

APPENDIX A – INCLUDE OUR STREETS PETITION

As well as calling on Barnet Council to retrospectively amend the catchment (priority) map for Moss Hall Infants School without delay in line with the 'Include our Streets N12' campaign, I would also ask that my views be included in the responses to the consultation on 'School Admission Arrangements for 2016/17' that Barnet Council is currently carrying out.

The catchment area map for Moss Hall Infants School contains a **GLARING ERROR** and this error has meant that for a number of years, children living in residential streets local to Moss Hall Infants School (between Nether Street and Percy Road, London N12) have **LOST OUT** on admission to Moss Hall Infants School despite being just 0.4 miles away whilst the non-residential area of St Michael's School (off Nether Street) is **WRONGLY** included in the map. There are **NO HOUSES** and **NO CHILDREN** living within the large grounds of St Michael's School and I believe that this area should be urgently re-distributed and the catchment map retrospectively revised to include the residential streets of: Coleridge Road, Derby Avenue, Grange Avenue, Hall Street, Netherfield Road and Percy Road, London N12 (the majority of which are adjacent to St Michael's School) where children **DO** actually live!

MAIN POINTS IN RELATION TO THE CAMPAIGN AND THE CONSULTATION:

- 1) The campaign focuses on just five streets: Coleridge Rd, Derby Av, Grange Av, Hall St, Netherfield Rd and Percy Rd.
- 2) These streets are within the catchment for **ONE** school only! The 30-a-year intake Northside Primary School.
- 3) I feel that the 'Include our Streets N12' area should also be within the catchment of the next nearest school Moss Hall Infants.
- 4) The Moss Hall Infants School catchment area's northern boundary is **NETHER STREET** but the catchment map then extends further **NORTH**, not to include the streets mentioned but to wrongly include almost the entire grounds of **NON-RESIDENTIAL** St Michael's School – that is clearly wrong and should be amended without delay!
- 5) The inclusion of St Michael's School is a **MISTAKE** and I want the local authority to amend the mistake retrospectively therefore giving children in the 'Include our Streets N12' area a choice of two infant schools both within **WALKING** distance. **A SCHOOL WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE SHOULD BE OFFERED OVER ONE THAT REQUIRES A BUS OR CAR JOURNEY.**
- 6) If parents in the above streets fail to gain a place at Northside, they are outside the catchment for the next nearest school as mentioned, therefore they are forced to **DRIVE** or get buses to schools **OUTSIDE OF THEIR COMMUNITY**. This is not only unfair, it adds to **CONGESTION** and **POLLUTION**. Local schools help build communities and **WALKING** to school is better for everyone.
- 7) To take a child to/from school on the bus means a **£1.50** fare **EACH WAY**, so 4 journeys a day = **£6**. Multiply that by 5 days and then by 30 weeks and the cost is **£900** which is disgraceful when the next nearest school is 8 minutes away.
- 8) The southern end of the Moss Hall catchment area extends to Finchley Central and Mill Hill Viaduct, 1.1 miles from the school. The 'Include our Streets N12' area is 0.4 miles away. There are four schools to choose from in that same southern section with 300 places available (once Hillbrook is fully operational) compared to one school with 30 places! Is that fair?
- 9) Moss Hall Infants School has an **N12** postcode but **N12** is under-represented at the School with most children coming from **N3**. The northern section is far less densely populated than the southern. **N12** should be fairly represented.
- 10) The catchment map for Moss Hall Infants School clearly includes North Finchley Baptist Church on the corner of Dale Grove and Ballards Lane. The church, opened in 1879 but was **DEMOLISHED** approximately 25 – 30 years ago. The catchment map has not been updated/reviewed in all that time despite huge increases in local population, that is unreasonable.

For parents and children in the 'Include our Streets N12' area, Moss Hall Infants School is their local school too.