

## SCHOOL PLACES

### Meeting the demand for pupil places

The unprecedented demand for primary school places has been well documented. Additional permanent places have been provided at Colindale, Parkfield, St Catherine's, Broadfields, Beit Schvidler, Etz Chaim and Rimon. Further permanent expansions have been commissioned at Orion, Blessed Dominic, St Mary's and St John's, Menorah Foundation, Brunswick Park, Martin and Moss Hall schools and the proposed new school at Mill Hill East to provide an additional 12 forms of entry (360 Reception places each year). Meanwhile, temporary bulge classes are enabling the council to meet its duty to provide a school place. However, even with these planned primary expansions coming on stream in the next few years, a significant deficit remains.

The pressure currently being felt at primary level will feed through into demand for additional secondary school places. Taking account school organisation changes at The London Academy and St Mary's, together with the expansions commissioned at The Compton, Cophall, Christ's College, there is a projected shortfall of Year 7 places from 2014/15. Based on current pupil projections, the following further capacity at primary and secondary level will be required to meet demand (Table 1).

<b>Table 1: Forms of entry required: After current planned permanent expansions</b>		
<b>Academic year</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Secondary</b>
<b>2012/13</b>	16.6	
<b>2013/14</b>	9.7	
<b>2014/15</b>	8.4	1
<b>2015/16</b>	11.4	3
<b>2016/17</b>	15.3	9
<b>2017/18</b>	17.6	14
<b>2018/19</b>	18.6	20
<b>2019/20</b>	18.5	25
<b>2020/21</b>	18.0	25
<b>2021/22</b>	17.5	28

Much of the demand in later years is generated through the development of new housing, in the main as part of the council's regeneration plans. Inevitably, the timing of large scale regeneration projects are provisional and subject to many variables. New school provision required as a result of housing development will attract a financial contribution through the planning system in line with Barnet Supplementary Planning Documents. It is anticipated that a significant proportion of the additional resources required for primary and secondary school places as a result of housing growth will be met through developer contributions.

We have modelled a programme to meet this demand (Tables 2 and 3) based on current anticipated housing development programmes and timing. However, a programme has to be responsive and flexible. Free Schools are potentially a significant source of new provision, particularly at secondary level. However, each free school proposal is subject to the approval of the Secretary of State and in London, proposals are being hampered by the shortage of land and/or premises. Two free schools have been granted permission to open in Barnet in September 2013 subject to premises; a 5FE secondary free school, (the Archer Academy) and a 2FE primary school offering Jewish provision. There are at least two other secondary free school proposers seeking to establish in this part of North London which may impact on our demand. Therefore, the commissioning of each expansion or new provision funded by the council will be subject to a review of the latest available data on birth rates, pupil projections, free school provision and regeneration activity. At the secondary level, further resources will be required after 2018/19 and in the meantime, as with the primary sector, temporary provision is likely to be required.

<b>Table 2: Programme of expansions/new provision required to meet demand</b>				
	<b>Primary</b>		<b>Secondary</b>	
<b>Year</b>		<b>Comment</b>		<b>Comment</b>
2013/14	1FE			
2014/15	5FE			
2015/16	3FE		3FE	additions to existing schools
2016/17	2FE	Colindale regeneration	6FE	potential new build
2017/18	3FE	2FE related to West Hendon regeneration	4FE	potential new build
2018/19	1FE	Brent Cross regeneration	6FE	potential new build
2019/20	2FE	Colindale regeneration		
<b>Total</b>	<b>17FE</b>		<b>19FE</b>	

Each permanent expansion will be progressed in line with the availability of capital resources. In line with the prioritisation criteria set out in the Cabinet Report on 3 November 2011, we are continuing to prioritise further schools for expansion and identify land and property opportunities. The next three immediate permanent primary expansions to be commissioned are proposed at Holly Park, Deansbrook Infant and Junior schools and Beis Yaakov, subject to statutory consultation and planning permission

Proposals to meet the increasing demand for special schools and other types of provision for those with Special Educational Needs both in the primary and secondary sectors are being developed as part of a new Special Educational Needs Strategy. Meanwhile, additional places are being provided at Oakleigh and Northway Special Schools, and the permanent expansion of Broadfields has increased provision for children with Autistic Spectrum Condition by 7 places. Capital funding is identified in the MTFs to expand and improve facilities at Oak Lodge Special school. The expansion of The Orion will also provide a new provision for children with Autistic Spectrum Condition.