

Appendix A

Annual Report on Pupil Place Provision, Demand and Delivery Options

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report sets out the findings from the annual review of the demand pupil places, current school capacity, known plans to increase school capacity and identified whether any additional provision needs to be delivered. The report is structured by age ranges and provision groups.
- 1.2 The report has been produced to support a cabinet decision on the strategy and approach to delivering school places. The assessment covers in detail a four year timescale and provides a general comment beyond that. This reflects the fact that the capital funding for the provision of additional places is only provided, on an indicative basis, for three financial years at a time.

2. The need for Primary School pupil places

Assessment of demand

- 2.1 The assessment of need for the next four years is based on the Greater London Authority (GLA) school roll projections. The boundaries of the school place planning areas remain the same as last year, as do the increases to the GLA school roll projections of 5% for Primary and 3% for Secondary to allow for fluctuations in population projections between each annual statistical release.
- 2.2 Based on Department for Education guidance and Audit Commission recommendations the Council maintains an aspiration to provide an element of parental choice in school places through delivering up to 5% further additional places in each pupil place area for both Primary and Secondary. Provision of these additional places above the amount required to meet demand is not funded by the Department for Education.
- 2.3 The May 2015 release of the GLA School Roll Projections amends the 2014 release and creates the following picture of demand over the period up to 2019 at the borough level:
 - This release has reversed the picture of demand over the short term with projections on average of 4% higher for 2015-17 compared to the last release. Additionally the demand trajectory has changed to a sharp increase in September 2015 and 2016 followed by a reduction to 2019 then a steady increase over the long-term (from 2020 onwards).
 - For September 2015 demand can be met through existing and planned capacity on a borough basis¹ and the Council can continue to meet the statutory responsibility in this respect. For each of the six pupil place planning areas, including allowances for schools that service more than one area², demand can be met. However, the most recent GLA projections show higher demand than previously forecast for September 2015 and 2016, which is placing pressure on available capacity.
- 2.4 At the pupil place planning area level the new release of the GLA School Roll Projections provides the following picture of demand:
 - The South West area of the borough has slightly more demand in 2015 and 2016 than the GLA projected last year but this evens out from 2017.

¹ Based on the GLA school roll projections which cannot take account of actual cross-borough applications and movements or applications for school places made during the academic year.

² Applies to Edmonton County (Little Bury St) and Worcesters where extra capacity provided through recent school expansion serves more than one pupil place planning area. This is partly due to each of these schools being on the border of two pupil place planning areas.

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- The North Central (broadly Enfield Town and Bush Hill Park) area has higher demand in 2015 and 2016 than the GLA projected last year and whilst the projections subside from 2017 this is expected to change in the North West of this area once the residential development on unused parts of the Chase Farm hospital site is factored into the GLA population projection model.
- The North East area is facing higher demand in 2015 and 2016 than the GLA projected last year but this is expected to subside from 2017 to 2019.
- The South East area is facing significantly higher demand from 2015-17 than the GLA projected last year but this is expected to subside in 2018 and 2019.
- The West Central and Hadley Wood areas also show slightly higher demand from 2018 onwards than the GLA projected last year but there is no increase between 2015 and 2017.
- The numbers of in-year admission continues to be a feature that requires management and analysis by the admissions service. This change reflects the change in migration patterns across London.
- At the borough level surplus places, or spare capacity ranges between 2% and 4% up to 2018 which is acceptable. However surpluses vary across areas ranging from low levels of 1% to 8% in any given year. Increasing demand across all areas, apart from Hadley Wood, would erode all surpluses by 2018 if no additional capacity is provided.

2.5 It should be noted that there are two factors that the GLA school roll projections do not fully take account of:

- Significant housing developments planned for the long-term which will have a direct impact on the demand for school places locally. Housing development data is used to allocate population across geographic areas but only once a planning application has been approved. Therefore the long-term pipeline of significant housing developments will need to be monitored separately and any extra provision planned for as individual developments come forward.
- Actual cross-borough movements of pupils. The numbers of children that go to school in other boroughs fluctuates annually but in recent years a trend developed of an increasing net outflow of pupils. The GLA School Roll Projections uses an average from recent years but this does not necessarily project the future. This is a factor for schools and communities located near the Haringey and Barnet borders. There is a separate communications activity to make residents more aware of the success of local schools.

2.6 The number of in-year admissions, particularly at Primary school age, has been rising in recent years. This is where parents request a school place outside of the formal annual application process and timescales. Information for the Council's Admissions Services is that the Borough now experiences high demand for primary school places from parents who are new to the area. There is now particular pressure on Year 1 and Year 2. The situation is monitored regularly at a senior level and options are being explored to provide additional classes within Key Stage 1 if they are required.

2.7 This impact of in-year admissions on demand is outside the standard assessment of the projections of reception age children. The admissions service monitors and assess demand across all year groups and where additional temporary provision is required arrangements are put in place in partnership with relevant local schools.

Summary table of the need for places

2.8 The table below outlines the need for Primary School reception places for September 2015 and beyond. It should be noted that in all Primary school expansions the reception class is required initially, followed by extra classes for school years one to six to accommodate the increased number of pupils as they move up each year. Following a school expansion decision it takes seven years for the school to reach full capacity.

Enfield Primary Areas	Recent delivery to meet demand for Sept 2015	Delivery required to meet demand for Sept 2016	Delivery required to meet demand beyond Sept 2016
South West Enfield	<p>Bowes Southgate Green partner school, located at Broomfield secondary, will provide an additional form of entry (30 places). This is temporary provision in advance of planned permanent provision.</p> <p>Area surplus capacity is expected to be around 4%.</p>	No extra capacity required if partner school continues to provide two forms of entry. Surplus capacity is expected to be around 3% to support parental choice.	<p>Two permanent extra forms of entry required from 2017 to replace the temporary provision.</p> <p>Two further additional forms of entry required from 2018 to meet demand and maintain surplus capacity of 4%. This level of capacity should be sufficient to meet demand up to 2020/21.</p> <p>Subject to annual review of GLA projections and review of effect of extra provision planned at Ashmole in Barnet.</p>
North Central Enfield	<p>Up to two forms of provision will be provided through joint partnership arrangements at Suffolks Primary and Bishop Stopford secondary. This is temporary provision in advance of planned permanent provision.</p> <p>Area surplus capacity is expected to be around 4%.</p>	One extra form of temporary provision is required to meet short term demand and maintain surplus capacity at 4% to support parental choice.	<p>Three permanent extra forms of entry required from 2017³ to replace the temporary provision and provide additional permanent capacity in advance of increased demand expected from residential development.</p> <p>No extra capacity is expected to be required from 2018-2025.</p> <p>Subject to annual review of GLA projections and monitoring the effect of the new residential development planned for Chase Farm.</p>
North East Enfield	Oasis Hadley will provide one extra class (30 places) to meet demand. There is not expected to be any surplus capacity in 2015.	One extra form of temporary provision is required to meet short-term demand.	Additional permanent provision is not required until after 2019 as demand is expected to fall after 2016-2019 with planned capacity sufficient

³ Permanent provision required to replace the partner school set up in Sept 2015

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Enfield Primary Areas	Recent delivery to meet demand for Sept 2015	Delivery required to meet demand for Sept 2016	Delivery required to meet demand beyond Sept 2016
		This is subject to assessment of info from admissions and the impact of provision in Broxbourne.	up to 2022/23. Subject to annual review of GLA projections.
South East Enfield	No additional capacity was required, beyond the additional provision at Bowes Edmonton, to meet demand for September 2015.	Two extra forms of entry are required from 2016 to meet demand and create 1% surplus capacity to support parental choice.	One temporary extra form of entry is required from 2017 to meet a short term peak in demand. Surplus capacity is expected to remain at around 1% but demand is expected to fall steeply in 2018-19 before rising slowly from 2019-25. Subject to annual review of GLA projections, the effect of residential provision at Meridian Water and a review of planned provision in Haringey.
West Central Enfield	No additional capacity was required to meet demand for September 2015.	None required to meet demand. Surplus capacity is expected to be around 3% to support parental choice.	Extra capacity required from 2018 where the surplus capacity is expected to drop to less than 1%. Subject to annual review of GLA projections and assessment of whether planned additional capacity in SW can serve this area.
Hadley Wood	No extra capacity required	No extra capacity required	No extra capacity required

Meeting the demand for reception classes from September 2016

- 2.9 The list of current options for provision of extra reception primary school capacity is listed below. Some options are established projects at feasibility stage and others require pre-feasibility investigation. All projects will require agreement of relevant governing bodies and confirmation that funding is secured before progressing to permanent build phases.

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Primary Area	Schools/sites	Comments (need)	Comments (delivery)
South West Enfield	Potential extra primary capacity (+2 FE at Grovelands)	Required from 2017	+2FE capacity already provided for this area through Bowes Southgate Green partner school. Grovelands provision is subject to feasibility, consultation and availability of funding This provision would also serve the West Central area which a small amount of additional capacity will be required from 2018
	Potential extra primary capacity through a school expansion to become an all-age (+2FE or +3FE at Broomfield)	An option to meet demand from 2018	A longer term option and subject to further discussion with the school, consultation, feasibility and funding.
	Potential extra primary capacity through an academy expansion to become an all-age school (+2FE at Ashmole in Barnet)	An option to help meet demand from 2016	Ashmole Academy has secured an expansion to create an all age school. Its proximity to the Enfield border is such that it could make a noticeable contribution to meeting borough demand. A review of the impact is required, particularly if the school establishes a defined catchment area that includes part of Enfield. Subject to feasibility, planning and availability of funding.
North Central Enfield	Temporary extra primary capacity through a partnership arrangement with Suffolks Primary and Bishops Stopford Secondary schools (up to +2FE in 2015-17 if demand materializes)	Up to +2FE required from 2015 and potentially another +1FE in 2016-17.	The contingency option to allow the permanent options to be secured. This includes the viability of land acquisitions being investigated.
	Potential extra primary capacity of +3FE or +2FE at a new site (subject to land acquisition)	Required from 2017	Outline planning permission secured (subject to s106 negotiation) on one site, other sites under investigation. Delivery of any option is subject to land purchase, further feasibility, planning and funding.
	Potential extra primary capacity through an academy expansion to become an all-age school (+2FE at Kingsmead)	An option to help meet demand from 2016 or later but is not in an area facing increased demand.	Information from school consultation. Subject to a successful application to the Department for Education, then feasibility, planning and availability of funding – would not be Council funded. The expectation is that this will not proceed due to constraints on the site and that the school does not serve the areas that will need additional places to meet demand.

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Primary Area	Schools/sites	Comments (need)	Comments (delivery)
	Potential 1FE expansion of an existing school	An option for 2017	Subject to agreement of the governing body, feasibility, planning consent, statutory consultation and availability of funding.
North East Enfield	Temporary extra primary capacity to meet short-term increase in demand (to be investigated at existing schools in the area)	Required from 2016	Subject to planning, procurement and delivery. Also subject to review of demand emerging through the admissions process.
South East Enfield	A new free school (+1FE in new 2FE school at Meridian Angel Primary School)	Required from 2016	Planning consent gained, subject to delivery by Education Funding Agency – not Council funded or delivered.
	A potential primary school expansion (+1FE)	An option to help meet demand from 2016	An option being investigated that is subject to a land acquisition to facilitate a primary expansion.
	Potential new primary school provision in Haringey, near to Enfield border (+1FE of provision that could serve Enfield)	An option to help meet demand from 2016	Options to be investigated and developed for 2016 onwards in conjunction with Haringey. A review is required of whether the location could serve Enfield residents.
	Potential new primary provision as part of Meridian Water delivery (+2FE)	An option to help meet demand from 2019	Linked to increased population expected as Meridian Water residential development progresses.
West Central Enfield	The Grovelands expansion should also serve this area.	An option to help meet demand from 2018	A review is required of whether planned additional capacity in the SW can serve this area. Then options for delivery should be investigated and developed.
Hadley Wood	No extra reception capacity needed	N/A	Options not required.

- 2.10 As a result of the increase in in-year admissions, there may be a need to provide additional temporary classes for year groups under pressure from September 2015 or at any point through the academic year. The situation is monitored and assessed by the Council's Admissions Service and contingency plans will be implemented if the need for extra places warrants intervention.

The provision of extra permanent primary school places to meet projected demand

2.11 Across the borough, the demand and supply of additional permanent Primary school places can be summarised as follows:

Primary Provision	2016	2017	2018	2019	TOTAL (FE)	TOTAL (places)
Projected Demand for permanent additional forms of entry	+3FE	+5FE ⁴	+3FE ⁵	0	+11FE	+2,310
Confirmed new free/ academy school supply	+1FE	0	0	0	+1FE	+210
Potential provision serving Enfield from adjacent boroughs	+1FE	0	0	0	+1FE	+210
Requirement for Council delivered/facilitated permanent capacity	+1FE	+5FE ⁶	+3FE ⁷	0	+9FE	+1,890

2.12 Overall the demand for permanent places in 2016-19 is higher than projected last year due to pressures in the South East, North Central and to a lesser extent the West Central areas. The requirement for Council funded provision is also higher and will be challenging given that there was no additional Basic Need for primary places allocated for 2017/18. In some instances current plans can be amended to take advantage of opportunities or temporary provision used whilst plans and funding for permanent provision are developed. It is likely that more additional provision will be needed in some localities from free schools and schools in neighbouring boroughs that are close enough to the border to serve Enfield communities.

2.13 The need for temporary provision to address short term increases in demand will need to be assessed as follows:

- The North East area for September 2016 if the Admissions Services assessment of applications suggests that demand will materialize; and
- The South East area for September 2017 if the Admissions Services assessment of applications suggests that demand will materialize.

2.14 The current delivery activity required to increase the supply of places through the second phase of the School Expansion Programme can be summarised as:

- Ensure Bowes Southgate Green can continue to deliver two forms of entry of temporary provision at Broomfield Secondary in advance of the plan for permanent provision at Grovelands to serve the South West area of the borough;
- Complete feasibility for Grovelands and deliver permanent provision from 2017 to serve the South West, and potentially the West Central, areas of the borough – this is subject to feasibility, consultation, planning consent, funding and annual review of population projections;

⁴ Does not include temporary provision potentially required to address high demand for one year in the South East area

⁵ Includes 1FE for the West Central area which is a new requirement

⁶ Includes 2FE of permanent provision required to replace temporary provision in the SW at Bowes Southgate Green and 3FE of permanent provision required to replace temporary provision at Suffolks/Bishops Stopford

⁷ Includes 1FE for the West Central area but the additional capacity could be provided from the +2FE planned at Grovelands which would serve both the South West and West Central areas

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- Investigate options for provision of two forms of permanent primary entry by September 2018 at Broomfield to serve the South West of the borough – this is subject to feasibility, consultation, planning consent, funding and annual review of population projections;
- Ensure that up to three forms of entry of temporary provision provided through a partnership with Suffolks Primary and Bishops Stopford Secondary can be maintained up to 2017 in advance of permanent provision for this part of the North Central area of the borough;
- Progress feasibility of a potential expansion to provide additional permanent provision in this part of the North Central area – this is subject to approval of the governing body, planning consent and confirmation of funding;
- Complete any land acquisitions required to enable permanent provision in a specific part of the North Central area – this is subject to acquiring any land required at best value and confirming the funding and deliver route for the school buildings;
- Investigate options and deliver an extra permanent form of entry from September 2016 in the South East area of the Borough – this is subject to feasibility, planning and funding and annual review of population projections; and
- Investigate whether the increase in demand in the West Central area can be met through the additional capacity planned through the Grovelands proposal in the South West area.

2.15 Additionally there will be ongoing monitoring and dialogue around potential Free/Academy Schools that are seeking to provide additional places and schools in other boroughs that may serve Enfield communities that affect provision in the Borough, particularly:

- Meridian Water – due to deliver 2FE of permanent provision in the SE area from Sept 2016 (with 1FE transferring from current temporary provision at Dyson's Road);
- Kingsmead – if accepted by the EFA could deliver +2FE in the North Central area but this would result in significant over-capacity for the area which is beyond the level of surplus capacity recommended by government and the audit commission;
- Ashmole – if there is an Enfield specific element to the catchment area then it could deliver +1FE for Enfield children in the South West area;
- St Mary's in Broxbourne – this could potentially attract parents from the North East of the borough and perhaps the North Central area but access is not easy. The impact is expected to be minimal but it should be monitored;
- Proposals in Haringey for a free school near the Enfield border that could serve Enfield communities in the South East area; and
- Any relevant proposals and applications confirmed from suitable providers for stated areas of demand in the borough.

3. The need for Secondary School places

Assessment of demand

- 3.1 The assessment of need for the next four years is based on the Greater London Authority (GLA) school roll projections. The Council will continue to assess Secondary school place demand in a general way at a borough level for the following reasons:
- Half of the Borough's Secondary schools were in close proximity to at least one of the old Secondary place planning boundaries; and
 - Secondary age children are likely to travel further to a school of their choice.
- 3.2 However, delivery planning will be more local to ensure a balance of provision across the borough over time.
- 3.3 As per last year, the GLA school roll projections for Secondary are increased by 3% to allow for fluctuations in population projections.
- 3.4 Based on Department for Education guidance and Audit Commission recommendations the Council maintains an aspiration to provide an element of parental choice in school places through delivering up to 5% further additional places in each pupil place area for both Primary and Secondary. Provision of these additional places above the amount required to meet demand is not funded by the Department for Education.
- 3.5 The May 2015 release of the GLA School Roll Projections amends the 2014 release and creates the following picture of demand over the period up to 2019:
- There is expected to be a slower rate of increase in demand for secondary school places compared to last year's release. The current levels of spare capacity will help meet demand and maintain a high degree of parental choice until 2017.
 - Additional permanent places will be required between September 2018 and 2020 but demand in 2020 is lower than projected last year. The newly released projections now show a later peak, in 2023 rather than 2020. This will need to be monitored annually.
 - There is more spare capacity in the East of the borough due to the recent provision from academies and free schools. However, the area is well served by bus routes allowing easy access from other areas of the borough.
- 3.6 It should be noted that there are two factors that the GLA school roll projections do not fully take account of:
- Significant long-term housing developments which will have a direct impact on the demand for school places locally. Housing development data is used to allocate population across geographic areas but only once a planning application has been approved. Therefore the long-term pipeline of significant housing developments will need to be monitored separately and any extra provision planned for as individual developments come forward.
 - Actual cross-borough movements of pupils. The numbers of children that go to school in other boroughs fluctuates annually but in recent years a trend developed of an increasing net outflow of pupils. The GLA School Roll Projections uses an average from recent years but this does not necessarily project the future. This is needs monitored and there is a separate activity to make residents more aware of the success of Enfield schools.

Summary table of the need for places

3.7 The table below outlines the need for Secondary School Year Seven classes (forms of entry) for September 2015 and beyond.

Enfield Secondary Area	Recent delivery to meet demand for Sept 2015	Delivery required to meet demand for Sept 2016	Delivery required to meet demand beyond Sept 2016
Borough-wide	<p>No extra capacity is required. Spare capacity is expected to be approximately 9.5%.</p> <p>This supports a significant amount of parental choice, particularly in the east of the borough where free schools and academies have increased capacity</p>	<p>No extra capacity is required but new free school provision is likely to be delivered.</p> <p>Demand is expected to increase and spare capacity is expected to be around 8.5%.</p> <p>This supports a significant amount of parental choice, particularly in the east of the borough</p>	<p>By 2018 an additional five forms of entry, compared to September 2015, is required to meet demand.</p> <p>By 2019 another five forms of entry will be required to meet demand.</p> <p>Beyond 2019 a further ten forms of entry will be required by 2020 plus another seven by 2023 which the projections suggest is the demand peak.</p> <p>Ideally, opportunities to provide additional places in the West of the borough are required in advance of 2020 to help balance provision across the borough.</p>

3.8 It should be noted that secondary school expansion are more complex than primary expansion because in addition to standard classrooms, there may be need for additional special capacity such as science labs, design and technology rooms, etc. To fully understand the building requirements a curriculum assessment has to be conducted with the school to understand timetabling and capacity options as part of the work on feasibility.

3.9 The design for new school buildings should consider Education Funding Agency room and space guidance but increasingly new schools in urban areas are delivered on highly constrained sites. It still takes a secondary school five years to reach full capacity following an expansion so with creative timetabling there can be flexibility to enable expansion before all construction works are complete.

Meeting the demand for permanent year seven classes from September 2016

3.10 The list of current options for provision of extra permanent year seven secondary school capacity is listed below. Some options are established projects with funding secured while others are at feasibility stage, some require pre-feasibility investigation. All projects will require agreement of relevant bodies and funding secured before progressing to permanent build phases.

Schools/sites	Comments (need)	Comments (delivery)
Heron Hall permanent buildings will provide capacity for an additional five forms of entry (a total of eight) from 2016	Required from 2017 to meet borough demand	Delivered and funded by the Education Funding Agency. Extra capacity is expected to be delivered earlier than demand requirements but school intake is likely to be increased incrementally in a phases.

Schools/sites	Comments (need)	Comments (delivery)
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Ark North Enfield will be a new secondary school providing an additional six forms of entry from 2018	Required from 2018 to help meet borough demand	Delivered and funded by the Education Funding Agency. A site is being secured in the east of the borough near Alma Road.
A new secondary school proposal in the west of the borough, which could provide up to eight forms of entry.	Required by 2020 to help meet borough demand	Requires application and approval from the Education Funding Agency. If successful would be delivered and funded by the EFA. This location would allow provision to be spread more widely and ideally would be delivered in advance of 2020 to provide more parental choice.
Expansions of existing secondary schools could provide between two and four additional forms of entry, depending on curriculum analysis and sixth form requirements	Required from 2020 to help meet borough demand	All sites are constrained and challenging further work on feasibility is required followed by innovative design solutions that make best use of minimal space. Funding would need to be secured.
A new secondary or all through school as part of the housing development at Meridian Water, which could provide 6 – 8 forms of secondary entry.	Required to meet demand generated from new housing development	Requires application and approval from the Education Funding Agency. If successful would be delivered and funded by the EFA.

The provision of extra secondary school places to meet projected demand

- 3.11 Across the borough, the demand and supply of secondary school places can be summarised as follows:

Secondary Provision	2016	2017	2018	2019	TOTAL (FE)	TOTAL (places)
Projected Demand (in additional to 2015 capacity)	0FE	+0FE	+5FE	+5FE	+10FE	+1,500
Free/Academy school supply	+5FE ⁸	0FE	+6FE ⁹	0FE	+11FE	+1,650
Requirement for Council funded	0FE	0FE	0FE	0FE	0FE	0

⁸ Additional provision confirmed at the permanent Heron Hall school buildings. Places are not required to meet demand in 2016 and are likely to be made available in a phased way.

⁹ Additional provision confirmed at a new school, Ark North Enfield. Places are required to meet demand from 2018.

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- 3.12 Overall the demand for places is slightly lower than the GLA projected last year and the combination of current surplus capacity and confirmed Education Funding Agency schemes will ensure that demand for secondary school places can be met up to and including 2019.
- 3.13 The main challenge over the 2015-17 period will be ensuring that the further 10 forms of entry are provided by 2020 and that these places are located in the central and western areas of the borough.
- 3.14 An initial desktop review of secondary school sites in the borough has shown that most existing schools are located on sites that would be challenging to expand whilst strictly following the Education Funding Agency space guidelines. Other sites present challenges in cost terms as they were built with Private Finance Initiative funding where the agreements are such that construction works on site would be unlikely to represent good value.
- 3.15 The most realistic opportunities for the provision of the additional secondary school places by 2020 are proposal that come forward as part of residential developments where the building is funded by the Education Funding Agency and potentially developer contributions through s106 or Community Infrastructure Levy payments.
- 3.16 The potential residential development in the west of the borough and the Meridian Water development are good examples of where this can be achieved and further similar opportunities will be sought.
- 3.17 Additionally the few viable opportunities of secondary school expansion will be further investigated, including consultation with school Head Teachers and governing bodies. However, due to the current high levels of spare capacity in secondary schools there is no Basic Need funding available in the next three years for the Council to deliver additional secondary school places. A further complicating factor will be the potential effect of any sixth form expansions on space in secondary schools.
- 3.18 Council officers are currently working with secondary school Head Teachers to understand the potential future demand for sixth form places with a view to supporting schools bid for funding that can support expansion to support 16-19 provision. 16-19 year olds have a wider range of options for the education or training that they must now be engaged in so it is not possible to model future demand for school based sixth form provision in the same way as can be done for primary or secondary school places. An important factor in any plans for additional school based sixth form provision is that funding for capital works required to create the space is not provided as part of the government Basic Need funding. Funding is distributed through one off bidding rounds. The approach is to develop an overall picture of the need for additional school based sixth form places in the borough with a list of the school with the highest chance of success in those bidding rounds. This will make bid preparation more straightforward once a new round is announced.

Additional pupil referral unit places for secondary aged pupils

- 3.19 There are a number of secondary aged pupils that for a variety of reasons are removed from the mainstream school environment to receive additional support to help them re-integrate into that environment.
- 3.20 Currently provision of this Secondary Tuition Centre is split across three sites and none of the buildings were designed for this particular use. Additionally as the school aged population has increased so has the demand for this particular type of provision. The assessment of demand and options for provision resulted in the recommendation to provide a new purpose built facility.
- 3.21 A site has been secured on Bullsmoor Lane and the plan is to provide a purpose built facility that can accommodate 100 pupils at any one time but there will be 150 on the school roll. This is possible because at any given time there will be a number of pupils at college or receiving support at other locations.

4. The need for Special School Places

Assessment of demand

- 4.1 The Council has worked with practitioners to update the Special Educational Needs (SEN) Strategy to account for the increase in demand for provision and the appropriate approach to address to different categories of need.
- 4.2 Whilst numerically the overall number of school-age pupils with a SEN is broadly the same as in 2010 there has been a disproportionate and significant increases in some of the categories where specialist high support provision outside of maintained schools is the appropriate delivery solution. Primarily this is Autistic Spectrum Disorder and Severe and Complex Learning Difficulty, where there is now a pressing need to increase capacity. Both the assessment of supply and demand and provision of high support differs from mainstream education with smaller class sizes and mixed age groups more of a feature.
- 4.3 The table below summarizes the current capacity position at the schools supporting some of the most vulnerable SEN pupils.

School	Specialism	Ideal Numbers	Additional temporary capacity	Total current capacity
Russet House	ASD - Autistic Spectrum Disorder	92	19	111
Durants	ASD - Autistic Spectrum Disorder	92	14	106
Out-of-borough provision	ASD - Autistic Spectrum Disorder	20	30	50
Totals		204	63	267

- 4.4 The assessment of current capacity is that there is a gap of 63 places that needs to be addressed as an immediate priority given the high costs of out-of-borough placements and the strain of service provision in the two special schools.
- 4.5 The forecasting for demand of ASD suggests that pressure on capacity is only going to increase in future years. Whilst the use of out-of-borough placements means that the current level of demand can be met the long term use of out of borough placements has a significant impact on delivery costs.
- 4.6 The table below shows the estimated demand against current capacity and ideal delivery capacity (both static at current levels) with a calculation to show the capacity gap and delivery requirements that would improve both the quality of provision and ongoing revenue cost position of service delivery, ie by only using out-of-borough placements in exceptional circumstances.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Target capacity requirements for ASD special school places	269	284	300	317	335
Current total capacity	267	267	267	267	267
Current ideal delivery capacity	204	204	204	204	204
Capacity gap against ideal situation	65	80	96	113	131

Meeting the demand for ASD Special Need school places

- 4.7 The aim is to increase ASD provision at special schools up to 2017 in line with the capacity gap identified above. The target is for a building programme to provide capacity for up to 300 pupils with ASD high support needs, which is 96 places more than the current “ideal capacity.
- 4.8 Work to assess the likely long term trajectory of demand is continuing and this needs to be based on the knowledge of practitioners alongside general population trends. Trends in population and prevalence suggest that there could be a further 10% requirement post 2017, above and beyond the immediate and short term need, for additional provision.

The provision of extra Special Need school places to meet projected demand

- 4.9 The existing facilities at Russet House and Durants are currently operating with additional temporary provision which is above their ideal capacity. The sites are not suitable for the amount of additional building required to expand capacity.
- 4.10 The former college site at Minchenden has been acquired through a lease arrangement with a view to a purchase. There are various buildings on the site and the intention is to develop a plan with local partners to maximize the use and benefit of the various buildings. The Farbey building has been identified as a suitable size for the provision of additional special need school accommodation. The early stages of technical studies and feasibility work is now being progressed and once there are outline designs then potential costs will be estimated and suitable funding sought.