

## FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION

## Appendix C

<b>FACTORS</b>	<b>EXPANDING SCHOOL</b>
<b>Complies with requirements</b>	<p>Published linked statutory notice put together in line with advice and support from DCSF School Organisation Unit and Halton Borough Council Legal Services.</p> <p>Copies sent to The Heath School Governors and staff at the School, all Secondary, Primary and Special Schools, LSC, Diocesan Authorities, Trade Unions, Children's Trust Representatives, Health Authority Representatives and Neighbouring Authorities and Schools Organisation Unit.</p> <p>Published in local papers, schools and other public buildings. Placed on the BSF website and the CYP e-circular.</p>
<b>Prior consultation</b>	<p>Two rounds of consultation held. First round in June 2009 and second round January 2010.</p> <p>All notes of the meetings and the presentation used at each public meeting are available on the bsf website. Copies of feedback forms received are also available on request.</p>

<p><b>System shaped by Parents – best schools are able to expand and spread this ethos and success</b></p>	<p>The Heath is a both a popular and successful school. The current capacity of the school is 1050 – 210 per year the school has been over subscribed for the last few years with 236 places allocated for 2010.</p>
<p><b>Boosts standards and opportunities for young people and matches school place supply as closely as possible to pupils and parents wishes</b></p>	<p>The Heath is both a popular and successful school. The school numbers have been increased to respond to parental preference and the estimated increase in pupils in Runcorn in future years.</p>
<p><b>Assists in delivering principles of Every Child Matters</b></p>	<p>As part of the BSF Programme The Heath A Specialist Technology College will be expanded and rebuilt. This will include new dining and sports facilities and more flexible , 21<sup>st</sup> century facilities to support more personalisation, better workforce spaces for staff and better facilities for teaching and learning. Technology will be maximised and access to both academic and vocational provision will be offered. Extended services and provision will be increased. The building be designed to be more accessible to pupils, parents, staff and the community.</p>
<p><b>Ensures sufficient capacity to accommodate displaced pupils – including future demand for places</b></p>	<p>The Heath will be expanded and rebuilt as part of the BSF Programme. There will be no displaced pupils and increasing the capacity of the school will allow for increases in pupil numbers in Runcorn in future years.</p>
<p><b>Diversity</b></p>	<p>The Heath will contribute towards the diversity of provision available in Runcorn. The Heath will be a Community School offering places for pupils aged 11-16 years, The Grange will become an All Through Trust School, St Chads is now a joint faith Catholic and Church of England 11 -19 school and Halton High will become an Academy offering places for pupils aged 11 – 19 years.</p>
<p><b>Addresses surplus places, provides value for money, raises standards and meets parental choice</b></p>	<p>Expanding The Heath will help to meet parental choice in Runcorn and raise standards.</p>

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<b>Creating Additional Places Expansion of Successful and Popular Schools (strong presumption to expand popular and successful schools)</b>	<p>The Heath is a popular school. Annually more parents express a preference for The Heath than can be accommodated within their current capacity of 210. The proposed increased admission number is to take into consideration parental preference and the estimated increase in pupil numbers in Runcorn in future years.</p> <p>Performance at Key Stage 4 both at 5 A* - C and 5 A* - C with English and Maths is the second highest in the borough.</p>
<b>Impact on Community Community Cohesion and Race Equality</b>	<p>Through BSF The Heath is seeking to increase access to extended services and provision.</p>
<b>Considers travel and accessibility for all</b>	<p>In designing the new provision at The Heath care will be taken to ensure that sustainable travel is maximised and where vehicle access to the site is required this is provided to ensure the swift and safe movement of traffic.</p>
<b>Equal Opportunity Issues</b>	<p>The Heath is a mixed comprehensive with intakes from a broad socio economic background. The Heath will be designed and remodelled to be more accessible. There are no sex, race or disability issues arising from the closure.</p>
<b>Rural School</b>	N/A
<b>14-19 Curriculum and Collaboration – opportunities for students are not being reduced</b>	<p>In Halton 14-19 provision is being developed borough-wide. This ensures that the contribution of a range of partners is maximised. Partners include the schools, college, City Learning Centres and work based providers. Through the development of collaborative arrangements the 14-19 Partnership is seeking to extend the range of 14-19 provision offered.</p>
<b>Capital</b>	<p>The Heath will be rebuilt as part of the Building School for the Future Programme.</p>
<b>Views of interested parties</b>	<p>Extensive consultation has been undertaken. The views of all those who have responded to the consultation have been considered.</p>

