



Shakespeare Road

The expression of interest has come from ARK

- Figures show that 24% of Lambeth children have special needs and 63% of secondary children do not have English spoken as the first language at home. Yet ARK propose no special educational structure to accommodate these needs in their structure. This implies selection will take place.
- ARK claim to be a charity, but all their trustees are senior executive of financial institutions, mainly Goldman Sachs in USA
- Goldman Sachs were recently fined \$110 million for the 'worst financial scandal of the decade'
- Goldman Sachs were closely tied to Robert Maxwell and the Mirror pensions robbery over a decade ago.
- Jennifer Moses and Ron Beller, two leading trustees from ARK were recently involved in a high profile court case because their secretary stole £2 million without them noticing. Surely this disqualifies them from being suitable for involvement in running a school?

Are these the people we really want running local schools?

- **We do need secondary schools**, but don't be fooled by the proposals being put forward now. The council has received £106 million from the government as part of the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme. They refuse to tell us what strings are attached, so as far as we are concerned, there is no reason to build academies rather than LEA schools which would be accountable to the community.
- The Secondary Schools Campaign in Lambeth (SSCiL) has campaigned for the Brixton Hill Thames Water site to be used. That site is large enough providing that land purchases are made.

Secondary Schools **YES** Academies **NO** ARK **never!**

Glenbrook

- Here the expression of interest is from United Learning Trust (ULT). We do not challenge their integrity, but are concerned about the fact that they are being invited to run the school as a private concern – which is the basis for there being a city academy. They appoint 51% of the governing body, not the local community

However, Glenbrook proposals are unacceptable because:

- It is closing an existing community primary school and re-opening it on a smaller site. **Would you vote in favour of your child's primary school being closed to be moved across the road to a site less than half the size with little play space?**
- To make room for the primary academy. 27 people in sheltered accommodation – some who are aged well over 80 are being moved. The council has only just realised they forgot to tell them!

Will they listen?

- The parents, in a governors' organised ballot, voted 84% against the proposals.
- At both consultation meetings at Glenbrook, opposition to the proposals was unanimous.
- On polling day, campaigners asked the electorate to cast their vote on the proposals:
In favour **2** against **298**