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## **(1) Email from Vincent & Goring (agent for the development) to Stephen Hissett and all councillors**

**From:** Liz Fitzgerald [<mailto:liz.fitzgerald@vincent-goring.co.uk>]

**Sent:** 01 September 2015 15:22

**To:** Stephen Hissett; <all councillors>

**Cc:** Marilyn Smith

**Subject:** Proposed Nishkam School Q&A session

Dear Stephen and Councillors,

As you may be aware, Nishkam School Trust are hosting a Q&A session regarding the proposed school development at Syon Lane, on the 8<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm – 8pm.

The session is designed to assist in understanding the proposed development and the recent amendments submitted and answer any questions that people may have, as we are aware that rumours are spreading, which are not all factually correct.

The session will also allow the community to obtain a better understanding of what Nishkam School Trust is about and meet some of the people involved in the existing school on London Road/Wood Lane.

A number of Councillors have already expressed an interest in attending this event and we would like to extend the invite to everyone. Please find attached, details of the event.

We hope that we may see you there.

Kind regards

Liz Fitzgerald  
associate

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## **(2) Response to V&G from Councillor Louki**

**From:** Councillor Tony Louki

**Sent:** 03 September 2015 16:49

**To:** Liz Fitzgerald

**Cc:** Stephen Hissett ; Robert Coomber; Marilyn Smith; Councillor Bob Whatley ; Councillor Elizabeth Hughes ; Councillor Sheila O'Reilly

**Subject:** RE: Proposed Nishkam School Q&A session

Good afternoon Ms Fitzgerald, thank you for your e mail.

I hope to be at the event on 8.9.2015.

In the meantime, I should be grateful if you would apprise me of the rumours spreading and which of these may and may not be factually correct so that I can share this with my constituents.

Your clients and LBH planners may confirm to you that I have always sought to maximise consultation, share detail, avoid misinformation, concentrate on fact and promote fair play in the planning process.

I look forward to hearing from you.

**Tony Louki**

**Labour Party Councillor Osterley & Spring Grove Ward**

### (3) Reply to Councillor Louki from V&G

**From:** Liz Fitzgerald

**Date:** 04/09/2015 12:35 (GMT+00:00)

**To:** Councillor Tony Louki

**Cc:** Stephen Hissett ,Robert Coomber ,Marilyn Smith ,Councillor Bob Whatley ,Councillor Elizabeth Hughes ,Councillor Sheila O'Reilly

**Subject:** RE: Proposed Nishkam School Q&A session

Dear Councillor Louki,

Thank you for your email.

We have endeavoured to address all matters that have been reported incorrectly via the formal application channels and hope to further correct these matters on Tuesday evening, as interested parties ask questions.

In brief, the main issues that we have endeavoured to correct are as follows:

- Replacement Metropolitan Open Land. It has been suggested that we are required to provide replacement MOL if we are to develop on this land. *There is no policy requirement for replacement MOL to be provided.*
- Many have stated that there are no or limited Sikh' in the area and as such a Sikh school is not required. *The school is a multi-faith school, with a Sikh ethos. In addition, Sikh is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest religion in Hounslow (ONS Census Data 2011) and the 5<sup>th</sup> largest religion in the Osterley and Spring Grove ward.*
- It has been stated that the Sequential Test is flawed as a result of the site being identified in 2012. *The site was first identified in 2012 and considered by the Trust, however, a planning application must be supported by a sequential test. As such an independent assessment was undertaken, if the test concluded that the site was not the only suitable site, then an alternative site would have been considered. The sequential test must stand or fall based on its own merits and not what pre-dates it.*
- It has been suggested that sites are shown on the Invest in Hounslow web page are available and therefore should not have been excluded from the Sequential Test. *This web page simply lists all proposed development sites set out in the Local Plan for development, it does not indicate availability, ownership or suitability at this time for development.*
- Location based on Educational Need. *Much has been stated about the proposal not intending to provide for the ward in which it is situated. This is not the case, there is no restriction on where admissions come from for a free school and given the ethnic spilt within the ward and adjacent wards, it is anticipated that, in due course, as admissions progress and the school becomes established, that it will serve the local population more so than those further afield. This has been seen at other Nishkam Schools.*

This is not an exhaustive list, as we will continue to respond via formal application channels and in person to the community on Tuesday, but covers some of the issues that have been continually raised in response to the application.

We have also offered to meet with local residents groups to endeavour to ensure the facts are reported appropriately and discuss any concerns, share information and thus maximise consultation, but this offer has not been accepted to date.

I trust this assists you and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday evening.

Kind regards

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