

Consultation Findings: School Admissions Criteria

Appendix 1

A. Nodal Points

Proposal

The proposal is to remove the nodal point at South Ruislip Underground Station as a central point of an additional priority distance radius for Deanesfield Primary School. This is because the evidence suggests there is now not a need for a nodal point at Deanesfield Primary School as it no longer serves pupils living a further distance from the school with little or no priority access to other schools.

This change will help to safeguard access for residents to their local school.

The proposed change to the admissions criteria would mean that Deanesfield Primary School would have the same admissions arrangements as the other community schools (except Frithwood, Heathrow and Harmondsworth schools).

Analysis of Consultation Findings

Do you agree with this proposed change to the admissions criteria?

No. of responses	12
'Yes' responses	8
'No' responses	1
Not applicable	3

- The only 'no' response provided a comment that the nodal point 'is still relevant'.
- There were no other comments provided.

Do you think this proposed change will disadvantage any residents in Hillingdon?

No. of responses	12
'Yes' responses	0
'No' responses	7
'Don't know' responses	4
Spoilt responses	1

- We did not receive any comments from the 7 respondents who indicated 'No' that they did not feel the proposal would disadvantage any Hillingdon residents.
- Spoilt responses - respondent indicated both 'yes' and 'no'.

- The respondent who selected both yes and no provided the comment 'I do not believe it will give everyone equal chance'.

The majority of respondents stated they did agree with the proposal and that the proposed changes would not disadvantage Hillingdon residents.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the proposal is approved and the nodal point for Deanesfield Primary School is removed from the admissions criteria.

Appendix 2

B. Children of Staff Working at a Community School

Proposal

To award a higher priority to 'children whose parent(s) is a member of staff of a preferred school recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage'. This will be awarded a higher priority than pupils living nearest the school within the priority distance radius. This will further assist with the current recruitment and retention difficulty in some schools

Analysis of Consultation Findings

Do you agree with this proposed change to the admissions criteria?

No. of responses	12
'Yes' responses	9
'No' responses	2
'Don't know' responses	0
'Not applicable' responses	1

- The council did not receive any comments from the 9 respondents who indicated 'Yes' and agreed to the proposal.
- Of the 'No' responses, 1 respondent commented 'Children living close to the school should be given priority'.

Do you think this proposed change will disadvantage any residents in Hillingdon?

No. of responses	12
'Yes' responses	3
'No' responses	6
'Don't know' responses	3

- The council did not receive any additional comments from the 12 respondents.

The majority of respondents stated they did agree with the proposal and that the proposed changes would not disadvantage Hillingdon residents.

Recommendations:

As this criterion already applies the proposal is that this criterion is awarded higher priority within the admissions arrangements. Cabinet is asked to agree to this proposal.

Appendix 3

C. Medical Criteria

Proposal

To remove 'psychological' from the criterion and replace it with 'social'. This will enable us to be consistent with the statutory School Admissions Code 2014. No further changes in the priority given to medical criteria when considering an application for a place at an oversubscribed school are proposed. Applicants applying with psychological conditions can still cite these grounds within the medical and social criterion.

Analysis of Consultation Findings

Do you agree with this proposed change to the admissions criteria?

No. of responses	12
'Yes' responses	9
'No' responses	1
'Don't know' responses	1
'Not applicable' responses	1

- The council did not receive any additional comments from the 12 respondents.

Do you think this proposed change will disadvantage any residents in Hillingdon?

No. of responses	12
'Yes' responses	1
'No' responses	8
'Don't know' responses	3

- The council did not receive any additional comments from the 12 respondents.

The majority of respondents agreed with the proposal and that the proposed changes would not disadvantage Hillingdon residents.

Recommendations:

As this criterion already applies the proposal is that the description is changed to reflect the Admissions Code. Cabinet is asked to agree to this proposal.

Appendix 4

D. Reduction of Published Admissions Numbers

Proposal

To reduce the Published Admission Number for Ruislip Gardens Primary School from 90 to 60, effective from 2022. This reduction will also reduce the distance priority radius from 1000m to 750m in line with our admissions arrangements.

Analysis of Consultation Findings

Do you agree with the proposed change?

No. of responses	12
'Yes' responses	7
'No' responses	1
'Don't know' responses	4
'Not applicable' responses	0

- Of the 'yes' responses, 1 respondent raised concerns regarding the initial expansion at Ruislip Gardens Primary School but did support the proposal to reduce the published admission number.
- Of the 'Don't know' responses, 1 respondent commented that they were not clear on the impact to the local community. 1 did not understand why this was being proposed and whether other schools in the area would need to take more children. 1 referred to cohort numbers fluctuating however if there has been a decreasing trend this would justify the decrease.

Do you think this proposed change will disadvantage any residents in Hillingdon?

No. of responses	12
'Yes' responses	1
'No' responses	6
'Don't know' responses	5

- The council did not receive any additional comments from the 12 respondents.

It is in Primary Planning Area 5, South Ruislip which has 8 schools with Reception intakes and 3 Junior schools and 16% surplus places overall (the aim is 5%). Reception offers for the area suggest a decline in demand.

The majority of respondents stated they did agree with the proposal and that the proposed changes would not disadvantage Hillingdon residents.

Recommendations:

That the proposal is approved and the PAN is reduced from 90 to 60. Cabinet is asked to agree to this proposal.