Excerpts from an interview on with Karen Buck MP  
08/04/2016  
18min 02sec

00.00  Karen gives a background to how she got to know about Maxilla  
Susy Parsons

01.20  North Kensington of the mid-late 20th Century

02.20  Karen became actively involved in the mid 90s representing her  
constituency of Regents Park and Kensington North

04.25  End of 90s – the formation of Sure Start
  Harriet Harman visited Maxilla – an outstanding example of an integrated  
early years centre

05.40  Maxilla as a comprehensive model – multi ethnic, and a broad socio-  
economic mix

06.50  2003 the Boroughs attempt to restructure Maxilla

07.45  A powerful campaign from the local community to protest against this  
The importance of cross party alliances  
The Schools Organising Committee

09.30  The preservation of the garden

10.35  Karen’s response to the closure of Maxilla in 2015

11.20  Children’s Centres are now in full retreat

15.20  Continued advances in the offer for under 5s, but there is something lost  
as well as something gained

16.00  Children’s Centre had a multiplier role – community cohesion

17.38  Maxilla was an important piece of social history and it was right