

Notice of Motion: Grammar schools

Councillor Mullane has submitted the following motion:

“Barking & Dagenham Council is against the re-introduction of Grammar Schools as there is no evidence that they increase social mobility. Indeed, the contrary is true. These schools have only ever served the needs of the few and this Council is determined to give all children the opportunity to achieve academically.

Bringing back Grammar Schools would introduce divisive selection in our Borough. What is required is an inclusive, strategically planned education system that enables every child to thrive, learn and prosper and allows local industry and businesses to benefit from the achievements of Barking & Dagenham’s young people.

Barking & Dagenham Council needs to be able to continue to play a full part in providing good schools where and when they are required in our Borough. Changing the status of schools and introducing selection will be a waste of time and resources of the Council, preventing them from producing good outcomes for all and helping local schools to recruit and retain the best teachers.

This Council will write to the Secretary of State for Education and the Prime Minister urging them not to allow the introduction of such schools in Barking & Dagenham.”