

## **Annex B: Impact Assessment**

1. Section 9 of the Academies Act 2010 (later as amended by the Education Act 2011) places a duty upon the Secretary of State to take into account what the impact of establishing the institution would likely be on maintained schools, Academies, institutions within the further education sector and alternative provision in the area in which the institution is (or is proposed to be) situated. Any adverse impact will need to be balanced against the benefits of establishing the new school.
2. The LA is supportive of the Free School and is planning for its opening. Barking and Dagenham is an area of high basic need and has one of the fastest growing school-age populations in the country. The secondary pupil population in the LA area is forecast to increase by 45.9% between 2011/12 and 2018/19. Barking Riverside, the proposed location for the Riverside Free School, is a distinct community on the southern edge of the Borough, defined by the A13 trunk road to the north and The River Thames to the south.
3. Overall, officials judge that the size and location of the Riverside Free School, coupled with the integration into the local authority strategic plan for the area, means that any impact of the Free School is manageable. Within the local area of the proposed school, it is expected that five schools will feel a minimal impact, but no threat to the future viability of any of these schools, one school will feel a moderate impact and no school will feel a high impact on the opening of the proposed Free School. Although the impact on Woolwich Polytechnic School for Boys has been assessed as moderate on the basis that it is within a 2 miles radius, in practice the impact will be less since this school is located on the south side of the River Thames which acts as an effective barrier.
4. As the Riverside Free School includes a sixth form, an assessment has been made of the impact on local colleges. The proposed Free School is predicted to have a minimal impact on four colleges and a moderate impact on three colleges. No colleges are predicted to experience a high impact. Of the three colleges which will be moderately impact, only one, Newham Sixth Form College is on the north side of The River Thames. Newham Sixth Form College is exclusively sixth form and as such there may be a moderate impact. However, the college is over four miles away so is not expected to lose significant numbers to the Riverside Free School. The Free School is unlikely to affect the long term viability of this sixth form college.
5. The establishment of The Riverside School is likely to have a positive impact in improving parental choice by widening the number and type of places available, and by driving up standards in surrounding schools and colleges.
6. In the light of the evidence there is no reason why the Secretary of State should not enter into a Funding Agreement as a result of negative impact.

**Impact Assessment Table 1: Impact on local schools (two mile radius)**

School name	School type	Capacity	Attainment in 2012	Ofsted grade	Impact rating
Jo Richardson Community School	Community School, 11-19, Mixed	1390 Surplus of 4.5% in 2011/12	58% 5A*-C inc. Eng & Maths	Outstanding	<b>Minimal.</b> The Free School is unlikely to affect the long term viability of the school.
Barking Abbey School, A Specialist Sports and Humanities College	Community School, 11-18, Mixed	2005 Surplus of 1.6% in 2011/12	65% 5A*-C inc. Eng & Maths	Good	<b>Minimal.</b> The Free School is unlikely to affect the long term viability of the school.
Dagenham Park CofE School	Voluntary Controlled School, 11-19, Mixed, Church of England	1307 Surplus of 7.7% in 2011/12	59% 5A*-C inc. Eng & Maths	Good	<b>Minimal.</b> The Free School is unlikely to affect the long term viability of the school.
The Sydney Russell School	Community School, 11-18, Mixed	1740 Surplus of 5.9% in 2011/12	68% 5A*-C inc. Eng & Maths	Good	<b>Minimal.</b> The Free School is unlikely to affect the long term viability of the school.
Woolwich Polytechnic School for Boys	Community School, 11-19, Boys	1368 Surplus of 15.8% in 2011/12	75% 5A*-C inc. Eng & Maths	Outstanding	<b>Moderate.</b> Although the impact on Woolwich Polytechnic School for Boys has been assessed as moderate, on the basis that it is within a two mile radius, in practice the impact will be less since this school is located on the other side of the River Thames which acts as an effective barrier.
Eastbury Comprehensive School	Community School, 11-18, Mixed	1815 Surplus of 3.1% in 2011/12	66% 5A*-C inc. Eng & Maths	Good	<b>Minimal.</b> The Free School is unlikely to affect the long term viability of the school.
<b>Summary:</b> Within the local area of the proposed Free School, it is expected that five schools will feel a minimal impact, one school will feel a moderate impact and no school will feel a high impact on the opening of the proposed Free School.					

**Impact Assessment Table 2: Impact on local colleges (five mile radius)**

College name	Ofsted	Number of learners aged 16-18	Proportion of learners aged 16-18	Average points score per student at level 3, 2012	Impact Rating
Newham College of Further Education	Outstanding	1,849	23.5%	304.7	<b>Minimal</b>
Greenwich Community College at Plumstead Centre	Satisfactory	845	less than 50%	533.3	<b>Moderate.</b> Although the impact on Greenwich Community College at Plumstead Centre has been assessed as moderate on the basis that it is within a 5 mile radius, in practice the impact will be less since this college is located on the other side of the River Thames which acts as an effective barrier. It is about 7 miles by the nearest road and Woolwich ferry route.
Barking and Dagenham College	Good	2,767	44.2%	422.9	<b>Minimal</b>
Bexley College	Satisfactory	778	37.1%	552.2	<b>Minimal</b>
Redbridge College	Good	1,355	59.0%	565.5	<b>Minimal</b>
Newham Sixth Form College	Good	2,586	99.9%	626.9	<b>Moderate.</b> Newham Sixth Form College is exclusively sixth form and as such there may be a moderate impact. However, the college is over four miles away so is not expected to lose significant numbers to the Riverside Free School. The Free School is unlikely to affect the long term viability of this sixth form college.
Shooters Hill Post-16 Campus	Good	1,134	96.5%	577.0	<b>Moderate.</b> Although the impact on Shooters Hill Post-16 Campus has been assessed as moderate, on the basis that it is within a 5 mile radius, in practice the impact will be less since this college is located on the other side of the River Thames which acts as an effective

					barrier. It is also about 7 miles by the nearest road and Woolwich ferry route.
<b>Summary:</b> The proposed Free School is predicted to have a minimal impact on four colleges and a moderate impact on three colleges. No colleges are predicted to experience a high impact.					

