

Public Meeting Tuesday 21st June 2022

Campaign for the return of a
Non-Selective Secondary School
for the Burnham Community

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Who are we?

- Working Group campaigning for a new local non-selective secondary school
- Members of the community, with experience and connections in local education
- Supported by Burnham Parish Council
- Supported and guided by local Head teachers

We believe our community deserves a high-performing, well-run new non-selective secondary school to deliver an excellent education to the 70% of our children who do not qualify for a grammar school place

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Agenda

Introduction and Welcome

Ekta Kaur Ross, Chair

Update

Dr Andrew Gillespie, Headmaster Burnham Grammar School

Working Group Update

Viv Nicholas

Q & A

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Current Situation

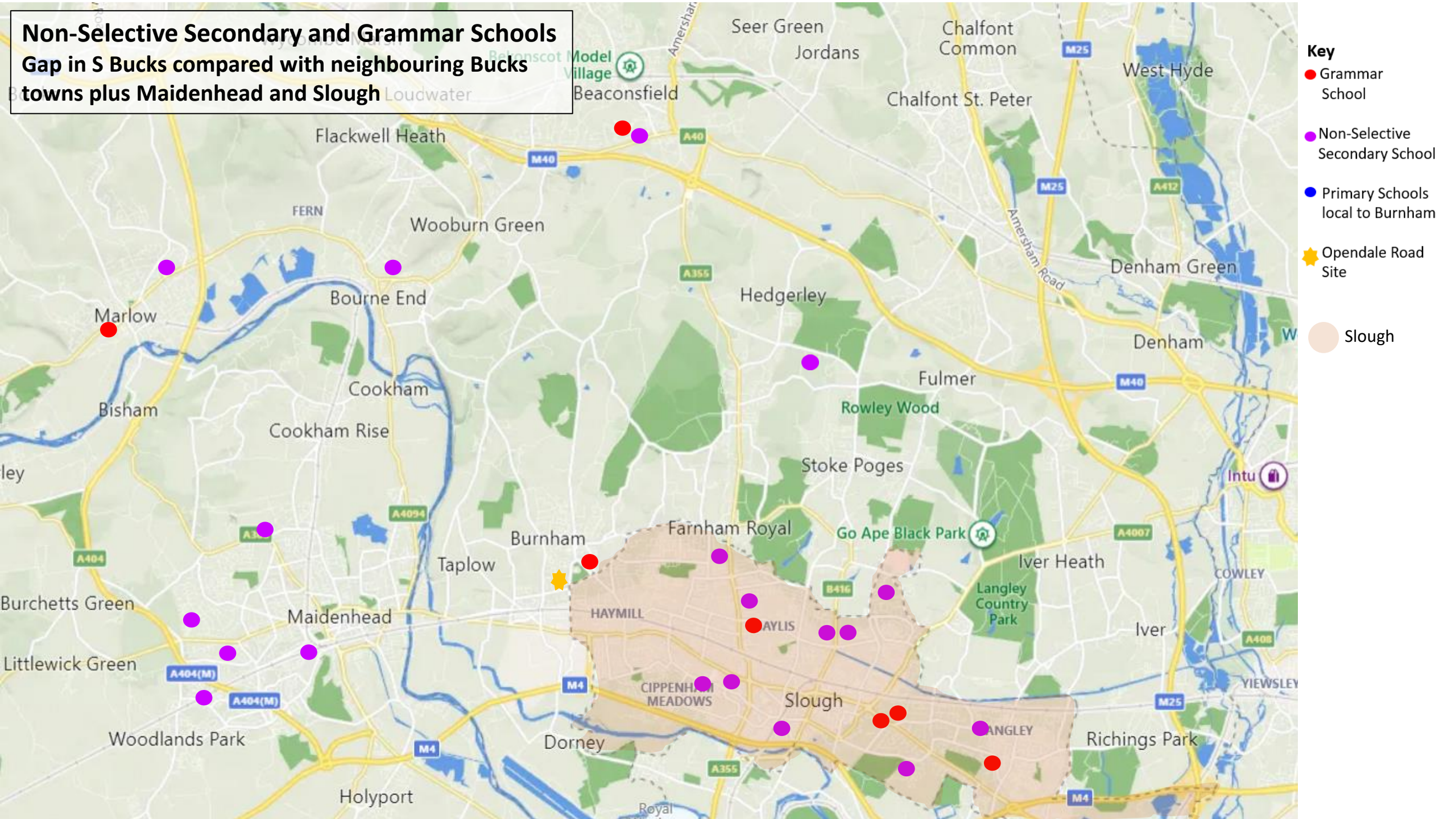
Approximately 30% of children go to a grammar school in Buckinghamshire

So, where do the other 70% of our local pupils go to secondary school?
They have to travel out of Burnham, mostly to Maidenhead.

See map of secondary schools in South Buckinghamshire on next slide:

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**Non-Selective Secondary and Grammar Schools
Gap in S Bucks compared with neighbouring Bucks
towns plus Maidenhead and Slough**



- Key**
- Grammar School
- Non-Selective Secondary School
- Primary Schools local to Burnham
- ★ Opendale Road Site
- Slough

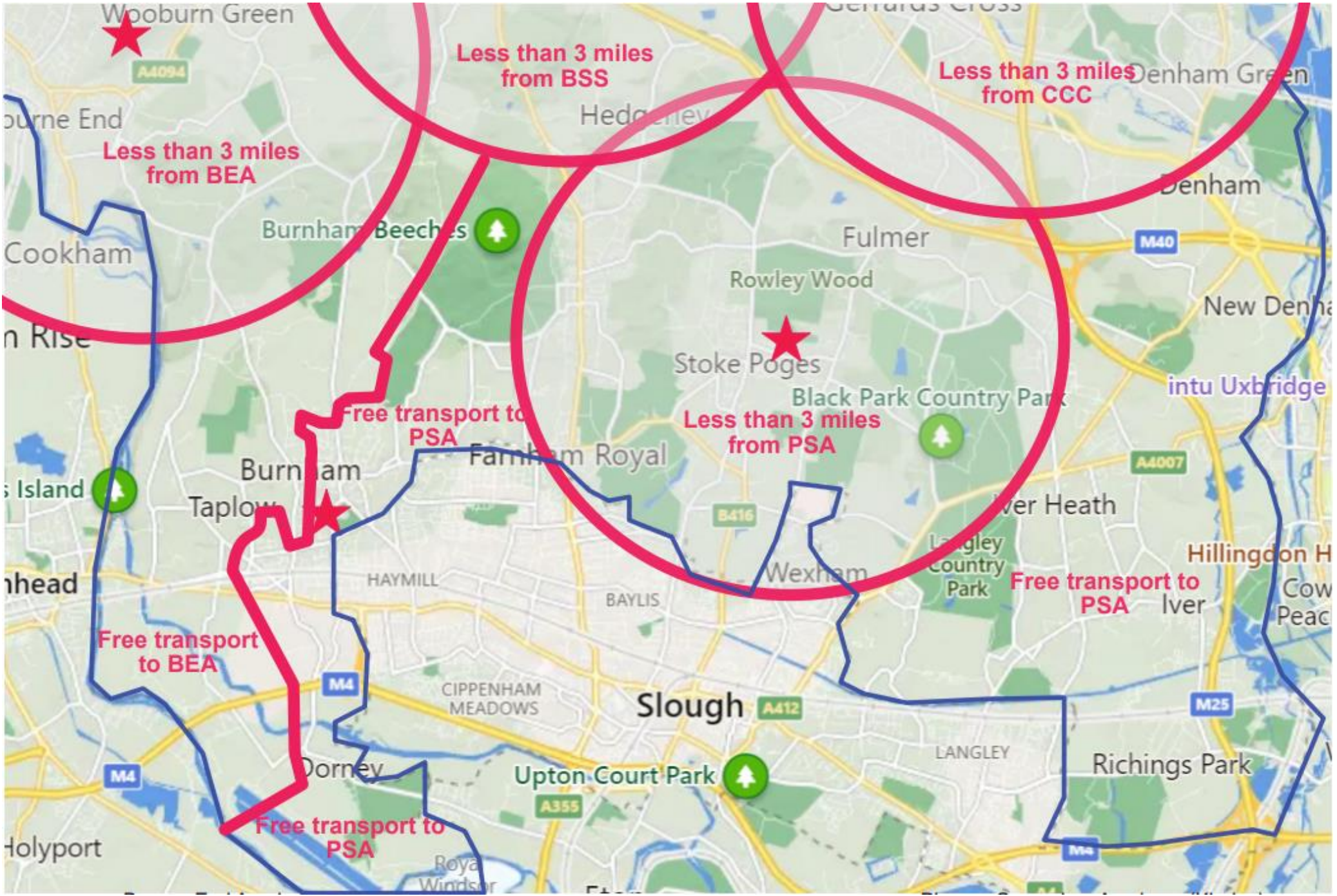
Maidenhead and Slough are well served for non-selective secondary schools

Children who pass the 11+ can go to school locally at Burnham Grammar.

Children who do not pass the 11+ must travel out of Burnham.

What catchment schools are offered to these children?

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BEA
Bourne End Academy

BSS
Beaconsfield
Secondary School

CCC
Chiltern Community
College

PSA
Pioneer Secondary
Academy
(Previously Khalsa)

This means that if your child does not pass the 11+:

- Longer school day
- Reduced access to after-school activities – no late buses
- Discriminates against children who do not pass the 11+

**If your catchment school is not suitable for your child,
your only choice is to go out of county**

This costs approx. £1100 per child per year to Maidenhead in coach fares (from September 2022)

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Pupil Numbers for Burnham Community

Priory	82
Our Lady of Peace	69
St Peters' C of E	25
Lent Rise School	58
St Nicolas C of E	26
Dorney	27
Farnham Royal	41
TOTAL	328

Year 6 students on roll at local primary schools, January 2022

70% (230) of these students will need a non-selective secondary school

230 students is well over the normal number of 180 for a new school

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The Response From Buckinghamshire Council

“There is a decline in student numbers”

In fact, the Health Centre shows an increase in the number of children
No consideration of impact of Elizabeth Line

“Parents choose to send their children to school in Maidenhead”

Parents send their children to school in Maidenhead because there is no good, local school

“There are two non-selective secondary schools within five miles of Burnham”

Most parents consider these schools unsuitable. One is run by E-ACT, which failed at Burnham Park Academy. The other is a faith school.

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The Response From Buckinghamshire Council

“Maidenhead can accommodate Burnham pupils for the foreseeable future”

- This is not guaranteed. Maidenhead has an extensive building programme.
- Burnham children are out of county and out of catchment.
- Similarly, houses are being built in Burnham which means even more children here.

“There are not enough pupil numbers in Burnham to justify a new school”

Yes there are. The usual number of children enrolled for a new school is 180 and we have proved that there are 230.

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Where ARE Schools Being Opened?

Kingsbrook School opens September 2022

- A new non-selective secondary free school in Aylesbury
- Initially open to 180, Year 7s only.
- Most students will live within 0.9 miles of the school.

- 2020 Population of the area: 4053
- 2020 Population of Burnham: over 12,000
(source – Buckinghamshire Council)

Despite all our numbers, we are denied a school!

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Our Vision

- A high-performing, Non-Selective Secondary School at the heart of the Burnham Community
- Benefiting from leadership of the successful Burnham Grammar School.
- Providing a centre for Adult Education, skills based training and sport amenities that are available to hire for the local clubs.

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Support Our Campaign

- Sign the petition
- Write a letter
- Spread the word – ask others to write and sign the petition

- Tell us your story - how are you affected?
- Have you written to Bucks council? Tell us if they replied
- Volunteer with us

www.aschoolforburnham.com

www.burnhamparish.gov.uk/newschoolinburnham

Email us: newschool@burnhamparish.gov.uk

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What Has the Working Group achieved?

- Gained the commitment and support of Burnham Parish Council
- The support of Joy Morrissey MP
- Spoken to central government
- Researched routes to open a school (free schools, RSC)
- Gathered local data, including pupil numbers (GP surgery and primary schools) proving we are well over the number required to justify a new school
- Spoken with Slough and Maidenhead councils
- Been in close contact with Buckinghamshire Council for information and to ask for their support

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