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Peterborough Road and Area Residents' Association
incorporating Clancarty Road, Daisy Lane, Hugon Road,
South Park Mews, Sullivan Road and Settrington Road

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NEWS & ACTION ALERT - SULIVAN SCHOOL

The Council is currently consulting on an educational change which would have a very significant impact on our area. They are proposing to close Sullivan Primary School and move the children to New King's Primary School, which is to become a new Academy School in association with Thomas's Day Schools. The Council then intends that the Sullivan School site would be leased for 125 years to the new Fulham Boys School, an 800 pupil secondary school.

The Council's stated reason for their proposal is that pupil numbers at both primary schools are too low and changing demand for primary school places means that a single school would better meet future needs, would be educationally preferable and would have financial advantages.

Sullivan School, which is universally acknowledged as being a good school, disputes the Council's figures and argues the change would be bad for their children, remove a needed multicultural community school and that their site is better suited to primary school provision.

The Fulham Boys School is a free school supported by the London Diocesan Board for Schools. We have spoken to the Board who have advised that whilst they recognise the need for the secondary school, they are agnostic as to its location. Additionally they would not like Sullivan School to close as they consider it meets an important community need.

The PRARA Standing Committee called a meeting with the Council which was attended by the Cllr. Georgie Cooney, Cabinet Member for Education, and Ian Heggs, Tri-Borough Director of Schools Commissioning. We expressed our concern over the loss of a community school and questioned whether the impact on the local community - essentially the PRARA area - of the Sullivan site becoming an 800 pupils secondary school compared to a 300 pupil primary school, had been assessed. This impact would be in addition to the already agreed extra pupil numbers at Hurlingham & Chelsea and Lady Margaret Schools, and the Ecole Marie d'Orliac / Holy Cross primary school in Clancarty Road more than doubling in size to some 920 pupils. Potentially this would mean 1,000 more children coming into our area every day.

The Council had not given any consideration to this potential impact, either in relation to pedestrian and vehicle traffic which is already problematic with safety issues nor, for example, on South Park. We requested a holistic analysis and they have now commissioned such an investigation. We do not anticipate it being available before the consultation closes

If you wish to comment on any aspect of the Council's proposals you need to do this before Thursday, 8th October.

You can do so by advising a PRARA committee member, and/or direct to the Council either online at www.lbhf.gov.uk/fulhamschools or by writing to:

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