant information. In your consultation document you make no mention as to how you are willing to accommodate those of us with difficulties. Sure this information is already available. Also you have not devised a proposal in a form to solicit the views of the children of the area and what they think about the removal of the playground and how they feel they would cope with the changes to their school and places they love to go.

### **Summary**

New housing (bricks and water) should not be seen as the total answer to the problems in Stonebridge). People do not need to be confined to living on top of each other, meaning, the population numbers and buildings is making an already dense Stonebridge even more over-crowded.

### **Proposal for school site**

- 16) What will happen to the Welsh School? Is it true you have already given the school/occupiers notice to move on? How will their relocation be funded? Has a compensation package been provided to the school and if so, what does it involve and how much money is included? Will the children (and/or staff) of the Welsh School be assimilated into the Stonebridge School and are their numbers included in the figures of pupil numbers already at the Stonebridge School main site?

### **Does it require a mathematician to work out the following...**

- 17) **How many new places?** According to your proposals you state the Stonebridge Primary School "...has 420 pupils at the main school site and 180 in an annexe building at present..." You would close the temporary school places in the annexe and create extra school places on the main school site making a total of 630 places at Stonebridge Primary School. However the 'Stonebridge School' already has 600 pupil places according to your own figures. That would mean the expansion project would be spending several million pounds and several years to create just a measly 30 NEW pupil places. If this is about actual school places then your maths appear misleading as the proposal only identify 30 NEW pupil places. Your hard copy 'Stonebridge Primary School Expansion Proposals' does very little (30 places). Perhaps that carries one extra qualified teacher and more unqualified personnel. This is hardly meeting the 'rising demands' for primary school places. 30 NEW places is merely a drop in the ocean.
- 18) **Reality:** The current Stonebridge community including parents and pupils are entitled to accurate information, realistic aims and benefit in real terms from the proposals currently being consulted on.
- 19) **Parking:** There should be no segregated parking at all, for employees, by the school. Access to road areas should be restricted to deliveries and vehicles transporting the children.
- 20) **Vendors:** There should be no unlicensed vendors/sellers in or outside the

school. This includes the ice-cream van. Those that are permitted to sell should be licensed and registered and referenced to HMRC. There are too many arguments in the area over the sale of goods and exchange of monies. Keep it away from our children.

- 21) **Parks and open space:** please refer to the previous plans and the cost involved clean up the canal bank site. Money was spent and the open space is secluded and not helpful there. The existing Stonebridge Adventure Playground should not close. It is vital that our children have somewhere to go. The workers at the playground also work at the Stonebridge Adventure Playground will they be assimilated in to permanent roles at the school? The Playground serves as a gap between school home time and actual at home time. Rightly or wrongly this is what is demanded by the children and parents and is served according to requirements. It is free of charge to use and keeps children off the street in a protected compound. A park or play space is not protected - the drawings do not even show a shelter and in Stonebridge no park or play space in the open is free from the pollutant tobacco smoke, alcohol drinkers, drug sellers and users, from dogs and fouling, from unclear broken glass that stays in place for days or weeks. The Playground at least has a good reputation, we are sure the designers and planners etc. mean well but they do their work based on what is given to them by the local authority and not what we the public require. However, we require the Stonebridge Adventure Playground to stay. And stay it must. It is part indoor/outdoor smoke free environment where the children do not need to leave to get refreshments or drinking water. Perhaps your open space can go inside the school grounds.
- 22) **Walkways:** With any play area there should be proper walkways/paths to walk onto or through the area. It is short-sighted to have designs showing green grass around the seating when effectively that grass will not be maintained during wet times and will be full of mud. No-one likes to clean mud and muck off children's footwear.
- 23) **Adult Education:** The Stonebridge area does not need another adult education centre. BACES can be used. The Hub has excellent capacity and Harlesden Library is a sensible location and the very expensive Civic Centre could be used. It's a public building and all the community should be encouraged to use it. There is certainly no need to build a new centre. Why is a new building required? If an adult education is required why not use part of the very large Gwyneth Ricketts building - some parts remain under occupied/unused. The Leopold School can be easily secured and separate entrances would not cost anything to create. Why not work in partnership with North West London College?

In summary, the proposals are not welcome.

Not enough school places are being created, the over populating of Stonebridge is a real concern and the benefit to the local community (and individual households), in respect of real terms affordability where housing is concerned, is highly doubtful.

**We, my household, DO NOT support these proposals.**



