

Title: St Luke's Church of England Primary School

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Annex B

Impact Assessment – Section 9 Academies Act Duty

Section 9 of the Academies Act 2010 places a duty upon the Secretary of State to take into account what the impact of establishing the additional school would be likely to be on maintained schools, Academies and institutions within the further education sector in the area in which the additional school is (or is proposed to be) situated. Any adverse impact will need to be balanced against the benefits of establishing the new school. To this end, the assessment below will look at the schools nearby to St Luke's and will discuss any potential impact on these schools in terms of whether they would lose potential pupils to the new Free School.

Background

There are several maintained schools, Academies and FE institutions within a 1 mile radius of the planned permanent site of St Luke's School. The nearby maintained primary schools may be impacted by the establishment of the proposed schools. The school will be designated Church of England, and in the case of faith schools we may sometimes look to assess the impact further afield, as we know that parents are prepared to travel further for faith education. However, the school will not use faith-based oversubscription criteria, and so we believe that in this case proximate pupils will be admitted rather than pupils from further away specifically prepared to travel for the faith ethos. For this reason, we have made the assessment based on schools within 1-2 miles, as this is the likely area of appeal or catchment for potential pupils. As outlined below, we do not believe that secondary schools, Academies, or FE institutions would be affected by the new schools, given that St Luke's will be a primary school admitting children aged 4-11.

As part of their consultation, St Luke's CofE School Trust have consulted Heads and Chairs of Governors of all state primary schools in Camden, all pre-schools and nurseries in Camden, the three Barnet schools located within walking distance of St Luke's, plus the main unions (NAHT, NASUWT, NUT, Unite and Unison), all Camden councillors and MP Glenda Jackson, all those on the school's mailing list of over 200, including people living in the local community, prospective parents, and those who responded to previous consultations. The school's website also invites responses.

Catchment area

The school received a total of 54 applications for places in September 2011. 33/54 applicants live within 0.5 miles of the school, and 46/54 live within 1 mile. 15 children will be offered places on 4th April. Of these, on the basis of the oversubscription criteria to be adopted, the furthest lives approximately 0.23 miles from the school.

The school has been contacted by Camden Local Authority, who enquired as to

whether the school could take 5 extra children in September 2011 only. Officials are working with the group to understand what implications this would have for the school in terms of budgeting and staffing plans. Officials have made it clear for the group that although additional children would increase the formulaic per-pupil GAG and equipment funding, the school's Start Up grant would be reduced proportionally for the duration of the grant.

Below is a discussion of the likely impact of the proposed school on local schools. Officials have not received any representations from any schools. Our analysis suggests that no single school is likely to suffer uniquely or significantly, and we have not therefore undertaken a detailed assessment of each individual school or sought views directly from individual local schools.

Nearby maintained primary schools

The permanent site for the proposed St Luke's Church of England School is at St Luke's Church, Kidderpore Avenue, Hampstead NW3 7SU. The area has many good primary schools. Table 1 details the 9 maintained primary schools located within a 1 mile radius of St Luke's. 6 of the schools are rated at least Good by Ofsted, with 1 demonstrating Outstanding features, and 2 rated Outstanding in their most recent inspections. Four of these most local schools are Church of England schools and one is designated Roman Catholic. None of these most local schools have more than 3% surplus places, which is to be expected given the known shortage of primary places in Camden Local Authority.

As mentioned above, Officials understand that of the 15 children who will be offered places for St Luke's, the furthest will live approximately 0.23 miles away. It is reasonable to assume that the school might attract and offer places to applicants who live up to 1 mile away. Therefore, we have gathered information about the primary schools situation in a 1-2 mile radius of St Luke's. We know that parents tend to be prepared to travel further for a faith-based education, which in other cases has led us to consider a wider impact. However, the school will not use any faith-based oversubscription criteria, and will use proximity as the significant decider after statements of SEN, looked-after children and siblings have been offered places. In light of this, children who are seeking the specific ethos who apply from further away are unlikely to be offered a place. Therefore, we have not considered a wider radius of impact than 2 miles in this case, despite the faith aspect of the proposal. Information about schools within 1-2 miles is shown in Table 2. A map of the maintained primary schools within 2 miles is shown at Annex D.

The table shows that of the 37 schools that are between 1-2 miles from St Luke's, 14 have surplus places at the time the information was gathered. 7 of those with surplus places have surplus of 10% or less. 7 have more than 10% surplus places. Of these, Avigdor Hirsch Torah Temimah School is an Orthodox Jewish school, and as such is unlikely to attract similar applicants to St Luke's. Many of the schools experiencing surpluses of more than 10% serve very diverse and dynamic communities, in which children arrive and leave with more frequency than normal. In light of this, the surpluses they experience are unlikely to be significantly worsened by the new Free School, given that they seem to arise primarily due to family movement.

We understand from the proposer group that Camden Local Authority anticipate being short of at least 150 Reception places this year, even after some children choose to attend school in a different borough. For this reason, there is a strong argument that St Luke's will not have a negative impact on the schools in Camden LA. 7 of those schools showing surplus places are located in Brent LA. However, Brent LA reported on its website¹ in February 2011 that it anticipates a shortage of places in coming years, and that it plans to invest £15.2million creating an additional 840 primary places by 2015. In light of this it is not clear why some Brent schools are showing surpluses, but Officials believe the movement of residents and their children, and disparities in demand for older primary rather than younger primary places may go some way towards explaining these statistics. Again, however, the fact that Brent is anticipating a pressure for places in the coming years indicates that St Luke's is unlikely to have a significant negative impact on any single primary school in Brent's.

Nearby maintained secondary schools and post-16 institutions

St Luke's Church of England Primary will be a school admitting children of primary aged children. It will begin with a single Reception class in September 2011, and will build up over the next seven years by admitting a new Reception class each year. As such, St Luke's is unlikely to have any impact on local secondary schools, and even less likely to impact post-16 institutions.

Local Authority opinion

Officials have sought opinion from Camden Local Authority, in which the school will be located. In addition, Officials wrote to Barnet Local Authority in order to understand the potential for St Luke's to impact on the three schools in their Borough which fall within a 1 mile radius of St Luke's site. Officials had not received a response from Barnet LA at the time of writing, despite a request do so by 18th March. Two Barnet schools are within 1 mile of St Luke's church, and another 6 schools are within 1-2 miles. The nearest two schools both have more pupils on roll than their official admissions number allows for, as do 5 out of 6 of the Barnet schools falling within 1-2 miles of St Luke's. In light of this, we do not believe that the new school will significantly impact any individual school and so we have not contacted individual schools directly

Camden's response stated that:

Camden's place planning information shows that there is a need for additional primary pupil places in the north-west of the borough of up to 2FE. A new St. Luke's CofE Primary School could help address some of the need in this area alongside expansion in primary places already being considered by the local authority. We welcome the helpful way that those responsible for the development of these proposals want to work with other local schools, the local authority and the London Diocesan Board for schools

The local authority welcomes the fact that the admission policy to the school is broadly in line with the admission policy to Camden's community primary schools. We support the proposal that the school's curriculum will be based on the National Curriculum. We will offer the school access to services that are provided to Camden schools. We will be available to offer any advice that would be helpful on

¹ <http://www.brent.gov.uk/pressreleases.nsf/News/LBB-1531>

governance and the appointment of a headteacher, including the safeguarding requirements around such an appointment.

Camden LA Place Planning Information

Camden Local Authority has not yet published data for September 2011 applications and place allocations. However, Officials understand that Camden LA have approached the proposer group and asked if the school could admit an additional 5 pupils in September 2011. The proposers understand that Camden anticipates being short of at least 150 Reception places in September 2011. The Borough was short of around 60 Reception places in 2010, and is predicting a continual shortage for future years.

Conclusion

In light of the severe and persistent shortage of primary school places in the area and the fairly small size of the proposed Free School, the new school is unlikely to have any negative impact on any local school. Indeed given the place shortage in the area it could be argued that the new school will have a positive impact on the overall availability of primary education in the area and provide much-needed places.

Table 1 – schools within 1 mile of NW3 7SU

School	Postcode	Distance (miles by road)	LA	Faith	Ofsted Rating	School Capacity	Number on roll	Surplus places	% surplus	FSM (%)	Sex
All Saints' CofE	NW2 2TH	0.18	Camden	CofE	Good (2010)	207	201	6	3	29	Mixed
Beckford Primary	NW6 1QL	0.57	Camden	None	Good (2007)	420	444	-24	-6	46	Mixed
Childs Hill	NW2 1SL	0.61	Barnet	None	Good (2008)	315	370	-55	-17	47	Mixed
Christ Church Primary	NW3 1JH	0.78	Camden	CofE	Outstanding (2009)	180	181	-1	-1	7	Mixed
Emmanuel CofE	NW6 1NA	0.4	Camden	CofE	Outstanding (2010)	105	102	3	3	20	Mixed
Fitzjohn's Primary	NW3 6NP	0.86	Camden	None	Good (2009)	210	231	-21	-10	18	Mixed
Hampstead Parochial Cof E	NW3 6TX	0.65	Camden	CofE	Good w/ Outstanding features (2008)	208	206	2	1	13	Mixed
New End Primary	NW3 1HU	0.75	Camden	None	Good (2007)	381	456	-75	-20	21	Mixed
St Agnes RC	NW2 1RG	0.72	Barnet	RC	Good (2010)	315	341	-26	-8	20	Mixed

Table 2 – schools within 1-2 mile radius of NW3 7SU

School	Postcode	LA	Faith	School Capacity	Number on roll	Surplus places	% surplus	Sex
Anson Primary	NW2 4AB	Brent	None	315	381	-66	-21	Mixed
Avigdor Hirsch Torah Temimah	NW2 6RJ	Brent	Jewish	204	177	27	13	Boys
Carlton Primary	NW5 4AX	Camden	None	436	391	45	10	Mixed
Carlton Vale Infant	NW6 5PU	Brent	None	186	214	-28	-15	Mixed
Christ Church CofE Primary	NW6 7TG	Brent	CofE	210	199	11	5	Mixed
Claremont Primary	NW2 1AB	Barnet	None	413	366	47	11	Mixed
Convent of Jesus & Mary RC Infant	NW2 5AN	Brent	RC	270	315	-45	-17	Mixed
Fleet Primary	NW3 2QT	Camden	None	210	233	-23	-11	Mixed
Garden Suburb Infant	NW11 6XU	Barnet	None	246	270	-24	-10	Mixed
Garden Suburb Junior School	NW11 6XU	Barnet	None	353	357	-4	-1	Mixed
George Eliot Community Primary School	NW8 0NH	Westminster	None	420	229	191	45	Mixed
Gladstone Park School	NW10 1LB	Brent	None	581	676	-95	-16	Mixed
Gospel Oak Primary	NW3 2JB	Camden	None	420	468	-48	-11	Mixed
Hasmonean Primary	NW4 2PD	Barnet	Jewish	210	243	-33	-16	Mixed

Holy Trinity CofE	NW3 5SQ	Camden	CofE	168	184	-16	-10	Mixed
Islamia Primary	NW6 6PE	Brent	Muslim	210	345	-135	-64	Mixed
The Kilburn Park School Foundation	NW6 5RG	Brent	None	240	180	60	25	Mixed
Kingsgate Primary	NW6 4LB	Camden	None	390	449	-59	-15	Mixed
Malorees Junior	NW6 7PB	Brent	None	270	240	30	11	Mixed
Malorees Infant	NW6 7PB	Brent	None	180	219	-39	-22	Mixed
Menorah Primary	NW11 9SP	Barnet	Jewish	367	435	-68	-19	Mixed
Mora Primary	NW2 6TD	Brent	None	420	403	17	4	Mixed
North West London Jewish Day School	NW6 7PP	Brent	Jewish	229	264	-35	-15	Mixed
Our Lady of Grace RC I&N School	NW2 6EU	Brent	RC	180	230	-50	-28	Mixed
Our Lady of Grace RC Junior School	NW2 6HS	Brent	RC	240	238	2	1	Mixed
Rhyl Primary	NW5 3HB	Camden	None	NA	NA			Mixed
Robinsfield Infant	NW8 6PX	Westminster	None	180	232	-52	-29	Mixed
Rosary RC Primary	NW3 2AE	Camden	RC	315	354	-39	-12	Mixed
Salisbury Primary	NW6 6RG	Brent	None	616	679	-63	-10	Mixed
St Andrew and St Francis CofE Primary	NW2 5PE	Brent	CofE	407	461	-54	-13	Mixed
St Augustine's CofE Primary	NW6 5XA	Westminster	CofE	210	252	-42	-20	Mixed
St Dominic Catholic Primary	NW5 4JS	Camden	RC	336	307	29	9	Mixed
St Eugene de Mazenod Roman Catholic	NW6 4LS	Camden	RC	210	204	6	3	Mixed
St Luke's CofE Primary	W9 3EJ	Westminster	CofE	207	179	28	14	Mixed
St Mary's Kilburn CofE Primary	NW6 4PG	Camden	CofE	210	230	-20	-10	Mixed
St Mary's RC Primary	NW6 5ST	Brent	RC	420	352	68	16	Mixed
St Paul's CofE Primary	NW3 3DS	Camden	CofE	210	204	6	3	Mixed
Wessex Gardens Primary	NW11 9RR	Barnet	None	398	438	-40	-10	Mixed
Wilberforce Primary	W10 4LB	Westminster	None	420	419	1	0	Mixed

Annex D – map of schools within 2 mile radius

