

# **Bushey Meads School Consultation Evening Thursday 17 July 2014 from 5pm to 8pm**

## **Consultation Overview**

We are consulting with you on the following proposal:

The development of the site at Bushey Meads School, Coldharbour Lane, Bushey, Hertfordshire, WD23 4PA.

The proposal will support an increase in the size of this school by one form of entry. This means the school will have the capacity to admit 200 students in September 2015 and in each subsequent year thereafter, making it a seven form entry school. This will result in an additional 150 students over a five year period.



The school does not currently have enough classrooms to accommodate the extra students. It is proposed to provide additional accommodation and associated external play space to support the increased number of students.

## Why is this being proposed?

In line with recent national trends we are now seeing a significant increase in the demand for secondary school places in parts of Hertfordshire and this is forecast to increase further. The Local Education Authority considers it important to ensure that there are sufficient places available for students as near as possible to their homes.

## Why has this school been chosen for enlargement?

Bushey Meads School is a successful school situated in a geographical area where student places are needed and was approached by the Local Education Authority to help address the student place shortfall.

## The alterations required for enlargement

A separate 6<sup>th</sup> Form Centre to be erected at the front of the school (location as shown in red), allowing conversion of the existing 6<sup>th</sup> form area into additional classrooms. Further classrooms to be added to existing science block (at the rear of the site in red), giving a net gain of 10 classrooms and additional mentor rooms (centre site red triangle). Dining hall area (L shaped extension in red) to be increased to cope with additional demand. Additional hard play area for student recreation at the rear of site (light green area). Additional parking bays to cope with current shortfalls and future staff increases at the front the of site (light green).

A Planning Application is due to be submitted for the proposed building works at the end of August 2014. The planning authority will carry out their own formal period of public consultation prior to a decision being made.

## Have your say

The Local Authority believes that the development of Bushey Meads School will have a positive impact for its existing students, staff and local community by improving access to school places, providing for enhanced education opportunities and for improved facilities in new buildings. Bushey Meads School would welcome your comments/concerns which will help us to formulate a planning submission which will satisfy, where possible, issues raised. Please visit the BMS web site and complete the questionnaire.

