

ADMISSIONS FORUM – 3 DECEMBER 2010

PROVISION OF PUPIL PLACES ESTIMATES

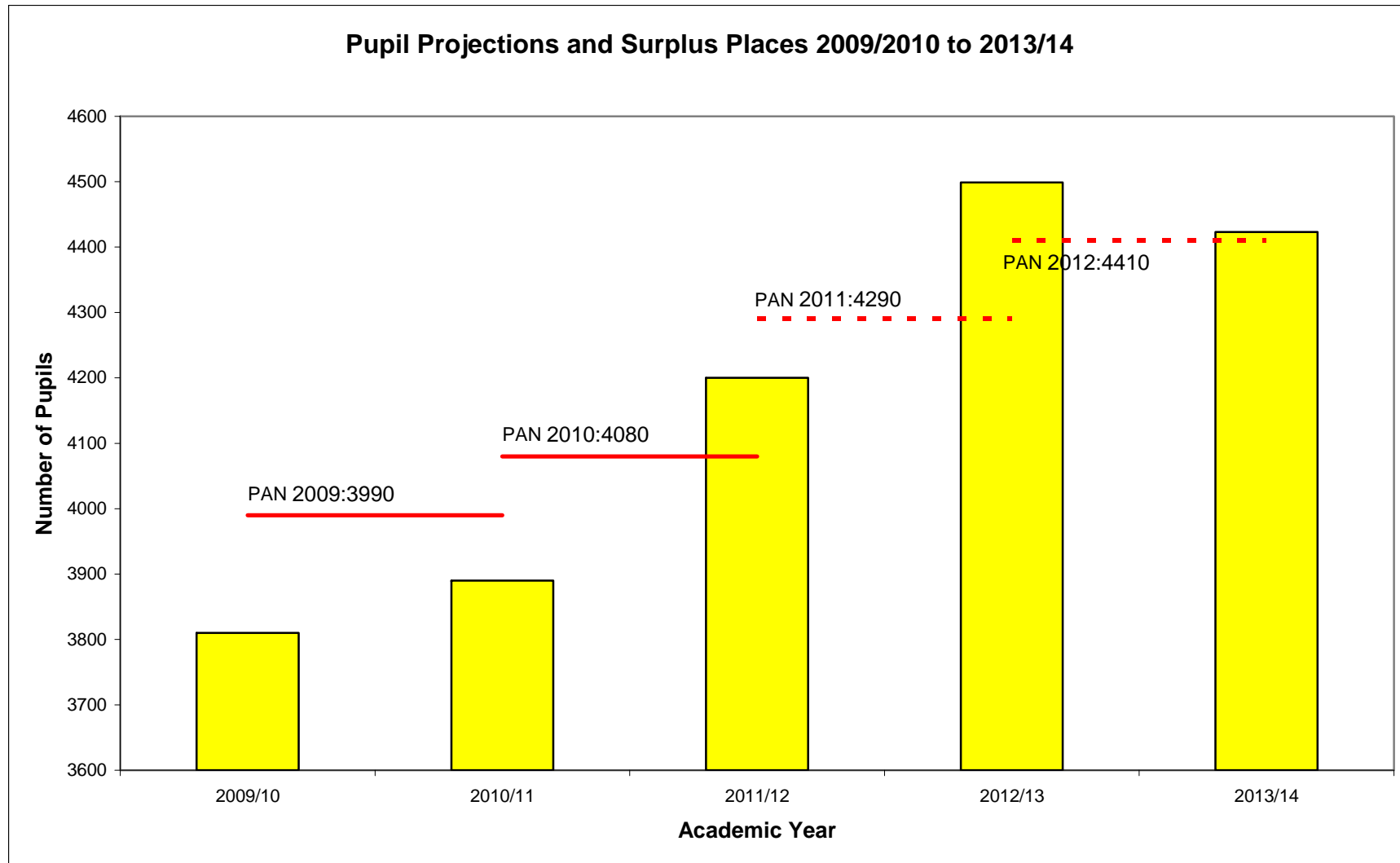
During December 2009 to January 2010, the Authority consulted on proposals to increase the admission number of 17 primary schools for September 2011 and September 2012.

The following list shows the revised admission numbers for September 2011 and 2012 as approved by the Statutory Notices procedure

SCHOOL	INCREASING IN PAN	YEAR	BUILDING STATUS
Southfields	30	2011	Underway
Holbrook's	30	2011	Underway
Stoke Heath	15	2011	Underway
Henley Green	30	2011	Underway
John Gulson	15	2011	Underway
Hearsall	15	2011	Underway
Spon Gate	30	2011	Design stage
Moseley	30	2011 (one year only)	
Sacred Heart	15	2012	Feasibility
Allesley	15	2012	Design stage
Grange Farm	30	2012	Design stage
Aldermans Green	45	2012	Design stage
St Bart's	15	2012	Design stage
St Augustine's	15	2012	Feasibility
St Osburg's	15	2012	Feasibility
Moat House School*	15	2012	

*The Statutory Notice has still to be issued for Moat House School

The following graph shows the growth in pupil numbers and the supply and demand for places:-



The current projections are suggesting a peak in reception age pupils in the year 2012/13 and numbers potentially beginning to reduce after then. The recent strategy has been to supply permanent accommodation, to ensure there are sufficient places for the future. This takes considerable funding circa £3 million per 30 places. This strategy is under review as demand for places appears to be reducing and it would not be prudent to create potentially surplus places.

The Authority is carefully monitoring the population forecasts and recognises that if the number of children forecast for September 2012 continues to be at the level shown, more places will need to be found. The nature of these places may however be temporary. One option under consideration is the "Bumper year group" solution that Moseley School are operating for September 2011. This enlarged year group is a result of increasing the admission number for one year only.

At the current moment in time the Authority is monitoring the numbers of pre-school children, awaiting central government clarification on capital funding and exploring possible alternative options.