

**COUNCIL
19 OCTOBER 2016**

ALTERED MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR DOWLING

17(C) Grammar Schools - Motion Included on the Agenda by Councillor Dowling on Behalf of the Labour Group

This Council is proud of all secondary schools in the borough and applauds them in the work they do to educate our children, in times of tough financial pressures, ever increasing scrutiny from Ofsted and the ever changing policies of the Department for Education.

This council notes the opposition by Lancashire County Council, the Shadow Education Secretary Angela Rayner MP, former Education Secretary Nicky Morgan, Ofsted Chief Sir Michael Wilshaw, the OECD, and many others to this government's grammar schools proposals.

This Council believes the Tories' plan for grammar schools will segregate our children, providing a privileged education for a few and a second class education for the rest. Far from increasing social mobility, they undermine the quality of existing secondary schools and improving life chances across the board.

This Council resolves to write to the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Education urging them not to proceed with these divisive proposals which contradict all available evidence regarding the most effective ways to improve educational achievement and hence will do nothing to raise educational standards for all our children.