

# Consultation

on the proposed expansion of Kingsgate primary school and redevelopment of the Liddell Road site



## Our consultation

We are consulting on a proposal to expand Kingsgate primary school from two to four forms of entry.

The expansion of the school would require the redevelopment of the Liddell Road light industrial site to include a new school building for up to 360 children, aged 4 to 7 years old, and a new nursery for up to 52 children aged 3 to 4 years old.

**The closing date for comments is 15 October 2013.**

## How do I find out more?

You are invited to attend a drop in session and exhibition on:

■ **Wednesday 25 September**, any time between 3pm - 8pm, at **Sidings community centre**, 150 Brasseley Road, NW6 2BA.

Or

■ **Thursday 26 September** any time between 3pm - 7.30pm, at **Kingsgate primary school**, Kingsgate Road, NW6 4LB.

For further information visit [camden.gov.uk/kingsgate](http://camden.gov.uk/kingsgate)

## Camden's Community Investment Programme

Our proposal is part of the Community Investment Programme (CIP). This is a self-financing scheme to generate money which is otherwise unavailable from central government. The money is invested in improving and building new homes, schools and community facilities.

**Community Investment Programme**



# Kingsgate primary school has been judged 'outstanding' by Ofsted

Camden's Cabinet agreed to take forward a proposal to expand the school at its meeting on 18 July 2012 from two to four forms of entry.

The school expansion is needed to help meet the pressing need for primary school places in the north-west of Camden.

The expansion would involve the redevelopment of Liddell Road light industrial site.

## Vision

- The redevelopment of the Liddell Road site will provide a high quality environment for:
  - ▶ a new infants and nursery school
  - ▶ new commercial space to replace existing employment space on the site
  - ▶ new homes for sale which will help to finance the proposal.
- Existing trees, which provide a screen between Maygrove Road and the site, will be protected.
- A new public pathway will be created linking Maygrove Peace Park and Sidings Community Centre to the infant school.

This is a sketch of our vision, to show a suggested layout of the site.

The proposal will be developed and may change following our design consultation with you in summer 2014.

## New Kingsgate primary school building

Kingsgate primary school is based in Kingsgate Road NW6 4LB. It has been judged 'outstanding' by Ofsted. The school currently admits two classes of 30 children in each year group and has a nursery with 39 places.

Presently, a total of 420 primary aged children can be accommodated on the current site. The school has also created temporary 'bulge' classes for local reception age children in need of a school place. The proposal would split the school into two parts: infants (3-7 years) and juniors (7-11 years).

The infants and nursery provision would move to the new school buildings at Liddell Road. The buildings at Kingsgate Road would be remodeled to provide modern and flexible learning spaces for the junior children. This would create places for 4 classes of children in each year group:

- Up to 480 seven to eleven year-olds would be taught on the existing Kingsgate Road site
- Up to 360 four to seven year olds could be accommodated at the Liddell Road development along with up to 52 nursery-age children.

This school expansion will help to meet the need for primary school places in the north-west of Camden.

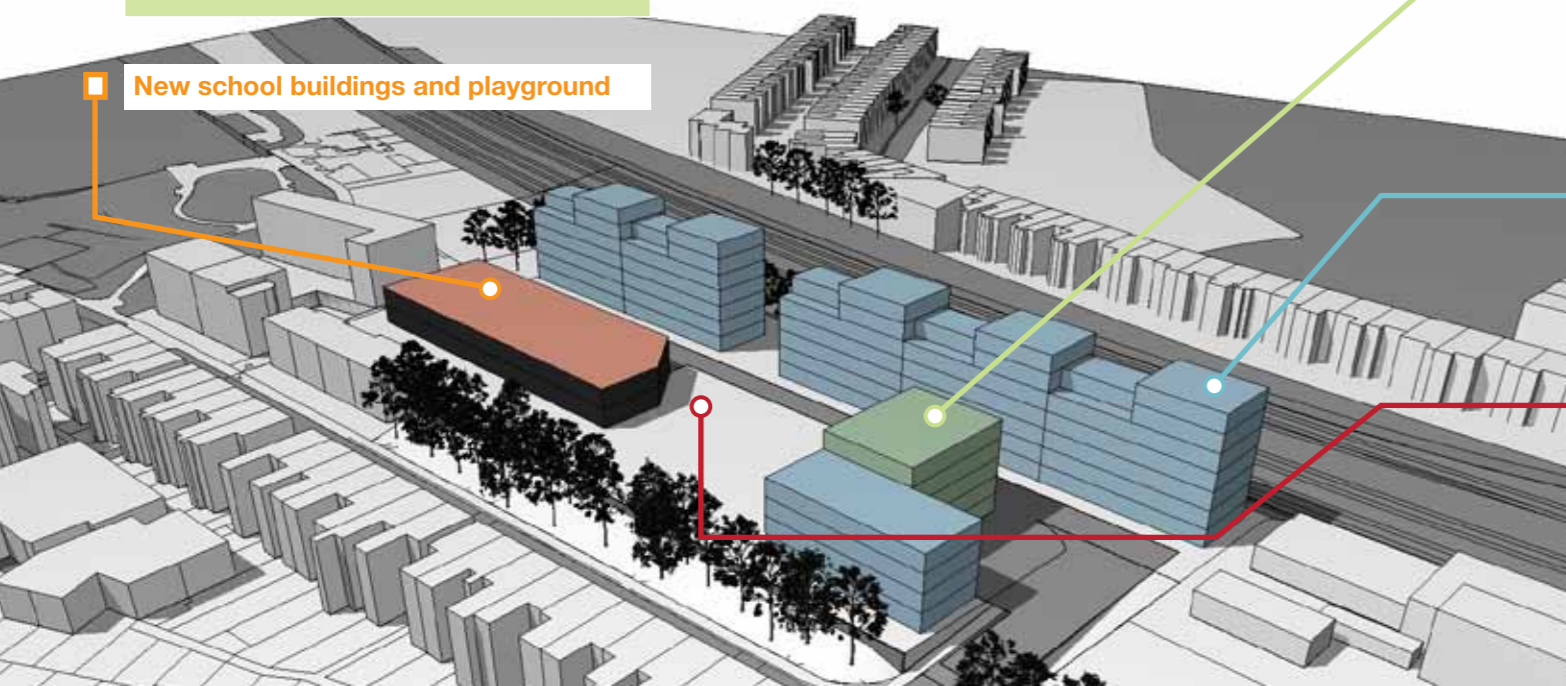


## School admissions

The current schools admissions policy is available here <http://www.kingsgateprimaryschool.org.uk/schoolinformation.php>

The school is considering a change to its admissions point – that is, the point from which distance is measured when considering applications for school places. This may be moved to the midpoint between the two sites.

If there is a proposal to change the admissions point, it will be published and consulted on separately for eight weeks in January 2015. Any changes will be confirmed on **15 April 2015**.



### Business units

There are 33 business units on the site. If the redevelopment goes ahead, the existing businesses will need to move. A specialist business service has been commissioned to help them find suitable alternative premises. Camden would like to keep the development as 'mixed use' to provide a healthy balance of community, residential and business uses.

### Housing

The redevelopment of Liddell Road will create more than 100 new homes. The sale of these properties will provide the investment to fund the building of the new school, and the improvements to the local environment and open spaces.

### Improved access to Maygrove Peace Park and Sidings Community Centre

The redevelopment offers opportunities to create improved pedestrian access to the peace park and the community centre.

## Approximate timescales

### Autumn 2013

- Statutory consultation begins on the expansion of Kingsgate primary school from two to four forms of entry.
- Drop in events on 25 September at Sidings community centre and 26 September at Kingsgate primary school.

### 4 December 2013

The council considers the business case for the scheme and the responses from this consultation.

## If the case is agreed:

### January 2014

- Design work on Liddell Road starts and architects prepare design consultation\*.
- Formal notices are published to expand Kingsgate primary school.

### Summer 2014

- Responses from formal school expansion consultation undertaken in January 2014 will be considered and final decision taken.
- The planning application for the Liddell Road development is submitted.

## If approved, or approved with some changes and conditions, the scheme will go forward:

### Early 2015

- The school will consult on any changes to its admissions policy in January and February, with the policy being determined on April 15 2015.
- Businesses will have left the site (vacant possession) and the works will start.

### Summer 2016

Works are completed.

### Autumn 2016

The new Kingsgate primary school building opens

\*Dates of consultation to be confirmed

# Have your say

## Consultation questionnaire

Name .....

Address inc postcode.....

Email .....

**Are you?** (tick as appropriate)

A resident  Business  Parent of a child at Kingsgate primary school

Other – please specify .....

**1.** Do you have any comments on the expansion of Kingsgate primary school from two forms of entry to four forms of entry?

Overall I would consider myself to be in favour of expansion  against expansion  don't know  (**tick** as appropriate)

**2.** Do you have any comments on the proposal to put Kingsgate infants and nursery provision onto the Liddell Road site, with junior provision staying at Kingsgate Road?

Overall I would consider myself to be in favour  against  don't know  (**tick** as appropriate)

**3.** Do you have any suggestions or comments about how the school might handle admissions when it operates over two sites?

**4.** Do you have any other comments on the proposed redevelopment?

Overall, I would consider myself to be in favour of the redevelopment  against the redevelopment  don't know  (**tick** as appropriate)

**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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Please return your comments to us by: **Tuesday 15 October 2013**

- You can post your questionnaire back to us, by folding this page and dropping it into your nearest post box.
- Please include extra sheets if you need more space for your answers.
- To fill in this form online visit **[camden.gov.uk/kingsgate](http://camden.gov.uk/kingsgate)**
- If you have any questions you can email us at **[kingsgate@camden.gov.uk](mailto:kingsgate@camden.gov.uk)**
- You can also hand your response in at one of our drop in events:  
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## Aerial view showing Kingsgate primary school and the existing Liddell Road site



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