

# PROPOSED CHANGE TO PATCHAM HIGH SCHOOL, BLATCHINGTON MILL SECONDARY SCHOOL AND HOVE PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS CATCHMENT AREAS

## CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

### Some background facts

On 18 July 2008 the Office of the Schools Adjudicator published a decision on an objection to the admission arrangements of Patcham High School for 2009/10.

Objectors were concerned that the new admissions system, in particular the location of catchment boundaries, does not provide Patcham High School with a sustainable pupil base when compared with other parts of the city.

Objectors were therefore seeking changes to the catchment boundaries to correct this anomaly.

One option that would address this issue would be an extension of the Patcham High School catchment to include the Westdene and Brangwyn areas. The adjudicator concluded that a change of the kind proposed would be possible without bringing down the whole system. He agreed that parents and schools in all the areas affected should be consulted during the autumn term about this proposal.

### The current position

Patcham High School is within a single catchment area for the purposes of secondary admissions. The catchment area is bounded by London Road to the west, Surrenden Road to the South and Lewes Road to the East. The Patcham catchment area includes most of BN1 8 and part of BN1 9. The projection of student numbers in the locality for the next four years is as follows:

**Table 1 – Forecast rolls for Patcham High School, Blatchington Mill Secondary School and Hove Park Secondary School**

	Admission Numbers	Forecast Rolls			
		Sep 09	Sept10	Sept 11	Sept 12
<b>Patcham High</b>	210	161	174	166	154
<b>Blatchington Mill</b>	300	292	289	300	287
<b>Hove Park</b>	300	292	289	300	287

(based on January 08 census and adjusted for Cardinal Newman applications)

### What is proposed?

It is proposed that the Westdene and Brangwyn areas are included in the Patcham Catchment Area increasing the 'local' student body to nearer the schools admission number. This would address the issues raised by objectors and recognised by the Council. It would also reduce the numbers within the

Blatchington Mill and Hove Park schools catchment area which, as shown above, are equal to the capacity of those schools. This change is also likely to increase the number of children who will be able to walk to school.

It is proposed that Patcham High School remains a single catchment area for the purposes of secondary admissions. The new catchment area would be bounded by Dyke Road to the west, Tongdean Lane and Surrenden Road to the South and Lewes Road to the East. The new Patcham catchment area will then include part of BN1 5, most of BN1 8 and part of BN1 9.

The proposal would also change the dual catchment area for Blatchington Mill and Hove Park by removing a number of BN1 5 postcodes. However, even if a change were agreed by the Council, it would not be possible to implement it for 2009, and the proposal is for implementation in 2010. If the proposal is adopted the projection of student numbers in the locality for the next four years will be as follows:

**Table 2 – New forecast rolls for Patcham High School, Blatchington Mill Secondary School and Hove Park Secondary School**

	Admission Numbers	Forecast Rolls			
		Sep 09	Sept10	Sept 11	Sept 12
<b>Patcham High</b>	210	203	206	212	189
<b>Blatchington Mill</b>	300	274	274	280	271
<b>Hove Park</b>	300	274	274	280	271

(based on January 08 census and adjusted for Cardinal Newman applications)

### Consultation arrangements

If, having read this document, you would like to comment on the proposals there are several opportunities for doing so:

- You should complete and return to Kings House the reply slip included in this document.
- You can send a letter to the Assistant Director School Support and Central Area, Kings House, Grand Avenue, Hove BN23 2SR. *Please mark your letter for the attention of Gil Sweetenham*
- **Replies must be received by \_\_\_\_\_ **5 December 2008****
- You are welcome to attend the **Public Meetings** which have been arranged for:

Date	Time	Venue
<b>20 October 2008</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Westdene Primary School</b>
<b>11 November 2008</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Patcham High School</b>
<b>12 November 2008</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Blatchington Mill Secondary School</b>

- At this meeting parents and others will have the opportunity to put forward their views. Officers from the Children and Young Peoples Trust will be present to clarify points of detail.

### **The next stage**

All of the views put forward by consultees will be reported to Brighton and Hove City Council for consideration alongside officer recommendations prior to a decision being made.

The proposals set out in this document are put forward as a basis for consultation only. It is stressed that ***no decisions have yet been made*** and that none will be made until consultations have been completed and all views carefully considered by Brighton and Hove City Council.

The Council's major objective is to ensure that the outcome of this consultation has local support and is in the best interests of pupils in Brighton and Hove.

**DO PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR VIEWS**

If you require any further copies of this document please request them by ringing 01273 293474 or emailing [marie.chesham@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:marie.chesham@brighton-hove.gov.uk)

Address for returning this document:

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HOVE, BN3 2ZZ**

**All responses will be treated confidentially  
Thank you for your assistance**

***The following timetable is proposed:***

Publication of Consultation Document	10 October 2008
Public Consultation Meetings:	
Westdene Primary School	20 October 2008
Patcham High School	11 November 2008
Blatchington Mill Secondary School	12 November 2008
Last date for responses	5 December 2008
Decision by the Cabinet Member	19 January 2009
Provisional date of Change	September 2010

**Please Note:** Cabinet member meetings are held at Hove Town Hall or Brighton Town Hall. For the exact times, please contact Marie Chesham on telephone number:

01273 293474



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## RESPONSE FORM

*Please return no later than*  
**5 December 2008**

To: Gil Sweetenham  
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**Name**

**Address**

(Please tick as appropriate) I am:

The parent of a pupil:   
 (please state which school)

I support the proposal

A member of staff:   
 (please state which school)

A school governor:   
 (please state which school)

I do not support the proposal

Other interested party:   
 (please state which)

My comments are as follows: *(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)*

