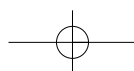
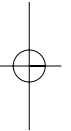
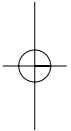


Annual Report

September 2002 to August 2003



Office of the
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31 October 2003

To the Right Honourable Mr Charles Clarke MP, Secretary of State for Education and Skills.

I have pleasure in presenting my first Annual Report as Chief Adjudicator of the Office of the Schools Adjudicator, covering the year from 1 September 2002 to 31 August 2003.

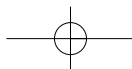
The report shows that it was a busy year for us last year with many more cases and fewer adjudicators and I would like to record my thanks to my fellow adjudicators, the Office, the Treasury Solicitors and the Council on Tribunals for their support and hard work. In particular I would like to thank Sir Peter Newsam, who I replaced as Chief Adjudicator on 1 September 2002, and John Clark, John Evans and Ann Holt who resigned as adjudicators on 1 April 2003.

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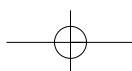


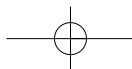
2002-2003 was a busy year for adjudicators. We dealt with 233 referrals compared with 78 in 2001-2002 (Appendix 1). At the same time the number of adjudicators was reduced from 15 to 10 (Appendix 5) and the office staff from 8.8 full-time equivalent posts to 7.

School Admissions

The increase in the number of referrals was largely a consequence of the 2002 Education Act and the introduction of a new Code of Practice on School Admissions. The cases referred fell into the following categories (Appendix 2):

- There were 41 objections to partial selection. Sixteen of these were about partial selection for aptitude of which 10 were upheld because the schools concerned were not using established tests designed to test aptitude. Eight were about partial selection for ability, five of which have not been finally settled when this report went to press.
- There were 10 objections to admission authorities changing school catchment areas, feeder primary schools or other geographical criteria. Of these 7 were upheld. Admission authorities should note that the approach of adjudicators to these cases is strongly influenced by the importance assigned in the Code to the relationship between schools and their local communities. Schools should reflect the needs of their local communities and parents have a right to aspire to a place in their local school.
- There were 54 objections on the grounds that admission authorities had failed adequately to observe the provisions in the Code. These were usually where priority had not been given to looked after children, or where priority had been given to children of staff or the siblings of former pupils. It would appear that many admission authorities have not yet fully taken account of the new Code. Admission authorities should note that adjudicators will almost always follow the recommendations in the Code unless there are very special reasons not to do so.
- 29 objections were referred by community schools to the admission numbers set by their LEAs or by LEAs to the admission numbers set by school admission authorities. Of these 7 were upheld. Adjudicators have not lightly upheld objections to admission numbers where schools felt they could cope adequately for a larger number of children.





Adjudicators dealing with these cases found that a very large number of school admission authorities (and a few LEAs) had not carried out the statutory procedures required to consult other schools and the LEA before determining their arrangements, and notifying consultees about those arrangements once they were determined. Procedures were generally better conducted where there is an agreement between the LEA and schools for the LEA to conduct the process on schools' behalf. It would be helpful if arrangements of this kind could be extended throughout the country.

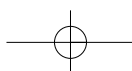
Variations

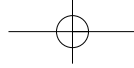
The number of mid-year variations to admission arrangements has increased from 19 to 33. Admission authorities could perhaps have avoided the need for some of these if they had planned ahead.

Statutory Proposals.

35 statutory proposals were referred to adjudicators this year, 20 of which were approved (Appendix 3). The proposals included school closures, expansions, amalgamations and changes of category. Points that adjudicators have noted include:

- The importance of a clear and well planned process of consultation. Some proposals presented to adjudicators displayed some confusion by proposers with an original proposal drifting into another half way through the exercise. Others had given too little emphasis to some groups of parents, particularly the parents of primary aged children when secondary school reorganisations were being proposed
- The need for a sound body of evidence to support the reasons given for proceeding with proposals. There were occasions where claims were made about the extent of financial or other support that would be available when it later transpired that this support was far from secure.
- The relationship between LEA or School Organisation Committee plans and individual proposals should be clearer. A number of referrals, for example on the amalgamation of infant and junior schools, were properly presented within the context of school organisation plans. But it became apparent that the proposal had been driven by the overall policy or plan with little or insufficient thought given to the





consequences of the proposal for the individual school directly affected. Despite these problems adjudicators have been impressed with the standards reached by many LEAs in thinking through statutory proposals and implementing them. Improvements are needed in a relatively small number of LEAs.

Processes

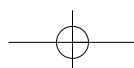
Adjudicators have worked hard this year to improve the presentation of their decisions. An extensive handbook of procedures to follow in the various kinds of case they handled has been produced. There is now an appraisal system and a training programme. All determinations are now presented in full. Information leaflets for parents, LEAs and schools have been updated for admissions and introduced for statutory proposals.

We have set ourselves a target of publishing our decisions within six weeks of the receipt of certain core information. We have managed to publish decisions within our target date in 90% of cases. There have been no complaints about delays; indeed, we have had no formal complaints of any kind.

Adjudicators held six meetings during the year. Training sessions were provided by guest speakers from the DFES teams on School Organisation, Special Needs, Capital and Buildings, and School Admissions. Other sessions were led by the Department for Environment, Transport and the Regions and The Treasury Solicitors. Three adjudicators attended a tribunal skills and development course run by the Judicial Studies Board.

Despite the improvements in dealing with cases and presenting them, there has been an increase in the number of cases where judicial review has been threatened or the initial stages have been initiated. No case went to full review during the year but it was evident (and has since been confirmed) that we must expect an increase in this kind of activity. Together with the increase in the volume of work we can expect, we must give more thought to the legal and other resources required to meet those challenges.

The costs of running the Office are shown in Appendix 4.



Appendix 1

Objection to admission arrangements	2002/03 £,000	2001/02 £,000
Total objections	165	31
Decisions issued	139 ¹	27
Decisions outstanding	6	3
Out of Jurisdiction	3	1
Withdrawn	17	0

Variations to admission arrangements	2002/03 £,000	2001/02 £,000
Total referrals	33	19
Decision issued	26	17
Decision outstanding	2	0
Out of Jurisdiction	2	1
Withdrawn	3	1

Statutory Proposals	2002/03 £,000	2001/02 £,000
Total referrals	35	28
Decision issued	30	24
Decision outstanding	5	3
Withdrawn	0	1
Total expenditure	233	78

Notes

- ¹ Included in the decisions issued are Kent cases which are minded to approve.
Includes decisions sent up to 10th October 2003

Appendix 2

Admission Arrangements referred to the Adjudicators 2002-2003

OBJECTORS

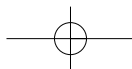
Objector	Upheld	Partially Upheld	Not Upheld	Total
LEA	30	32	12	74
Admission Authority School	11	11	18	40
Community Schools	7	9	4	20
Parent	5	0	0	5
TOTAL	53	52	34	139

SUBSTANCE OF OBJECTIONS

Subject	Upheld	Partially Upheld	Not Upheld	Total
Partial Selection	18	14	9	41
Catchment/ Feeder	7	0	3	10
Children of Staff/ Siblings of former pupils	29	0	0	29
Looked after children	25	0	0	25
Admission Numbers	7	7	15	29
Other Admission Arrangements	40	0	39	79
TOTAL	126	21	66	213

Notes:

1. The totals in these tables do not agree since the first table is a total of the whole objection and table 2 is a breakdown of the substance of the objection - covering more than one area.
2. There were 33 variations to admission arrangements not covered by these tables.
3. Some cases referred in July have not been resolved on 5 September.



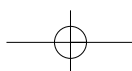
Appendix 3

The table below gives a breakdown of all the categories for statutory proposals this year.

Subject of proposal	Approved	Approved with mod	Rejected
To establish a new school	1		
To discontinue a school	5		
To expand a school	1	1	
To change category	1	2	1
To change the age range	1		
To discontinue two schools and open a new school	2	3	2
To merge schools	4		1
To increase the admission number	1		
To be released of duty to implement proposals & establish an all through 4-19 school	1		
To increase the standard number	1		
To make a prescribed alteration to the school	1		
To discontinue school and make prescribed alterations to other schools	1		
TOTAL - 30	20	6	4

Note

Under Schedule 6 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 an adjudicator can (a) reject the proposals referred to him by a school organisation committee (b) approve them without modification (c) approve them with modification (mod in the column above).



Appendix 4

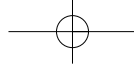
	2001/02 £,000	2002/03 £,000
Adjudicator programme costs		
Adjudicator s fees	203 ¹	212 ¹
Adjudicator expenses	19	30
Adjudicator training/meetings	2	6
Legal fees	11	21
Publicity	20 ²	7 ²
Consultancy fees	89 ³	2 ³
Administration/consumables	19	5
Total	363	283

	2001/02 £,000	2002/03 £,000
Staff running costs		
Staff salaries	197	134
Staff expenses	2	7
Staff training	4	2
Administration/consumables	3	6
Total	206	149

Total expenditure	569	432
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- ¹ Includes National Insurance contributions.
- ² Relates to COI fees for media handling.
- ³ Relates to website reconfiguration and maintenance.

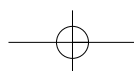
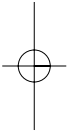
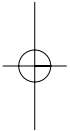


Appendix 5

Adjudicators

There has been changes in the adjudicators over the past year. From 1 September 2002, on the retirement of Sir Peter Newsam, Dr Philip Hunter assumed the role of Chief Adjudicator. John Clark, John Evans and Ann Holt resigned in April 2003. Those in post on 31 August were:

Dr Philip Hunter CBE
Dr Alan Billings
June Brown
Andrew Collier CBE
Louise Kidd
Robert Lanwarne
Peter Neafsey
Professor David Newton
Dr Hilary Nicolle
Anthony Webster



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 Objections to admissions arrangements for September 2002 to October 2003

LEA	Proposer	Objector	Criteria	Outcome
Bedfordshire	Sharnbrook Upper School & Community College	Bedfordshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - Feeder schools, siblings, tie breaker, clause, looked after children.	Upheld
Brent	Oakington Manor Primary	Brent LEA School	Oversubscription criteria - children of staff and children in care.	Upheld
Brent	St Andrew & St Francis C of E Primary School	Brent LEA	Oversubscription criteria - family links.	Upheld
Croydon	Norbury Manor High School for Girls	Winterbourne Junior Girls High	Objection to admission arrangements - feeder schools	Not Upheld
Croydon	St Joseph s College	Croydon LEA by aptitude	Over-subscription criteria - 10% selection	Not Upheld
Derbyshire	Mill Hill School	Derbyshire LEA	Objection to change of catchment area criteria	Upheld
Derby	St Peter s C of E (aided) Junior School	Derby LEA	Oversubscription criteria - looked after children	Upheld with mods
Derby	Borrow Wood Junior School	Derby LEA	Oversubscription criteria - looked after children	Upheld
Derby	Woodlands Community School	Derby LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Dorset	Rushcombe First School	Dorset LEA	Objection to admission number - Rushcombe First School	Not Upheld
Enfield	Broomfield School	Enfield LEA	Objection to admission number - Broomfield School	Upheld

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LEA	Proposer	Objector	Criteria	Outcome
Essex	Newport Free Grammar School	Essex LEA	Objection to over-subscription criteria relating to family links, prior employment or governance role which do not include a sibling currently at the school.	Upheld
Essex	The Gilbert School	Colne Community School	Oversubscription criteria - feeder schools and 10% selection on aptitude.	Upheld
Essex	The Gilbert School	Essex LEA	Oversubscription criteria - feeder schools and 10% selection on aptitude.	Upheld
Essex	Paringdon Junior School	Essex LEA	Objection to admission number - Paringdon Junior School	Upheld
Gloucestershire	Stone with Woodford C of E School	Gloucestershire LEA	Objection to admission number - Stone with Woodford C of E School	Out of Jurisdiction
Gloucestershire	Stone with Woodford C of E School	Gloucestershire LEA	Objection to admission numbers - Stone with Woodford School.	Not Upheld
Gloucestershire	Gretton School	Gloucestershire LEA	Objection to admission numbers - Gretton School	Not Upheld
Gloucestershire	Longlevens Infant School	Gloucestershire LEA	Objection to decrease in admission number.	Withdrawn
Gloucestershire	Leighterton Primary School	Gloucestershire LEA	Objection to decrease in admission number	Not Upheld
Hampshire	Bishop Challoner Catholic Secondary School	Hampshire LEA	Objection to oversubscription criteria - date of receipt of application.	Upheld with a mod
Hampshire	Burgate School & Sixth Form	Hampshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - catchment area. Date	Upheld

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LEA	Proposer	Objector	Criteria	Outcome
Hampshire	Testwood School	Hampshire LEA	Objection to decrease in admission number.	Not Upheld
Hertfordshire	Chancellors School	Parents	Objection to selection by aptitude/ability	Upheld
Hertfordshire	Chancellors School	Westfield Community Technology College	Objection to selection by aptitude/ability	Upheld
Hertfordshire	Chancellors School	Greenfield JMI & N School	Objection to selection by aptitude/ability	Upheld
Hertfordshire	The Bishop s Stortford High School	Westfield Community Technology College	Objection to selection by aptitude/ability	Upheld
Hertfordshire	The Bishop s Stortford High School	Greenfield JMI & N School	Objection to selection by aptitude/ability	Upheld
Hertfordshire	Rickmansworth School	Westfield Community Technology College	Objection to selection by aptitude/ability	Partially Upheld
Hertfordshire	Rickmansworth School	Greenfield JMI & N School	Objection to selection by aptitude/ability	Partially Upheld
Hertfordshire	St Clement Danes School	Westfield Community Technology College	Objection to selection by	Partially Upheld
Hertfordshire	St Clements Danes School	Greenfield JMI & N School	Objection to selection by aptitude/ability	Partially Upheld
Hertfordshire	The Leventhorpe School	Westfield Community Technology College	Objection to selection by aptitude/ability	Upheld
Hertfordshire	The Leventhorpe School	Greenfield JMI& N	Objection to selection by aptitude/ability	Upheld
Hertfordshire	Hockerill College	Westfield Community Technology College	Objection to selection by aptitude/ability	Not Upheld
Hertfordshire	Hockerill College	Greenfield JMI & N	Objection to selection by aptitude/ability	Not Upheld

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Hertfordshire	Bushey Meads School	Westfield Community Technology College	Objection to selection by aptitude/ability	Not Upheld
Hertfordshire	Bushey Meads School	Greenfield JMI & N	Objection to selection by aptitude/ability	Not Upheld
Hertfordshire	Queens School	Westfield Community Technology College	Objection to selection by aptitude/ability	Partially Upheld
Hertfordshire	Queens School	Greenfield JMI & N	Objection to selection by aptitude/ability	Partially Upheld
Hertfordshire	The Hertfordshire & Essex High School	Westfield Community Technology College	Objection to selection by aptitude/ability	Upheld
Hertfordshire	The Hertfordshire & Essex High School	Greenfield JMI & N	Objection to selection by aptitude/ability	Upheld
Hertfordshire	Dame Alice Owens School	Westfield Community Technology College	Objection to selection by aptitude/ability	Partially Upheld
Hertfordshire	Dame Alice Owens School	Greenfield JMI & N	Objection to selection by aptitude/ability	Partially Upheld
Hertfordshire	Parmiters School	Westfield Community Technology College	Objection to selection by aptitude/ability	Partially Upheld
Hertfordshire	Parmiters School	Greenfield JMI & N	Objection to selection by aptitude/ability	Partially Upheld
Hertfordshire	Watford Grammar School for Boys	Westfield Community Technology College	Objection to selection by aptitude/ability	Partially Upheld
Hertfordshire	Watford Grammar School for Boys	Greenfield JMI & N	Objection to selection by aptitude/ability	Partially Upheld
Hertfordshire	Watford GrammarSchool for Girls	Westfield Community Technology College	Objection to selection by aptitude/ability	Partially Upheld

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Hertfordshire	Watford Grammar School for Girls	Greenfield JMI & N	Objection to selection by aptitude/ability	Partially Upheld
Hertfordshire	Goff's School	Westfield Community Technology College	Objection to selection by aptitude/ability	Not Upheld
Hertfordshire	Goff's School	Greenfield JMI & N	Objection to selection by aptitude/ability	Not Upheld
Hertfordshire	Chancellors	Brookmans Park School Music or Sport.	Objection to selection by aptitude in Drama,	Not Upheld
Hounslow	St Mary's VA RC Primary School	Hounslow LEA	Objection to oversubscription criteria children of teaching staff	Out of Jurisdiction
Kent	Charles Dickens School	St Peter-In-Thanel CE Junior School	Objection to over-subscription criteria on distance.	Upheld
Kent	Chatham House Grammar School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Looked after children, Children of staff/past pupils.	Withdrawn
Kent	Dover Grammar School for Boys	Kent LEA	Oversubscription criteria - Looked after children, Order of preference.	Withdrawn
Kent	The Judd School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Looked after children, Order of preference.	Withdrawn
Kent	St George's C of E School, Gravesend.	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Looked after children, Children of staff/past pupils.	Withdrawn
Kent	Thamesview School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Looked after children, Own application form.	Withdrawn
Lancashire	Lancashire LEA	Highfield Primary School	Objection to reduced admission numbers.	Not Upheld

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LEA	Proposer	Objector	Criteria	Outcome
Leeds	Cardinal Heenan High School	St Augustine s Catholic Primary School	Objection to criteria which allows children who live in the catchment area but do not attend the parish into the school over children who attend the parish but live outside the area.	Not Upheld
Lewisham	Prendergast School	Bromley LEA	Over-subscription criteria - children of members of staff.	Upheld
Lewisham	Lewisham LEA	Bromley LEA	Over-subscription criteria - children of members of staff.	Upheld with mods
Milton Keynes	Germander Park First School	Milton Keynes LEA	Objection to more than one point of entry	Upheld with mods
Northamptonshire	Northamptonshire LEA School	Overstone Primary	Objection to Admission Number - Overstone Primary School.	Upheld
Northamptonshire	Northamptonshire LEA	Chenderit School	Objection to admission number - Chenderit School	Not Upheld
North Lincolnshire	North Lincolnshire LEA	South Axholme Community School	Objection to increase in admission number.	Upheld
North Yorkshire	Skipton Girls High School	South Craven School	Increase in admission numbers	Out of Jurisdiction
North Yorkshire	Ermysted s Grammar School	South Craven School	Objection to increase in admission number.	Not Upheld
North Yorkshire	Skipton Girls High	City of Bradford LEA	Objection to Increase in admission numbers	Not Upheld
North Yorkshire	Ermysted s Grammar School	City of Bradford LEA	Objection to Increase in admission numbers	Not Upheld
North Yorkshire	South Craven	City of Bradford LEA	Objection to Increase in admission numbers	Not Upheld

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LEA	Proposer	Objector	Criteria	Outcome
Nottinghamshire	Nottinghamshire LEA	Costock C of E Primary	Objection to decrease in admission numbers.	Upheld
Nottinghamshire	Nottinghamshire LEA	Redlands Primary School	Objection to decrease in admission numbers	Not Upheld
Nottinghamshire	Nottinghamshire LEA	Dean Hole School	Objection to decrease in admission numbers	Not Upheld
Peterboro	Deacons School	Bretton Woods Community School	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Withdrawn
Peterboro	Jack Hunt School	Bretton Woods Community School	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Withdrawn
Peterboro	John Mansfield School	Bretton Woods Community School	Oversubscription criteria -children in public care	Withdrawn
Peterboro	Orton Longueville School	Bretton Woods Community School	Oversubscription criteria -children in public care	Withdrawn
Peterboro	St John Fisher RC School	Bretton Woods Community School	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Withdrawn
Peterboro	Stanground College	Bretton Woods Community School	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Withdrawn
Peterboro	The Kings School	Bretton Woods Community School	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Withdrawn
Peterboro	Walton Community School	Bretton Woods Community School	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Withdrawn
Peterboro	Arthur Mellows Village College	Bretton Woods Community School	School admission arrangements	Withdrawn
Poole	Poole High School	Parkstone Grammar	Objection to proposal to increase Admission Numbers from 290 to 310 from September 2004	Partially Upheld

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LEA	Proposer	Objector	Criteria	Outcome
Poole	Poole High School	Poole LEA	Objection to proposal to increase Admission Numbers from 290 to 310 from September 2004	Partially Upheld
Poole	Poole High School	Corfe Hills School	Objection to proposal to increase Admission Numbers from 290 to 310 from September 2004	Partially Upheld
Poole	Poole High School	Carter Community Sports College	Objection to proposal to increase Admission Numbers from 290 to 310 from September 2004	Partially Upheld
Poole	Poole High School	St Edwards School	Objection to proposal to increase Admission Numbers from 290 to 310 from September 2004	Partially Upheld
Poole	Poole High School	Rosmore Community College	Objection to proposal to increase Admission Numbers from 290 to 310 from September 2004	Partially Upheld
Poole	Poole High School	Ashdown School	Objection to proposal to increase Admission Numbers from 290 to 310 from September 2004	Partially Upheld
Poole	Poole LEA	Poole High School	Objection to admission number - Oakdale Middle School.	Not Upheld
Poole	Poole LEA	Oakdale Middle	Objection to admission School number - Oakdale Middle School.	Not Upheld
Staffordshire	Staffordshire LEA	Parents	Objection to admission numbers of Fulfen Primary School	Upheld
Thurrock	Gable Hall School	St Clere s School	Objection to partial selection.	Upheld with mod
Thurrock	Gable Hall School	The Gray s School	Objection to partial selection.	Upheld with mod
Thurrock	Gable Hall School	Chafford Hundred Campus.	Objection to partial selection	Upheld with mod
Thurrock	Gable Hall School	William Edwards Campus	Objection to partial selection.	Upheld with mod

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LEA	Proposer	Objector	Criteria	Outcome
Wandsworth	Burntwood School	Parents	Objection to partial selection	Upheld with mods
Wandsworth	Wandsworth LEA	Parents	Objection to partial selection	Upheld with mods
Wandsworth	Graveney School	Parents	Objection to partial selection	Upheld with mods
West Berkshire	St Bartholomew s School	LEA	Objection to admission arrangements	Upheld
West Berkshire	Denefield School	LEA	First preference system Absence of defined catchment area Primary schools as feeder	Not Upheld Not Upheld Upheld
West Berkshire	Denefield School	Theale Green Community School	Shared feeder schools Fails to support a coherent admissions policy across West Berkshire	Upheld Not Upheld
Wiltshire	Braden Forest School	Wiltshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - Siblings of past/ present pupils Children of members of staff	Upheld
Wiltshire	Hardenhuish School	Wiltshire LEA	Children of members of staff	Upheld
Wiltshire	Woodborough C of E Primary	Wiltshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - family links	Withdrawn
Wiltshire	St Peters C of E VA Primary	Wiltshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - Decrease in numbers	Withdrawn
Wiltshire	The John Bentley School	Wiltshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - Siblings of past or present pupils and children of members of staff.	Upheld

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Wiltshire	Lowbourne Junior School	Wiltshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - Siblings of past or present pupils and children of members of staff.	Upheld
Wiltshire	Paxcroft Primary School	Wiltshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - Siblings of past or present pupils and children of members of staff.	Upheld
Wiltshire	Farley All Saints C of E VA Primary	Wiltshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - Family links, specific reasons for preference	Upheld
Wiltshire	Devizes School	Wiltshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - specific reasons for preference. Family circumstances.	Upheld
Wirral	Wirral LEA	St Mary s Catholic College	Objection to basis of selection preferences	Not Upheld

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 Objections to admissions arrangement from September 2002 to October 2003 Kent Schools Minded to approve

LEA	Proposer	Objector	Criteria	Outcome
Kent	Dartford Grammar School for Girls	Bromley LEA	Oversubscription - children of members of staff.	Upheld
Kent	Wilmington Grammar School for Boys	Bromley LEA	Oversubscription - children of members of staff.	Upheld
Kent	The Grammar School for Girls (Wilmington)	Bromley LEA	Oversubscription - children of members of staff.	Upheld
Kent	Angley School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Order of preference, Own application form	Partially Upheld
Kent	Aylesford School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Children of staff/ past pupils	Upheld
Kent	Brockhill Park School & Sixth Form Centre	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Looked after children, Order of preference	Partially Upheld
Kent	Bennett Memorial Diocesan School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Looked after children, Order of preference	Partially Upheld
Kent	The Bradbourne School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Own application form, Order of preference, Conditionality	Partially Upheld
Kent	The Charles Dickens School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Looked after children, Children of staff/ past pupils, Order of preference	Partially Upheld
Kent	Chaucer Technology School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Order of preference	Not Upheld
Kent	Dane Court Grammar School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Looked after children, Children of staff/ past pupils	Upheld

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Kent	Fulston Manor School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Looked after children, Children of staff/ past pupils, Own application form	Upheld
Kent	The Hayesbrook School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Looked after children, Children of staff/past pupils, Own application form, Conditionality, Order of preference, Other	Partially Upheld
Kent	Herne Bay High School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Looked after children, Order of preference, Conditionality	Partially Upheld
Kent	Hillview School for Girls	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Looked after children, Children of staff/past pupils, Order of preference, Conditionality	Partially Upheld
Kent	Homewood School & Sixth Form Centre	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Looked after children, Children of staff/past pupils, Order of preference, Conditionality	Partially Upheld
Kent	Hugh Christie Technology College	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Looked after children, Own application form, Order of preference	Partially Upheld
Kent	Mascalls School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Own application form, Order of preference, Conditionality,	Partially Upheld
Kent	The Malling School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription Looked after children, Children of staff/past pupils, Order of preference	Partially Upheld

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Kent	The Maplesden Noakes School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Looked after children, Children of staff/past pupils, Order of preference, Conditionality	Partially Upheld
Kent	Meopham School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Own application form, Order of preference	Partially Upheld
Kent	Minster College	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Looked after children, Children of staff/past pupils, Order of preference, Conditionality	Partially Upheld
Kent	Montgomery School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Looked after children, Order of preference, Other	Partially Upheld
Kent	Oldborough Manor Community School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Children of staff/past pupils, Other	Upheld
Kent	Pent Valley School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Looked after children, Children of staff/past pupils, Order of preference	Partially Upheld
Kent	St Anselm's	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Order of preference, Conditionality	Partially Upheld
Kent	St Edmund's Catholic School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Order of preference, Conditionality	Partially Upheld
Kent	St George's C of E Foundation School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Looked after children, Own application form, Order of preference	Partially Upheld

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Kent	St Gregory s Catholic School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Own application form, Order of preference, Conditionality	Partially Upheld
Kent	St John s RC Comprehensive School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Looked after children, Own application form, Order of preference, Conditionality	Partially Upheld
Kent	St Simon Stock	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Order of preference, Conditionality	Partially Upheld
Kent	Sandwich Technology School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Looked after children, Order of preference	Partially Upheld
Kent	Sir Roger Manwood s School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Children of staff/past pupils	Upheld
Kent	Southlands School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Order of preference, Other	Partially Upheld
Kent	Ursuline College	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Looked after children, Own application form, Order of preference, Conditionality	Partially Upheld
Kent	The WestlandsSchool	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Looked after children, Children of staff/past pupils, Order of preference	Partially Upheld

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Kent	The Wildermesse School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Own application form, Order of preference, Conditionality	Partially Upheld
Kent	Wilmington Grammar School for Boys	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Children of staff/past pupils, Order of preference	Partially Upheld
Kent	Dartford Grammar School (Boys)	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Order of preference	Not Upheld
Kent	Dartford Grammar School for Girls	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Looked after children, Children of staff/past pupils, Order of preference	Partially Upheld
Kent	Gravesend Grammar School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Order of preference	Not Upheld
Kent	Gravesend Grammar School for Girls	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Order of preference	Not Upheld
Kent	Wilmington Grammar School for Girls	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Order of preference, Children of staff/past pupils	Partially Upheld
Kent	Wrotham School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription - Order of preference	Not Upheld

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 Variations to admission arrangements from September 2002 to October 2003

LEA	Proposer	Proposed variation	Outcome
Blackburn and Darwen	Our Lady and St John Catholic Arts College	To select up to 10% based on artistic talent.	Rejected
Bournemouth	Elmrise Primary School	Reduction in admission numbers.	Approved
Bromley	Hayes Primary School	Change Timing of Intake	Withdrawn
Buckinghamshire	St Johns C of E (VA)	Increase in Published Admission Number.	Rejected
Bury	Prestwich Community High School	Temporary increase in admission numbers	Approved
Cambridgeshire	Various Schools	Change wording of distance criteria.	Approved
East Sussex	Peacehaven Community School	Reduction in admission numbers	Approved
Essex	The Gilbert School	To allocate a number of places not exceeding 10% on the basis of assessed aptitude of maths and computing.	Withdrawn
Essex	Beckers Green Primary Great Bradfords Infant & Nurs Great Bradfords Junior John Bunyan Infant & Nurs John Bunyan Junior John Ray Infant John Ray Junior Lyons Hall Primary	To include an additional criterion within the schools admission arrangements to ensure that primary school provision is secured for all children residing within the Chapel Hill catchment area following the closure of Chapel Hill Primary School.	Approved
Essex	Colbayns High School	Reduction in admission numbers.	Rejected
Hertfordshire	St Clement Danes School	To implement recent adjudication.	Approved

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Hertfordshire	Watford Grammar School for Girls	To implement recent adjudication.	Approved
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Hertfordshire	The Leventhorpe School	To implement recent adjudication	Approved
Hertfordshire	Parmiters School	To implement recent adjudication	Approved
Hertfordshire	Queens School	To implement recent adjudication	Approved
Hertfordshire	Chancellors School	To implement recent adjudication	Approved
Hertfordshire	The Bishop s Stortford	To implement recent adjudication	Approved
Hertfordshire	Rickmansworth School	To implement recent adjudication	Approved
Hertfordshire	The Herts & Essex High School	To implement recent adjudication	Approved
Hounslow	St Mary s RC Primary School	Change Admission Arrangements	Out of Jurisdiction
Hounslow	The Green School	Increase in Published Admission Number	Approved
Merton	Garden Primary School & Aragon Primary School	Variation to admission arrangements - reduction in admission numbers.	Approved
Milton Keynes	The Portfields Combined School	To admit part-time 4 year olds in January and Easter for 2003 and thereafter.	Rejected
Milton Keynes	Germander Park First School	To change the age of entry to part - time from the term after the child s fourth birthday for September 2002 & 2003	Rejected
Sheffield	Hinde House School	Reduction of Published Admission Number	Approved
Tameside	Mottram C of E Primary School	To change the over-subscription criteria for 2003 and thereafter.	Approved
Trafford	St Vincent s RC Infant School	Increase published admission limit.	Withdrawn
Wiltshire	Winterslow C of E Primary School	To change the admission criteria for 2003.	Out of Jurisdiction

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Windsor & Maidenhead	Cheapside C of E Primary School	Change definition of school year in admission criteria.	Approved
Wirral	St Marys Catholic College	Increase in Published Admission Number	Approved

Statutory proposals from September 2002 to October 2003

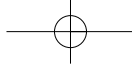
LEA	Proposer	Proposed variation	Outcome
Barnsley	Millhouse Primary School Thurstone Primary School	To close two schools and open a new primary school from September 2005.	Rejected
Birmingham	Kings Heath Infant School Kings Heath Junior School	To merge infant and junior schools.	Approved
Birmingham	Whealers Lane Infant School Whealers Lane Junior School	To merge infant and junior schools.	Approved
Birmingham	James Watt Infant School James Watt Junior School	To merge infant and junior schools.	Approved
Birmingham	Audley Infant School Audley Junior School	To merge the infant and junior school to form a single school in the premises of the existing schools.	Approved
Birmingham	Moor Green Infant School Moor Green Junior School	To merge the infant and junior school to form a single school in the premises of the existing schools.	Rejected
Buckinghamshire	Weston Turvill CE Combined Marsh Gibbon CE Infant	To change status from voluntary controlled to voluntary aided.	Approved with modification
Buckinghamshire	Curzon C of E Combined School	To change status from voluntary controlled to voluntary aided.	Approved
Bury	St Paul s C of E Primary School	To discontinue the school from August 2003.	Approved
Coventry	Alderman Harris Primary School Sir Henry Parkes Primary School	To discontinue two schools and establish a new primary school from with September 2003.	Approved with modification

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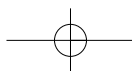
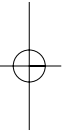
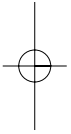
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Cumbria	Valley Community Infant & Nursery Valley Community Junior	To discontinue Valley Community Infant School & Nursery, and Valley Community Junior School and establish a new primary school	Approved
Dorset	King Alfred Middle School Various schools	To discontinue King Alfred s Middle School and change age range of other schools.	Approved
East Sussex	St Anne s Special School	To close St Anne s Special School, Lewes.	Approved
Essex	Beauchamps High School	To increase the published admission number	Approved
Gloucestershire	Dean Hall School and Oakdene School	To close Dean Hall & Oakdene Schools, and establish a new Community Special School	Approved with modification
Hackney	Kingsland School	To discontinue Kingsland School, Hackney.	Approved
Kent	Halstead Place Special School	To discontinue Halstead Place Special School.	Approved
Kent	Northcourt Primary	To discontinue Northcourt Primary School.	Approved
Kingston upon Thames	Southborough School	To change status from Community to Voluntary Aided.	Rejected
Middlesbrough	Linthorpe Infant & Linthorpe Junior Schools	To discontinue Linthorpe Infant School & Linthorpe Junior School from 31st August 2003 & establish a new Community Primary School on the same site from 1 September 2003.	Approved with modification
Newcastle	Lemington Middle School Various schools	To discontinue Lemington Middle School and make prescribed alterations to other schools	Approved
Northamptonshire	Primary and Secondary Schools at Wooton Fields	To be released of duty to implement proposals and establish an all-through 4-19 school.	Approved
Northamptonshire	Overstone Primary School	To increase the standard number.	Approved

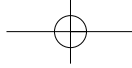
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Rochdale	Sparrow Hill Community Primary and Oakenrod Community Primary	To discontinue Sparrow Hill Primary School and Oakenrod Primary School and establish a new school.	Approved
Southend on Sea	Westborough Primary School and Nursery	Proposal to change school category.	Approved with modification
South Tyneside	Temple Park Infant School Temple Park Junior School	To discontinue Temple Park Infant and Junior Schools and establish a new school from September 2005.	Rejected
Swindon	Bridlewood Community Primary School	To open a new community primary school.	Approved
Wakefield	St Wilfrid's Catholic High School	To enlarge the premises of the school.	Approved
Warwickshire	Wolvey C of E Primary School	To make a prescribed alteration to the school by closing the annexe at Shilton.	Upheld
West Sussex	St Margaret's C of E Primary School	Proposal to expand the school from September 2003.	Approved with modification



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