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**A PLACE FOR EVERY CHILD — EDUCATION IN MERTON**

Consultation on the primary school expansion strategy 2011-2013

**Introduction**

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2. Noting the costs, benefits, risks and issues outlined in the leaflet which option do you prefer for the expansion of primary school places from September 2011?

Option A

- Delivered
- Undecided

Option B

- Tend to agree
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Before you submit the feedback form, please could you complete the questions overleaf. The feedback form should be returned by 12.00 noon on Monday 22 November 2010 to:

Contracts and School Organisation, Children Schools and Families

London Borough of Merton, Civic Centre

London Road, Morden, SM4 5DX

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- The highest standards of education in all of our schools
- All children achieving their full potential
- Results that count with the best in London.
- Learning opportunities are provided that children enjoy and feel ready to succeed.
- Schools where our children are cared for and are happy.
- Schools that are a positive choice for local families.

Criteria for identifying options

The Council has used specific criteria when determining the options for providing the additional primary school places we need.

- Providing more places at good and outstanding schools
- Providing more places in popular and over-subscribed schools
- Expanding smaller schools because they can struggle financially compared to larger schools
- Providing additional places in those areas with the greatest need
- Focusing on the schools which have the space for additional buildings
- Providing the additional places in high quality, sustainable accommodation

Ensuring that money is well spent, avoiding unnecessary expenditure or options that are unaffordable.

Expansion proposals – 2 options for 2011 and 2012

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- Liberty Primary School, Western Road, SW19 4EB
- Garforth Park Primary School, Sandy Lane, Mitcham, CR4 2HA
- William Morris Primary School, Recreation Way, Mitcham, CR4 2QD
- Morden Primary School, London Road, Morden, SM4 6RX
- Dundonald Primary School, Gap Road, SW19 8JA (Note – the expansion of this site would require a study to be developed on a similar topic to the park’s existing work.)
- St Joseph’s RC Primary School, Western Road, Mitcham, CR4 2RA (Note – the single form of entry for this site would be under the control of a nearby school. We would put in place suitable arrangements whereby the requirement for an additional form of entry can be continued.

The table below demonstrates the rise in births which has led to an increased demand for school places.

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In addition to these 8 schools there are 2 options for providing the other 2 forms of entry in 2011 and 2012:

Option A

- Bishop Gilpin CE Primary School, Lake Road, SW19 3SF (Note – we would need to put in place a formal agreement for the use of these two additional primary school places. We would also bring the site under the immediate control of the existing primary schools. This option offers the following benefits:
  - All of the additional places would be provided close to one of the areas that has the highest need
  - The site would be an additional form of entry school, which would be available for further expansion should the need arise
  - The site is currently owned by the Council. It is likely that an agreement will be reached with the current owner to extend the length of the contract
  - No loss of playing pitches or green space, and the park’s facilities would be enhanced with this option. This option would involve a large scale development and would be available for further consultation in 2012)

Option B

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Design offers two form entry schools (2FE) in North West Merton and to the north in Wimbledon, where there has been a greater need to the north, especially in Wimbledon, Colliers Wood and the north of Mitcham.

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Option A
- Bishop Gilpin CE Primary School, London Road, Morden SM4 5PX
- South Wimbledon Youth Centre & Community Centre, Westfield Road, SW19 8JA (Note – we would need to put in place a formal agreement for the use of these two additional primary school places. We would also bring the site into an existing primary area of the school, which would be available for future expansion should the need arise)

Option B
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A new two form entry school (2FE) in North West Merton, probably on an existing site in Gap Road SW19 8JA

Please could you give reasons for your answer:

3. Do you have any further comments or views on how Merton can provide sufficient primary school places?

Please use the spaces below or continue on a separate sheet of paper if required.
These include:

- Providing more places at good and outstanding schools
- Providing more places in popular and over-subscribed schools
- Increasing smaller schools because they can enhance financially constrained larger schools
- Providing more places in those areas with some demand
- Expanding other schools in planning primary school places, the birth rate is the most significant.

The scale below demonstrates the rise in birth which has already led to provide additional Reception classes at

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### Option B

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Residents and parents are welcome to attend whichever meeting is most convenient.

Closing date for responses

The closing date for responses is 15:30 on Monday 23 November 2010. You are invited to respond to the consultation by completing the questionnaire and returning it in one of the following ways:

- Via any Merton school
- Delivered to the Merton Civic Centre
- By post to Contracts and School Organisation (contact details below)
- E-mail to schconsult@merton.gov.uk

Website

This document is also available on the Council’s website, along with the opportunity to complete the questionnaire online: http://www.merton.gov.uk/council/getinvolved/boroughlevel/schoolsconsultations.htm

Contact details

Contracts and School Organisation
Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, SM4 9QH
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Introduction

Merton is planning the largest expansion of our primary schools in a generation. Standards in our schools are rising. More and more families are seeking places in our schools. To meet this demand we need to provide an around 500 new reception places for our children over the next two years.

We have a legal duty to provide these places, but we also want to provide them in the best ways possible. It is an exciting opportunity to build on the best practice in our schools, and help every Merton child achieve their full potential.

The Council is consulting residents and parents between 16 October 2010 and 22 November 2010 on options to meet this increase in demand for September 2011 and September 2012.

In addition to this leaflet, public meetings are being held in each school included in the options. We want your views, and the results of this consultation will be included in a report to the Council’s Cabinet in December when decisions are expected to be made on primary school expansion for 2011 and 2012.

Parents will then have a clear indication of the new places available as they make their choices for their children’s primary schools in January 2011.