

Minutes

**Petition Hearing – Cabinet Member for Education
and Children’s Services
Thursday 17 September 2009**



HILLINGDON
LONDON

**Meeting held in Committee Room 3A at the Civic
Centre, High Street, Uxbridge**

**Published on: 19 October 2009
Come into effect on: 5pm on 26 October 2009**

	<p>PETITION AGAINST HAREFIELD SCHOOLS AMALGAMATION PROPOSAL</p> <p>It was noted that a report was being reported to the Cabinet meeting on 24th September 2009 with the recommendations that Cabinet agree:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) To reject the Statutory Proposal to amalgamate Harefield Infant and Junior schools at this time2) That amalgamation be reconsidered at a later date should more suitable circumstances arise <p>In view of this development, Councillor Simmonds suggested that under the circumstances, petitioners may wish to take a few minutes to decide whether to proceed with the meeting.</p> <p>The meeting re-convened after 10 minutes and the petitioners agreed that in view of the welcomed announcement, there was no need to continue with the hearing. The following points were noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Petitioners were not against amalgamation of the schools, just that this was not the best time to proceed• Petitioners would like the opportunity of shaping the future of their schools and were keen to work closely with the authority in the future• The council would continue to ensure that residents and the schools continue to be engaged, so that when the time was right, the issue would be open to discussion• There was no particular commitment except to explore the proposal when the opportunity arose	<p>Action by:</p> <p>Sarah Harty Education and Children’s Services</p>
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	<p>DECISION</p> <p>That the Cabinet Member for Education and Children’s Services notes the petition received and the views of the petitioners present at the Hearing.</p> <p>Reason for Recommendation</p> <p>Under the Constitution the Cabinet Member can consider a petition within their portfolio area on behalf of the Cabinet. In this case, the petition opposes the proposed amalgamation of Harefield Infant and Junior Schools.</p> <p>Alternative Options Considered</p> <p>None.</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at: 19.30 Next Meeting: 14 October 2009</p>	
	<p>Executive Scrutiny Call-in The above decisions may only come into effect on 26 October 2009 unless called-in by the Executive Scrutiny Committee. The Committee will notify the Head of Democratic Services its wish to call-in any decisions by this date.</p>	<p>Action By: Democratic Services</p>

These are the minutes of the above meeting. For more information on any of the resolutions please contact Nadia Williams on 01895 277655. Circulation of these minutes are to Councillors, Officers, the Press and Members of the Public.