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What is this proposal about?

Hackney Learning Trust wants to know your views on a proposal to build a new mixed non-denominational secondary school in the borough.

The new secondary school will provide 180 places each year giving 900 places plus a sixth form. It is proposed that the school will initially open in temporary accommodation in September 2017 on a site yet to be identified, and will admit five forms of entry (FE) in 2017 and 2018, before increasing to 6FE when it moves to permanent premises on the current Benthall primary school site. If agreed, the proposal will affect two local primary schools; Benthall and Nightingale.

Benthall school will move into a new building on the current Nightingale school site. Nightingale school will move to a new school building on Tiger Way, E5 and expand to a two Form Entry (FE) school in 2019. Both of the new primary school developments and the secondary school will include residential development on the sites as part of the scheme. This is to ensure that there is funding to carry out the redevelopments. Hackney Learning Trust has a statutory duty to ensure that there are sufficient school places available for children resident in Hackney who require school places. This proposal seeks to address this projected need.

This is your opportunity to let us know what you think about the proposal. This document contains:

1. An explanation of the proposal
2. A response form for you to complete and return to us, letting us know your views.
3. Details of drop-in sessions that will be arranged to discuss the proposal.

Please send your comments or completed questionnaire to:

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Or e-mail your comments or queries to: ian.hodges@learningtrust.co.uk

This stage of the consultation will close on Friday 13 November 2015

If you have specific questions about the proposal please contact Ian Hodges on **020 8820 7510** or at ian.hodges@learningtrust.co.uk

This document and response form are also available online by visiting our website:
www.learningtrust.co.uk/consultations

School places in Hackney

Due to the unprecedented increase in the number of school places needed across London in recent years, local authorities have been required to open additional classes in schools. In response to this demand for school places, Hackney Learning Trust has added 500 additional permanent primary places and over 600 permanent secondary places since 2008. In addition, over 400 places in bulge classes in primary schools have been added since 2008. To date, the pressure for places has been most acute in the primary phase, but as pupils move up through primary schools, the pressure for places will soon be seen in the secondary phase.

Hackney Learning Trust currently provides places for 83% of Hackney resident pupils transferring to secondary school each year. Our projections show that in order to continue to meet the demand for secondary places, there is a need to provide even more additional secondary places.

What type of new secondary school is being considered?

The new secondary school will be a mixed non-denominational school with 180 places in each year giving 900 places plus a sixth form. The Government's current expectation is that new schools should be free schools/academies.

Hackney Learning Trust would expect the new school provider to ideally, have strong connections to Hackney and be able to demonstrate how it proposes to work as part of Hackney's family of schools and with the Local Authority to improve education for all children in Hackney.

Benthal and Nightingale schools and the provider of the secondary school will be invited to contribute to the Brief for the design of the schools and to review the design as it progresses. There will also be an opportunity for the public to view the proposed design of the new secondary school and primary schools, as part of a separate public consultation process and during the statutory planning consultation. This is likely to take place towards the latter part of 2016.

How will the proposal be delivered?

Hackney has no suitable vacant sites in the Council's ownership on which it could build a secondary school and it is not possible to provide all of the additional places needed at existing secondary schools. A number of primary school sites have been considered as the location for a new secondary school and Benthal primary school site has been identified as the preferred site where a secondary school could be built.

Benthal school site is the second largest primary school site in the centre of the borough and it is close to good transport links. Also, this locality is the only one available in the borough where the displaced primary school can be re-provided in the local area. The use of the Benthal site as a secondary school also provides an opportunity to replace two older primary school buildings (Benthal and Nightingale), which will soon come to the end of their useful life, with modern school buildings. The new secondary school would also complement the wider regeneration of the Nightingale estate and provide new facilities that will be available for community use.

In order to take account of the additional pupil places predicted to be needed in 2017 and 2018, the Council needs the new secondary school to commence taking pupils in September 2017. As its new permanent building will not be available for use until September 2019, the Council needs to look at the possibility of this school opening in temporary accommodation somewhere else in the borough in September 2017. The potential location of the temporary accommodation will form a Feasibility Study, which will be carried out in parallel with this consultation process. The results will be made public at the appropriate time.

When assessing the logistical aspects of the proposal to build the school on the current Benthall school site, care was taken to ensure that disruption to Benthall and Nightingale schools are kept to a minimum, by ensuring that the schools do not undergo several unnecessary moves and wherever possible, school holiday periods will be used for the major logistical aspects of the project.

Project stages

- The first stage of the project would be the temporary move of Benthall school pupils into temporary accommodation (purpose built, modern units on the existing Benthall site). This is expected to be in 2017.
- Nightingale school is then expected to move to Tiger Way, E5, at the end of 2017 when the new building is complete, allowing the construction of the new Benthall primary school on the existing Nightingale site to commence.
- The new secondary school on the existing Benthall site is expected to be completed in 2019 and admit its first intake on this permanent site in September 2019.
- Benthall primary school is expected to move from its temporary building in March 2020 to the new permanent building on the existing Nightingale site, E5.

The sites for the new secondary school and the new Benthall primary school will incorporate residential units as part of the redevelopment of the site, as will be the case for the new Nightingale primary school on Tiger Way. Residential units are needed in order to provide the funding for the building of the new schools as the Council does not have sufficient funds available from its normal funding streams to deliver these new schools.

The proposed expansion of Nightingale from a 1FE to 2FE school will cater for the additional reception aged pupils which are projected to arise in the area in the future.

The table below shows the proposed changes for all the schools and the date by which these will be completed. This could be subject to amendment as the programme develops.

Current school and site	New school site	Proposed date that new facilities will be available for use	Form of Entry (FE)
Nightingale Primary School Rendlesham Road London E5 8PH	Tiger Way London E5	End of 2017	Increase by 1 FE (30 places per year) from 2019
Benthall Primary School Benthall Road London N16 7AU	Rendlesham Road London E5 8PH	March 2020	No change. The school remains a 2FE
New Secondary School	Benthall Road, London N16 7AU	September 2019	6FE (180 places per year) plus a Sixth Form

Next steps and proposed timetable for the proposal

This consultation will run from **Monday 28 September to Friday 13 November 2015** and will include drop-in sessions for key stakeholders, parents and the local community.

Consultation drop-in sessions

Venue	Date	Time
Nightingale Primary School Rendlesham Road, London E5 8PH	Tuesday 6 October 2015	9am – 10am
Nightingale Primary School Rendlesham Road, London E5 8PH	Wednesday 7 October 2015	3.45pm – 4.45pm
Hackney Learning Trust 1 Reading Lane, London E8 1GQ	Monday 12 October 2015	6pm – 7pm
Benthal Primary School Benthal Road, London N16 7AU	Tuesday 13 October 2015	9am – 10am
Benthal Primary School Benthal Road, London N16 7AU	Friday 16 October 2015	3.45pm – 4.45pm

The drop-in sessions are open to any person who would like to attend. People can arrive at any time within the hours advertised and speak individually to Hackney Learning Trust staff and complete response forms.

Who will be consulted?

We aim to consult with as many people and interested groups as possible. The list below provides a summary of the main groups whose views we are seeking on this consultation.

- Pupils on roll at the schools concerned
- Parents/carers of pupils on roll at the schools concerned
- Staff at the schools concerned
- School Governors
- Rooftop Nursery
- Hackney Schools
- Neighbouring Local Authorities
- Trade Unions
- Hackney Councillors
- Hackney MPs
- London Diocesan Board for Schools
- Westminster Diocese Education Service
- Nightingale Regeneration Team
- Interlink network for the Jewish Community
- Local children's centres
- Primary Care Trust

Hackney Learning Trust welcomes views from all stakeholders on the proposal set out in this document. All views expressed during this consultation will be reported to and considered by the Local Authority. This is likely to take place on **November/December 2015**.

Decision making process

The timetable for the initial consultation and statutory process to be followed is as follow:

Date	Action
28 September - 13 November 2015	Consultation period including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Circulation of consultation paper to stakeholders ▪ Drop-in sessions with key stakeholders
November / December 2015	The Local Authority (LA) considers the responses to the consultation.
If a decision is made to continue with the proposal, then	
Late 2015 / early 2016	Publication of a statutory notice to increase Nightingale primary school from 1 to 2FE from 1 September 2019 and a statutory four week period for comments and objections to the proposal.
January / February 2016	The LA assess the proposal to expand Nightingale primary school from 1 to 2FE following publication of the statutory notice.
Within four weeks of the date of the decision regarding Nightingale school	<p>The following bodies have the right of objection to the Schools Adjudicator if they disagree with the LA's decision:</p> <p>The local Church of England Diocese The Bishop of the Local Roman Catholic Diocese The Governing Body of Nightingale school</p>

Consultation Response Form

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You may also respond electronically at www.learningtrust.co.uk/consultations

Name of person responding:

Please tick boxes as appropriate:

- ☐ Interest in Benthall primary school
- ☐ Pupil at Benthall primary school
- ☐ Member of staff at Benthall primary school
- ☐ Parent of a child at Benthall primary school
- ☐ Governor at Benthall primary school
- ☐ Interest in Nightingale primary school
- ☐ Pupil at Nightingale primary school
- ☐ Member of staff at Nightingale primary school
- ☐ Parent of a child at Nightingale primary school
- ☐ Governor at Nightingale primary school
- ☐ Other (please specify)

1. Do you agree with the proposal to provide additional secondary places by building a new mixed, non denominational secondary school in 2017?

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ neither agree nor disagree

Comments, if any

2. Do you agree that Hackney Learning Trust should continue to provide secondary places in the borough, in-line with increasing parental demand?

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ neither agree nor disagree

Comments, if any

3. Do you agree with the proposed expansion of Nightingale primary school from 1 to 2FE in 2019 to cater for the projected additional pupils that are expected to need places?

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ neither agree nor disagree

Comments, if any

Continue overleaf if necessary.

Thank you for completing this response form.

Hackney Learning Trust Monitoring Form

Monitoring equality information in our consultation process is important in our work to promote equality. The information you provide will help us to build on successful actions, identify the needs of those experiencing inequality and help us to decide where to target our resources.

This information will not be used in a way which allows individuals to be identified.

The categories we use are similar to those used in schools. We comply with the Data Protection Act 1998. We are aware of the sensitive nature of this information and assure you that it will not be used for any other purpose.

We would therefore ask you to help us by completing the attached monitoring form.

Gender

- ☐ Male ☐ Female

Ethnicity

- ☐ White or White British
- ☐ Black or Black British
- ☐ Asian or Asian British
- ☐ Chinese, South East Asian, South East Asian British
- ☐ Mixed Parentage, please specify
- ☐ Other

Do you have a disability? Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

The definition of disability according to the legislation is: "A physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term effect on your ability to carry out normal day to day activities." Long term is taken as more than 12 months.

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Faith or belief - Please specify

- ☐ Faith belief
- ☐ Atheist / no belief
- ☐ I do not wish to say