



ASAG Meeting Thursday 26th April 7pm At the Hornsey Lane Estate Community Centre, off Ashmount Road

Contrary to all LBI's consultation literature, the change of use from Education to Housing is not a done deal. But there's still lots to do. And ASAG needs your help!

Between now and 8th May LBI is still in the statutory consultation phase about whether or not to change the use of the school and the playing fields, ASAG needs your help to pull together the best possible case to convince Michael Gove not to agree this change of use.

LBI mis-information to be countered:

The recent consultation document stated that LBI intends to declare 'Ashmount Primary Site surplus to educational requirements from October 2012.'

Meanwhile, St Aloysius, on Hornsey Lane, is currently having to teach some classes in the dilapidated Methodist Hall in the central island at Archway roundabout, because they do not have space on their newly re-furbished site. Proof that there is continuing potential local need for educational use of this land.

In addition, LBI had a duty to market the Ashmount Site to other educational users when it became clear that their intent was to declare it surplus to their own use (see Cllr Watts statement, Islington Tribune, January 20, 2012). They have failed to do so. Nevertheless, ASAG has been made aware of several enquiries about the purchase of the site for educational purposes. LBI, under the Freedom of Information Act, has now admitted to only three such enquiries. Several enquiries have been told immediately that the site was 'no longer for educational use'. We are, however, aware of one determined educational company who are currently enthusiastic about the facilities offered by the site, are willing to cooperate with local residents in maintaining the locally listed school and amenities of this conservation area and who are trying to negotiate with LBI.

You need to know the facts. ASAG needs YOUR help gathering signatures for a wide reaching petition as well as planning a media campaign. Please come along.

For more background information about ASAG, please see www.asag.org.uk

PETITION

**I would like the Ashmount Primary Site in
London, N19 to remain in Educational Use:**

First Name.....

Family Name.....

Address.....

Signed.....

Please return to 84 Whitehall Park, N19 3TN by 15th April

Or

**you can register your support of ASAG's petition
on-line via**

www.louder.org.uk/SaveAshmount4Schools

If you are not already on the ASAG email mailing list, and would like to be please send us an email with the subject 'Please add me to mailing list' to mail@asag.org.uk

Ashmount School Survey

The Dept of Education has stated that 70,000 new primary school places re needed in London alone by 2015. Haringey across the border from the Ashmount Site requires a 15% increase in primary school places by 2015. We suspect that the reason LBI is able to say that there is no need for more school places is that many local parents choose not to educate their children at Ashmount or Hargrave Park, choosing instead Coleridge, Highgate Primary, St Michaels or to go privately etc. However, in the future those options may no longer be available to Islington residents as increases in birth rates in Haringey put pressure on the places they have available in the state sector. Therefore, ASAG would like to find out whether LBI's statements about there being no need for primary school places is in fact a true reflection of the situation or is it that they just don't want to find out about demand since they are obsessed with putting housing on the site.

Do you have children of pre-school or primary school age? Y/N

If so how many?

If they are of primary school age please state where and how many are educated according to the following criteria:

Islington State Primary (inc faith school)

Haringey State Primary (inc faith school)

State Primary in another borough (inc faith school)

Private School

Home School

Other

If you do not currently educate your children in an Islington School and if a new Islington primary school were created on the Ashmount school site would you use it? Yes / No / Maybe

Please return to 84 Whitehall Park, London, N19 3TN by **15th April**.