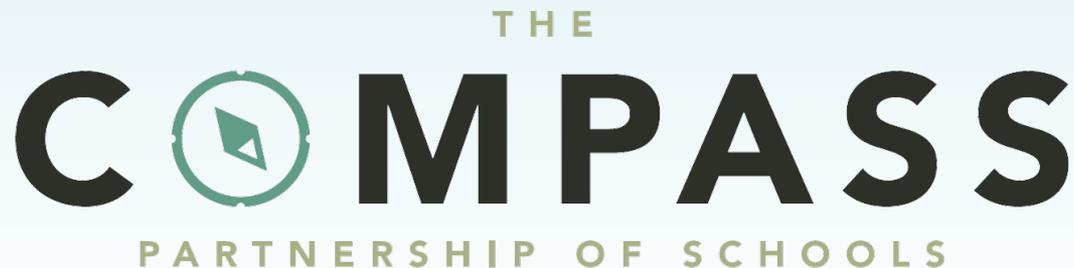


# Consultation meeting about expanding Willow Dene School onto the Hargood Road site



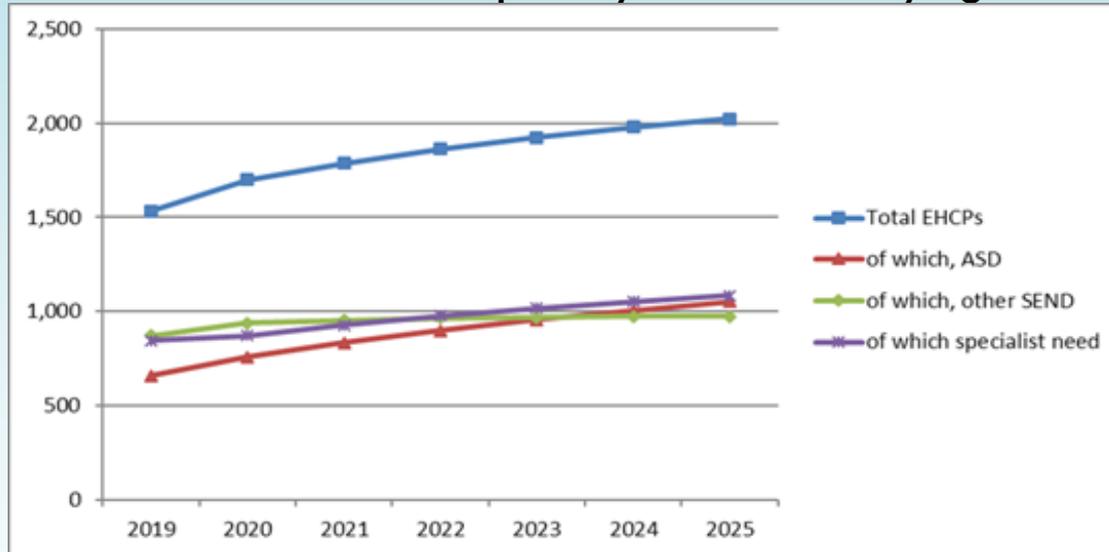
Seeing possibilities, realising dreams

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# Why is the expansion of Willow Dene being proposed?

- Demand for specialist school places in the borough is expected to increase over the next five years, particularly for those pupils with ASD with complex learning needs.

**Predicted future need for primary and secondary ages**



- If additional places are not provided within the borough, children will need to be sent out-of-borough to have their needs met. Places within the borough therefore enables more children's needs to be met locally.
- Opportunities for expanding special schools in the borough are extremely limited.
- A rigorous sequential site assessment found the Swingate Lane as the most viable option for SEND primary expansion and Hargood Road site offering the best opportunity to provide additional SEND secondary places.

# What is being proposed at Hargood Road?

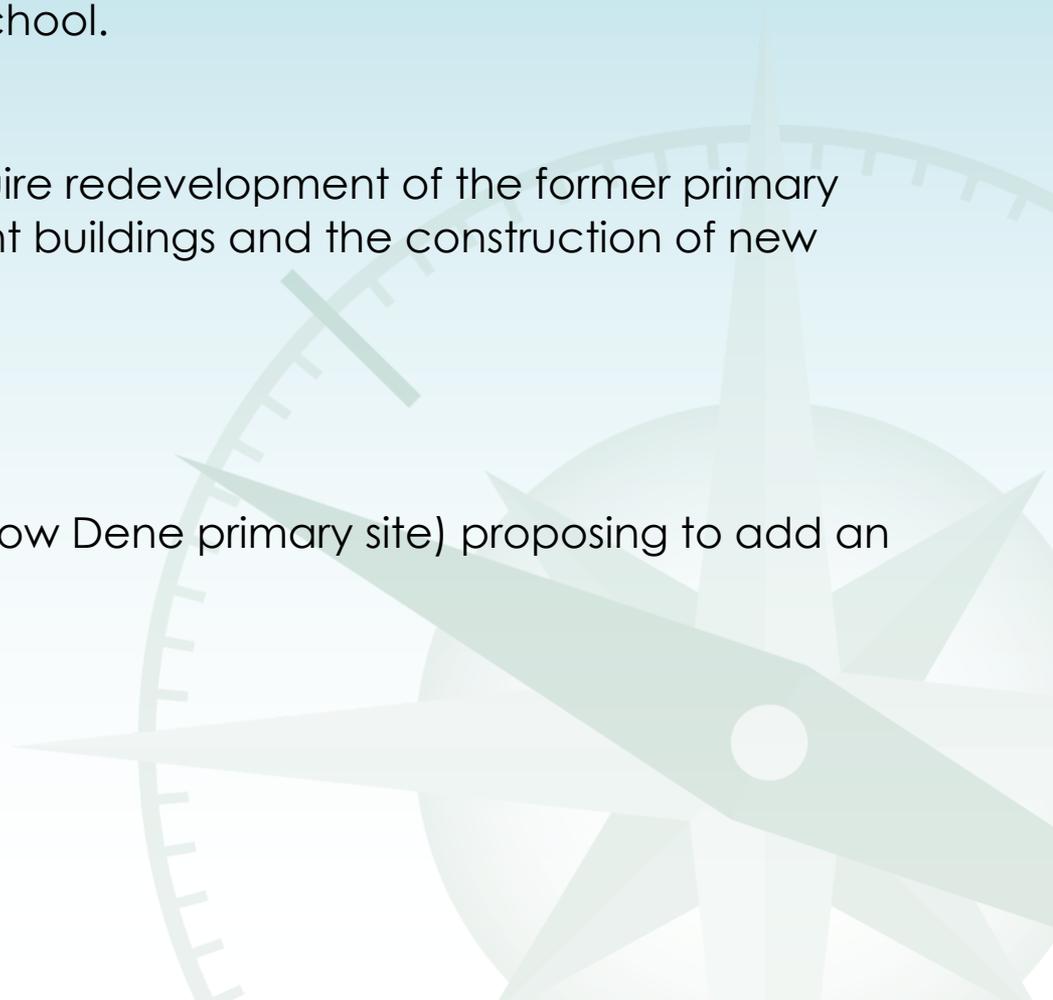
A 152 place special school provision for pupils aged 11 – 19 who have autism with complex learning needs.

This would be part of Willow Dene School.

Day provision, not residential.

Establishing this provision would require redevelopment of the former primary school site – demolition of the current buildings and the construction of new facilities.

Note: At Swingate Lane (existing Willow Dene primary site) proposing to add an additional 112 places.



# Introducing Willow Dene and Compass

## Willow Dene:

- Special school, currently for 257 pupils aged 2 – 16 with wide range of special educational needs.
- Situated on two sites: primary at Swingate Lane, secondary at Oakmere Road
- Successful and popular school – confident of 'Outstanding' at next Ofsted
- Focus on meeting individual needs, pedagogy and staff development
- Also consulting on expanding primary-phase provision on existing Swingate Lane site

## The Compass Partnership of Schools

- Multi-academy trust of 6 primary schools and Willow Dene – all Greenwich
- Values: optimism, ambition, resilience
- Strong relationships with local communities and with Royal Greenwich

# What are the implications / timeframes?

Two separate processes:

- Department for Education – whether Willow Dene is allowed to expand and occupy Hargood Road (including establishing a sixth form) and expand at Swingate Lane
- Planning process – whether the redevelopment of the Hargood Road site is approved (two processes, one for demolition and one for construction)

**IF** the proposal proceeds, possible timeframe:

- DfE approval in spring 2022 to the expansion
- Hargood Road works:

	Planning	On site
Demolition	Summer / autumn 2021	Winter 2021/22 / spring 2022
Construction	Spring / summer 2022	Autumn 2022 – summer 2024

First pupils – potentially September 2024, then fill up over approximately 5 years

# How you can have your say / what happens next

Consultation about whether the expansion should take place until 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021. Have your say:

- Online: questionnaire at [www.willowdene.Greenwich.sch.uk](http://www.willowdene.Greenwich.sch.uk)
- Post: Expansion Consultation, Willow Dene School, Swingate Lane, London, SE18 2JD

All responses reviewed before decision taken about whether to proceed – next steps would be application to DfE and progressing proposals for capital works.

LA would fund and manage the capital works. Planning process would involve the usual consultation requirements with local residents before decisions are taken.

