

SSA EQUALITY IMPACT AND NEEDS ANALYSIS

Directorate	Children's Services
Service Area	Policy/Business and Resources
Service/policy/function being assessed	Provision of a primary school and community facility at Nine Elms, Battersea.
Which borough (s) does the service/policy apply to	Wandsworth
Staff involved in developing this EINA	Sophie Flanagan
Date approved by Directorate Equality Group (if applicable)	
Date approved by Policy and Review Manager All EINAs must be signed off by the Policy and Review Manager	27/09/2024
Date submitted to Directors' Board	N/A

1. Summary

Please summarise the key findings of the EINA.

The provision will connect new and existing communities at the heart of Nine Elms, creating a sense of place through a flagship school and community facilities. It will support an integrated neighbourhood, foster community cohesion and provide access to high-quality facilities.

Expressions of interest were invited from local schools who admit high numbers of children and families from the catchment area for operating the primary school site. St George's Church of England school was successful by demonstrating a strong reputation in the community. St George's Primary School's ethos aligns with a community provision ensuring both the school and the community are working together to support children and families in the area.

St. George's pride themselves on being an inclusive school, being especially proud of their work with pupils with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs and have created a safe, nurturing environment where all children are known, loved and valued.

The addition of a base for 16 children with special needs supports meets our ambition to promote inclusion in Wandsworth and a school for all. The SEND base will have places for 16 children, all with SEMH. These children are currently having to be placed in independent provision.

The data below shows that out of 42,292 pupils in Wandsworth schools, 4,492 are recorded as having SEN support, with 3,009 active EHCPs. In terms of deprivation, an estimated 35,526 people experience income deprivation in Wandsworth, which includes an estimated 8,544 children. In terms of health, 58.8% of children and young people are estimated to be physically active, compared to 45.7% in London and 47% in England.

This EINA has shown that no significant adverse impacts have been identified for individuals and groups with protected characteristics. Instead, this new provision will strengthen provision for our children and families and wider community.

2. Evidence gathering and engagement

a. What evidence has been used for this assessment? For example, national data, local data via DataRich or DataWand

Evidence	Source
Population Data	ONS, Census 2021 via DataWand
Pupil Data	Schools Census Data
SEND data	Local resident data
Low-income data	DWP
Carers data	Adult Social Care Outcome Framework
Obesity data	Sports England; NCMP

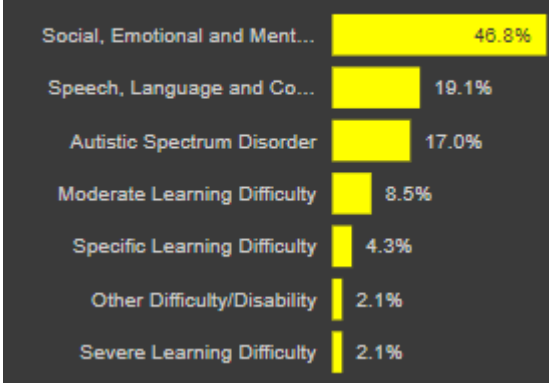
b. Who have you engaged and consulted with as part of your assessment?

Individuals/Groups	Consultation/Engagement results	Date	What changed as a result of the consultation
The Council has carried out extensive engagement with schools and the community to look at proposed facilities.	The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.		The building has been designed with children at the heart, with the primary focus on meeting needs

3. Analysis of need

Protected group	Findings																																																		
Age	<p>The new school building and community facility is aimed at all Wandsworth residents, though children, young people, and families in Nine Elms will be most impacted.</p> <p>The table below shows the age make-up of the Wandsworth population compared to London and Inner London. (GLA Population Projections of 2024, 2023) This shows that Wandsworth has a larger population aged 20 to 39 than London and Inner London averages, and a similar older population sizes to London and Inner London.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Age</th> <th>Wandsworth Population</th> <th>% of Wandsworth Population</th> <th>% of Inner London Population</th> <th>% of London Population</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0 to 9</td> <td>32,158</td> <td>9.67</td> <td>9.94</td> <td>11.13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10 to 19</td> <td>30,813</td> <td>9.27</td> <td>10.5</td> <td>11.77</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20 to 29</td> <td>72,345</td> <td>21.76</td> <td>20.7</td> <td>16.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30 to 39</td> <td>68,819</td> <td>20.7</td> <td>19.46</td> <td>17.04</td> </tr> <tr> <td>40 to 49</td> <td>44,539</td> <td>13.4</td> <td>13.63</td> <td>14.41</td> </tr> <tr> <td>50 to 59</td> <td>36,688</td> <td>11.04</td> <td>11.54</td> <td>12.26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>60 to 69</td> <td>24,008</td> <td>7.22</td> <td>7.77</td> <td>8.77</td> </tr> <tr> <td>70 to 79</td> <td>14,715</td> <td>4.43</td> <td>4.16</td> <td>5.37</td> </tr> <tr> <td>80+</td> <td>8,373</td> <td>2.52</td> <td>2.31</td> <td>3.19</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Age	Wandsworth Population	% of Wandsworth Population	% of Inner London Population	% of London Population	0 to 9	32,158	9.67	9.94	11.13	10 to 19	30,813	9.27	10.5	11.77	20 to 29	72,345	21.76	20.7	16.06	30 to 39	68,819	20.7	19.46	17.04	40 to 49	44,539	13.4	13.63	14.41	50 to 59	36,688	11.04	11.54	12.26	60 to 69	24,008	7.22	7.77	8.77	70 to 79	14,715	4.43	4.16	5.37	80+	8,373	2.52	2.31	3.19
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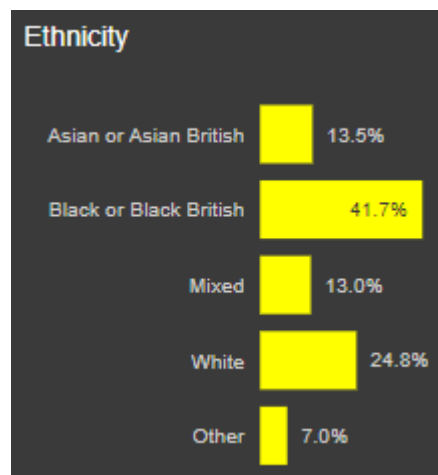
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<p>Disability</p>	<p>The ONS Census (2021) showed that 37,447 (i.e. 11.4% of all residents) were disabled with 7.7% (415 residents) in the Nine Elms ward under the Equality Act across Wandsworth.</p> <p>From the May 2024 School Census, St George's CoE Primary had 235 pupils.</p> <p>Out of 42,292 pupils in Wandsworth schools, 4,492 are recorded as having SEN Support (School Census, Jan 2024). In addition, resident data shows 3,009 active Education, Health & Care Plans (EHCPs).</p> <p>6.2% of our school populations (i.e. our population in schools, not resident population) has an EHCP (8th highest nationally), compared to 4.8% nationally and for statistical neighbours. However, this is heavily impacted by our status as a large net importer of Special School students. Our overall SEN Support population is 14.4% (51st highest nationally), compared to 13.6% nationally and 13.8% for statistical neighbours.</p> <p>DfE Data (2023) breaking down SEN Support by education settings is set out below.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="414 981 1481 1205"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Education Setting</th> <th colspan="3">% of pupils receiving SEN support (2023 – DfE)</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Wandsworth</th> <th>London</th> <th>England</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Nursery School</td> <td>21.7</td> <td>20.1</td> <td>17.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Primary School</td> <td>13.9</td> <td>12.6</td> <td>13.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secondary School</td> <td>12.9</td> <td>11.1</td> <td>12.4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Special School</td> <td>0.7</td> <td>2.1</td> <td>1.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>This data shows that Wandsworth has a higher proportion of pupils receiving SEN Support compared to London and England in each setting (excluding special schools). The largest cohort receiving SEN support is at nursery school (21.7% compared to 20.1% in London and 17% in England).</p> <p>The SEND base at the school will have places for 16 children, all with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs. This is a key area of SEND need which has been identified post COVID and through our recent SEMH review. We have established a considerable number of bases to cater for children with autism but there is currently not enough SEMH provision. These children are currently having to be placed in independent provision.</p> <p>The graph below highlights the majority of SEN primary need at St George’s is Social, Emotional and Mental Health).</p>	Education Setting	% of pupils receiving SEN support (2023 – DfE)			Wandsworth	London	England	Nursery School	21.7	20.1	17.0	Primary School	13.9	12.6	13.5	Secondary School	12.9	11.1	12.4	Special School	0.7	2.1	1.0
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<p>Sex</p>	<p>The ONS Census (2021) showed that in Nine Elms ward 1739 residents (54%) were female and 1475 residents were male (46%).</p> <p>At St George’s Church of England School there were 121 female pupils and 114 male pupils (May 2024, Schools Census).</p>														
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<p>Marriage and civil partnership</p>	<p>The ONS Census (2021) showed that 63.8% of residents in Nine Elms had never been married or in a civil partnership, and 28% were married or in a civil partnership.</p>														
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<p>Race/ethnicity</p>	<p>Demographics</p> <p>Wandsworth is an ethnically diverse borough when compared to England. However, compared to London and Inner London, Wandsworth has much higher proportion of White British individuals (Census 2021).</p> <p>Ethnicity breakdown, numbers, and percentage, Census 2021, Wandsworth, London and England</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="414 1870 1524 2016"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ethnicity</th> <th>Wandsworth</th> <th>Wandsworth %</th> <th>London</th> <th>London %</th> <th>England</th> <th>England %</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Asian, Asian British</td> <td>38314</td> <td>11.7%</td> <td>1817640</td> <td>20.7%</td> <td>5426392</td> <td>9.6%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Ethnicity	Wandsworth	Wandsworth %	London	London %	England	England %	Asian, Asian British	38314	11.7%	1817640	20.7%	5426392	9.6%
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Black, Black British, Caribbean or African	33062	10.1%	1188370	13.5%	2381724	4.2%
Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups	20598	6.3%	505775	5.7%	1669378	3%
White	222090	67.8%	4731172	53.8%	45783401	81%
Other ethnic group	13442	4.1%	556768	6.3%	1229153	2.2%

The ONS Census (2021) data showed that 2251 residents (41.7%) of all Nine Elms residents were from a Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic background compared to 32.19% against the borough’s population. This project will support an integrated neighbourhood, foster community cohesion and provide access to high-quality facilities to all within the borough.

Ethnicity breakdown of St George’s school is below (January 2024 school census). This graph shows the majority of pupils 41.7% have a Black or Black British background.



Religion and belief, including non belief

The table below shows religion, belief, and non-belief in Wandsworth from the 2021 Census.

Religion	% of the borough
Christian	42.64
No religion	36.2
Muslim	9.92
Not answered	7.18
Hindu	1.96
Buddhist	0.7
Other religion	0.57
Jewish	0.54
Sikh	0.29

	<p>41.5% of Nine Elms residents identify as having no religion compared to 36.2% of the borough and 33% of residents are Christian compared to 42.65% of the borough (ONS Census Data, 2021).</p> <p>St Geroge’s is a Church of England school however, they will ensure their current community is protected within their admissions policy and have proposed a ‘priority area’ arrangement like many of the Wandsworth schools to ensure residents from the estate, who will be losing their local school distance-wise, have priority within the criteria. They would also propose a criteria for disadvantaged pupils to ensure they could continue to support those most vulnerable in the community, maintaining a high level of FSM eligible children in the school.</p>												
<p>Sexual orientation</p>	<p>The ONS Census (2021) data shows that 86.5% of Wandsworth residents identified as Straight or Heterosexual, and 5.2% identified as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Other. This question was only asked of respondents over 16.</p>												
<p>Socio-economic status (to be treated as a protected characteristic under Section 1 of the Equality Act 2010) Include the following groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deprivation (measured by the 2019 English Indices of Deprivation) • Low-income groups & employment • Carers • Care experienced people • Single parents • Health inequalities • Refugee status 	<p><u>Deprivation</u> On the ONS’s deprivation measures, Wandsworth is the 3rd least deprived borough in London.</p> <p>Using the 2019 Indices of Deprivation and the ONS Census 2021 data, an estimated 35,526 people experience income deprivation across Wandsworth.</p> <p>At a regional level, Queenstown (which Nine Elms was previously a part of until 2022) had the most LSOAs ranked as relatively more deprived (2019 Indices of Deprivation).</p> <p>An estimated 8,544 children are living in deprivation across Wandsworth.</p> <p>In Wandsworth Schools there is an increase in proportion of children who are eligible for free school meals. In January 2024, 30% of Wandsworth pupils were eligible for free school meals, an increase from 16% in 2018. This is higher than London averages (28%) and England (26%) (2019 IMD).</p> <p>Most of the children attending St George’s CoE Primary School are from the 10% most deprived IDACI banding (149/235 - 63%) or 10-40% most deprived (76/149) (May 2024, School Census).</p> <p>As of May 2024, 147 out of 235 (63%) of pupils were eligible for free school meals (May 2024 School Census)</p> <p><u>Low-income Groups & Employment</u> DWP data (2021/22) shows us that the percentages of children under 16 living in families with Absolute or Relative Low Income in Wandsworth are both below London and England figures:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="416 1800 1481 1984"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Wandsworth</th> <th>London</th> <th>England</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>% of children Living in families with Absolute Low Income</td> <td>8.5%</td> <td>12.0%</td> <td>14.7%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>% of children Living in families with Relative Low Income</td> <td>10.7%</td> <td>15.0%</td> <td>19.2%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Wandsworth	London	England	% of children Living in families with Absolute Low Income	8.5%	12.0%	14.7%	% of children Living in families with Relative Low Income	10.7%	15.0%	19.2%
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	<p>In December 2023, 83.9% Wandsworth residents were employed compared to 74.6% in London and 76% in England. Data shows that in July 2024, 3.9% of Wandsworth residents were claiming out-of-work benefits compared to 5.9% in London and 4.3% in England.</p> <p><u>Carers</u> An estimated 5.8% of Wandsworth residents are unpaid carers. The Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework (ASCOF) showed that in 2021/22, only 32.1% of adult carers felt they had as much social contact as they would like.</p> <p>Only 0.1% of the Wandsworth school population are known to be young carers, compared to 0.3% in London and 0.6% nationally.</p> <p><u>Care Experienced People</u> We currently have 233 children looked after with the figure generally decreasing over the past 8 years. The cohort is generally older, with 74% aged between 10 and 17, and 54% teenagers. In terms of ethnicity, 31% are from a Mixed Ethnic background, 30% are from a Black / Black British background, and 25% from a White / White British background. We have 328 people who have left care, 71% of which are aged between 18 and 21. 42% are from a Black / Black British background, and 25% are from a White / White British background.</p> <p><u>Single Parents</u> 6% of households in Wandsworth are lone parent households with dependent children, however this is lower than regional and national averages.</p> <p><u>Health Inequalities</u> In 2022/23, Sports England reported that 58.8% of children and young people in Wandsworth are estimated to be physically active, compared to 45.7% in London and 47% in England. In this case, physically active means at least 60 minutes of moderate-vigorous intensity activity per day across the week.</p> <p>With the new provision, soft landscaping and courtyard wildlife gardens are planned for outdoor play and lesson space, to encourage and support the children with physical activity. The community centre will house an indoor sports hall and outdoor Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) for 5-a-side football, netball and other outdoor activities, both of which are in high demand across the Borough.</p> <p><u>Refugee Status</u> In March 2023, 11% of the looked after children population are unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (26 individuals) and the majority of looked after children are 10+ years (69%) which is linked to a particularly high level of need for this age group (Department for Education, 2023).</p>
<p>Across groups i.e older LGBT service users or Black, Asian & Minority Ethnic young men.</p>	<p>Where possible, we have included data across groups above.</p>

4. Impact

Protected group	Positive	Negative
Age	This new provision provides an accessible school and a community centre which provides a range of activities indoor and out which are in high demand across the Borough. This provision will positively impact on all residents across Nine Elms and the borough, specifically children and young people.	No negative impacts arising from the developments are anticipated on this group, however Wandsworth Council is committed to listening to residents and aim to take action where we are made aware of negative impacts arising from these changes.
Disability	The addition of a SEND resource base for 16 children with special needs supports the Council's ambition to promote inclusion in Wandsworth and a school for all. These children are currently having to be placed in independent provision.	<p>There is a potential negative impact from disruption for current students from St Georges when they move sites in particular as the site is half a mile from the existing site, parents may need to travel further however, pupils and families will be closely supported drawing on our experience of other recent school moves.</p> <p>To ensure St George's current community is protected the school will amend their admissions policy and have proposed a 'priority area' arrangement like many of the Wandsworth schools to ensure residents from the estate, who will be losing their local school distance-wise, have priority within the criteria. They would also propose a criteria for disadvantaged pupils to ensure they could continue to support those most vulnerable in the community, maintaining a high level of FSM eligible children in the school.</p>
Sex	This provision aims to positively impact on all Wandsworth residents, specifically children and young people. The new provision will likely impact more women as they are more likely to have caring responsibilities. With an accessible school provision which includes a nurse and community facility aimed at providing a social space to come together.	No negative impacts arising.
Gender reassignment	No specific impact identified.	As above.
Marriage and civil partnership	No specific impact identified.	As above.
Pregnancy and maternity	<p>The provision has space for 52 nursery age children designed as a standalone facility.</p> <p>The community village hub will support residents through activities, events, and</p>	As above.

	cultural programming, providing a social space for all residents and visitors and provide a safe space for wellness, relaxation, and lifelong learning and increases local participation.	
Race/ethnicity	This provision aims to positively impact on all Wandsworth residents, specifically for children and young people, regardless of race or ethnicity.	As above.
Religion and belief, including non belief	This provision aims to positively impact on all Wandsworth residents, specifically for children and young people, regardless of religion or belief.	As above.
Sexual orientation	No specific impact identified.	As above.
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	<p>resilience. Providing a flexible community space that adds value to community life, is inviting for all families, provides a safe space for wellness, relaxation, and lifelong learning and increases local participation</p> <p>The community centre will house an indoor sports hall and outdoor Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) for 5-a-side football, netball and other outdoor activities, both of which are in high demand across the Borough.</p>	
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5. Actions to advance equality, diversity and inclusion

Action	Lead Officer	Deadline
<p>The Council will continue to work with St George’s school leadership and school community on how best to use the space and opportunity it affords to benefit children and their families.</p>		