

Appendix E i) Consultation responses during consultation period

Question 1: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal for Menorah High School to become a Voluntary-Aided Secondary school?

		Number of responses
Strongly agree	82.08%	87
Agree	10.38%	11
Neither agree or disagree	1.89%	2
Disagree	3.77%	4
Strongly disagree	1.89%	2

A. Responses from those that 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed'

Question 2 Please share the reason for your response to Question 1.

- A really good addition to the Barnet family
- Menorah High School is a centre of excellence - a strictly orthodox Jewish school which inculcates strong British values in the girls, whilst offering them the opportunity to reach high academic standards so that they will be able to contribute to the wider community in due course.
- They follow all the NC and provide what other VA aided schools provide
- it will help the parents and the school with their fees
- There is a great need for a voluntary aided secondary school to meet the requirements of the Ultra Orthodox (charedi) community. Private schools create a financial burden for families, and do not offer as wide a range of resources and opportunities as their VA equivalents.
- Financial security for the school
- This school should be able to enjoy the benefits of being part of the wider community.
- The jewish orthodox sector needs a school with strong academic focus (like Menorah High) and being a VA school will ensure it's continuance and it's adherence to th national curriculum
- This will help assure standards at this already very good school, and will also help ensure the school's financial viability by enabling it to access public funding , to which I believe it is unequivocally entitled.
- The school runs extremely well with limited funds/resources - would be great if the financial pressure was some what more relaxed allowing our governors/head teacher & staff concentrate on further developing the school as only they know how!
- There is a strong need for a Jewish Voluntary Aided Jewish High School
- the school provides an excellent education for our daughters
- There is a shortage of secondary school places for orthodox jewish girls in the Barnet area.
- The school has a very good reputation and brings a strength to the community
- The school would be able to achieve far more than it already does with VA Status
- There aren't enough places in the borough.
- beneficial for the school on the whole, most due to additional funding but will inevitably have to conform in certain ways to fit VA criteria. slightly worried about intake change if becomes 3 form entry eventually
- There is an acute shortage of publicly funded school places for Jewish Girls
- MHSG is a school that caters to the needs of education for the community to a very high level. Its commitment to scholastic achievements coupled with strong ethical values is exemplary and deserves the aid to ensure its continued success..
- The children and staff at the school will gain more if they have access to Barnet's help and services.
- There is a great need for a voluntary-aided secondary school of the calibre and ethos of Menorah High in North West London
- This is an excellent school and should be State funded.
- Will ensure financial stability and improved education
- This will allow the school to develop further as a wonderful school. It will provide funding and resources and enable best practices to be observed inside and outside the classroom.

- This will enable the school to continue to provide and further enhance the excellent education our daughters have received.
- I think it's important to not rely on communal funds that are needed elsewhere or to put huge financial strain on parents.
- It would greatly enhance the school's ability to continue providing excellent education
- It's a superb school which deserves the support of everyone
- Voluntary Aided status suits the ethos and value systems of Menorah High School for Girls
- That is a matter of principle and not just convenience.
- Financial
- As a parent of a girl in year 10 who has just sat 5 GCSE exams, I can testify first hand to the wonderful combination of warmth and rigorous academic demands that characterise Menorah High.
- Barnet needs more secondary schools places for religious Jewish girls.
- Voluntary aid can only help what is an excellent school reach ever greater heights
- It would alleviate the burden of high school fees on parents, on the other hand the school loses its control which would spoil the excellent school that it is now.
- To continue the fantastic progress the School has and is making and to ease the financial burden on parents
- The school needs the money in order to grow
- The school is an outstanding school that covers all the subjects required by state schools and are extremely supportive of British values.
- More money to support the school and get better facilities including music room etc.
- It will provide a wider range of options for the students of the local area.
- State aid should be taken where possible. Being a fully private school in 2015 is very difficult.
- School will be in a better financial position to expand and improve.
- It's an opportunity for the school to further flourish with the extra state funding
- To reduce fees. To get more financial assistance from local authority to fund better teachers and resources. To be entitled to use LA resources & training.
- So that more funds can be available for an excellent school
- This will benefit all
- Extra resources will make a fantastic school even better!
- I feel this is best for the school.
- I believe that it would bring a sense of professionalism, stability and external oversight that would strongly benefit the
- school.
- There is high demand for a school such as MHS in Barnet
- To create more aided school places. We live in Barnet and we have a daughter who will be ready to start high school in Sept 2017 and really would like to send her to Menorah High.
- To enhance the already high standard of education by making available the considerable resources a local authority can provide, both in terms of knowledge and educational resources, co-ordination, and resources.
- Menorah High School is a fantastic educational institution which can aspire to achieving even higher standards by having access to training, support and increased resources available in the VA sector.
- To continue the excellence in the quality of education.
- It provides excellent education and needs VA to help it to remain viable
- More opportunities
- Barnet needs more places for secondary school Jewish girls.
- Menorah high is a well run institution with a strong governing board and very cohesive and supportive parent body. The school has provided a first rate education for many years and would be able to further their contribution
- It will give the school more options
- Menorah high is a well run school with a strong board of governors and very supportive and cohesive parent body
- Menorah High has provided a first rate education for many years contributing tremendously to the community which it serves.
- Joining the local authority system would provide support for Menorah High to benefit from the huge array of resources available to this sector and benefit from collaboration with other institutions and thus further its contribution to the community and society
- will become an even better school due to council support

- Menorah is an excellent school with high standards of teaching and leadership and will be able to offer even more to its pupils with the additional help and support it will receive.
- It would benefit the school greatly
- Increase scope of available educational opportunities for the students
- Having access to the local council expertise and sharing of ideas with other VA schools, will enable the school to build on its existing strong foundations.
- It will give the school the opportunity to Continue being the amazing school it is
- The extra funding will enable the school to continue and deliver at the high level we have come to expect, whilst having less financial pressures.
- The local Barnet based Jewish community is desperately short of school places for their charaidy children, and Menorah is already proven that it excels in educating their students to a very high standard.
- Think it will be a benefit for the school
- The school is an outstanding school and will only get better if it has the support necessary to take it to the next level.
- It will enable the school to provide a broader education whilst ensuring the financial security of the school.
- There is a lack of Jewish schools that have state aid.
- It is important for local government to show support in schools that produce excellent results.
- Because the Education Authorities can include subjects in the curriculum which does not comply with daas Torah.
- Excellent school, huge potential, filling a critical need in the local Jewish community.VA will greatly help ensure the future stability and high standards of the school.
- Hopefully will reduce school fees
- it will benefit the School, parents and pupils enormously
- It is an excellent school delivering good results but seems to struggle on the financial side.
- Extra funds will surely help provide better facilities for the girls which cannot but be a positive impact on their education.
- It is an excellent school delivering good results but seems to struggle on the financial side.
- It will make the school much better
- The current financial pattern is unsustainable with high fees, yet still with a large shortfall.
- I believe the standards of the school will improve. It will have more financial aid which will in turn help learning resources, benefit from teaching staff from other local schools, support from local authority. It will also help relieve the financial burden with school fees.
- the students will have more options in their education
- This school provides excellent education and any additional support would be most welcome.
- This is a good school, worthy of inclusion in the Local Authority
- It will be good for the Pupils and the school
- I think it will provide better resources for both the pupils and the teachers.
- The school needs funding to enable it to give its pupils the best opportunity in receiving a varied education. The parents do not have the means for this.
- Menorah high fulfills a strong need in the community for quality education at secondary level.
- this will allow menorah to offer an enhanced education for an increasing number of pupils - to provide an important resource for the wider community
- To improve the standard of education and professionalism with extra support

Q3: Please share any additional comments you may have.

- Becoming a voluntary aided secondary school will hopefully support the school in sharing examples of good practice with other schools, both learning from and contributing to other schools' development. Hopefully this will also reduce the financial pressures on the school, allowing them to allow access to schools without concerns about their ability to contribute financially to the school.
- The education is tops - a beacon to other schools
- This school is our dream school - in fact my wife always says had she had this option when she was a child she certainly would have attended. Going voluntary aided will also allow under privileged families that fit the school ethos a better chance of attendance.
- Our family has had children in Menorah High since its inception and the education and development of our daughters has been exceptional –

- It will continue to keep it the great school it is and keep it moving in the right direction, and will make a difference to the funding for the school.
- This school should be nationally supported and recognised for the excellence in academics, values and ethical education it provides for the girls.
- i think it's important to not rely on communal funds that are needed elsewhere or to put huge financial strain on parents.
- That is a matter of principle and not just convenience.
- This is a communal School and by gaining VA status the opportunity is broadened for all eligible students to benefit from the school's outstanding education
- I have had five children in the school and they have all been given such a holistic education. Each child has truly met their true potential which is a credit to the inclusive, supportive staff and SLT.
- Will help parents financially when the school fees slowly decrease.
- If the Government is making money available take it.
- We are so proud to have our children at Menorah High School. The teachers, governors and Head Teacher are focused, student orientated and approachable. Any extra resources the School receives as a result of becoming Voluntary - aided, will only help the School continue supporting students and teachers on a day to day basis.
- I recognise the challenges that such a move brings, both in terms of admittance and curriculum, but i believe the benefits outweigh the concerns and the school is sufficiently well established and in demand that this should not be an issue.
- Our oldest daughter is finishing Year 8. We have been delighted by the school.
- Besides for the high standard and well rounded national curriculum education, she really enjoys her studies, and appreciates her teaches. They always have shown her genuine care and warmth.
- She has developed into a more socially confident girl, learning and understanding and feeling able to fulfill her role in life within the morals of a charedi framework. The school really gives the girls a strong feeling of the multifaceted ways they can develop towards making a valuable contribution to society later in life. She was recently very inspired by a school visit to an old-age social centre, where they could entertain the elderly, and hear from them about their life and wartime (WW2) experiences.
- With a proven track record for excellence, we believe it is a win- win situation for the London Borough of Barnet and MHSG to build together a school which will be a jewel in the VA crown.
- Eases the burden
- The school has a great reputation and would be an asset to Barnet.
- Fully support the proposal.
- we are sending our second daughter to the school this year and are absolutely delighted with the staff, management, head and governors. keep up the good work.
- Being able to pay fees by gift aid would help, although I understand the govt may remove this advantage.
- This offers parents greater opportunity for a strictly orthodox girls school in Barnet
- Menorah high has achieved consistently high standards and is ready to expand its provision give extra funding
- the school has made tremendous strides to date and laid the foundations for creating a viable and vibrant school for many pupils to come
- Will abbreviate the huge financial burden on the governors

B. Responses from those that 'strongly disagreed' or 'disagreed'

Q2 Please share the reason for your response to Question 1.

- Concerns about the school having the capacity to admit children of other faiths or none
- I strongly believe that any school maintained by the London Borough of Barnet should be non-denominational and totally inclusive. Barnet is a marvellous example of a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, multi-faith Borough and should be promoting this through the education system. Is yet another Voluntary Aided faith school the way forward?
 - The school is run by a Head who has no Academic degree qualification.
 - There is a governing body by name but not by nature. No governor has any say aside from Dr Landau.

- The school only is interested in the most right wing elements of the Orthodox community.
- The school has had a long standing policy of prioritising entry to girls from wealthy homes.

Q3: Please share any additional comments you may have.

- Until recently (put in place for the sake of the Funding application) the school had no proper curriculum documents for most secular subjects. X (English, now departed), X (Geography), (Science) etc etc will confirm.

C Responses from those that neither agreed nor disagreed

Q2: Please share the reason for your response to Question 1.

- not sure if there is a need to change or not

Q3: Please share any additional comments you may have.

- I am an older parent and I feel its unfair to let my opinion sway the general feeling in the school after another year or so it will no longer affect me so I don't feel justified to make my opinion count