

Item No.	Classification: Open	Date: 15 th January 2014	Meeting Name: Education, Children's Services and Leisure Scrutiny Sub-Committee
Report title:		New School Proposals update	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Project Director, Southwark Schools for the Future	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Education, Children's Services and Leisure Scrutiny Sub-Committee note the briefing provided below.

UPDATE

Compass Secondary Free School

2. The developer who has acquired the former Bermondsey site of Southwark College has advised that they will continue to work with the EFA to facilitate the delivery of the Compass Free School.
3. Compass Free School opened in September 2013 in the existing accommodation on the site. Their permanent facilities are anticipated to be completed in approximately 4 years time.
4. The Local Authority has been advised that the Principal has left by mutual consent. An interim Principal has been appointed by governors pending national recruitment.

University Technical College (UTC)

5. As a result of the recent acquisition of the Bermondsey site of Southwark College the future location of the proposed University Technical College is uncertain. There is ongoing engagement with the developer, the sponsor and other stakeholders to seek to secure the future site of the UTC.

University Engineering Academy South Bank

6. In the Heygate/Aylesbury area a new secondary school will open in September 2014 in Trafalgar Street SE17 delivering 5 FE of places.

Southwark Free School

7. In 2011 Southwark Free School (SFS) secured Department for Education pre-opening approval to open in September 2012.
8. In March 2012 SFS initiated a public consultation in regard to proposals to establish a 420 place primary school at 399 Rotherhithe New Road. The scheme was refused by planning committee in June 2013.

9. Following call in the Mayor agreed the proposals at a GLA planning committee in December 2013. In addition to SFS the scheme will include 6th form accommodation for City of London Academy and 158 residential units. We anticipate that consultants will be appointed shortly to manage the scheme, and will need to work closely with the Council to deliver this.
10. The school was granted a 2 year lease in 2012 from the Council for the Ledbury Estate Tenants' Hall to enable their establishment. An extension to this arrangement has been negotiated with Southwark Property.

Judith Kerr Free School

11. A 2 form entry German/English bilingual primary school – Judith Kerr Primary School opened in September 2013 in temporary accommodation ahead of their permanent establishment on the same site. The school has accepted pupils in both reception and in higher year groups.

Harris Federation

12. The Harris Federation's proposal for a new 2 form entry free school in Dulwich has been approved for pre-opening, with an opening date of September 2014. The preferred location was the former East Dulwich Hospital site. However the timeframe for agreeing the release of part of the site are longer than we understand Harris and the EFA anticipated and deem acceptable.
13. Places in the planning area are included in the primary places strategy. A recent NHS consultation on the use of the site indicated local support for a new school on site. Therefore senior officers in the Council are engaging directly with the NHS to expedite the release of a part of the site.
14. We understand that Harris Federation have bid for the former police station on Lordship Lane, currently owned by the GLA and released for sale on the open market.
15. The Dulwich Society have submitted an application for the building to be declared an asset of community value, suitable for the establishment of a school. The Council considers any community asset bids it receives from eligible community groups.
16. Southwark have been contacted in regard to potential temporary and alternative permanent sites for the school as the 2014 date is considered to be at risk as a result of slow progress with negotiations with the landowner. The EFA are also exploring alternative sites on their behalf.
17. The Harris Federation have submitted an application to the DfE for a further two Free Schools in the borough. A primary academy in the Nunhead area potentially utilising their existing East Dulwich Girls Academy site and an alternative provision secondary academy based in the Peckham area. These applications are being considered by the secretary of state.

New Provision at Bellenden Old School

18. Dulwich Hamlet Junior School, and outstanding academy, are to submit a Free School application to the Department for Education in January 2014 to open a

new school on the site of Bellenden Old School, from September 2015. The council are supporting the school in the development of this application. The outcome of the application will be known by the end of the financial year.

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