

Burnham Secondary School Update 30th April 2022

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.

- Please refer to previous updates given – details are not repeated here.
- Buckinghamshire County (BC) are now putting emphasis and reminding us of the fact that it was not them but the Regional Schools' Commissioner (RSC) that closed the E-ACT Burnham Park Academy, and that it was the RSC that concluded no further school was required.
- Our rebuttal is that such a decision cannot have been made independently by the RSC and that BC must have been involved in concluding such a decision. The data used by the RSC came from BC.
- BC need to re-evaluate the student numbers. 1. We have more than enough in the local population. 2. We have more than enough registered at the Burnham Health Centre. 3. We have more than enough in the local area primary schools, some of which fall across the border into Berkshire but their parents pay council tax to Buckinghamshire.
- There are no non-selective secondary schools in a wide perimeter south of Beaconsfield. It is as if all the BC council taxpayers south of Beaconsfield do not exist. We have recently found several BC educational initiatives begun in BC which are unavailable to our areas or only available by zoom to all of us. We are being Ignored!
- Work has begun to plan and coordinate a **public campaign** and we need your help. We need lots of noise about this matter. Our presentation of valid data, our emails and our invitations to discuss with us are being ignored by BC.
- A separate website is being drafted and set up solely for this campaign.
- We need Burnham residents to **send letters of protest to The Secretary of State for Education and BC Education Department.**
- BC continue to state Burnham residents do not require a new school. We all know that a lack of a secondary school is an issue for Burnham families and children. No one from BC Education has visited us. Decisions are made for our children without a single visit to the local area. Why are our children being discriminated against and parents being disadvantaged paying for expensive coach transport to schools out of county?
- Please read the information given on the Burnham Parish Council website-Projects-New School.. (<https://burnhamparish.gov.uk/newschoolinburnham>)

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Tell us how you can help?!