

## Paddock Consultation – Public event, January 2023

Events				
Date	Time	Location	Wandsworth Council Officer attendance	Household attendance
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	5:30pm- 7:00pm	Hybrid Meeting: Paddock Upper School/ Microsoft Teams	Lisa Fenaroli, Assistant Director – Education, Children’s Services Michael Hallick, Assistant Director – Business and Resources, Children’s Services Andy Hough, Head of School Participation Theodora Theodoratou, Principal Educational Psychologist Elaine Smith, Strategic Lead for Sufficiency, CLA and SEND Andy Fish, Inclusion Service Manager Callum Brodie, Project Officer	11: 9 Online Households, 2 in-person households

Main themes and summary of comments /queries made	Number of comments on the theme	Officer response
<b>Travel</b>		
What type of travel assistance will be available for pupils to the Broadwater site?	1	The Broadwater site will be more accessible and secure compared to Priory Lane. However, we will ensure we consider the travel impact resulting from the change in site and will work with those who may be affected.
<b>Wellbeing</b>		
How will the transition be managed for the children?	1	There are currently three educational psychologists linked to the school. We need to reflect on what has previously worked when there has been change and transition with Paddock children, such as through Covid-19. We will also consider how the new site can support the transition, for example, classrooms will be laid out in a similar way to how they are now, and we hope to keep as many staff as possible, all of which will minimise the impact of change. We will also work with the school to consider a phased approach and visits to allow children and the staff supporting them to familiarise themselves with the new environment and surrounding area.
<b>Alternative Options</b>		
If the proposal doesn’t go ahead, how will the Council mitigate the issues with children being sent a long way away, including out of the borough?	1	This is one of the underlying factors behind the proposal, as there isn’t currently enough secondary SEND provision particularly to support those with complex needs. This means we there is no alternative but to transport children outside of the borough and away from their communities, which also comes at a financial

		cost. These proposals will allow for more children to stay within their communities, as well as releasing more money to reinvest in our children and their local schools.
Why can't there be two separate SEND schools to give parents a choice, like they would have at mainstream schools?	1	Maintaining two separate schools would not make financial sense. It would not be possible to open another large SEND school and maintain the existing Priory Lane site. Opening a smaller school would not be financially viable as it wouldn't have the economies of scale to deliver the same amount and required provision to meet the needs of Paddock children. Furthermore, Paddock is an outstanding OFSTED rated school, and this proposal provides the opportunity to maintain the current primary and secondary educational provision and build on the high-quality teaching and learning the school delivers.
Is the consultation process simply a formality?	1	The consultation is a meaningful procedure, and we will take on board all comments raised throughout the process.
The EINA does not consider matters relating to religion and belief and the curriculum delivery to my child at the school?	1	The EINA considers the impact of the proposed move and expansion of Paddock's secondary and Post 16 school site on all groups protected by the Equality Act. In this regard we have not identified that any religious or belief group will be negatively impacted or disadvantaged by this proposal. Any concerns regarding religion and belief and the curriculum delivery at the school do not fall within the remit of these proposals and should be addressed directly with the school through their formal complaints procedure, as the appropriate route of redress.
<b>Design</b>		
Would it be possible to have something on the new site that provides employment opportunities for pupils?	1	We are exploring the option of incorporating the café within the design to engage with the local community and to offer career opportunities to Paddock children. The location also affords greater access to businesses, which could provide work experience opportunities.
<b>Staff</b>		
How can we ensure the staff won't leave due to the transition?	1	We will be as transparent with staff as possible and will share plans at the earliest opportunity. Internally, we will work with our HR team to promote teaching roles at the new site and believe that Tooting will be an easier area to recruit staff. The bigger site may also lead to more opportunities for job progression, which should help with staff retention.
<b>Current Site</b>		
What will happen to the current site?	1	There has been a commitment from the administration of the Council to maintain the current site for SEND provision. The SEND type of the provision will be considered at a later stage and be informed by available data.