

Furzedown Ward

Consultation on the Proposed Permanent
Expansion Penwortham Primary School

Wandsworth Borough Council
Primary School Expansion Consultation
Responses to be returned by Friday, 15th December 2011



Introduction

School roll projections indicate that the high demand for reception places in many Wandsworth primary schools is likely to continue. It is probable that the current situation is not a temporary increase but part of a continuing trend set to continue for the next few years.

The projections indicate that there will be a need for an additional 1FE (210) of new places in the period up to 2015/16 in the Tooting area. Two schools in this area, Penwortham and Eardley, could expand by 1FE and ½ FE respectively. Of these schools, Penwortham Primary School is the most central to the area and is likely to meet demand both in the Furzedown Ward and the surrounding area.

Penwortham Primary School

The proposed scheme for Penwortham comprises some internal re-modelling, to maximise teaching space in the existing school, combined with a new building sited along the Penwortham Road boundary. The building will be principally composed of six classrooms, a library/ICT room and toilets linked to the existing school by a new entrance and reception area entered from Penwortham Road. This proposed outline strategy is considered to be potentially acceptable by the Planning Departments subject to discussions and agreement with English Heritage due to the Grade 2 listing status.

If it is decided that this scheme is to be progressed, the detailed development of the design brief will be carried out in close consultation with the Headteacher and Governors.

The school site incorporates a premises officer's house which is vacant and has direct access from the street. The school is proposing to offer the Council the proceeds from the sale of the house and some devolved formula capital as a financial contribution to the scheme.

Eardley Primary School

The expansion of Eardley, which has been considered previously, is desirable in terms of increasing a 21/2 FE school to 3FE but may not at this stage be justified on the projections for the Furzedown Ward

Furzedown Primary School

Furzedown School is a 2FE school on a relatively restricted site. There are currently no plans to expand this school.

Proposals

The Council is therefore proposing to expand Penwortham Primary School, Penwortham Road (SW16), and is seeking your views on these proposals.

For Penwortham, the Council's proposal is to permanently enlarge the physical capacity of the school in order to accommodate extra pupils. Thirty pupils will be added to the reception year group each year with effect from September 2012. The current admission number for the school is 60 and the proposed number will be 90,

i.e. 3 forms of entry. The admission arrangements for Penwortham Primary School would remain unchanged.

The Council wants to ensure that there are enough primary school places for those who need them and is seeking your views of the proposal to permanently expand Penwortham Primary School.

Funding

The Council is awaiting information from the Department for Education on the capital funding.

Have Your Say

Please give us your views on the proposals by ticking the appropriate boxes on the attached response sheet, alternatively you can email your comments to; primaryexpansionconsultation@wandsworth.gov.uk or visit our website www.wandsworth.gov.uk/bsf/consultations to reply online.

