

## Burnham Secondary School Update 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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This document/web page provides residents and councillors with the status of the activities of the Burnham Parish Council working group and its activities to hopefully get a secondary school established on what was the E-Act Burnham Park Academy site.

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- Please refer to the Update 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 – details not repeated here.
- In a nutshell – we are at the border of Buckinghamshire divided by a road going right through Burnham. The residents of the area of Burnham use the facilities and amenities of their local area and do not consider the border. Buckinghamshire County (BC) continue to insist using numbers relevant to the borders of the counties.
- According to the rule book, BC can justify not re-opening a school due to how student numbers are being calculated. Common sense has been lost.
- Burnham residents have more children attending primary schools across the road / border than attending primary schools within BC however the majority of these residents very much live within the borders of BC. They pay their Council Tax to BC.
- We are continued to be given the standard response from BC on the numbers not justifying the re-opening of a school. This group and the residents are getting the same copied and pasted message from BC.
- We are also repeatedly sent the same narrative that Burnham residents choose Maidenhead schools and that the proposed return of a school will not get the numbers. We have tried several times to respond to BC stating our parents choose Maidenhead Schools under duress and not out of preferred choice. No parent would choose to spend a minimum of £900 in transporting their children to Maidenhead. The other option is to send our children on free transport to a school further away than Maidenhead that is under-performing and is run by the same academy that failed in Burnham – it is not a choice!
- We now need to launch a **public campaign** as BC refute all that we present.
- We need public members to **send letters of protest to BC Education Department** and to higher authorities such as the minister of education (see website for suggestions). BC say Burnham residents are fine, there is no problem.
- We need you all to read the information we are showing on the Burnham Parish Council website-Projects-New School ..... So that you know what is happening (<https://burnhamparish.gov.uk/newschoolinburnham>)

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