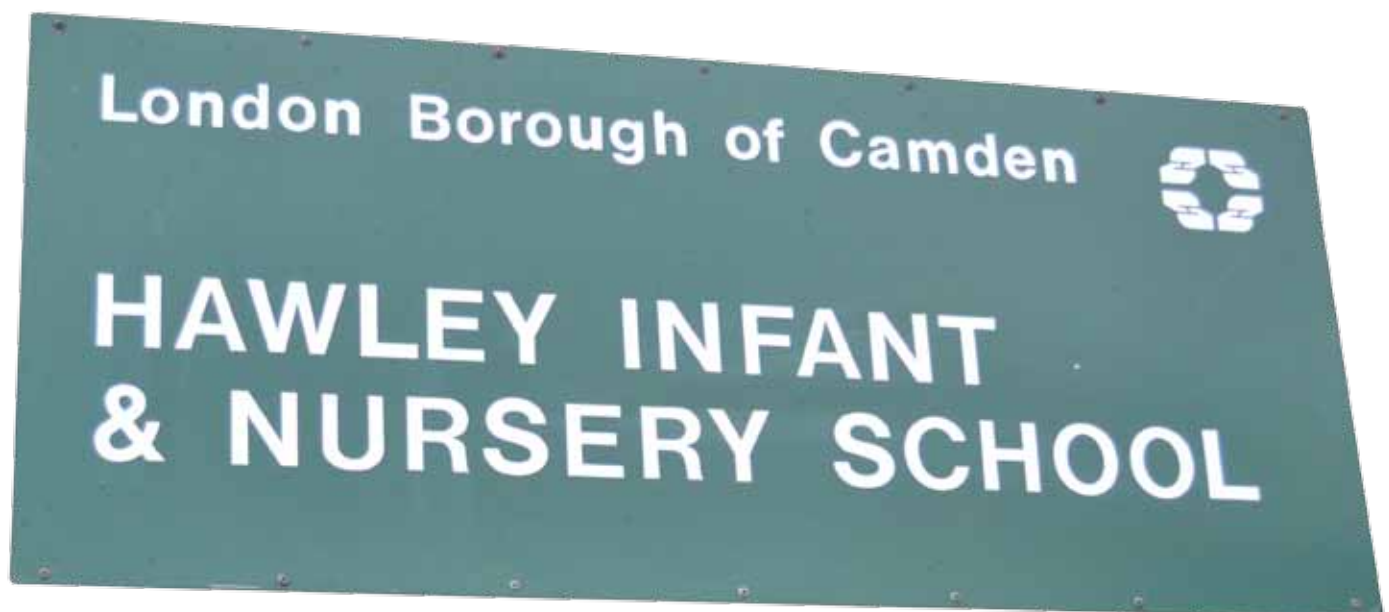


Consultation on proposals to:

- **Rebuild and enlarge Hawley Infants' School within the proposed Hawley Wharf development**
- **Admit junior pupils aged seven to 11**



Consultation on proposals to:

Rebuild and enlarge Hawley Infants' School within the proposed Hawley Wharf development and admit junior pupils aged seven to 11

We want your views

Camden Council is consulting on proposals to enlarge Hawley Infants' School and raise the upper age limit of the school to admit junior pupils aged seven to 11. This would happen as part of a move of the school from its existing location to a new site within the proposed Hawley Wharf development.

Our aim is to provide a new Hawley school at no cost to us or local tax payers.

This consultation starts on **3 January 2012** and we need to receive your comments back by **20 February 2012**.

You are invited to attend a public meeting on these proposals from 6pm to 7.30pm on Monday 6 February 2012 at Hawley Infants' School, Buck Street, London NW1 8NJ.

Why do we want to expand the school?

Hawley is a nursery and infants' school in Camden Town and is the only infants' school in Camden without a linked junior school. Hawley Infants' School has been on its current site for more than 100 years and is popular, with a village feel. However, the school and its classrooms are very small compared with other infant schools, the play area is cramped and there is not enough space for children to play team games.

The existing school site is surrounded by sites with planning permission for large developments, which are likely to cause disturbance and disruption to the school. Hawley would be overlooked and overshadowed once these developments are finished.

There isn't enough room on the existing site to expand the school and its intake or create more play space. This means that when pupils reach seven, parents have to look for other primary or junior schools. This can be stressful for parents and separate children from their friends. In 2010-11, children who left the school for a junior place went to eight different state schools in Camden or had to attend independent schools and other borough's state schools.

The present school building also needs £224,000 worth of repairs.

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What is the proposal?

It is proposed to redevelop Hawley Wharf, between the canal and Hawley Road. The developer has had some discussions with the Council about what could be included within the scheme – and they could provide a brand new school if that is what is needed in the local area.

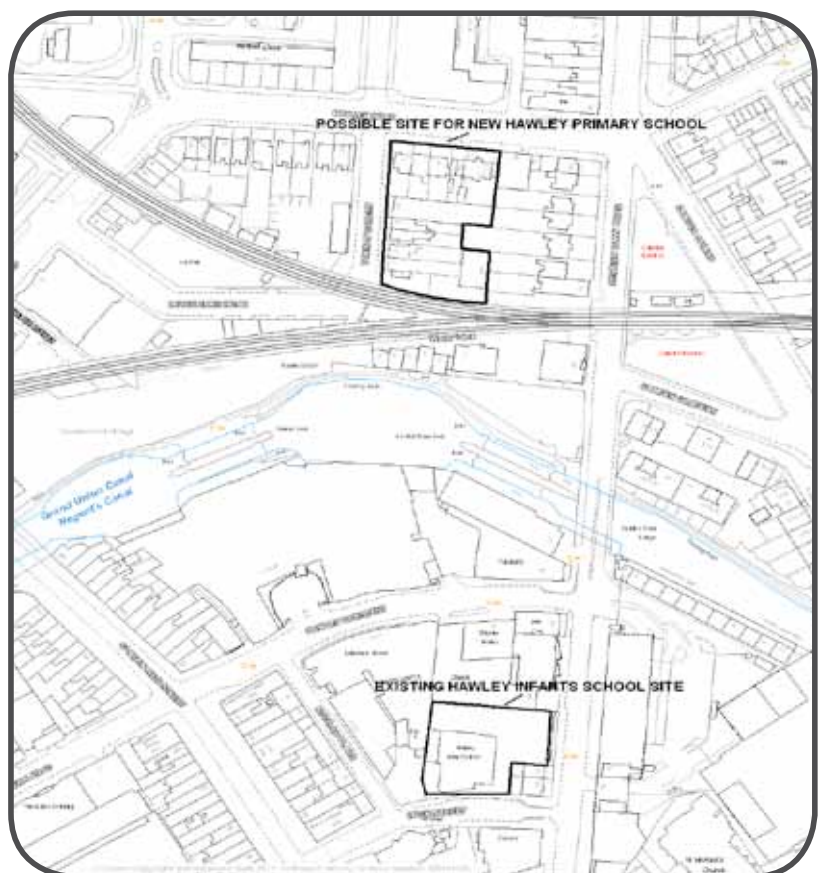
If Hawley school moved to a bigger site at Hawley Wharf, the school could be expanded to take junior pupils. This would mean that children would not have to leave the school when they reached seven years old and parents wouldn't need to try and find other junior or primary schools for their children. This would ease the pressure parents face.

The junior places in the school would gradually fill and the school would eventually take 210 pupils. It would also still be able to have a nursery. The school would have a brand new building with improved learning and play spaces. Parts of the school could be available for use by the local community outside school hours.

The possible new site for the new Hawley Primary School is at Hawley Wharf just north of Regent's Canal – less than 300 metres from the existing infant school site. A new Hawley Primary School could open in September 2015.

No decisions have yet been made regarding what would happen to the existing school site if the school did move to Hawley Wharf.

Possible site for a new Hawley primary school within Hawley Wharf



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What am I being consulted on?

We are consulting you on the proposal to enlarge Hawley Infants' School and raise the age limit so that the school can take junior aged pupils.

This consultation is not about the possible redevelopment of Hawley Wharf itself and you are not, at this stage, being consulted on what a new Hawley Primary School building would look like.

Who would pay for the new building?

The Hawley Wharf developer says they would meet the entire cost of providing a new school as part of the Hawley Wharf redevelopment. The school would therefore be provided at no cost to Camden's taxpayers.

Benefits of this proposal:

- Brand new school building with improved facilities for teaching and learning and flexible areas for group work. Additional areas would allow the school to teach a wider curriculum to pupils.
- New sports pitch or MUGA (multi-use games area) which would enhance the bigger outdoor areas of the school.
- The school would admit 30 pupils a year and the pupils would be able to stay at the school until they needed to move on to a secondary school.
- The number of pupils in the school would gradually increase to 210 from Reception through to Year 6. The school currently admits just 29 pupils in Reception and Years 1 and 2. The school would continue to have a nursery.
- The new school would be provided very close to the existing school site.
- More staff would be gradually employed as the school grows, creating a wider range of skills amongst teaching staff.
- The local community could use parts of the school outside school hours.
- The school would be provided by the Hawley Wharf developers at no cost to the Council, school and governing body, or Camden taxpayers.
- We would save money by not having to invest in the existing old building. This funding would then be used to invest in other schools and homes within the borough.

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Step

1

Next steps

This consultation starts on **3 January 2012** and we need to receive your comments back by 5pm on **20 February 2012**. You can also complete your consultation online at camden.gov.uk/consultations or email your comments to Mark Kemp (property strategy and investment manager) at mark.kemp@camden.gov.uk

Your response will be considered by the Director of Children, Schools, and Families, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families. A decision will be made on whether to publish a formal notice on the proposed changes to the school.

Step

2

Publication of notice

Should the Director and Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families decide that we should publish a notice, this would be displayed at the main entrance to the existing site and at the proposed site, advertised in a local paper, made available in the local library and on our website. A further six weeks would then be allowed for further comments on the proposed changes.

Step

3

Decision

At the end of the second six-week period, the Cabinet will review all comments received before deciding whether the proposals should be agreed. This should happen in May 2012. The decision will not include approval of a design for the school building as this would form part of a separate planning process.

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Questions and answers

Q: Why does the school need to move?

A: The existing building is in need of significant repairs, is too small and is on a very cramped site which means there is not enough space for pupils to play team games. As Hawley is the only infants' school in Camden without a linked junior school, parents have to find other schools for their children once they finish in the infants. This can be stressful for parents and upsetting for pupils who may be separated from their friends. Large developments are also happening around the existing school site which will cause disruption and may overshadow the school once finished.

Q: Why has Hawley Wharf been chosen as a possible new site for the school?

A: We have been looking at ways to resolve the issues faced by the school and parents for a number of years but have not been able to find a suitable alternative site for the school in the local area. There is space within the Hawley Wharf development to build a new enlarged Hawley school and the developer would provide this at no cost to the Council or local tax payers.

Q: Will the Hawley Wharf site be big enough for a new primary school?

A: The Hawley Wharf developers have set aside a big enough area of the site for the school. Further discussions will be needed on how best to use the space so that the school gets the maximum benefit from it.

Q: Has a decision already been made on whether the school should move and expand?

A: The Cabinet, Camden's decision-making body, agreed in July 2011 to support the principle of the expansion of the school as part of a move to Hawley Wharf subject to consultation, but no decisions have yet been made regarding this proposal. It is important that we hear your views, as these will help the Cabinet make a final decision.

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Q: Has a planning application been submitted for the proposal?

A: The developers recently submitted a planning application for the Hawley Wharf development. As part of this, an outline planning application was submitted for the proposed site of the new school. An outline planning application doesn't contain the same level of detail as a planning application and, if approved, would be followed by a further application containing more detail. Further discussion on this detail will take place between the Council, the developer, Hawley school and the local community as the planning process moves forward. No final planning decisions have yet been taken regarding this proposal.

Q: Will there be less affordable housing within the Hawley Wharf development if the school moves there?

A: The area of the Hawley Wharf development where the school would go was originally due to have some affordable housing on it. If a new school was provided, this would therefore be instead of some of the affordable housing that could go on the site. We still expect there to be 17 units of affordable housing as part of the development.

Q: What will happen to the existing school site?

A: No decisions have yet been made. It may be possible to use the site for some additional housing but this needs further consideration.

Q: Why can't we just have a new junior school and leave the infants school where it is?

A: This would mean that the school would be split between two sites and more difficult to manage. There would be less opportunity for the infant and junior pupils to mix and share spaces. It wouldn't resolve the issues with the existing Hawley building which needs significant repairs and is too small, with cramped external space.

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Q: Would the new Hawley school have the same 'village feel' as the existing school?

A: We would work closely with the school to ensure the new building retains this feel, even though it will be a much bigger school. The aim would still be to ensure that the children thrive in a happy and nurturing environment where they and their families are valued.

Q: Do we need more junior school places in the area?

A: Once children leave Hawley Infants, parents struggle to find alternative junior places within a reasonable distance of the local area and some pupils have to go to schools outside the borough. If additional junior places were created, children would be able to stay at the school past seven years old rather than having to leave. Also, housing within the Hawley Wharf development is expected to lead to an estimated six more children per year group which will increase demand for junior places in the area. The extra places would fill as pupils move up the school.

Q: When will we know what the new school might look like?

A: The Hawley Wharf developers have submitted an outline planning application for the proposed school site, as well as a planning application for the rest of the site. The Hawley Wharf planning application should be decided in early 2012. If we approve outline permission for the school and the wider Hawley Wharf development, a further application would need to be made showing the detail of what the school would look like and how it would fit on the site. We would consult on this so there would be further opportunity for the local community to comment.

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Q: Will local residents get their children into the new school?

A: If a new school opens in September 2015, it would have the same admission criteria as Camden's other community schools. This means that priority would be given to looked-after children, children with a sibling still on roll at the school and children with a social or medical need for the school. Any remaining places would be offered on distance from the centre of the school to the child's home. If the school moves, the point from which this distance is measured will also move. In 2011, the furthest distance away from the school that a child was offered a place was over half a mile from the existing school site.

Although we anticipate six more children per year group will live in the Hawley Wharf development, not all their parents would apply for a place at the new school. Residents currently living near Hawley Infants' School could still get places for their children at the new primary school.

Q: How would this affect school staff?

A: Staffing would gradually increase if the school expands. It is anticipated existing staff would transfer to the new school.

Q: How would pupils, staff and visitors travel to the new school?

A: The proposed site for the new school would be less than 300 metres from the existing school site so there are no anticipated travel implications. The school would continue to operate its travel plan and encourage children to walk to school or use public transport where possible.

Tell us your views

We want to hear your views on this proposal. Your answers will help us decide whether to proceed to the next step of the consultation process. Please return this sheet to us by writing **FREEPOST CAMDEN BSF** on your envelope – you do not have to use a stamp.

Name

Address (including postcode)
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I am a parent/local resident/member of the school’s staff/other (please specify)

Questions for response:

1. Should the school be rebuilt and enlarged as part of a move to a new site within the proposed Hawley Wharf development?

Yes No

Please add any comments or concerns:

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2. Should the school raise its age limit to admit junior pupils aged seven to 11 as well as infants?

Yes No

Please add any comments or concerns:

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3. If you have any other comments or concerns about the school proposal, please give details below.

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Please continue on a separate sheet if you need more room, or fill in the form online.

Further information about this proposal is available on the Council’s website at camden.gov.uk/hawley

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About you: optional (please mark the relevant boxes if you wish to fill in this section)

Are you male or female?

Male Female

What was your age on your last birthday?

Please write in box

Years

To which of these groups do you consider you belong to?

Please tick one box only

White

British Irish

Any other White background

(Please tick and write in box)

Mixed

White & Black Caribbean

White & Black African

White & Asian

Any other Mixed background

(Please tick and write in box)

Chinese and Other ethnic groups

Chinese

Black or Black British

Caribbean

African

Any other Black background

(Please tick and write in box)

Asian or Asian British

Indian

Pakistani

Bangladeshi

Any other Asian background

(Please tick and write in box)

Other ethnic group

(Please tick and write in box)

Do you have a disability or long-term limiting illness?

Yes No

Please specify

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