



Burnham needs a Secondary School

Second Listening Period – Let's be heard

It's not clear why there's a second 'listening period' over the closure of Burnham Park Academy, but it's an opportunity to say again that we need a non-selective secondary school in Burnham.

PLEASE write to consult@e-act.org.uk and the Regional Schools Commission Catherine.TURTON-RYZ@education.gov.uk and rsc.scnwlon@education.gov.uk. The local Bucks County Councillors are Dev Dhillon ddhillon@buckscc.gov.uk and Lin Hazell hazell@buckscc.gov.uk.

Tell them that the low pupils forecasts provided by Bucks County Council are because E-Act has failed the school and parents don't send their children to failing schools. In just 7 years, pupil numbers have dropped 63% and the sixth form has closed due to E-ACTs actions or inactions.

Tell them that Maidenhead Borough has said that, with 9000 new dwellings being constructed, there will be fewer places for Buckinghamshire children in future.

Tell them that transporting all Burnham pupils to Bourne End would require 30 coaches along unsuitable roads. Many special needs pupils find travelling by coach particularly stressful and tiring, further impacting their education.

Tell them that Burnham, Dorney and Taplow primary schools have 5 forms in each year. Priory and Lady of Peace primary schools in Slough are within half a mile and have another 6 forms. An excellent non-selective school in Burnham could have an 8 form entry, to match the 6 form entry at the grammar school. In addition, Farnham, Wooburn and even Stoke Poges pupils might appreciate the choice of a good Burnham school.

Please get writing for the sake of future children and our village.

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E-Act has approval to close Burnham Park Academy on the end of this term, leaving Burnham, Taplow and Dorney outside the catchment areas of ANY non-selective secondary school.

The area needs a good non-selective secondary school to meet the expectations of parents. There is a site in the middle of the village, with excellent sports hall and playing fields. The 6 local primary

schools provide a 8 form entry waiting for better provision. This estimate is backed up by a population of 20,000 in Bucks and 15,000 just over the border in Slough, after taking out those pupils who prefer other primary schools and the 25% creamed off to grammar schools.

The school has become unviable with pupil numbers dropping by 63% in just 7 years, and the sixth form closing. This must be due to the actions or inactions of the academy group. Parents will not choose a failing school if they have a choice.

That choice for Buckinghamshire parents is likely to disappear as Maidenhead borough plans 9000 new dwellings which will fill its own schools. Slough has traditionally relied on Burnham school places to meet its needs, and that could occur in the future with 40% forecasted growth.

Children deserve to be educated locally,

- Joining in after school activities
- After school tuition for GCSEs
- Sharing village events and clubs with school friends
- Walking or cycling to school
- Saving an hour each way on bus or rail journeys
- Saving £800 pa on travel costs

Burnham needs a secondary school. Local people of all parties and none are fighting to ensure that Burnham is not neglected in this matter.