

# Consultation on the permanent expansion of Woodberry Down Primary School from September 2014

CONSULTATION PERIOD: 13 JANUARY – 7 FEBRUARY 2014



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# WHAT IS THIS PROPOSAL ABOUT?

## Hackney Learning Trust wants to know your views on a proposal to permanently expand Woodberry Down Primary school in September 2014.

We are proposing to permanently expand the school from a two-form entry school (60 pupils admitted each year) to three-forms of entry (90 pupils admitted each year).

This is your opportunity to let us know what you think about the proposal. This paper 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 meetings for parents/carers and the wider community that will be arranged to help the consultation.

Please send your comments or completed questionnaire to:

### Ian Hodges

Hackney Learning Trust  
1 Reading Lane  
London, E8 1GQ

or e-mail your comments or queries to: [ian.hodges@learningtrust.co.uk](mailto:ian.hodges@learningtrust.co.uk)

This stage of the consultation will close on **Friday 7 February 2014**.

If you have specific questions about the proposal please contact Ian Hodges on **020 8820 7510** or at the email address above.

This document is also available online by visiting our website: [www.learningtrust.co.uk/consultations](http://www.learningtrust.co.uk/consultations)

## PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTATION

Woodberry Down Primary School is a successful mixed, non-denominational community school in the north of Hackney, currently admitting 60 children each year. Due to demand for school places in the area mainly arising from the redevelopment of Woodberry Down the school has admitted two bulge classes, one in 2012 and one in 2013.

In order to meet continued demand in the area we want to know your views on a proposal to permanently expand Woodberry Down Primary school in September 2014, from a 2 form entry school (60 pupils admitted each year), to 3 forms of entry (90 pupils admitted each year). If the proposal is agreed, the school will be full by 2018.

## SCHOOL PLACES IN HACKNEY

The number of applications received by Hackney Learning Trust for reception places has increased each year since 2007. In order to deal with this increase, Hackney Learning Trust has provided additional bulge and permanent school places at popular and successful schools as part of its statutory duty.

Our projections show that Hackney will continue to receive high numbers of applications for reception places and we are continuing to make plans which will ensure that all children who need a school place, get one.

The Woodberry Down regeneration project is one of the largest building projects of its type in Europe and projections show that there will be continued demand for school places in the area.

This proposal details plans to create additional permanent reception places in the borough at Woodberry Down Primary School and we would like to hear your views and comments before any final decision is taken.

## WHEN AND HOW WILL THE PROPOSALS BE IMPLEMENTED?

From September 2014, the school will permanently admit 90 reception pupils each year and continue to do this until the school is full. Funding has been secured to extend the existing school. Two additional classrooms have already been provided to meet the additional places in September 2012 and 2013. Further building work will be undertaken to provide suitable accommodation for a three-form entry school. The Architect and Design Team are meeting with the management and staff at the school to ensure the design meets the school's needs. Once the design is agreed, a planning application will be submitted and this will be the subject to a separate planning consultation process.

## NEXT STEPS AND PROPOSED TIMETABLE FOR THE PROPOSAL

This consultation will run from 13 January to 7 February 2014 and will include drop in sessions with key stakeholders (parents, staff, governors and the local community).

## CONSULTATION DROP-IN SESSIONS

The sessions set out below will be arranged as a 'drop-in' where people can arrive at any time within the hours advertised and speak individually to Hackney Learning Trust staff and complete response forms. Separate sessions can be arranged with staff at the school and Trade Unions upon request.

### PARENTS' MORNING

**Tuesday 28 January 2014**  
9am-10am

#### **Woodberry Down Primary School**

Woodberry Grove, London N4 1SY

### PARENTS' EVENING

**Thursday 30 January 2014**  
5pm-6pm

#### **Woodberry Down Primary School**

Woodberry Grove, London N4 1SY

### WIDER COMMUNITY

**Wednesday 5 February 2014**  
5pm-6pm

#### **Woodberry Down Primary School**

Woodberry Grove, London N4 1SY



## 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.

- Pupils on roll at the school concerned and federated schools
- Parents / Carers
- Staff
- School Governors
- Hackney's schools
- Neighbouring Local Authorities
- Trade Unions
- Hackney Councillors
- Hackney MPs
- London Diocesan Board for Schools
- Westminster Diocese Education Service
- Woodberry Down Regeneration Team
- Interlink network for the Jewish Community
- Local Children's Centres
- Homerton NHS Trust

Hackney Learning Trust welcomes views from all stakeholders on the proposal set out in this paper. All views expressed during this consultation will be reported and considered by the Local Authority (LA). This will take place on 14 March 2014.

## DECISION MAKING PROCESS

Date	Action
13 January – 7 February 2014	Consultation period including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Circulation of consultation paper to stakeholders</li> <li>• Drop-in sessions with key stakeholders</li> </ul>
14 March 2014	The Local Authority (LA) considers responses to the consultation.
<b>If a decision is made to continue with the proposal, then</b>	
24 April – 22 May 2014	Publication of a statutory notice and a statutory four week period for comments and objections to the proposal.
20 June 2014 or earlier	The LA meets to consider the proposal
Within four weeks of the date of the decision	The following bodies have the right of objection to the Schools Adjudicator if they disagree with the LA's decision. The local Church of England Diocese The Bishop of the Local Roman Catholic Diocese; The Governing Bodies of the school concerned.

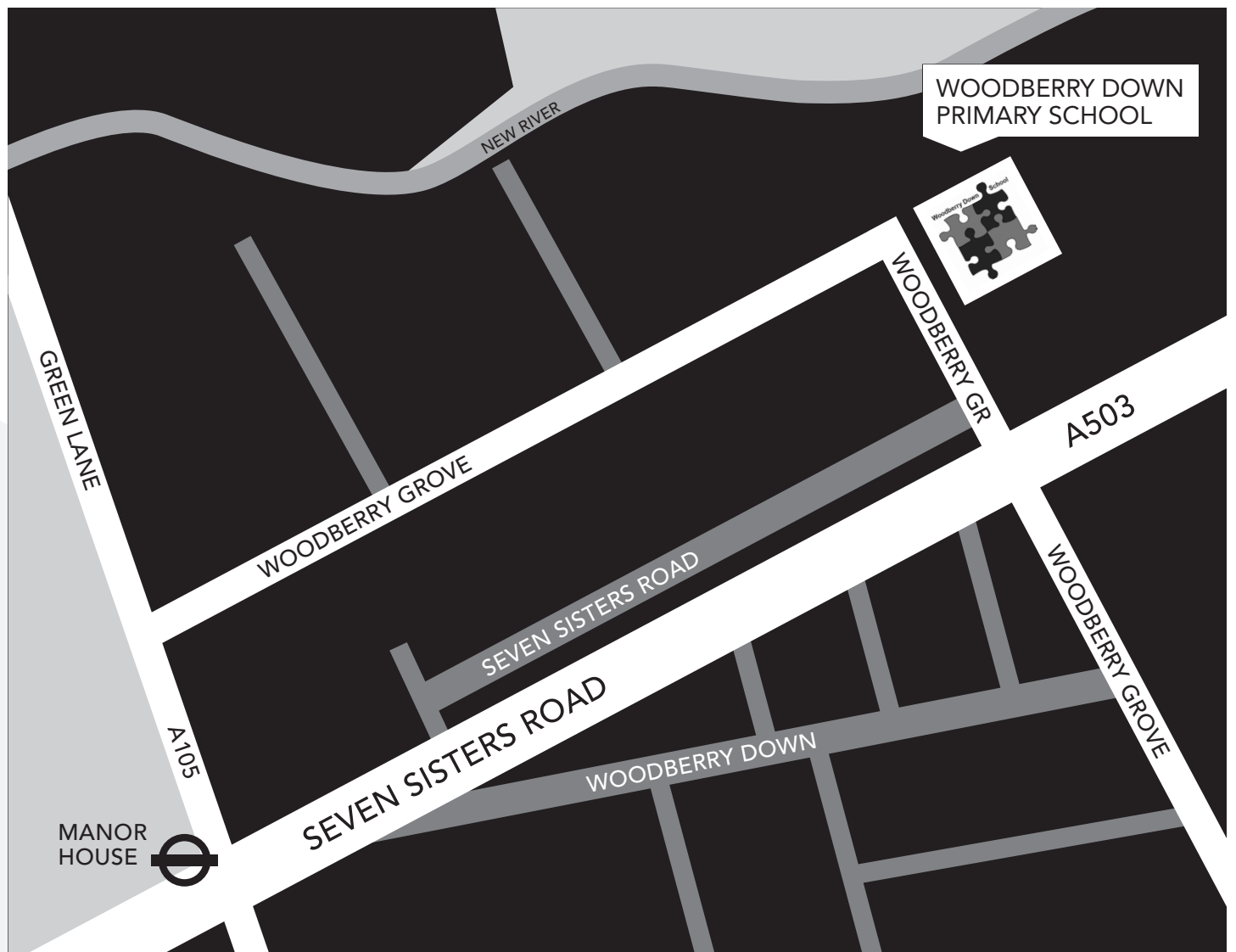
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# CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM

Consultation on a proposal to expand Woodberry Down Primary School from September 2014.

Please return to **Ian Hodges** by **Friday 7 February 2014**.

**Hackney Learning Trust,**

1 Reading Lane,  
London, E8 1GQ

Email: **ian.hodges@learningtrust.co.uk**

Name of person responding:

**Please tick boxes as appropriate:**

- Interest in Woodberry Down Community Primary School
- Pupil at the school
- Member of staff at the school
- Parent of a child at the school
- Governor at the school

Other (please specify):

**Please comment on the proposal below using additional paper if required.**

Agree     Disagree     Neither Agree or Disagree



# MONITORING INFORMATION

**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 – please specify

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

## Do you 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.

## Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

Yes  No

## Faith or belief - please specify

- Faith belief
- Atheist/No belief
- I do not wish to say

You may respond electronically, if you have access to the internet at [www.learningtrust.co.uk/consultations](http://www.learningtrust.co.uk/consultations)

Thank you for completing this consultation response form.

