

GOO members meet the local councillors.

Thirty members of 'Give Osterley Opportunity' the local residents group supporting Nishkam School met with local Council representatives, members Sheila O'Reilly, Peter De Vic Carey, Tony Louki, on Thursday 8th October at the Council Offices. Previously the group have organised 1842 letters of support now been received by the council. 46% of these letters are from residents within a mile of the site.

The planning application for Nishkam School is likely to be heard at Council planning committee next month, although this remains to be confirmed.

Anu Muthreja, a GOO local member, and parent at the school "we were able to share first-hand the excellent quality of education Nishkam School provides their children, and the unique fantastic approach the school has in celebrating all faiths through common values. Cllr O'Reilly and Louki claimed to have visited the current school. However the school confirmed they are not aware of any visits from these councillors?"

Another GOO local resident, Rattan Singh said, "It was disappointing that local Cllrs were not able to provide answers to the most basic of questions. It seemed that their minds had already been made up. They did not seem to have any strategic view on the desperate need of Hounslow to provide more school places going forward. It was further unfortunate that Cllr Louki decided to cut short his attendance by, arriving late and announcing that he was leaving early from this pre-arranged one hour meeting. His demeanor was particularly poor and condescending. There was a clear refusal to respond to specific questions and to the facts presented to both Cllr's Reilly and Louki. It's a pity that both these Councillors were not able to take the lead from Cllr Peter De Vic Carey who understood the argument and was able to provide a more balanced and fair minded awareness of the issues."