

# New secondary school for South Wimbledon

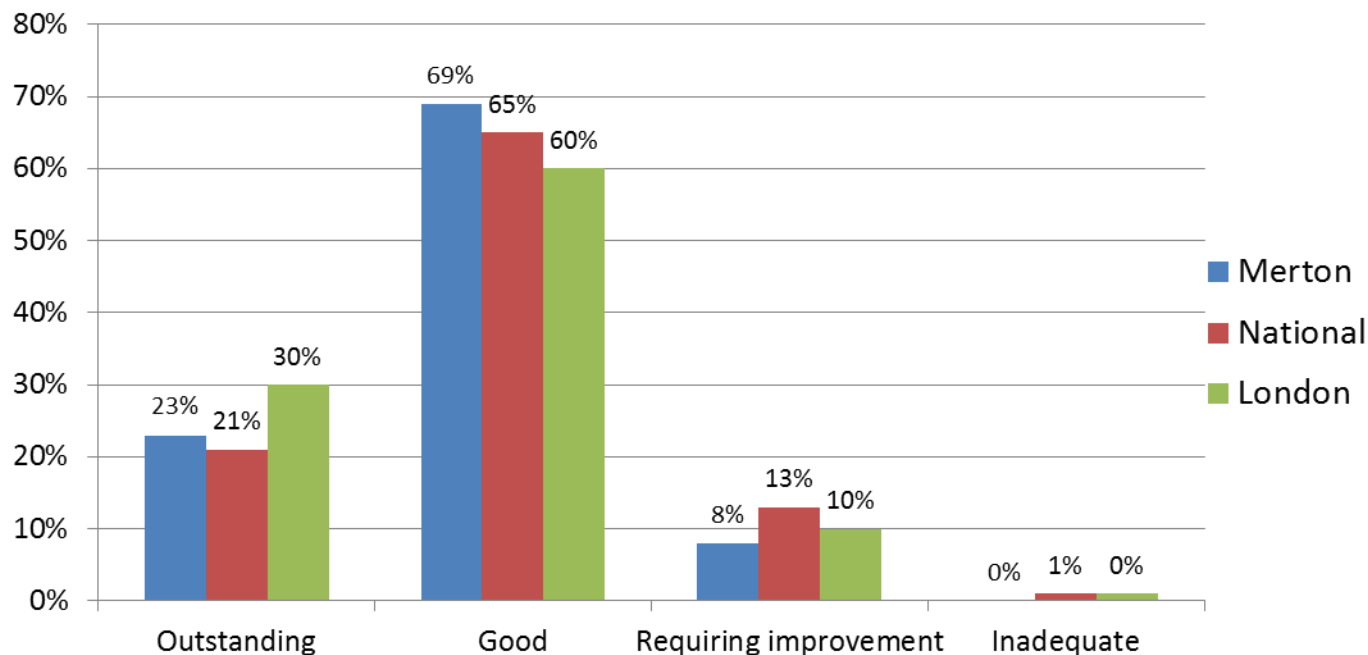
Harris  
Wimbledon  
Academy



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# Ofsted outcomes in Merton



- 92% of all Merton schools are currently judged to be good or better (81% in 2014).
- This is above the London and national averages.
- 100% of secondary schools are good or better.

## 2016 DfE data shows secondary school attainment and progress in top rank of council areas

Attainment in Merton secondary schools risen rapidly over last 10 years  
2016 Government's new measures are 'Progress 8' and 'Attainment 8'  
'Progress 8' score for secondary schools across Merton is 0.3 – well above the national average, and above London average

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Figure 15: Average Attainment 8 score per pupil by local authority  
England, 2016



Chart published in Schoolsweek

# Why is a new school needed and when?

- More children in Merton - primary expansion extra 21 forms of entry (630 places per year) to meet demand
- Primary school children reaching start of secondary school
- School must open in September 2018 to meet major increase in demand

Note: In January 2016 school census 377 extra pupils in year 4 (reaching year 7 in Sep 2018) compared to year 6 (started year 7 in Sep 2016)

# Why in South Wimbledon?

- Existing schools in Mitcham and Morden are smaller (6FE) and can expand as required e.g. Harris Merton
- Larger Wimbledon schools (8FE = 1200 places plus 6<sup>th</sup> form) unwilling to expand
- Local primary schools expanded to meet local need – now seeking a secondary school destination

# Commissioning schools - Role of the EFA and council

- Council responsible for sufficient school places
- All new schools must be Academies or Free Schools
- Central government (EFA) manages and pays for the new school construction (split in site acquisition costs)
- The council supported a Harris Wimbledon Free School bid in autumn 2015

# Site search

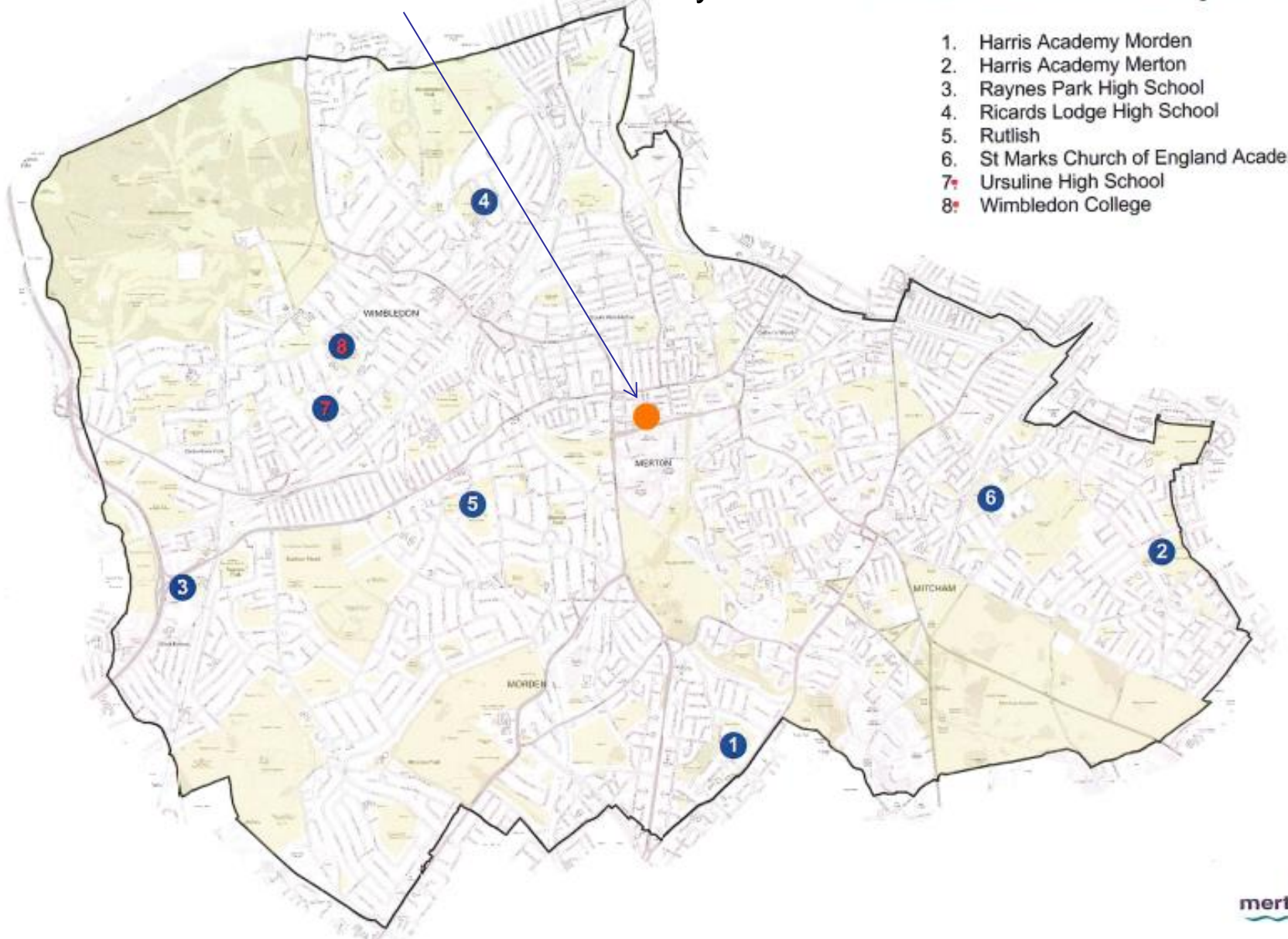
- Council searching for a site from 2013 to 2015 (Capita site search in 2013 covered a wider area and provided limited options)
- Council and EFA working together from spring 2015 to identify a site
- Considered industrial and existing school sites but ruled out open space; no easy options



# Site for Harris Wimbledon Academy

## Location of Merton Secondary Schools

- 1. Harris Academy Morden
- 2. Harris Academy Merton
- 3. Raynes Park High School
- 4. Ricards Lodge High School
- 5. Rutlish
- 6. St Marks Church of England Academy
- 7. Ursuline High School
- 8. Wimbledon College



# What is the specific site?



(Day Centre, Domex & Elim) plus agreement with Merton Abbey Primary School

# Why the High Path site?

- In the area of demand from rising primary school pupils
- Only required purchase of two freeholds with no long term leasehold interests
- Small site but sufficient with portion of Merton Abbey Primary field and local playing fields
- Potential to complement regeneration of area

# Site assembly implications

- Day Centre → Leyton Road
- Elim Church → Merton Hall (SWCA)
- SWCA Merton Hall → Pincott Road
- Small part of Merton Abbey to become part of Harris Wimbledon site in return for use of Harris Wimbledon site and development of grounds

# Site assembly implications



# Timetable of moves

- **SEPTEMBER 2018** Harris Wimbledon Academy opens in Whatley Avenue (for 2 academic years)
- **SEPTEMBER 2020** Opens at its permanent site
- **SPRING/SUMMER 2017**
  - SWCA (South Wimbledon Community Assoc.) vacate Merton Hall to allow building works and moves to 3 Pincott Road
  - 21 Leyton Road tenants vacate the building to allow building works
- **SPRING 2018**
  - High Path Day Centre occupants vacate High Path Day Centre and move to extended and refurbished Leyton Road

# Timetable

- **JULY 2018**
- Elim Church vacate their building and move to Merton Hall – construction of new school building in High Path can start
- **SEPTEMBER 2018**  
Harris Wimbledon Academy opens to year 7 pupils at its temporary site in Whatley Avenue (for 2 academic years)
- **SEPTEMBER 2020**
- School opens at its permanent South Wimbledon site (construction completed summer 2020)

# Implications for Day centre

## 21 Leyton Road to be the replacement facility:

- Approximately 10 minutes walk from the existing facility
- With EFA majority funding, over £1 million to be spent refurbishing, adapting and extending to ensure it is an equivalent facility
- The move will not be until spring 2018 when Leyton Road is ready

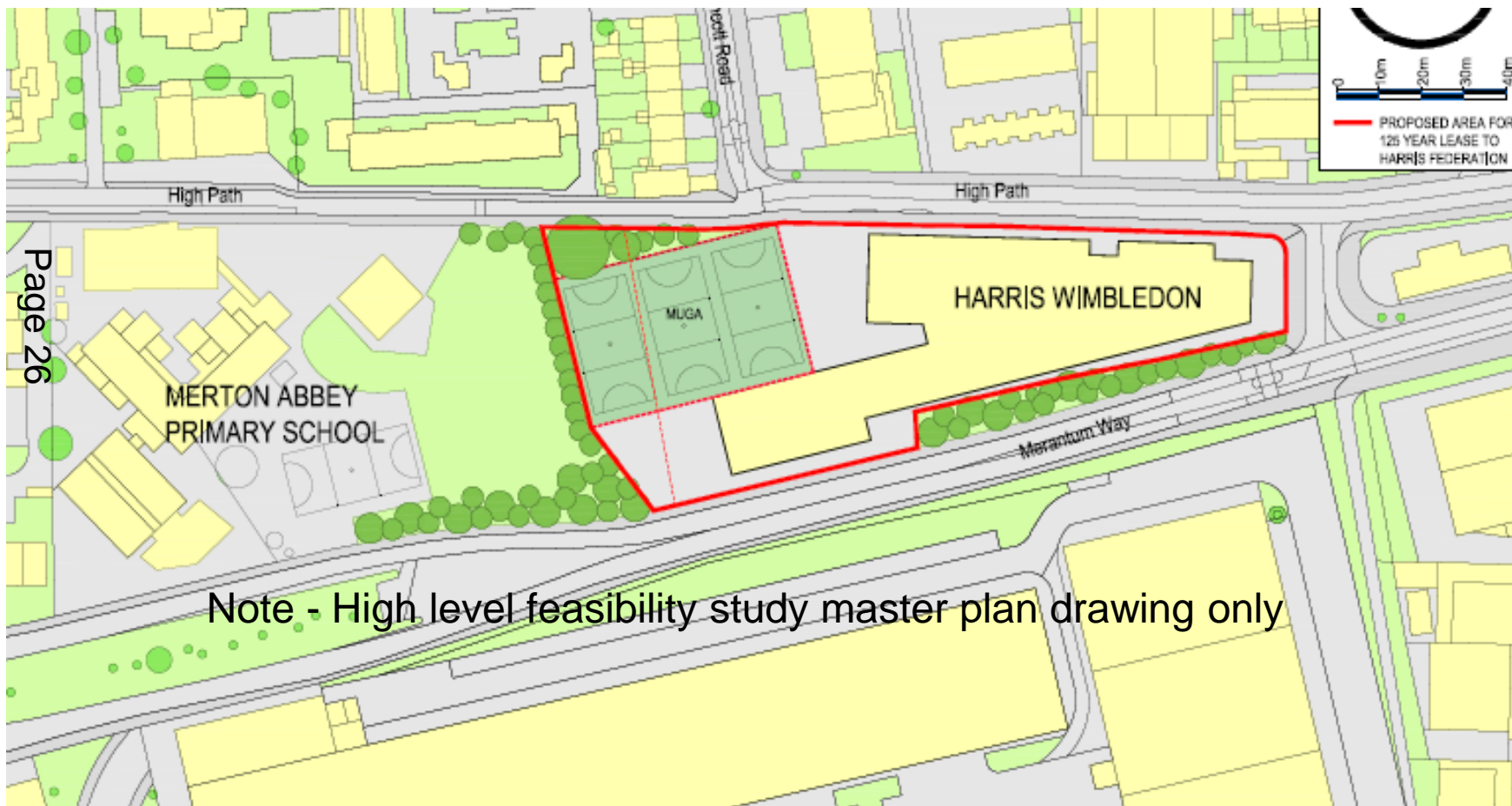


# Harris Wimbledon Academy

## High Level Feasibility

- High level feasibility study completed
- A five storey building to the EFA space standards including sports hall
- Space outside for a three court facility (with Merton Abbey Primary agreement)
- Use of local playing fields
- EFA undertaking more detailed design work before confirming the design

# High level feasibility



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Note - High level feasibility study master plan drawing only

# Next steps

- Harris Academy 'education' statutory consultation February 2017
- Planning application for new school mid to Autumn 2017

# Websites for keeping updated

- LB Merton website on Harris Wimbledon
- [www.merton.gov.uk/harriswimbledon](http://www.merton.gov.uk/harriswimbledon)
- Harris Federation website on Harris Wimbledon  
<http://www.harrisfederation.org.uk/176/future-academies/project/17/a-new-secondary-school-for-wimbledon>
- EFA (Education Funding Agency) website on Free Schools  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/academies-and-free-schools>



# Merton Abbey Primary

- Small area of Merton Abbey Primary School playing field (approx. width of a tennis court) to become part of Harris Wimbledon site
- Merton Abbey pupils to have access to Harris' three court artificial grass facility at set times
- Funding to Merton Abbey Primary School to enhance the school grounds
- Wider opportunities for primary school to utilise specialist facilities

# What is the specific site?



3 parcels of land on High Path  
(Day Centre, Domex & Elim) plus agreement  
with Merton Abbey Primary School

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