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Dear Neighbour,

We write to inform you of the forthcoming public consultation to convert the previously disused and neglected Conquest club site into use for a new school.

Who we are

Nishkam School Trust serves local communities through our free to attend, high achieving schools at present in Birmingham, Wolverhampton and Kenya. We provide education from a Nursery stage all through to 19 years of age. We are largely funded through the Free Schools programme by the Department for Education, with additional significant community volunteering and fund raising.

Our approach to education is built on a strong multi-faith approach of common values of love, forgiveness and compassion as a foundation to high levels of achievement.

Our track record

The Nishkam Schools journey has grown in excellence. On initiating any school, we undergo a rigorous process of assessment of our business plan, as well as an exhaustive interview process. Approximately only 1 in 10 applicants are successful through this process.

In our current open schools, we are one of the high performing Free School Trusts in the UK, including the highest standards for education and behaviour.

Our local School

As you will be aware, our local school, Nishkam School West London is an all through school, opened in September 2013 to meet in a small part, the significant shortfall of school places in Hounslow. It opened in a disused temporary site on Wood Lane with a view to locating to a permanent site to house approximately 1400 pupils from 1-19yrs old.

The planning process:

Over the previous 2 years, the DfE in collaboration with Hounslow Borough Council, have assessed 193 sites across the central borough, to be able to plan for schools expansions. Out of this analysis, the only appropriate available site is the disused Conquest Club site. Currently, plans in their earliest phase of development, are being prepared with a view to

you being able to share your thoughts during public consultation phase, likely to be in the third week of May.

Timeline of potential events:

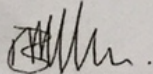
- Plans (including ecology and transport surveys) are being prepared with a view to sharing these with you during Public consultation in the 3rd week of May, 2015.
- Planning submission to Hounslow Borough Council for June 2015
- Hounslow Borough Council to assess the plans over several months and if successful for contractors to start on site by late Autumn 2015, with a building programme of approximately 18 months

High on the list of our considerations for the Department for Education, Hounslow Borough Planners and ourselves, includes minimising the impact to our neighbours. This includes for example:

- Minimising the length of any agreed construction
- To limit to a single (double lane) public vehicular access to the site from near the existing entrance on Syon Lane
- Minimising the impact on open space on the site itself, by limiting the footprint of any buildings.
- Retaining trees around the site and minimising impact on any natural habitat
- Minimising traffic impact by having school buses, and staggering start and end times for differing age groups

Together with our contractors, we will be able to provide you with more detailed information, as well as to listen to your views during public consultation, and thereafter. We will contact you again with confirmation of dates for public consultation as soon as they have been confirmed to us.

Kind regards



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Chairman, Nishkam School Trust