

APPENDIX 1

SOUTHGATE GREEN WARD FORUM UPDATES

January 2015

GROVELANDS SCHOOL

The proposal for a primary school facility at Grovelands Park was included in the July 2014 cabinet report as an option to provide additional places in the South West area to help meet demand. Whilst the location helps address an issue with very local need the setting has parks heritage implications that will need to be addressed. Discussions with English Heritage have been ongoing and have informed our approach to the feasibility investigations required before we can seek planning consent. The approach was formalised in the attached report. You will note that a three-stage approach is being taken and we are currently in stage one which was initially due to complete in January. However progress has been slowed by issues about the heritage aspects of the park and the most suitable location on the site for the school.

FUTURE OF BOWES/SOUTHGATE GREEN SCHOOL

This partner school was also referred to in the July 2014 cabinet report and was required to provide additional places in the immediate short-term and in advance of the proposal for permanent provision at Grovelands. Additionally there has always been an option to provide permanent additional primary places on the Broomfield school site but this is earmarked as a medium to long-term option due to an application for funding to address the condition of the secondary school buildings.

The Council has had additional discussions with the Bowes Southgate Green management team about the feasibility of both increasing capacity to two forms of intake from September 2015 and maintaining primary provision from this site up until 2017 so there is sufficient contingency if Grovelands is delayed. A final decision will be taken on whether to move to two forms of intake from September 2015 within the next two months. That decision will be based on:

- an assessment of information from the school admissions applications;
- an assessment of current and planned school place capacity serving the area; and
- discussions with the management of Bowes Southgate Green (the primary provider) and Broomfield Secondary (the hosts).

It is likely that if the Grovelands site is delivered then it will be the permanent location for the Bowes Southgate Green facility. If the Grovelands site cannot be delivered or is significantly delay then the Council will investigate whether the Broomfield site should become the permanent location.

STATEMENT ON FRAUDULENT APPLICATIONS TO WALKER SCHOOL

In addition to the usual checks carried out to establish the validity of applications, the Local Authority has also identified a number of schools where additional, higher level checks will be carried out in relation to their applicants. The Admissions Service will be working closely with Enfield's Fraud Investigation Team to carry out these checks. Walker School is one of the schools concerned. As you will appreciate, we do not disclose the details of the checks undertaken as this could potentially help those who intend to provide misleading information in future application rounds.

RITZ PARADE

Work on a Feasibility study for development options for the Parade are ongoing, however initial findings have indicated some viability issues which need further testing. This needs to be concluded before engagement with stakeholders can realistically commence - this is now expected to begin in February with more formal public consultation later in the Spring.

NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY – PINKHAM WAY

The NLWA are currently concentrating on the Edmonton ECO Park Heat and Power Project. There is a current consultation process on this, which can be found at www.northlondonheatandpower.london. This will ultimately lead to a planning application through the Secretary of State. The future of Pinkham Way is linked to the success or otherwise of the Heat and Power Project and therefore no final decision is likely to be made in the immediate future.

AIR QUALITY

The Council are currently reviewing the air quality action plan with a view to including a new set of actions to improve air quality in the borough. We have also progressed the deployment of pollution sensors throughout the borough which will help us better understand the sources of air pollution and their distribution. Should the sensors indicate previously unknown sources of air pollution we will review our action plan to take account of new information. Currently the sources of air pollution remain the same and we continue to work towards meeting the Government-set air quality objectives.