

OASIS ACADEMY ARENA PUBLIC CONSULTATION REPORT:

PROPOSAL TO REDUCE THE PAN (PUBLISHED ADMISSIONS NUMBER)

ALBERT ROAD, SOUTH NORWOOD, LONDON SE25 4QL



Executive summary

Oasis Academy Arena is a small and friendly secondary academy located in South Norwood, Croydon, London, where children enjoy learning and are supported to achieve their best. The teachers, wider staff team, parents and carers are all committed to building on their successes and making the academy an exceptional school for the students. In the latest Ofsted report, inspectors recognised that our curriculum is 'ambitious and broad', our teachers 'are knowledgeable about their subject' and 'pupils feel safe', are 'interested in their lessons' and 'behave respectfully and 'treat each other well'. (Ofsted 2023).

When the academy was opened in September 2015, it was responding to a predicted need for more secondary school places in Croydon. At this time, it was anticipated that Oasis Academy Arena would serve 900 students (180 in each year group) once fully operational. However, as time has passed, the number of children needing secondary places in the north part of Croydon has remained static and as a result the academy has operated with around 120 students in each year group, or below, totalling no more than 600 students across Years 7-11.

The proposed change is to officially reduce the school's published admission number (PAN) from 180 students in each year group to 120 students.

OCL (Oasis Community Learning) has the agreement of the Local Authority on the proposed changes. Before proceeding with this change, OCL will submit a Significant Change application to obtain approval from the DfE to proceed. The consultation and responses form part of this application.

A consultation with the local community was completed from 7th October 2024 to 1st December 2024, and OCL obtained 14 responses to the online survey about the proposed changes.

Benefits

As of September 2024, the academy had 372 students on roll from Year 7-11. This proposal will enable the school to continue to operate at its current size and will allow the academy staff to more effectively focus learning and teaching resources to continuously improve the education offered. The academy was designated as Requires Improvement following a Section 5 Ofsted inspection in November 2023; Personal Development and Behaviour and Attitudes were judged as Good. The Trust and Academy staff are working hard to maintain and improve outcomes for the young people and feel strongly that the proposed reduction will benefit future outcomes, whilst still enabling them to meet the demand for places in the local area.

There will be no other changes to the admission arrangements and the proposed change will not affect any of our current pupils or those who choose to accept an offer for a Year 7 place in September 2025.

The main benefits of the proposal:

- To effectively focus learning and teaching resources to continue to improve the education offered;
- To retain the small-school feel of the academy going forwards;
- Financial stability by aligning budget with actual enrolment, preventing financial strain caused by over estimating student numbers and planning resources.

Statutory Consultation

The consultation ran from 7th October 2024 to 1st December 2024. Information provided to stakeholders took the following formats (Appendix 1):

- Academy website information on the proposed changes on both a designated page and News page, Socials page and pop-up feature
- Promotion via Facebook page
- Promotion via the academy X (formally Twitter) page
- Public consultation information event with online and hard copy surveys, led by the Principal and OCL Regional Director (Appendix 2)
- An email to all staff and in-person staff briefings
- Principal's discussion with sample group of students
- Online survey and contact details for accessible versions

An email announcement and link to the survey was sent to the following stakeholders at the start of the consultation period:

Croydon Local Authority and 5 surrounding LAs (Bromley, Lambeth, Merton, Southwark, Lewisham)

Croydon Admissions Officer

All Academy staff

Parents of children who attend the academy

Surrounding 70 primary schools

Surrounding 23 secondary schools

Surrounding 7 sixth forms

Surrounding 9 colleges

2 local MPs

3 local Councillors

4 community groups

The aim of this consultation was to allow all members of the community and key stakeholders to ask questions and share their thoughts on the proposal to reduce the PAN at Oasis Academy Arena.

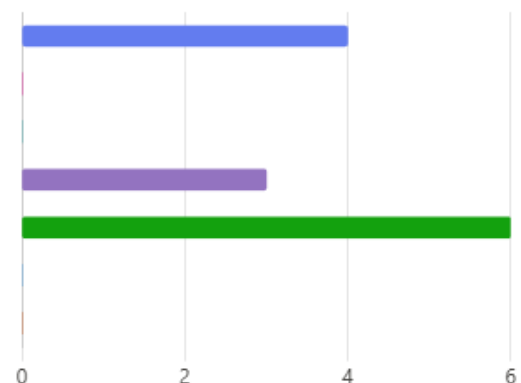
Statutory consultation results and responses

14 consultation survey responses were received, with one of those submitted but no responses to the questions. The following is an analysis of the answers to the four questions on the survey.

Q1: What is your connection to Oasis Academy Arena?

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● Parent/carer of student at Oasis Academy Arena	4
● Parent/carer of student at another school	0
● Council employee	0
● Academy employee	3
● Oasis Community Learning employee	6
● Member of the local community	0
● Other	0



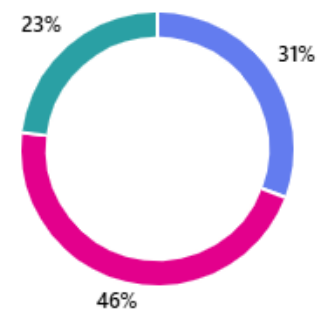
This shows that the majority of respondents were OCL employees, followed by Oasis Academy Arena parents. It is noted that no replies were received from members of the community. The youth Charity *Reaching Higher* was informed of the consultation as it works extensively with Arena students and families and, in total, with over 1400 young people across London.

In addition, Croydon mental health team and local police officers were informed, as well as the Oasis Hub Ashburton Park, a community charity working in the surrounding area, operating social groups and community events, in partnership with the academy and local churches.

Q2: Does your child currently attend Oasis Academy Arena?

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● Yes	4
● No	6
● No child	3



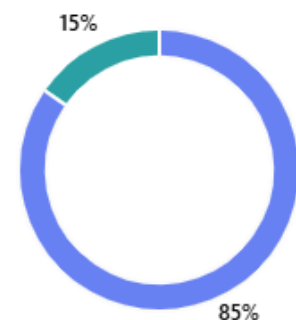
Of the 4 responses from parents, 2 stated that they are 'In support of the proposed change' and 2 stated they *Don't mind*.

All other respondents stated they are 'In support of the proposed change'.

Q3. Are you in support of the proposal to reduce the PAN from 180 to 120?

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● Yes	11
● No	0
● I don't mind	2



All respondents were in favour of the proposal or selected 'I don't mind'.

Category	Number of responses	Response
OCL employee	6	All in support of proposal
Arena parent/carer	4	2 In support 2 Don't mind
Academy employee	3	All in support of proposal
Community member	0	0
Council employee	0	0
Parent/carer not Arena	0	0
Other	0	0

**Q4: Do you have any additional queries or comments regarding this proposal?
(Open text response)**

4. Do you have any additional queries or comments regarding this proposal?

5 Responses

ID ↑	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	None
2	anonymous	No
3	anonymous	None
4	anonymous	No further queries, I think this will make it easier to staff and manage finances
5	anonymous	No, very happy!

One Arena parent and student attended the meeting at the academy and made response number 4 above.

Response 5 was made by a parent/carer of a student at Arena.

Addressing concerns and queries

Neither OCL or the academy received a query or concern in relation to the proposal or consultation.

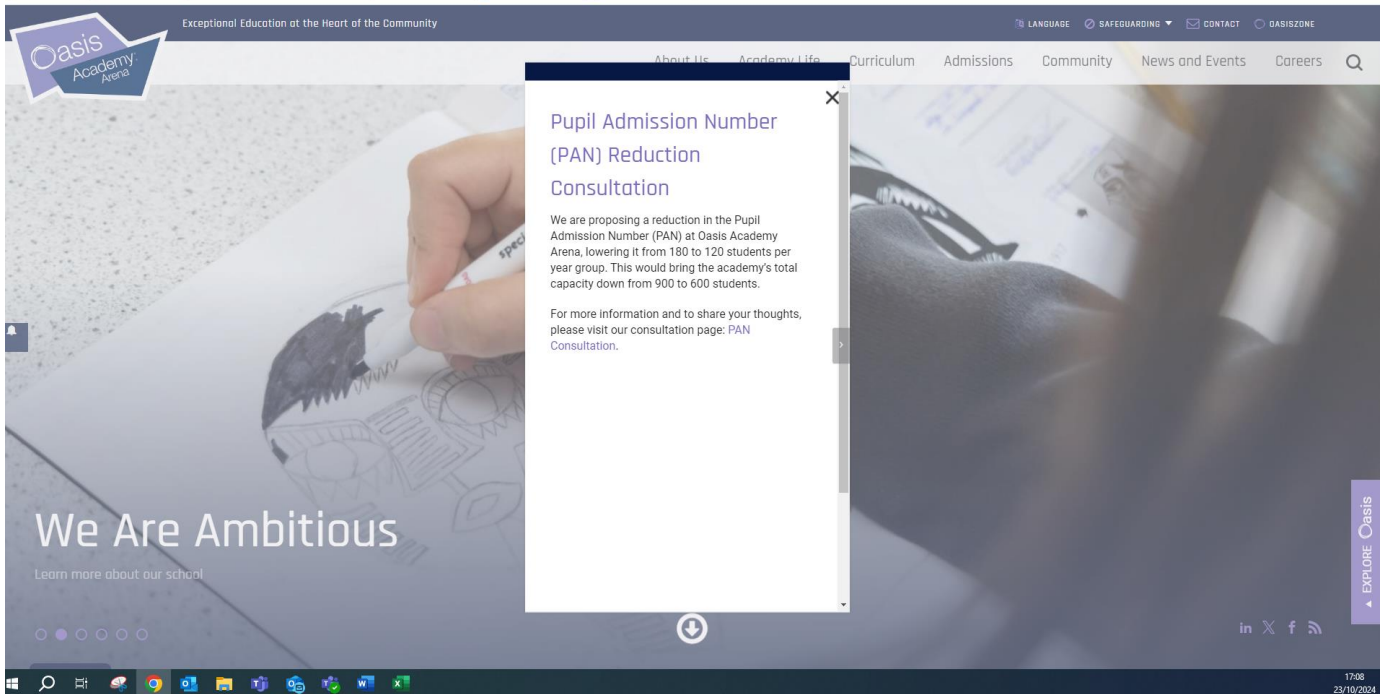
Conclusion and Next Steps

OCL is grateful to the respondents who took the time to consider this proposal and provide feedback.

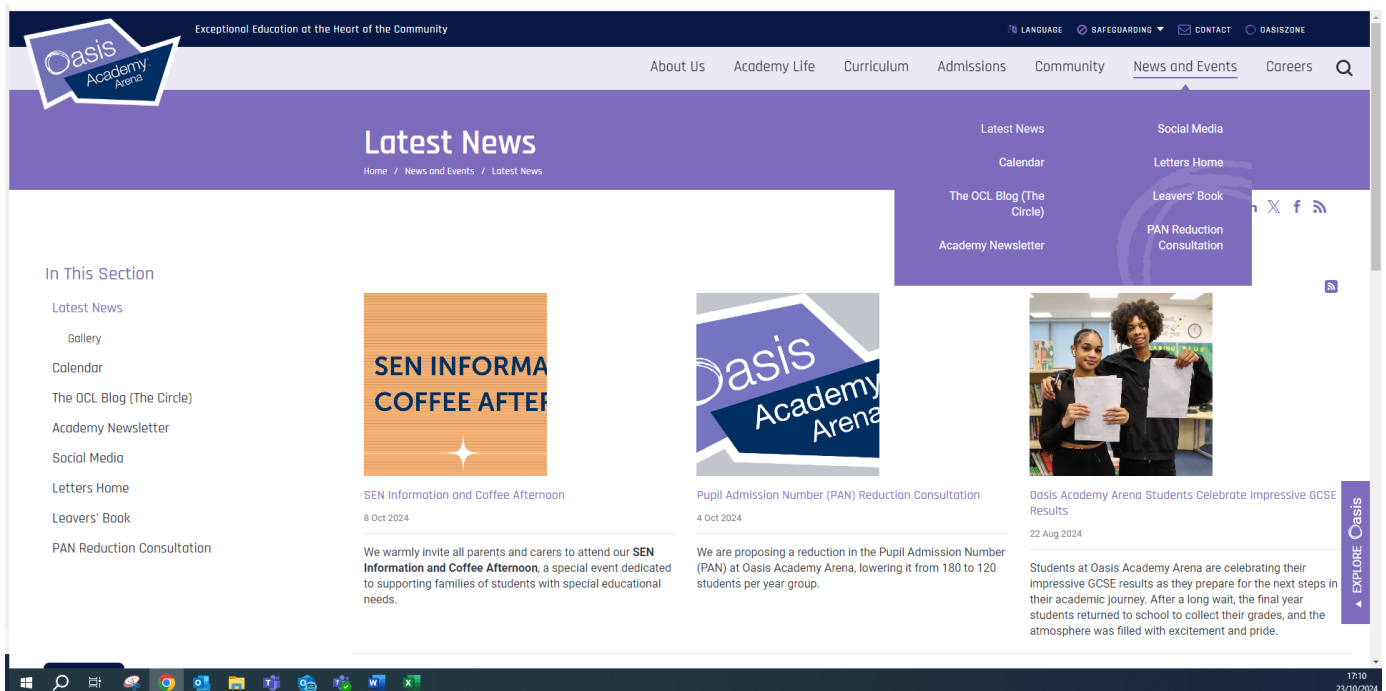
It is noted that the responses from a range of stakeholders are in favour of proceeding with the proposal.

Appendix 1: Academy website

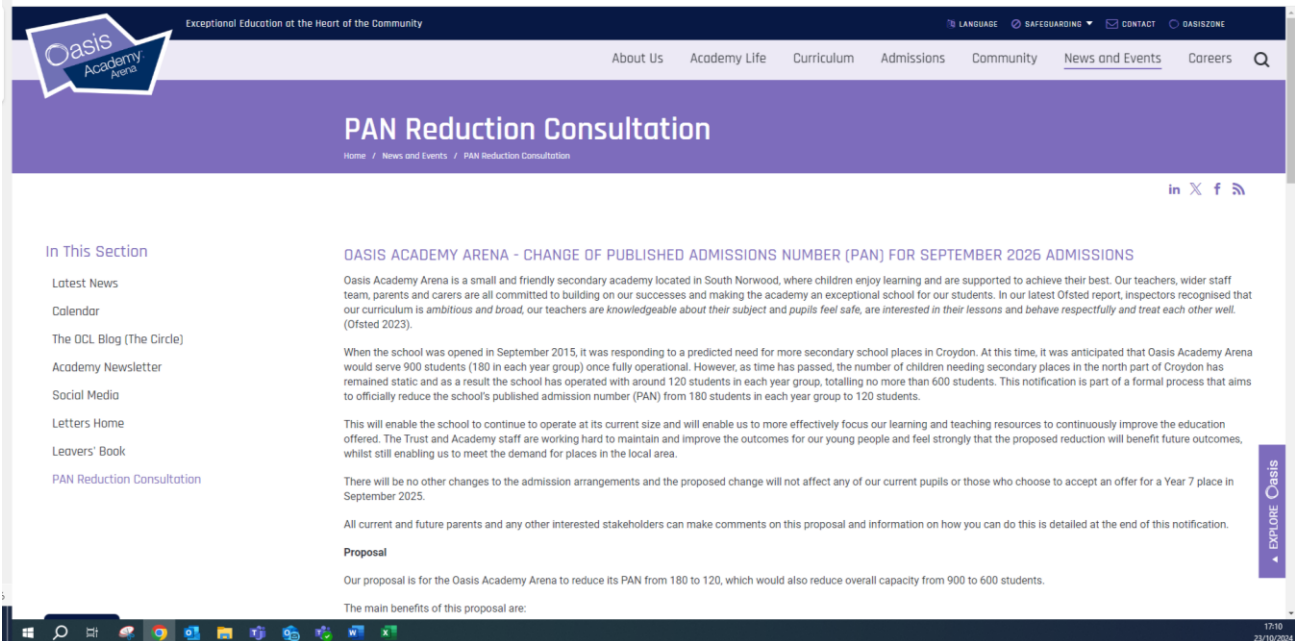
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OASIS ACADEMY ARENA - CHANGE OF PUBLISHED ADMISSIONS NUMBER (PAN) FOR SEPTEMBER 2025 ADMISSIONS

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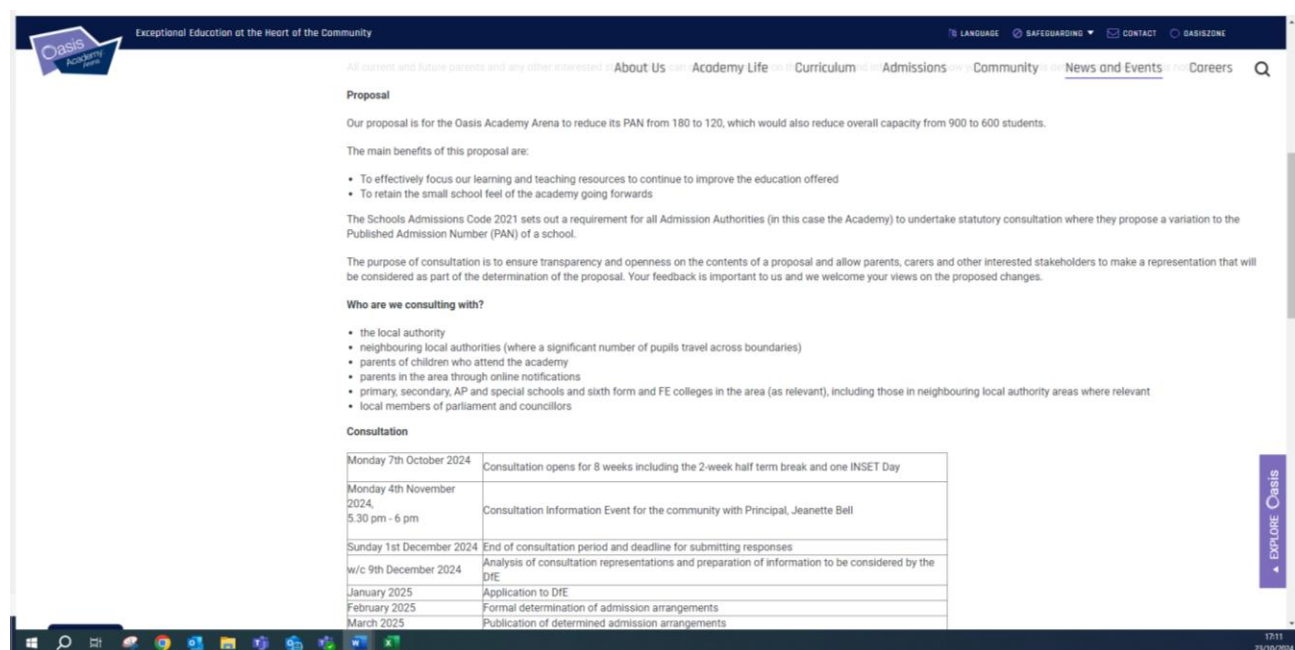
All current and future parents and any other interested stakeholders can make comments on this proposal and information on how you can do this is detailed at the end of this notification.

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The Schools Admissions Code 2021 sets out a requirement for all Admission Authorities (in this case the Academy) to undertake statutory consultation where they propose a variation to the Published Admission Number (PAN) of a school.

The purpose of consultation is to ensure transparency and openness on the contents of a proposal and allow parents, carers and other interested stakeholders to make a representation that will be considered as part of the determination of the proposal. Your feedback is important to us and we welcome your views on the proposed changes.

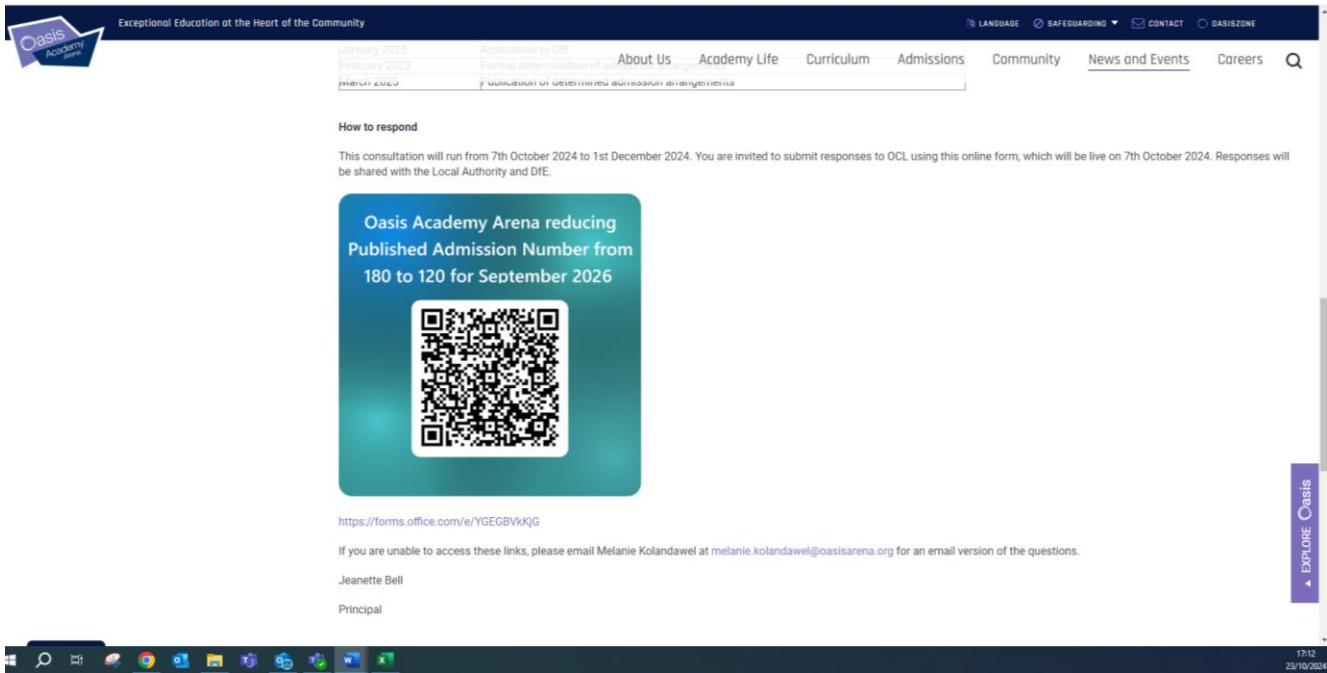
Who are we consulting with?

- the local authority
- neighbouring local authorities (where a significant number of pupils travel across boundaries)
- parents of children who attend the academy
- parents in the area through online notifications
- primary, secondary, AP and special schools and sixth form and FE colleges in the area (as relevant), including those in neighbouring local authority areas where relevant
- local members of parliament and councillors

Consultation

Monday 7th October 2024	Consultation opens for 8 weeks including the 2-week half term break and one INSET Day
Monday 4th November 2024, 5.30 pm - 6 pm	Consultation Information Event for the community with Principal, Jeanette Bell
Sunday 1st December 2024	End of consultation period and deadline for submitting responses
w/c 9th December 2024	Analysis of consultation representations and preparation of information to be considered by the DfE
January 2025	Application to DfE
February 2025	Formal determination of admission arrangements
March 2025	Publication of determined admission arrangements

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January 2025 | February 2025 | March 2025 | Publications on OCL | Formal consultation of | Publication of selected business arrangements

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How to respond

This consultation will run from 7th October 2024 to 1st December 2024. You are invited to submit responses to OCL using this online form, which will be live on 7th October 2024. Responses will be shared with the Local Authority and DfE.

**Oasis Academy Arena reducing
Published Admission Number from
180 to 120 for September 2026**



<https://forms.office.com/e/YGEGBVkKJG>

If you are unable to access these links, please email Melanie Kolandawel at melanie.kolandawel@oasisarena.org for an email version of the questions.

Jeanette Bell
Principal

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We're proposing to reduce our pupil admission number (PAN) from 180 to 120 to enhance our teaching and learning environment and keep our small school feel. Learn more and share your thoughts on our consultation page:

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Academy Facebook page



Appendix 2: Public meeting

