

Keeping Education Strong:

Strategy for future proofing primary schools and protecting the quality of education in Southwark

Update – February 2024

Comber Grove Primary School

Schools Impacted August 31st 2023

- ❖ St Johns Walworth Primary 2021
- ❖ St Francesca Cabrini RC Primary School 2023
- ❖ Townsend Primary School 2023

- ❖ Cobourg Primary School – amalgamated with Camelot Primary School to form new **Bird in Bush Primary School** at governors' request

- ❖ Harris Free Primary School, Peckham – amalgamated with Harris Primary Academy Peckham Park at the request of the Trustees

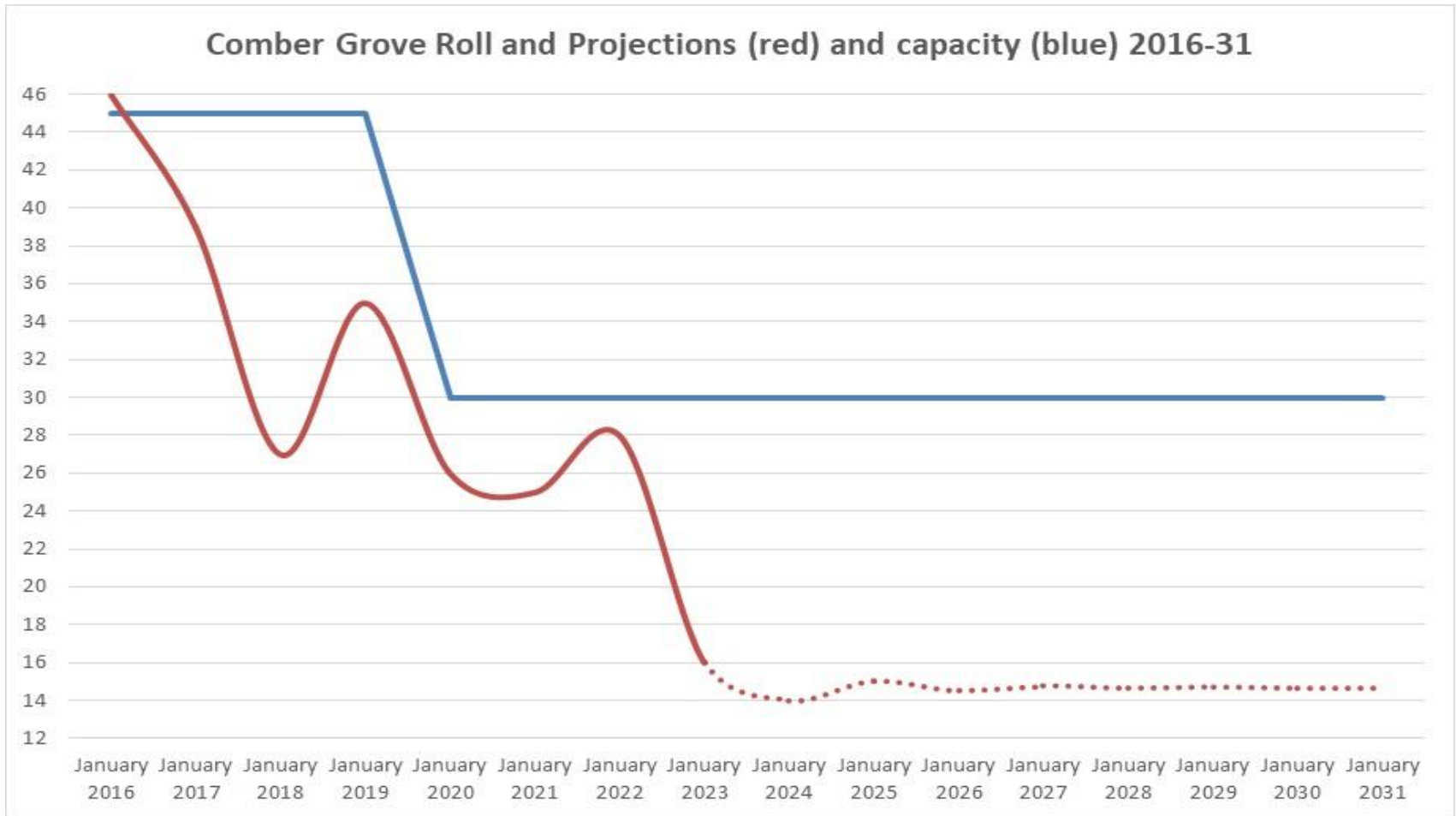
- In addition, schools have amalgamated or closed in neighbouring boroughs: Lewisham, Tower Hamlets and Lambeth.

Potential changes 2023-24

- ❖ Independent consultants commissioned by the Council in 2023 highlighted schools that had the greatest challenges e.g. with their roll and finance.
- ❖ **Comber Grove Primary School**
- ❖ St Mary Magdalene Primary School
- ❖ Reducing the size of the schools - PAN reductions at several schools in Southwark

Headteachers in the LA supported the work of consultants as they were independent of the Council.

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Comber Grove Roll 2024-25 Projected roll and vacancies

Year	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
PAN 2023-24	30	30	30	30	30	30	45	225
Roll	17	17	15	23	27	25	20	143
Vacancies	13	13	15	7	3	5	25	82

PAN = number of children there should be in each year group

Roll = number of children in each year group

Vacancies = spare places

82 = total number of spare places. More than 2 full classes.

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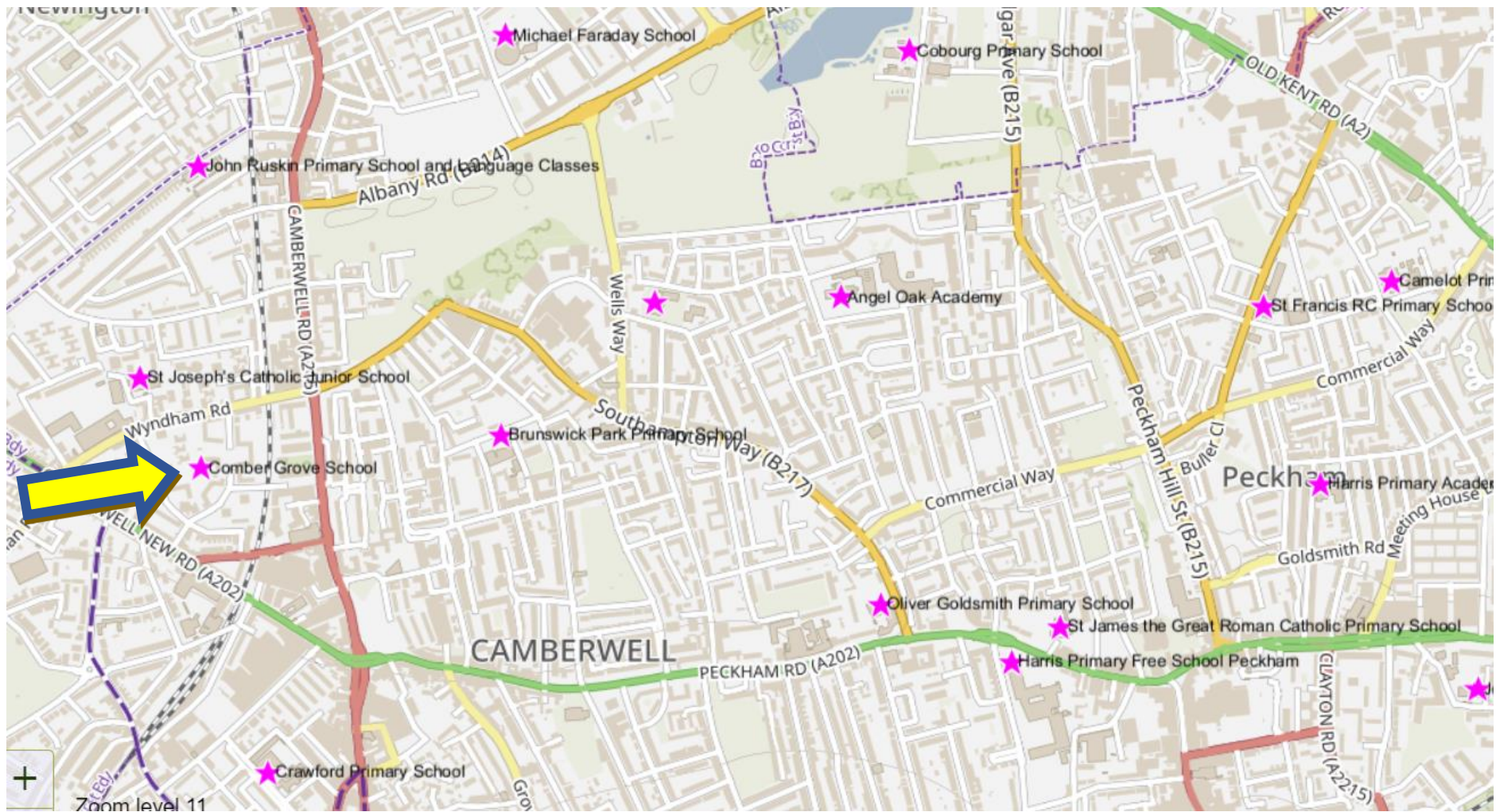
Roll – Pupil numbers: if there are not enough, the school loses funding it needs

Quality of Education - outcomes for all pupils can they be sustained?

Finances – staff structure that helps all pupils; curriculum opportunities for all pupils; maintenance of the building and the staff teams that work there – premises, admin, support staff etc.

Long term leadership – costs and consistency

Comber Grove 2023-24



Provisional Timetable

- ❖ Consultation: November – December 2023
- ❖ Publication of Statutory Notice to Close – February 2024
- ❖ Cabinet decision – June 2024
- ❖ Closure – August 31 2024