

Transport

We are committed to encouraging sustainable transport and minimising congestion. We have created a travel plan that is unique to this site, robust and offers a high quality series of measures that will seek to minimise car-borne travel and maximise the use sustainable modes of transport by all staff and pupils.



In addition to the transport improvements above, Nishkam have also committed to:

- School Bus Provision (a minimum of three when the school is established, to be reviewed as pupil numbers increase)
- There is no on site drop off facility available to dissuade car travel to the site. Two park and stride locations have been identified for parent drop-off
- A Parents Travel Charter to promote sustainable modes of travel

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Nishkam School West London

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Computer generated image of the proposals for Nishkam School West London

Plans to deliver a new permanent home for Nishkam School in Osterley, with associated community facilities and highway improvements, will be considered by Hounslow Planning Committee this week.

The scheme has received a great deal of support from the local community, with over 1800 letters of support for the application submitted to the Council's consultation. The application includes:

- A new, purpose built, 1,400 student school to meet local educational need
- Community access to the new facilities
- New sports facilities including: a new sports hall, a regenerated grass pitch and a multi-use games area
- A comprehensive travel plan to promote the use of sustainable transport

The plans will provide much needed education facilities in Hounslow which desperately needs new school places. There is no other viable site in the borough to provide for this need.

Background

About Nishkam School West London

Nishkam School West London's core ethos is to empower children with values to enable them to excel academically and spiritually enabling them to serve humanity selflessly with an abundance of love, compassion and forgiveness.

Nishkam School West London has been operating in a restricted temporary building at the other end of Wood Lane for the last 2 years; there is no further space to grow beyond July 2017. An analysis of the school pupil population shows that 85% of Nishkam School West London's current pupils are residents of the London Borough of Hounslow.



Images of Nishkam students and teachers

The site and how we got here

The site is in a derelict condition, subject to illegal dumping and trespass issues for over 6 years. It has not been available for use for sporting use for over seven years.



Images of existing site

The Education Funding Agency (EFA) undertook a sequential test to establish the best location in Hounslow for a new school. The sequential test is a systematic approach to the availability of alternative sites. Prior to the assessment being undertaken, the criteria and methodology was agreed by the Local Planning Authority and followed rigorously. An exemplary process was followed, in which every site in Hounslow which meets the size criteria for a new school is evaluated for availability irrelevant of what the site is.

Nishkam arrived at White lodge on Wood Lane as it is the only site in Hounslow that is viable, appropriate and available for a new school.

Benefits

- **Educational need:** Already a strong school in Hounslow, with a pedigree of outstanding sister schools, Nishkam School West London is essential to Hounslow's future, which desperately needs a significant number of additional school places. Hounslow has experienced the 7th highest pupil growth of all London boroughs 2012-17 and 85% of Nishkam School West London's current pupils are residents of the London Borough of Hounslow (LBH).
- **Right location:** We can say with confidence that there is no viable alternative in the Borough. In collaboration with LBH, and through an exemplar systematic process, every site in Hounslow which met the size criteria for this school was evaluated; this is the only one that works.
- **Better sports facilities:** The site has been a derelict, fly tipping ground for too long. As part of Nishkam's proposals, new sports facilities will be created and maintained, not just for the benefit of pupils, but for the whole community.
- **Sustainable development:** We are committed to creating a sustainable and green school. As such, as part of our plans we have incorporated:

- Solar panels for sustainable energy
- 40% reduction of carbon emissions over the requirements of Part L 2013, in line with the London Plan
- 17 active and 9 passive electric car charging points
- Cycle parking capacity for 89 bicycles with planned expansion to 210 spaces when school reaches capacity
- On-site attenuation of surface water run-off, restricting discharge to green-field run off rates
- Positive enhancement of the ecology rating of the site
- High levels of daylight in all teaching spaces to reduce energy demands for lighting
- Heat recovery systems will be fitted to the ventilation systems allowing valuable heat to be reclaimed



Proposed masterplan of site