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Dear Mela

Re: Proposed Harris Primary Academy Nunhead – Consultation Response

The deadline for comments on the statutory consultation for the proposed Harris Primary Academy Nunhead expired on the 27th March 2015. The purpose of the consultation was to establish whether there is sufficient demand to open a primary school in this location and whether Nunhead parents would travel to East Dulwich for this purpose.

As you will be aware, Harris Federation had initially proposed a new school to serve the Nunhead area because two years ago there had been a lot of support expressed from Nunhead parents for the 2014 opening of the Harris Primary Academy East Dulwich school which will not easily serve Nunhead due to its permanent location being located at the former East Dulwich Police Station.

We had hoped to find a site in Nunhead but the Education Funding Agency has only been able to propose a location on the East Dulwich Hospital site. In the meantime another Free School has been opened to serve the Nunhead area which has meant that the basic need for the school has diminished.

The majority of comments we have received from parents make it clear that they do not want the primary school on the East Dulwich Hospital site because they fear that it will limit the area available for the newly proposed secondary school which was recently agreed by the DFE to proceed into pre-opening. However, it is worth noting that we have always been assured throughout this process, by the EFA that the primary school would not impact on the site for the secondary school.

Nevertheless, as suggested to us by Southwark Council, the consultation has now demonstrated that there is not the sufficient demand for a primary school in the location to justify proceeding to a Funding Agreement for opening.

Harris Federation therefore requests that you advise the Secretary of State that it is withdrawing its proposal for a Nunhead Primary Free School.

We would like to thank all those who have commented throughout the consultation and to both Southwark Council and Tessa Jowell MP for their support through the process and the review of the need for the places.

Yours Sincerely



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