

Title: Aldborough E-ACT Free School

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Annex A – Section 9 Impact Assessment

General summary

Current local authority projections indicate that for September 2011 there will be a deficit of two primary forms of entry rising to six in 2012/13 and 11 in 2013/14 across the whole of the authority. The local authority has been supportive of the development of the new school which helps them address this increasing basic need for places. The proposed free school will be 2FE which is suitable for the level of demand in 2011, and the increasing demand should mean that the school is well attended without having to take pupils away from surrounding schools. The Free School will be co-educational so will increase provision for male and female children equally. It will also have no religious designation and a secular ethos so will be equally open to children of all faiths and no faith. A more detailed analysis of the free school's surrounding schools is given below.

Analysis

There are 32 primary schools (shown as blue markers on the map below) within approximately a 2 mile radius of EACT Redbridge Primary School's proposed site (the red marker). We anticipate most pupils to be drawn from an area served by the five closest primary schools (all within 1 mile of the school, see list below) and it was parents on the waiting list for these schools that the local authority have written to soliciting formal applications.

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The five nearest schools, within approximately 1km of the free school (the red marker) are shown below:

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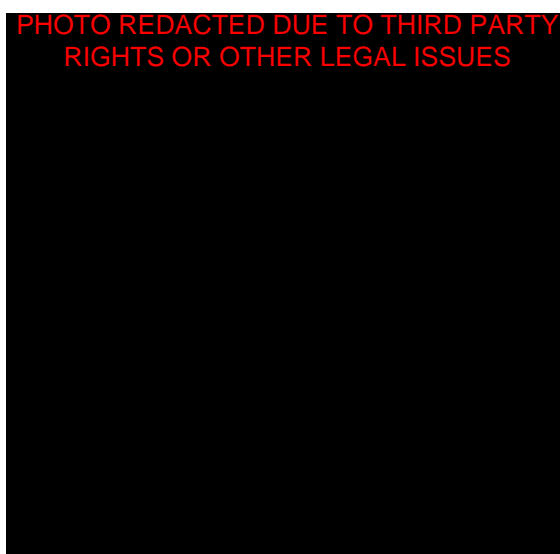
1. Downshall Primary School: immediately adjacent and west of the free school. Age range 3-11; capacity 416, number on roll (NOR) 513
2. St Aidan's Catholic Primary School: Age range 3-11; capacity 420, NOR 465
3. Newbury Park Primary School:. Age range 3-11; capacity 625, NOR 672
4. William Torbitt Primary School: Age range 3-11; capacity 656, Nor 684

5. Farnham Green Primary School: Age range 3-11; capacity 420, NOR 501

These schools all have between 13% (William Torbitt) and 30% (Farnham Green) pupils eligible for free school meals. None of them are single sex, and all but one (St Aidan's) do not have any religious designation. All of them are oversubscribed so, coupled with the overall deficit of places in the borough which will become more acute in the next few years, it seems unlikely that the free school will have a negative impact on their pupil numbers.

The free school's most immediate neighbour, Downshall Primary School, is a mixed community school with no religious designation. It received an Ofsted rating of 2 in its last assessment. Although this school has similar basic characteristics to the proposed free school it is already well attended and well over capacity. The overall growing demand for primary places in the borough and the current and projected deficit of places means that there is likely to be a large enough population of children of the right ages to populate both schools. The Downshall Primary School has been consulted by the new school and they are supportive of the development of the new school.

There are a further 9 schools to the south west of the free school (the red marker at top right) which are slightly further away but still with the red line. These are shown on the map below



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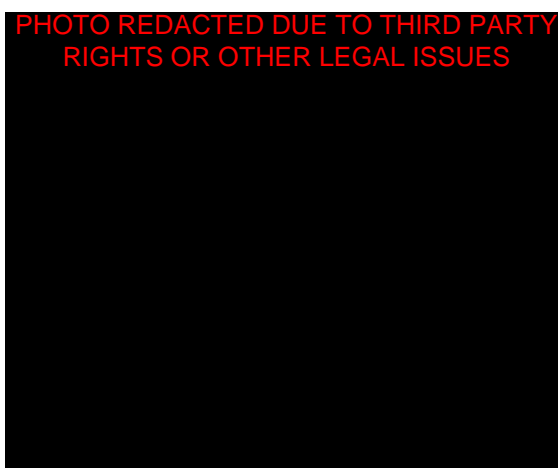
1. Cranbrook Primary School: at the top left. Age range 3-11; capacity 840, NOR 601
2. Highlands Primary School: immediately below Cranbrook. Age range 3-11; capacity 630, NOR 701
3. Christchurch Primary School: just above the orange marker. Age range 4-11; capacity 700, NOR 821
4. St Peter and Paul's Catholic Primary school: to the right of the orange marker. Age range 4-11; capacity 420, NOR 468
5. Gordon Infants' School: immediately below St Peter and Paul's. Age range 3-7; capacity 179, NOR 231
6. Cleveland Infants' School: nearest to rail station, below St Peter and Paul's and Gordon. Age range 3-7; capacity 270, number on roll (NOR) 331
7. Uphall Primary School: bottom left, crossing the red line. Age range 3-11; capacity 828, NOR 923
8. Winston Way Primary School: to the right of Uphall. Age range 3-11; capacity 630, NOR 526
9. Woodlands Infants' School: bottom right, on the right of Winston way. Age range 5-7; capacity 360, NOR 490

These schools have between 18% and 45% FSM. All but two of these schools, Cranbrook and Winston Way, are oversubscribed which, combined with the likely increase in demand for places in the area, indicates that they would not be considerably affected by the addition of the free school.

We believe that the overall impact of the new school on the two schools that are undersubscribed, Cranbrook and Winston Way, will be marginal. The effect of the new school is likely to be offset by the overall increase in demand for places in the area. Cranbrook received an Ofsted

rating of 3 suggesting that it is relatively weak and any impact of increased competition is likely to improve standards in the area. Winston Way achieved an Ofsted rating of 2 but is close to a cluster of schools which are highly oversubscribed suggesting that it is unpopular with parents and that the introduction of a new school would improve parents choice.

To the south east of the free school within the red line are a further 9 schools.



From top left to bottom right:

1. Barley Lane Primary School: age range 3-11; capacity 630, NOR 596
2. Chadwell Primary School: age range 3-11; 402, NOR 473
3. Goodmayes Primary School: age range 3-11; capacity 420, NOR 556
4. South Park Primary School: ages 3-11; capacity 725, NOR 807
5. Mayespark Primary School: age range 3-11; capacity 703, NOR 716
6. Becontree Primary School: age range 3-11; capacity 420, NOR 459
7. St Vincent's Catholic Primary School: age range 3-11; capacity 201, NOR 232 (Catholic)
8. Henry Green Primary School: age range; capacity 420, NOR 454
9. Valence Primary School: age range; capacity 420, NOR 481

These schools have between 14% and 30% FSM and all but one are oversubscribed which, combined with the likely increase in demand for places in the area, indicates that they would not be considerably affected by the addition of the free school.

We believe that the overall impact of the school on the one schools that is undersubscribed, Barley Lane, will be marginal. The effect of the new school is likely to be offset by the overall increase in demand for places in the area. Barley Lane received an Ofsted rating of 3 suggesting that it is relatively weak and any impact of increased competition is likely to improve standards in the area.

To the north west of the free school there are 8 more primary schools within the red line:

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1. Clare Tikva School: age range 3-11; capacity 420, NOR 466 (Jewish)
2. Mossford Green Primary School: age range 3-11; capacity 210, NOR 293
3. Parkhill Infants' School age range 5-7; capacity 260, NOR 348
4. Iford Jewish Primary School: age range 3-11; capacity 415, NOR 271 (Jewish)
5. Fullwood Primary School: age range 3-11; capacity 313, NOR 377
6. Gearies Infants' School: age range 3-7; capacity 260, NOR 330
7. Gearies Junior School age range 7-11; capacity 348, NOR 362
8. St Augustine's Catholic Primary School: age range 3-11; capacity 420, NOR 467 (Catholic)

These schools have a slightly lower proportion of FSM pupils, between 8-26% with most around 10-15%. All of them are oversubscribed except one which, combined with the likely increase in demand for places in the area, indicates that they would not be considerably affected by the addition of the free school.

We believe that the overall impact of the new school on the one school that is undersubscribed, Iford Jewish Primary School, will be marginal. The effect of the new school is likely to be offset by the overall increase in demand for places in the area. Iford Jewish Primary School received an Ofsted rating of 3 suggesting that it is relatively weak and any impact of increased competition is likely to improve standards in the area. As a Jewish school its most likely competitor is Clare Tikva which is oversubscribed suggesting that Iford Jewish Primary is unpopular with parents.

There are two more schools within the red line which are to the north east of the free school site.

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These are:

1. Grove Primary School: age range 3-11; capacity 415, NOR 470
2. St Bede's Catholic Primary School: age range 3-11; capacity 420, NOR 469 (Catholic)

Both of these schools are over capacity by around 2FE at present which, combined with the likely increase in demand for places in the area, indicates that they would not be considerably affected by the addition of the free school.

Local Secondary Schools, Further Education Institutions and Other Schools

There are a number of secondary schools in the area of the proposed Free School.

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1. Valentines Community School: age range 11-18; capacity 1193, NOR 1256; Secondary Community School
2. Girls Independent School – outside the scope of s9 assessment.
3. Independent Boys School – outside the scope of s9 assessment.

4. Iford Ursuline High School: age range 11-18; capacity 583, NOR 710; Catholic VA Girls Secondary School
5. Seven Kings High School: age range 11-18; capacity 1321, NOR 1416; Community Secondary School
6. Oaks Park High School: age range 11-18; capacity 1412, NOR 1491; Community Secondary School
7. Newbridge School: age range 3-19; capacity 138, NOR 135; Community Special School
8. Chadwell Heath Academy: age range 11-18; capacity 1183, NOR 1277; Secondary Academy
9. Canon Palmer Catholic School: age range 11-18; capacity 1158, NOR 1257; Catholic VA Secondary School
10. The John Barker Centre: age range 11-14; capacity 1158, NOR 12; Pupil Referral Unit
11. Mayfield School: age range 11-18; capacity 1236, NOR 1472; Foundation Secondary School

We do believe that the new school will have no impact on the secondary community schools because it will cater to a different age range. Newbridge School and The John Barker Centre are a special school and pupil referral unit respectively. We do not believe that the new school will have any impact on these schools which target pupils with very specific needs who are not likely to attend the new school instead.

There is also one Further Education Institution within three miles of the new school (Redbridge College). We believe that the new school will have no impact on this or any more distant Further Education Institutions because it caters to a different age range.

Conclusion

This assessment concludes that:

- There is an increasing demand for primary places across the local authority and an additional 2 forms of entry are required in 2011 (with a requirement for additional forms of primary entry projected for future years);
- 28 of the 32 primary schools within two miles of the proposed school are already oversubscribed – heavily oversubscribed in many cases – so will not be substantially negatively affected by the new school;
- The impact on the four under-subscribed primary schools within two miles of the proposed school will be marginal given the effect of the new school will be largely offset by the increased demand for places in the area.
- We do not believe that the school will have any impact on local secondary schools, further education colleges, special schools and

pupils referral units which cater for pupils of a different age range or with specific needs that are unlikely to be attracted to the new school.

Overall our assessment is that the impact of the new school will not be significant on state-funded schools in the surrounding area.