

Wapping High School – Consultation 2009 - 2012

Summary

Consultation over the plans to open Wapping High School have been ongoing since 2009. A period of statutory consultation took place from 26 March 2012 to 4 May 2012. The results of the Statutory Consultation reflect the community and responses to the consultation survey show that there is considerable support for the creation of Wapping High School.

Introduction

An important step in opening any new school is the signing of a Funding Agreement. This is the contract between the school's Trust and the Secretary of State for Education – it outlines how the school must operate in certain areas, the obligations placed upon it by the Government, and key Guidelines and Codes it must adhere to, amongst other things Section 10 of the Academies Act 2010 requires the Trustees to carry out a consultation before the Funding Agreement can be completed:

“Section 10 Consultation: additional schools.

- (1) Before entering into Academy arrangements with the Secretary of State in relation to an additional school, a person must consult such persons as the person thinks appropriate.
- (2) The consultation must be on the question of whether the arrangements should be entered into.”

This report describes the consultation undertaken by The Wapping and Shadwell Secondary Education Trust as part of the pre-opening project for Wapping High School. Since the initiation of the campaign to open a Free School in March 2010 the campaign group, which subsequently became the Trust, has been committed to consulting with the public over every aspect of their proposal.

The report is divided into three sections:

1. Consultation undertaken from September 2010 - February 2012
2. Statutory consultation undertaken from 26 March - 4 May 2012
3. Analysis and conclusions

The target audience for public consultation can be divided into a number of key groups as listed below. This demonstrates the extensive consultation undertaken.

Key groups for consultation are:

- Local parents
- Local residents and community leaders
- The London Borough of Tower Hamlets council authority (council executives and elected members)
- Local Primary and Secondary Schools
- Local Businesses

Section 1: Consultation from May 2010 - February 2012

Consultation with local parents

A range of methods has been used to consult with local parents.

- In May 2010 260 randomly selected families from Wapping were asked to respond to a survey concerning our plans for a new co-educational Secondary School and to comment on the general provision of Secondary Schools in the area. 70% of respondents stated that they were not satisfied with the existing provision of Secondary Schools in Wapping. 77% stated that they would consider sending their children to a co-educational Secondary School in Wapping.
- As part of our exercise to gather evidence of demand, representatives from the Trust have visited eight local Primary Schools at the end of the school day for three days per week per school. The purpose of the exercise was to clearly explain the vision for the Free School, ask parents to register their support if they were interested in a future application to the school and to respond to feedback and answer questions. In line with our expectations the most common question has been to ask for reassurance that the Free School will be small and co-educational.
- A number of parents who are not involved with the project have hosted informal information and feedback sessions. This provided the Trust with the opportunity to work through the detail of our proposal and receive feedback and suggestions for improvement. As a result of these sessions the Trust has been made aware of the need to ensure that the initial cohort of children starting in 2012 – 2014 have the opportunity to interact and work with older students. Therefore, the Trust has sought partnership with two existing local Secondary Schools. Also, parents have made it clear that it is less important to have a wide range of subjects or specialisms and more important to teach well. As a result we have decided to limit our specialism to 'Enterprise and Innovation'.
- Occasionally individual parents have either emailed with specific questions about the proposed Free School or have requested a meeting to discuss the proposal further. Every email has been responded to and every meeting requested has occurred.
- All feedback from parents, regardless of source, has either been discussed at one of the Trust's weekly review meetings or at one of the monthly Project Steering Committee meetings.
- During January and February 2012 the Trust offered to hold parent information sessions at local primary schools. Sessions were held at Hermitage Primary School, St Peter's London Docks Primary School, Gatehouse Montessori, Sir John Cass Primary School and English Martyrs RC Primary School.
- During February 2012 the Trust ran four Primary School Workshops on uniform policy. The discussion with local children has helped inform WSSET on the students views and choices, and influenced policy.

Consultation with local residents and community leaders

Residents living in Wapping and Shadwell have been consulted using the following methods:

- Clear details concerning our vision and proposals for the Free School have been made available on our website www.wappinghigh.org. The website is constantly updated to provide accurate information. The website is regularly advertised on community websites and email groups such as www.whatsinwapping.co.uk, netmums.co.uk, mumsnet.com and the Tower Hamlets NCT email group.

- The website provides telephone numbers for the Trust and the means to email the Trust.
- Users of the website are invited to join our email list for regular updates and information. There are currently 375 names on the email list and a further 200 names on our postal list.
- Printed registration forms (see Appendix A), which include details of our proposal, links to our website and an address and telephone number have been left at local restaurants, cafés, community centres etc.
- Two half-day information events have been held at local community hubs (Waitrose Supermarket on 21/05/11 and Watney Market 24/05/11). These events were run by members of the Trust and served to reach out to a wider audience within the community.
- In July 2011 the Trust ran an information stall at the Wapping Shindig, a local festival on Wapping Green. The event was attended by around 300 people.
- Postings on community websites mentioned above have served to inform the local public as well as parents. Comments and feedback left on community websites have been reviewed and responded to directly, where reasonable.
- A number of local residents have emailed the Trust with questions, feedback or support. All of these emails have been responded to.
- Community leaders such as faith leaders have been contacted to explain the proposals for Wapping High School so that they might pass the information on to their community.
- A local councillor forwarded one letter of objection to our proposal from a local resident. The Trust contacted the resident directly to advise them of our proposal and reassure them that their concerns had been listened to. As a result we received a positive response.
- A number of articles have appeared in the local press about our proposal for a new Free School. These papers include The Wharf, the East London Advertiser, Docklands24 and The Evening Standard.
- A advertisement was placed in April 2011 in the local community newspaper East End Life.

Consultation with the London Borough of Tower Hamlets

Discussions have been ongoing with Children's Services and Communities, Localities and Culture Departments at the London Borough of Tower Hamlets (LBTH) since November 2009 regarding the desperate need for a new co-educational Secondary School for families in Wapping and Shadwell. The Trust has gone to great lengths to ensure that we have consulted thoroughly with Tower Hamlets over every aspect of our proposal. Diana Warne, Head of Secondary Learning and Achievement at Tower Hamlets, has sat on the Project Steering Committee in an advisory capacity since May 2010. Ms Warne has also had the opportunity to review the application for a Free School as it was being written. A full copy of the complete application was sent to LBTH. On 4th May 2011 Isobel Cattermole wrote to Mayor Rahman to endorse our proposal. A copy of this letter is provided in Appendix B. Following an email to Kevan Collins, CEO of Tower Hamlets, to update him on our progress we received this response as an email:

May 19th 2011

Dear Kerstyn,

This appears to be going well. Thanks for engaging so positively with the Council and our partners. If there is more I can do please don't hesitate to make contact.

Kevan Collins
Chief Executive
London Borough Tower Hamlets
www.towerhamlets.gov.uk

On the 1st April 2011 Jake Kemp and Kerstyn Comley visited the Houses of Parliament to meet with Jim Fitzpatrick MP for Poplar and Limehouse. At the meeting Mr Fitzpatrick was informed of the plans for Wapping High School. Since then Mr Fitzpatrick has played a key role in facilitating correspondence between the Trust and Tower Hamlets Council.

All of the elected members of Tower Hamlets Council have been kept fully informed of the proposal for Wapping High School via letters, emails and meetings. Councillors have been given every opportunity to forward on letters of concern from local residents (so far we are only aware of two such letters). A request has been made to Mayor Rahman for a meeting to update him with the proposal for Wapping High School. Details of our proposals for Wapping High School have additionally been sent to the Corporation of the City of London as they are our closest neighbouring local authority. Throughout the planning of Wapping High School the Trust has consistently sought to identify solutions which will bring benefits to local families, and residents of Tower Hamlets and its neighbours more generally.

Contact has also been made with The City of London and Southwark Council to make sure they are up to date with the plans.

Consultation with local schools

Letters were written to all of the state funded schools in Tower Hamlets on approval of the Free School application in October 2011. The Trust has offered to meet with all the Headteachers at these schools to explain the proposal for Wapping High School. As a result visits have been made to Hermitage Primary School, St Peter's Primary School, English Martyrs Primary School, Bigland Green Primary School and St Paul's Primary School (the Trust met with the school administrator at St Paul's Primary School). Meetings have also taken place at the following Secondary schools: Mulberry Girls School, Langdon Park, Bethnal Green Academy, City of London Boys School and City of London Girls School. The Trust has also met with Gatehouse Montessori Primary School. The outcome of all of these meetings has been a commitment to work in partnership to improve the provision of education for children in Tower Hamlets.

Section 2: Statutory public consultation

Consultation activities

A six week period of statutory consultation was undertaken from 26 March 2012 until 4 May 2012. The following activities were undertaken to ensure that all of the stakeholders (see Introduction) were consulted.

1. The consultation document was available for download from the Trust's Website.
2. The way to respond to the consultation, via an on-line survey, was clearly described on the website.
3. Results from the on-line survey were regularly checked and requests for feedback were responded to.
4. 5000 consultation flyers were printed and distributed within Wapping, Shadwell, Whitechapel and Limehouse. The flyer contained the consultation survey and a freepost address. A copy of the consultation flyer is given in Appendix C.
5. The following sentence in Bengali was included on the consultation flyer 'A new school to be set up in Wapping. For more information please contact the trust via email or telephone'.
6. Regular emails have been sent to the Trust's mailing list providing details of how to respond to the consultation.
7. Families who requested information about the school were sent the consultation flyer.
8. Details of the public consultation were provided on community website 'What's in Wapping'.
9. A copy of the consultation document was sent to all headteachers and governors in Tower Hamlets via the local authority.
10. Information about the consultation was emailed to community leaders and local politicians.
11. On 31 March 2012 the Trust ran an information stall at the Wapping Recycling Event on Wapping Green. The Trust spoke to around 35 local residents at the event.
12. Between 9 April - 22 April the Trust placed advertisements giving information about the consultation in East End Life, a newspaper run by Tower Hamlets that is delivered to every household.
13. On 18 April 2012 the Trust held a Public Consultation Meeting at St Paul's Church, Shadwell. The event was well attended (50 plus). Headteacher, Paul Guénault, and directors from The Wapping & Shadwell Secondary Education Trust (namely Jon Cheyne, Kerstyn Comley, Jake Kemp, Monowara Bakht and Keith Sharp) met with interested parties. Information boards with plans for the school were provided. A number of individuals at the meeting expressed opposition to Free Schools in general, and some were concerned about the effect of having an additional school in the borough, everyone was given an opportunity to speak and appropriate responses were given. Everyone who attended had the opportunity to respond to the consultation via the survey.
14. On 19 April 2012 the Trust ran an event called "Meet the Headteacher". This event was well attended (80 plus). Headteacher, Paul Guénault, and directors from The Wapping & Shadwell Secondary Education Trust (namely Jon Cheyne, Kerstyn Comley, Isabel Hinohosa, Shona Black, and Jake Kemp) met with interested families. Information boards with plans for the school were provided.

15. In April the Docklands newspaper ran an article about the school with information about the consultation.
16. On 1st May trustee Jake Kemp attended the Tower Hamlets Children's Services Director's Brief and addressed approximately 100 local School Governors and responded to questions regarding the consultation.

Consultation results

The following four questions were asked in the consultation survey:

Q1. Should the Trustees enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for Education in order to open Wapping High School?

Q2. Do you agree with the Admissions Policy?

Q3. Do you agree that a Free School is needed in this area of Tower Hamlets?

Q4. Are there any other comments you wish the trustees to take into consideration?

Sixty eight responses were received to the consultation survey, 61 electronically and 8 by post. A count of the responses to questions 1 to 3 is given in table 2.1 and shown as percentages in figures 2.1 to 2.3

All of the comments given in response to question 4 provided in Appendix D. If respondents have asked a question the Trust will reply directly following publication of this report.

	Q1	Q2	Q3
Yes	43	41	44
No	18	17	17
Not answered	8	10	8

Table 2.1 Count of responses to survey questions.

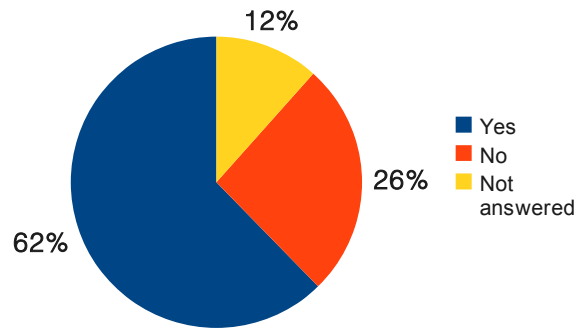


Figure 2.1 Response to question 1: Should the Trustees enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for Education in order to open Wapping High School?

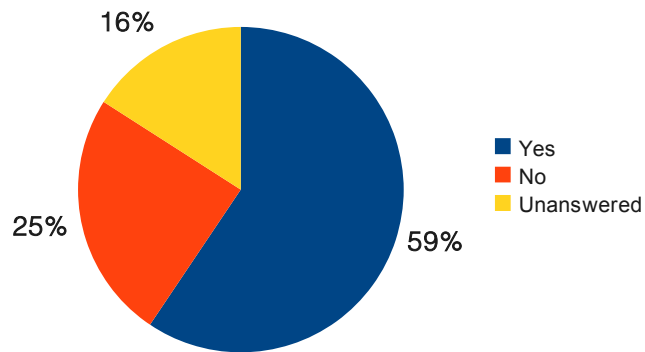


Figure 2.2 Response to question 2: Do you agree with the Admissions Policy for Wapping High School?

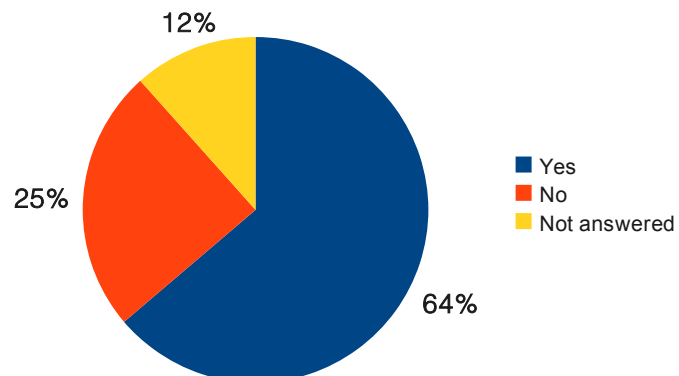


Figure 2.3 Response to question 3: Do you agree that a Free School is needed in this area of Tower Hamlets?

Section 3: Analysis and conclusions

The results of the Statutory Consultation reflect the community. Responses to questions 1 - 3 show that there is considerable support for the creation of Wapping High School. 61% of respondents agree that the Trustees should enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for Education and 63% agree that a Free School is needed in this area of Tower Hamlets.

Where responses to questions 1 - 3 are negative accompanying comments indicate that there is opposition to Wapping High as a Free School both for political reasons and for specific local reasons. However, there is no consistent body of opposition, every response is of an individual nature.

A small number of queries were raised via the consultation survey and the public consultation meeting regarding the impact that Wapping High School will have on other local secondary schools. The Trust recognises that some under-subscribed schools may lose pupils in 2012/13 because of Wapping High School's intake. It has worked with the local authority's Children's Services Directorate's Admissions Department to lessen the impact on other schools. Predictions of pupil places provided by Tower Hamlets [1] indicate that from 2013 onwards there will be a shortfall in excess of 90 places. Wapping High School will only contribute an additional 81 places each year.

The consultation has raised issues about the Admissions Policy and the Trust has reviewed its Admissions Policy accordingly. Details can be found on the website.

Since 2009 ongoing consultation has been overwhelmingly positive. Where individuals have been unclear or opposed to the plans the Trust has made every effort to provide clarity and resolution.

The Trust is grateful to the many that support our efforts, and also to those that make the time to voice concerns and to challenge.

Appendix A - Copy of registration flyer



The flyer is a registration form for Wapping High School. It features a teal vertical banner on the left with the school's name and a tagline. The main content is on a white background, including two key questions, a paragraph about the school's plans, a call to action, a list of three bullet points, a circular photo of a student, and a final call to action with a deadline.

WAPPING HIGH SCHOOL
A new secondary school for Wapping, Shadwell and Limehouse

DO YOU WANT A NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD?

DO YOU WANT MORE CHOICE?

The Wapping and Shadwell Secondary Education Trust is planning to open a new co-educational, school for children aged 11-18, in September 2012.

Register now to help make it a reality.

- The school will deliver strong academic results for university entrance, with specialisms in Enterprise & Innovation and New Media.
- The school will also teach civics and ethics, creating socially engaged young adults with a strong sense of personal responsibility.
- The school will have an open admissions policy in-line with our inclusive and personalised ethos. The sixth form will be open to children from other schools.

To confirm funding for the school, the Department for Education needs us to collect a list of families who would consider applying for a place.

Don't miss out!
Register your interest overleaf.



Figure A1: Front of Registration of Interest form



REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN WAPPING HIGH SCHOOL

Register at www.wappinghigh.org
OR fill in the form and return to the address below.

Parent/Carer Name: _____
Address: _____
Address: _____ Postcode: _____
Home Tel: _____ Email: _____
Prefered contact method: Email Post

I declare that all the information provided is accurate and true and that by completing this form I am declaring an interest in Wapping High School.

Signed: _____ Name: _____

Completion of this form does not commit you to applying to the school once it opens, nor does it guarantee you a place.

Child 1: _____ Date of birth: _____

Child 2: _____ Date of birth: _____

Child 3: _____ Date of birth: _____

If you have more than three children please complete an additional form.

Contact us
Tel: 0786 30 50 518 Unit 110 Tower Bridge Business Centre
Email: enquiries@wappinghigh.org 46-48 East Smithfield
Website: www.wappinghigh.org Wapping, E1W 1AW

All information is kept strictly confidential and will not be passed on for use to third parties.



Figure A2: Rear of Registration of Interest form

Appendix B: Letter from I Cattermole, Interim Director of Children's Services

Mayor Lutfur Rahman
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Town Hall
Mulberry Place
E14 2BG

Children, Schools and Families Directorate
Tower Hamlets Town Hall
Mulberry Place
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London E14 2BG
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4th May 2011

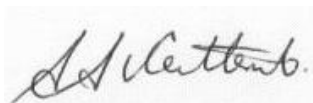
Our Ref: ME 1-53060202

Dear Mayor Rahman

Thank you for your enquiry and attached letter of support for the proposals to open a new secondary school in Wapping.

As Director of Children, Schools and families I am concerned that residents in all parts of the Tower Hamlets area should feel they have the same opportunity to secure their child a place at a nearby secondary school. My senior officers and I have already been in touch with colleagues at the Wapping and Shadwell Trust and will continue to offer advice, assistance and any other forms of support we can. The Council's aim is to ensure that the Trust is given full opportunity to establish its proposals. We expect that it will be an inclusive and high quality secondary education provision, with an admissions policy that will provide fair opportunity for access to all families in the Wapping and Shadwell areas.

Yours sincerely



Isobel Cattermole
Corporate Director (Children, Schools & Families)

Appendix C - Copy of consultation flyer

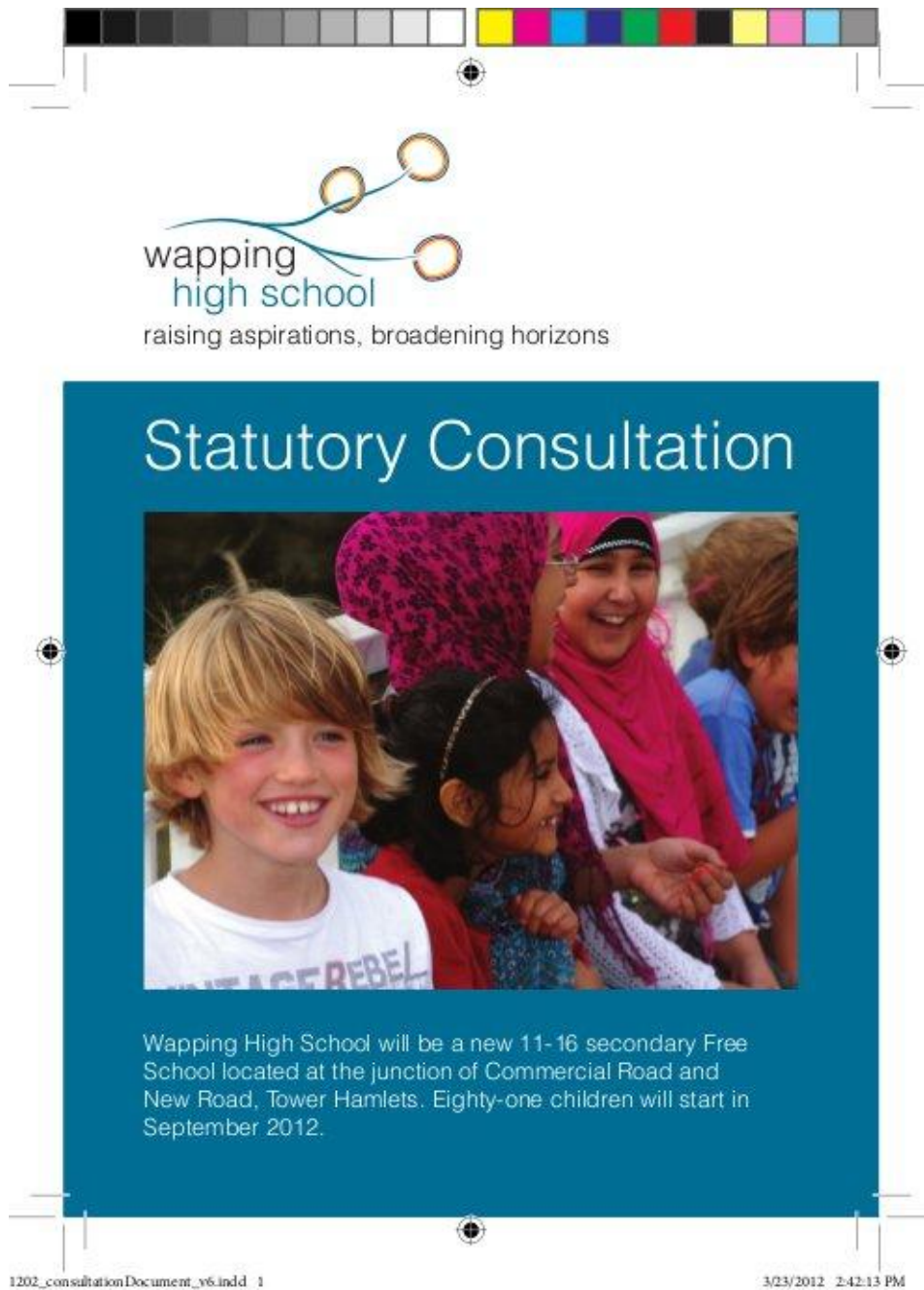


Figure C1: Front consultation flyer

Wapping High school will be governed by the Wapping and Shadwell Secondary Education Trust (WSSET), a not-for-profit organisation run by parents and local residents who are determined to improve the education of local children.

The Trust was founded in October 2010 and is supported by more than 500 families representing over 700 children. Our supporters include Jim Fitzpatrick MP, London Assembly Member John Biggs and Dame Helen Mirren.

Wapping High School will ensure better outcomes for all its students. The school will provide all students with a personalised timetable to enable enhanced learning and the development of inquisitive minds. The admissions policy is inclusive.

To respond to the consultation complete and return the attached questionnaire or complete our on-line survey at www.wappinghigh.org/consultation.

Timeline for the consultation and how to respond

Mon 26th March Open public consultation
 Wed 18th April Public consultation meeting:
 7pm St Paul's Church, The Highway, Wapping
 Fri 4th May Close public consultation
 Fri 11th May Publish consultation report

To receive a copy of the full consultation document email enquiries@wappinghigh.org, visit www.wappinghigh.org or call 07863 050518 / 07916 612673.

To read the full admissions policy visit www.wappinghigh.org/admissions.

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Statutory Consultation

Could you complete this survey online? Completing the survey online is easy, visit www.wappinghigh.org/consultation. Please tick ✓

1. Should the Trustees enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for Education in order to open Wapping High School? yes no

2. Do you agree with the Admissions Policy for Wapping High School? yes no

3. Do you agree that a Free School is needed in this area of Tower Hamlets? yes no

4. Are there any other comments you wish the trustees to take into consideration? yes no

Personal Contact Details

(not compulsory) Please give your name, email address and a contact number should you wish for a member of the trust to contact you regarding this consultation.

Name _____

Email _____

Telephone _____



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Figure C2: Inside consultation flyer

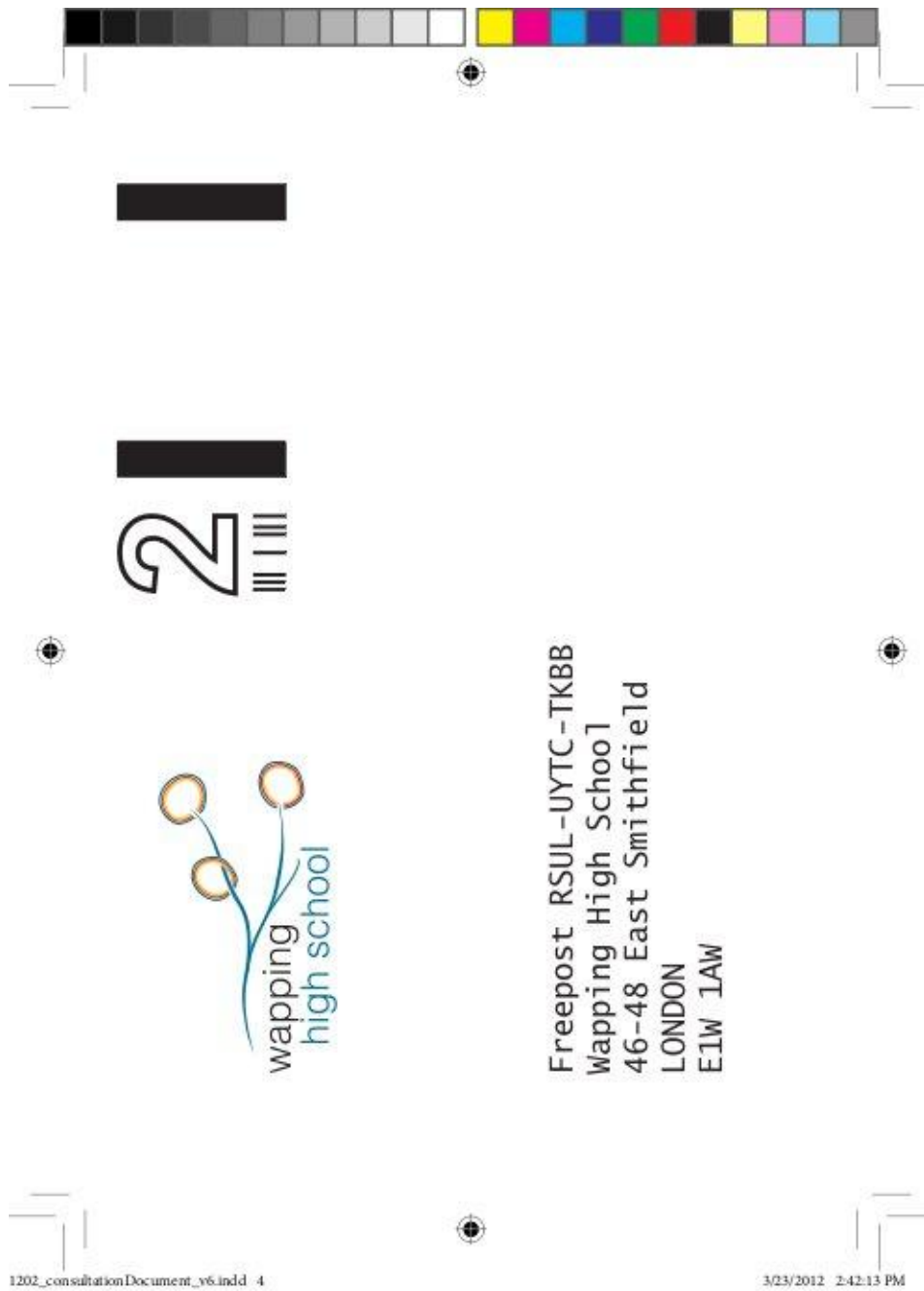


Figure C3: Back consultation flyer

Appendix D: Response to consultation survey

No.	Postcode	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Comments
1		blank	blank	blank	The area outlined in the admissions zone excludes people outside of Wapping area but who do not have any other non-faith school alternatives. Please consider this as part of the catchment considerations, Thank you
2	E1W	Yes	Yes	yes	In no particular order: 1) Why are pupils with SEN being prioritised for entry? Surely, you should accept students regardless and if there is a SEN that can be catered for by the school, so be it. 2) What is the aim of the school for the total number of students on the roll once each year group is fully populated? I would guess that numbers would have to be between 100 and 150 pupils per year group. Is the selected premises going to be able to cope with up to 800 people in it and what of any outdoor space? 3) Will there be any gym space? Where will PE and Games lessons be held and for what length of lesson and how often? 4) The site of the selected premises is very close to both Mulberry Girls School and Bishop Challoner. Surely a more westerly or southerly location is required to serve the needs of the priority area in West Bethnal Green and South Wapping respectively. 5) With the extended day, how many contact hours will the average full time staff member with no additional responsibilities have per week? How will they be compensated both in terms of preparation/assessment/marketing time and remuneration compared to the borough average? 6) Is giving parent's the ability to select their child for the G&T register a good idea? Is this not an open door for pushy parents? Surely teacher and formal assessment should be the only yardsticks?
3	E1W	blank	blank	blank	
4	E1W	blank	blank	blank	Should not be called Wapping High School as it is not in Wapping.
5	e1w	blank	blank	blank	
6	E3	blank	blank	blank	
7	E1W	yes	yes	yes	
8	E1W	blank	blank	blank	I think the extended day should not be 4 days aweek, it will be too much

No.	Postcode	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Comments
					for the children. As a parent i am having to think twice now about if i should give my son there. I think it should only be twice aweek.
9	E14	blank	blank	blank	
					While not a resident of the area south of Cable Street (but I am within walking distance of the school's location), it seems that there is a lack of places at mixed secondary schools - particularly in non-faith-based schools - serving the Wapping South zone and beyond. It was not that long ago (within my lifetime) when much of Wapping was derelict. Since the 1980s, the community has undergone a rapid transformation - though over these last 30 years or so, secondary school provision to serve this community has been largely overlooked. Wapping High School will only partly address this problem: it surprises me that the question whether such a school is needed is even being asked - surely this is a 'no-brainer'. My guess is that those questioning the need for this school are more politically opposed to free schools, rather than that they actually disagree with the premise that there is a lack of secondary school provision in the area. Tower Hamlets is an extremely diverse borough, and should easily incorporate - and benefit from - a wide diversity of secondary school provision. It is particularly hypocritical of the Local Authority - which claims to celebrate diversity - to have been stonewalling this project so much.
10	E1	yes	yes	yes	
11	e3	blank	blank	blank	I would like to be more focused on discipline which you are considered it already
12	E1W	blank	blank	blank	
13	E1W	Yes	Yes	Yes	
14	E1W	Yes	Yes	Yes	
15	E1	Yes	Yes	Yes	
16	E1W	Yes	Yes	Yes	
					Admissions should be based on being a tower hamlets resident, not just being able to afford to live in wapping. Some people either can not afford to buy/rent the space in Wapping so the school will end up being a mid/high income school for middle/upper classes who choose not to go into Private schools. .
17	e14	Yes	No	Yes	
18	e1w	Yes	Yes	Yes	
19	E1	Yes	No	Yes	
20	E1	Yes	No	Yes	

No.	Postcode	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Comments
21	E1W	Yes	Yes	Yes	
22	e1w	Yes	Yes	Yes	
23	E1W	Yes	Yes	Yes	The lack of Secondary Education in the local area is one of the biggest reasons why we would look to leave London. The Wapping High School not only fills a gap, but it's ethos and educational approach make it a reason to stay in London- this type of secondary education makes enormous sense and cannot be found in most traditionally funded schools.
24	E14	Yes	Yes	Yes	Are there any future proposals to to extend this to primary school aged provision? Will you be looking towards working with other local primary and secondary schools and headteachers?
25	E1W	No	No	No	We do not need a Free School in Wapping and a number of parents are appalled you are using Helen Mirren to support your cause. Someone with more knowledge of education and its effect on our children would be more appropriate
26	E2	No	Yes	No	
27	E1w	Yes	Yes	Yes	
28	E14	Yes	Yes	Yes	It does not seem fair that the admission of this free school is limited to Wapping/Shadwell catchment (yes I know new housing south of cabel st will attraact non wapping), but there are children outside this area who also need secondary schools and who currently have limited options. Tower Hamlets needs to influence (mandate) a more diverse school population in ALL of its schools. Many are either 95% non white, making these options not viable for families who want to integrate their white children but do not want to be the first to put their child in a class where 95% wear headscarves. I know for a fact that Mullberry school for girls, Sir John Cass Secondary are being rejected by white lower/middle class parents due to the ethnic mix in the school means someone's white child will be in the minority. If each school in TH had to have 4 out of 10 places reserved for non indian/bengali, and if those 4 places (white/black) children did take up the places they were left vacant (ie smaller classes sizes), then the parents currently having to move out of the area would start to change
29	E14	Yes	No	Yes	

No.	Postcode	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Comments
					their views and put their child into these schools, which in turn would be a benefit for everyone. Its going to take brave steps by Tower Hamlets Education and Mayor Rahman to make all of our wonderful multicultural TH work together. Come on, what are we waiting for....
30	E1W	Yes	Yes	Yes	
31	E14	Yes	Yes	Yes	I am in support of the project PROVIDED the admissions policy is the same as for all other secondary schools in Towaer Hamlets.
32	E14	No	Yes	No	
33	E2	Yes	Yes	Yes	
34	E3	Yes	Yes	Yes	
					I rather wish you had been even more ambitious in your academic aims. Tower Hamlets needs to raise aspiration and achievement by demonstrating success in an easily understood way - academic results. That might not chime well with the 'fairness = equality of outcome' lobby but the school has an ideal opportunity to shed the image of Tower Hamlets schools as being overly concerned with social issues at the expense of the best education. I would far rather my child can read, write, embraces the realities of competition and speaks a modern language so that he can make his own way in life than knows his rights, interviews teachers, is socially aware in East London or saves the world. Teaching him values is my job, I do not want the school to ram a particular brand of social awareness into him. He can do that later. Please also have a strict uniform and discipline policy.
35	E14	Yes	No	Yes	
36	E14	No	No	No	
37	E1	No	Yes	No	I have answered 'no' to q1 and q3 because there is no opportunity to record 'yes with reservations'. There is certainly a need for co-educational secondary provision in this part of the borough, and if the free school route is the only way of achieving this, so be it. But the rush to establish it means a most unsuitable location: Commercial Street is certainly not 'Wapping', and cannot provide suitable facilities (a lesson learned over a century ago.....) It would be a great mistake to spend a lot of money on this site rather than continue to search for a more appropriate location - eg the News International site. I'm puzzled by the term 'south Wapping' (which extends well to the north of E1W and what most people would consider to be Wapping) - where might 'north Wapping' be? All this will play badly, and into the hands of those who suspect a middle-class agenda (despite the unexceptionable admissions

No.	Postcode	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Comments
					policy).
38	e1w	No	Yes	No	There are plenty of good schools you people just do not think they are good enough. If you put your kids in them it would raise the standards.
39	E1W	No	No	No	The Board of Governors at Wellington School in Bow has discussed this proposal and consider it divisive, channelling funds and expertise away from increasing the expertise of teaching and learning in Tower Hamlets. We fail to see the relevance of your Patron (Dame Helen Mirren) who has no children or experience of educating young children today. We challenge this proposal as a detriment to other children within the area. Personally, as a resident in Wapping I would object to the proposals for this school. <i>Name withheld</i> , Chair of Governors, Wellington School.
40	E1	No	No	No	Tower Hamlets borough has a strong Education authority built up over years with an ethos of cooperation between schools, support for all children and teachers and has given an education for students that enables them to achieve highly. Separate Free schools are divisive in the borough and would not enhance the community's provision for education.
41	E1	No	No	No	
42	e1w	Yes	Yes	Yes	
43	E1W	Yes	Yes	Yes	
44	E3	No	No	No	
45	E3	No	No	No	I think it is a great shame that the people who have such foresight and energy to consider starting a new school don't direct that valuable effort to the existing, yet undersubscribed, schools within Tower Hamlets.
46	E3	No	Yes	No	There are several schools in the area that are far from full to capacity, Bishop Challoner and Mulberry being just two in the immediate area. To open yet another school within 2 bus stops of those is irresponsible and unnecessary when other existing schools with existing facilities and low numbers are going to be under utilised. Students who already study at these emptying local schools will have their education suffer as a result from loss of funding due to fewer filled places all thanks to this vanity project covered with the facade of a Free School.
47	E3	No	No	No	I would like to understand the predicted impact on schools elsewhere in Tower Hamlets of the opening of the Wapping High School. In particular, what assessment has been made regarding the likely impact on

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					<p>application rates to other schools? I understand anecdotally that there are already unfilled places at 'Outstanding' Tower Hamlets schools, where is the evidence of overwhelming need for this school? What impact will this school have on funding for existing schools in the area and the support that the Local Authority offers them? Can you guarantee that funding will not be taken from the Local Authority to fund this school at the expense of others in the borough, and that the school will not receive preferential levels of funding for its pupils?</p> <p>Finally, I would like to attend the meeting on April 18th to hear the debate about the school, please can you let me know what time it is taking place?</p>
					<p>There is no need for a new secondary school in Wapping. This school will undermine the education of Tower Hamlets children by reducing numbers (and therefore funding) at other local secondary schools.</p> <p>Wapping High is being set up based on false claims, namely:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. that there is a shortage of secondary school places 2. that children based in Wapping, Limehouse and Shadwell have no access to good, mixed, non faith-based schools. <p>In fact, all London secondary school age children have free bus travel by Oyster. There are many good, mixed, non faith-based schools in Tower Hamlets which can easily be accessed by children in Wapping and Shadwell. Swanlea School in Whitechapel is one example. This school is very close to Wapping (less than 2 miles). It admits both girls and boys and has no religious affiliations. The school is judged Outstanding by Ofsted and results are above national averages.</p> <p>I am dismayed that this school may be given permission go ahead, and feel that it will damage the prospects of children at excellent, established schools which are set up genuinely in the interests of the whole population of Tower Hamlets.</p>
48	E3	No	No	No	
49	E1	Yes	Yes	Yes	This is a wonderful initiative which I fully support. As a governor of a school in Tower Hamlets I know first hand that there is a need for this type of school.
50	E18	No	Yes	Yes	N/A

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51	e1	No	No	No	<p>Tower Hamlets has worked hard to build up the great standard of schools we have today from nursery right through to tertiary level education, and at the same time encouraging harmonious mixed communities (mixed in terms of cultural financial and religious backgrounds). The use of Tower Hamlets LEA funds to finance exclusive 'free' schools' that will either collapse and disappear (or be bailed out by the state) in the future or become very elite and select private schools is appalling. Our schools are already suffering with severe budget cuts and the bailing out of a badly set up PFI scheme.</p> <p>I disagree with the whole principle of 'free schools' and can only see it damaging the delicate cohesion of our communities and all that Tower Hamlets Education has achieved.</p> <p>I also don't understand why a school would want to be promoted by an actress who in most of her interviews gloats about her selfish lifestyle and choice to be childless.</p>
52	E14	No	No	No	<p><i>Name withheld</i> (mother of 2)</p> <p>I, <i>name withheld</i>, Chair of Wapping Bangladesh Association, whole heartedly support this project and if there is anything i could do on Behalf the Bangladeshi community living in Wapping, please let me know. Many thanks to every one who have taken this initiative.</p>
53	E1W	Yes	Yes	Yes	kind regards, <i>name withheld</i>
54	E1	Yes	Yes	Yes	
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56	E1W	Yes	Yes	Yes	
57	E14	Yes	Yes	Yes	<p>Tower Hamlets has one of the highest levels of young people not in education or employment (neet), the streets are full of kids with massive potential, but insufficient training to equip them to be successful. Wapping high is exactly what the area needs, a creative, innovative solution in order to see Tower Hamlet's young people given the opportunities they need to succeed academically and beyond. I personally was born here and went outside the borough to receive a better education I am looking forward to the day that Tower Hamlets residents can be proud to live here and have educational opportunities that prepare their kids adequately for a successful life fulfilling their</p>

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					potential.
58	E14	Yes	Yes	Yes	I would like to request that the admission policy is reviewed to suit individual needs and requirements, I would also like to stress that uniform is introduced so that no child is left out when it comes to dressing otherwise students will wear what they feel like and that would not establish equality
59	E1	Yes	Yes	Yes	I would like the code of conduct of the school to also explicitly include homophobia in addition to bullying, racism, sexism and interpersonal behaviour. Looking forward to welcoming the new school to my neighbourhood.
60	E1	No	No	No	
61	E1w	Yes	Yes	Yes	
62		Yes	Yes	Yes	
63		Yes	Yes	Yes	Setting up ties with City Gateway so that kids who don't go on to further education can still achieve a career
64		Yes	Blank	Yes	No comment
65		Yes	Blank	Yes	
66		Yes	Yes	Yes	
67		Yes	Yes	Yes	
68		Yes	Yes	Yes	
69	Number withheld	Yes	Blank	Yes	The IOD + Wapping need new secondary schools that are not religious and available to everyone.
70	Email withheld	Yes	Yes	Yes	