

1 Walker School

- 1.01 I know of families that move into the area, get their child into Walker School and then move away as soon as they get the place, then all of the siblings get in as well and they are not doing anything illegal.
- There are children who should be starting school in September who have no school place. The problem is that people come into the area rent or buy and then move away and then the child and all of the siblings
- 1.02 get into Walker. People who have lived in the area for years and years don't get a look in. I live in the Mall, very close to Walker School and I can't get my child in and as a single mother it is physically impossible for me to work and take my child to a school far away.
- As the Admission Authority for Community Schools can the LA change the sibling criteria for Walker so that
- 1.03 only siblings who reside at the original application address or within the distance criteria for that year can gain admission for siblings?
- The Council doesn't want to do anything against the wishes of Walker School governors but the governors
- 1.04 have all changed and they come from the Walker School action group and they don't even live in the area, they come from Barnet and Potter Bar.
- 1.05 You talk about Walker possibly being expanded In the future but what about all the wasted time on the Walker expansion up to now for it to be abandoned. It appears that a single personality is holding it up.
- There have been false promises from the Council and I have given up hope. I live a 90 second walk to Walker & I am out of catchment. The local community were consulted and the school needs to be
- 1.06 expanded. The Council have said they don't wish to override the Governing Body of Walker School but I know that the Council have overridden the Governing Body of another school who didn't want expansion and that was Highfield School in Winchmore Hill. The Council expanded that school so why not Walker?
- 1.07 The funding that is allocated to Walker for expansion, elaborate on that and why should Walker get money without expansion
- 1.08 What should I be doing to campaign and get something positive in regards to Walker? What can we as parents do to get something done?
- For the Walker expansion use the car park. It's huge, there are about 20 spaces, another section of Walker
- 1.09 could fit there. There is plenty of space around Walker and I have sent the information and pictures to David Burrowes and the Education Authority.
- 1.10 Why can't you change the criteria for Walker School?
- 1.11 When Labour took over in 2010 it was a one and half years later before anything came up for Walker
- 1.12 How different is the second Walker School expansion proposal to the first proposal, surely it will be just as disruptive?
- 1.13 Legally you can enforce the expansion on Walker so why don't you?
- 1.14 It isn't like forcing the expansion of someone's house against their wishes because Walker is a Community School and belongs to the Council
- 1.15 Does the Walker catchment area include Barnet?
- 1.16 What percentage of Walker pupils live outside of the Walker catchment area?
- 1.17 The answer would be that 99% of those children live outside of that catchment area now.
- 1.18 We are not parents wanting to go to Walker but we think it should be expanded to take some of the pressure off the remainder of the borough.
- 1.19 How many siblings that gained entry to Walker this year still live in the area?
- 1.20 My daughter is due to start school in September and I have written to the school twice and it does no good, we thought that Walker was going to be expanded.
- 1.21 What is your contingency if Walker say no to expansion?
- 1.22 How can parents apply pressure to Walker?

1.23 Will an expansion of Walker have any effect on us? We are right at the fox lane end of Conway road so it seems unlikely that even expanding it by 50% to 90 places per year would mean we have a chance of getting in – could the Council comment on where they would expect the catchment area to expand to if the expansion did happen? I had thought it would just increase the radius by around 25% which would still be a long way from us but given that actually a lot of the places are to siblings and other outside the catchment area already then it might mean a much bigger expansion than that.

1.24 What will Enfield do if Walker keep refusing to expand? Will they build a new school, expand a neighbouring school or force Walker to expand (as schools across the country have been forced to expand - the school at which my sister is deputy head was compelled to expand last year and, once the decision was made, everyone accepted it and got on with things)?

2 General

2.01 My son is due to start school in September and I have received my third choice of school. I think it is shocking that the MP & members of the Council sit there and say that the problem has been there for some time & nothing has been done about it. We pay taxes and yet we're expected to use our time to find a site to set up a school. I am not a heart specialist so you wouldn't expect me to operate on someone and I am not an education specialist so why expect me to set up a school. I think it is a disgrace that funding for schools is a competitive process and if we win funding for schools another part of the borough loses out.

2.02 I am a secondary school teacher and my child is due to go to primary school in 2014. In 2010 it was already known then that there wouldn't be school places for my child to be able to go to primary school. Everybody here has children and is in exactly the same situation. Don't bandy around figures of £14mn pounds. School expansion is good. Limit children in classes to 30 as the quality of teaching might go down. Enfield isn't that big there is no forward planning. Don't assume that everything will be fine

2.03 The Council don't have the foresight to build schools but build more and more houses and this problem is something that has been known about for ages and ages

2.04 The responsibility for the problem is being moved back to Enfield. It has been a problem in Enfield for a long time - where can my children go to school

2.05 The Council have had three years to do something about this problem and have done nothing

2.06 How can parents get onto governing bodies of schools if they can't get their children into the school

2.07 There are catchment areas and it is the time and distance around every school.

2.08 Why should I support my area if I can't get my children into my local school and my child is being sent 1.5 miles away to Garfield School

2.09 I have been a resident here for 15 years. My son didn't get his 1st choice of school, didn't get his 2nd choice of school, didn't get his 3rd choice of school, didn't get his 4th choice of school, didn't get his 5th choice of school, didn't even get a place in the school close enough that he could travel to, I was told by the local authority that that was acceptable. What is even more disappointing after 2 years of private education which has cost me I will leave here tonight none the wiser. What is proposed is bulge which doesn't give a solution. What I want from all the panel is a strategy.

2.10 Walker is part of a solution but more is needed

2.11 What is the contingency if Walker fails again?

2.12 The contingency for parents is to drive somewhere completely impractical, put your hand in your pocket and pay for private education or become fraudulent and rent for a couple of years.

2.13 We live on Conway Road, we're in the same situation so I will not be able to get my children into my closest school what are my options?

2.14 I am fuming, Osidge in Barnet is our closest school and operates a catchment area so we can't apply for Osidge but Barnet children can apply for Enfield schools. Children out of the Osidge catchment will apply to Enfield.

2.15 Discussion about catchment areas ... There is a catchment area for Osidge

- 2.16 There is catchment area for some schools in Enfield, so why can't there be priority areas for particular roads that can't get into their local schools like us?
- 2.17 Some primary schools in Enfield do have a priority zone, for example Brettenham and Fleecefield have priority zones .
- 2.18 Check your website as I live on Chase Side and that is a road that is after a priority road for schools.
- 2.19 I want to know what you are doing about strategy from new born up to school
- 2.20 Some schools are being changed to have intake from aged 4 -18 and some parents do not want their children to go to the same school from aged 4 to 18, you are taking the choice away from us parents
- 2.21 What difference will there be in 2 years time, 4 years time or 6 years time? What is the strategy, when will there be change, when will it happen? Will it affect my children or their children?
- 2.22 The strategy put in place by Enfield will not help us
- 2.23 What are the deadlines for the strategies
In Palmers Green many new family homes have been built and planning permission continues to be granted for more. In the FLDRA area many of the large family homes have been converted into flats thus
- 2.24 increasing the number of families and increasing the demand for school places. Do the planners consult with the Education Authority to ensure that there are enough schools to accommodate the incoming children?
- 2.25 Parents are having difficulties with secondary school provision in the South West of Enfield. What provision will be made for the increase in demand for secondary school places?

3 Expansion Programme

- 3.01 The quality of schools, the ones that are being expanded are ones where parents do not wish to send their children.
- 3.02 Children who are non English speaking and have English as a second language and/or don't complete the school years and they are at the schools that are being expanded. The schools that parents don't want.
Garfield School is earmarked for expansion and I can see a problem with that. There is a whole new Ladderswood Estate and the North Circular (1300 homes) development so any expansion there is going to
- 3.03 be taken up by the people on those 2 new estates which will be much closer. It really doesn't help people in this area as it is an awfully long way to travel and you would probably have to drive it so what you say about one of the definite solutions is Garfield and that isn't going to resolve the issue.
- 3.04 Are the places in the Borough going to be suitable for the dead zone (described by Walker headmistress in 2008) shown on the hand-out
- 3.05 Don't give solutions for the borough which is a huge place but a solution for the dead zone
- 3.06 In 2010 my child was 43 on the waiting list for Walker and the solution was bulge and people will still live outside the distance range. It is not a solution.

4 New Schools

- 4.01 There aren't enough schools or school places in the area which is why parents will try everything they can to get their children into a good school.
- 4.02 Can you go to your cabinet member colleagues and say we need that level of schools? You don't.
- 4.03 Why are there no new schools?
- 4.04 Why don't you say yes we're going to build a new school in Broomfield House which has been an eyesore for the last 25 years but instead you want to build even more housing?
- 4.05 Land needs to be set aside for a new school building
Free schools in principal sound good however there is a long bureaucratic process and parents do not feel
- 4.06 confident in their ability to set up a school. Are there any plans for any Free Schools to be built for Primary School children in Enfield, or in the South West of Enfield area?
- 4.07 The Local Authority are the experts in Education and should build and set up a new schools. Are any new Community Schools being built by the Local Authority in Enfield, or in the South West Enfield area?

5 Budget

5.01 You talk of Council funding and budget so raise the Council tax.

5.02 There is an underspend of £1mn in the school and education budget of the council, could the money be spent more inventively on schools?

The National Audit Office has found that more new school places are required and the Department for

5.03 Education is increasing its funding. How much money is the Local Authority receiving from Government to address the requirement of increased primary school provision and where is that money going to be spent?