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Dame Alice Owen's School Admissions Arrangements 2026-27

We are writing further to the recent consultation in relation to the locality criterion of the School's Admissions Arrangements. Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond.

The Governing Body received significant feedback, which included 240 emails; many in-person comments during an online meeting with 69 attendees; and discussions with local Primary School Headteachers. Responses included support for the proposed changes, opposition to them and several suggestions, although the majority of these were not permissible under the law governing secondary school admissions.

After thoroughly reviewing all responses, and considering legal and advisory input, the Governing Body has decided not to proceed with the proposed changes to the Admission Arrangements for the 2026-2027 academic year.

Thank you again to all who shared their support, concerns, viewpoints and ideas.

The Governing Body will continue to review the Admissions Arrangements annually, in accordance with the requirements of the School Admissions Code.

This letter will be available on the School's website.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Governors of Dame Alice Owen's School