

CONSULTATION

31st March 2016

Bedfordshire East Multi Academy Trust Ltd [BEMAT]

Dear Parents, Guardians, Head Teachers, School Leaders, Staff, Governors and Members of the Community.

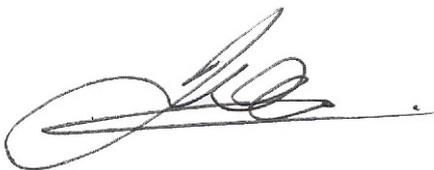
As you know, Etonbury, Robert Bloomfield, Gravenhurst, Langford, Gothic Mede and Samuel Whitbread Academies together form the multi academy trust of BEMAT Ltd. In partnership with its foundation, Bedfordshire East Schools Trust Ltd [BEST], BEMAT is working with Central Bedfordshire Council [CBC] in order to meet the Council's need for school places to serve the communities of Stotfold, Fairfield and Arlesey.

BEMAT is proposing to enlarge its Etonbury campus to increase the number of places it currently offers for children across the middle and upper school age range. If approved, this further expansion of Etonbury Academy serving children from Year 5 to Year 11 with a PAN of 150 would change it to a school serving the same age range but with a PAN of 180. This would increase the total size of the school from 900 places to 1260 places from September 2017.

This will increase the number of school places that are available to serve the Academy's local catchment from Year 5 and will also increase the GCSE provision in the Etonbury catchment area without enlarging the already extensive campus at Samuel Whitbread Academy. This new proposal for development builds upon the facilities at Etonbury due to be completed at the end of May 2016.

Further details can be found in our FAQ document and we would be delighted if you could take a little time to complete our questionnaire. This can be found on the BEMAT website and hard copies are available in the reception area of Etonbury Academy.

BEMAT will also be holding a public consultation meeting at Etonbury Academy on 12th April at 1830 in the Main Hall and we are eager to gauge local public opinion and receive the views of parents, the local community and local schools.



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On behalf of BEMAT and Etonbury Academy

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Etonbury
Academy



Robert Bloomfield
Academy



Samuel Whitbread
Academy



Gravenhurst
Academy



Gothic Mede
Academy



Langford Village
Academy



Frequently asked questions:

Q – My child currently attends Etonbury, how can I be assured that standards and provision would be maintained as the campus grows?

A – BEMAT, the Local Governors and staff at Etonbury are proud of their 'Good' Ofsted rating and are committed to continuing to improve to 'Outstanding', provide a curriculum that is well designed and matched to the needs, abilities, interests and aspirations of all of their pupils.

This development will enable the excellent work on standards at Etonbury to be fully accommodated. BEMAT and local Governors intend to build upon the 'best ever' key stage 2 results of last year and provide an all through learning experience for the children in Arlesey and Stotfold, 9 to 16 with outstanding facilities.

Q - Would the expanded Etonbury Academy be able to continue to provide a full and varied curriculum?

A – The curriculum of Etonbury Academy is well designed and matched to the needs, abilities, interests and aspirations of all children. Staff regularly review the current curriculum and would plan the curriculum for the extended school site to meet the requirements of the national curriculum and the needs of the community. The school would also work with the local community to develop relevant extra curricular and extended school activities.

Q – What are you proposing to build on the Etonbury site and what new facilities would be available?

A – The proposal is to expand Etonbury Academy to provide 180 places in each of the school's year groups from year 5 to year 11. The recent developments will accommodate pupils for sports and recreation and the proposed accommodation for this further expansion would mostly comprise of classrooms, a dance studio, offices and circulation space.

There will be a town planning application process for the planned expansion and therefore there will be a separate opportunity to comment on the plans as part of that process.

Q – How would the new facilities be used, e.g. what age groups/pupils would it serve?

A – The pupils will study at key stage 2, 3 and KS 4 [GCSE], aged 9 to 16. In the main pupils will transfer to Samuel Whitbread Academy at 16+ for Sixth Form programmes of study.

Q – Will parents have the option to transfer their children to Samuel Whitbread at the end of year 8?

A – Yes, parents will be able to complete the relevant admissions documents on the CBC website.

Q – When would the new accommodation for the school’s expansion be completed?

A - Subject to obtaining all the necessary consents it is likely that the new accommodation would be subject to a phased completion from September 2017.

Q – Does the Council have the funds to provide the accommodation needed for the school’s expansion?

A – Yes, the cost of the school expansion and fitting out would be paid for by developer’s contributions and the Department for Education’s Basic Need Grant via the Council’s New School Places Programme.

Q – How would admissions to the expanded school be managed? Would there be an intake from across the age range?

A – The admissions arrangements would remain as they are for the existing Etonbury Academy site, with the same admissions criteria remaining in place. The catchment area for the academy would remain unchanged and a total of 180 places would eventually be available per year group. The admission to Etonbury would be based primarily on its catchment.

Q – What provision would be made for early years and ‘wrap around’ care?

A – The current consultation which the Council supports, is specifically related to provision for statutory aged pupils. The provision of extended school activities would be the subject of further discussions between the academy and community to establish the type of provision and/or activities which are to be sought or needed and could be provided within the available accommodation.

The Academy is seeking to establish nursery provision on the school site but this is not part of the current consultation and is a proposal that is being developed separately with further announcements to be provided in due course.

Q – Would this expansion impact upon the existing staff?

A – The school would need to recruit new teaching and support staff to enable the larger school to operate effectively in the long term.

Q – Are there any interim proposals in advance of the new accommodation being ready?

A - The Executive of Central Bedfordshire Council will consider the proposal to commence consultation on the proposal to expand Etonbury Academy at their meeting on 5 April 2016. If the Executive give their approval for the proposal, Etonbury Academy has indicated its willingness to accommodate catchment pupils over its admission number in September 2016, ahead of the availability of the new buildings in September 2017.

Q – Have any alternative solutions been considered, other than the expansion of Etonbury Academy?

A – Yes. A number of options were considered by the Council including the possible creation of a completely new school. However, by asking BEMAT to expand Etonbury Academy, the Council is following its Policy Principles for Pupil Place Planning, which underpins all council decisions regarding new school places. These policy principles include -

1. the need to provide local schools for local children, ensuring a sense of community belonging and also promoting sustainable modes of travel
2. the need to create schools that are of sufficient size to be financially and educationally viable
3. the ability to support the expansion of local popular and successful schools or to link expanding schools with popular and successful schools
4. the potential to further promote and support robust partnerships and learning communities



Bedfordshire East Multi Academy Trust Ltd [BEMAT]

The expansion of Etonbury Academy [phase 2]

Questionnaire – please circle your answer [YES/NO] and make a comment if you wish.

1. Would you be in favour of Etonbury Academy expanding to provide secondary education in the Arlesey and Stotfold area so that all children can be educated locally?

YES NO

Comment

2. Would you be in favour of the enlargement of the campus to accommodate up to 1260 pupils by 2017 to facilitate this?

YES NO

Comment

3. Do you have any concerns about these proposed changes?

YES NO

Comment

4. Is there anything else you would like to suggest to us as part of this consultation?

YES NO

Comment

[Optional]

Name: Email:

Address:



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Phase 2 Development Plan Public Consultation



Why?

- There are not enough student places in the Arlesey, Stotfold and Fairfield catchment area to fulfil need resulting from population growth.
- Without Etonbury Phase 2 Development, there will not be sufficient places from September 2017 for catchment students to be educated in their community.
- Unless Phase 2 Development happens, there will be approximately forty students at Yr5 who will have to be bused out to other schools outside of the catchment in September 2017.
- The situation will then get progressively worse, with inadequate places across all the year groups, including Key Stage 4.



When?

- Etonbury has a PAN of 150 students in Yr5 as maximum but is admitting 180. There are 217 students in the feeder lower schools needing places for September 2017. This then rises to nearly 240 for September 2018.
- Population growth and student numbers will continue to expand until 2023, based on known development plans and projected growth.
- Etonbury currently has capacity for 100 students per year group from Yr9 onward. It is now clear that this is not sufficient, as virtually all parents and students are choosing to remain here for KS4.
- In order to meet this need, the school has to expand to fulfil 180 students per year group across all years 5-11.



What?

- This enhancement in capacity has already commences with Etonbury Phase 1 Development, which is fully on track, ahead of schedule and will be complete and operational for September 2016 this year.
- The proposal is that Etonbury Academy develops to accommodate 180 students per year group, giving a total roll capacity of 1260 students.
- This development will ensure that all 180 students who start in Yr5 can remain and complete their seven year journey to KS4.
- The site will be further developed to provide additional teaching and learning space, along with ancillary services, and enhanced sporting and leisure facilities for school and community use.



How?

- 9 general teaching classrooms @ 55m²
- 1 general teaching classroom @ 70m²
- 2 Food technology rooms @ 100m²
- 1 Food technology store 10m²
- 1 Dance studio² @ c.180m and an enlarged entrance to the sports hall
- 1 CAD room with associated printing facilities @ 60m²
- 5 offices @ 9m²
- 5 group rooms @ 10m²
- Toilets associated with this increase in numbers
- A new staff room is required @ 35m²
- A nursery on the ground floor
- A revision/extension to entrance and reception to ensure students do not need to circulate through this area



How? (cont)

The school and BEMAT have aspirations for further improvements to the school. This includes:

- Tennis/Netball/Basket Ball Courts
- Orchard
- Additional Changing facilities for the outdoor All Weather Pitch
- Additional Car Parking
- Improved pick-up and drop-off vehicular access
- Additional Food Tech
- Additional Science Laboratory
- Exam space – large and small spaces
- Small group room spaces
- Refurbishment of the existing year 5
- Additional outdoor teaching areas
- Additional provision for PVs across the site
- General improvements to the outdoor areas (landscaping)



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To do this, and ensure every student has a place to be educated in their community, we need your support.

Thank you.



Etonbury Phase 2 Public Consultation

Tuesday 19th April 2016 1830 Etonbury

BEMAT Director: David Shelvey [also CBC ward member for Arlesey]

BEST Trustee: John Street [also Chair of the Etonbury local governing body]

CBC Representatives: Lydia Braisher, Victor Wan

BEMAT officers: Ian Kite, Mandy Salzen

Etonbury Principal: Alex Prior

36 members of the public

Etonbury Academy Phase 2 Public Consultation Meeting

6.30pm Presentation given by Mr Alex Prior Principal of Etonbury Academy followed by questions.

Please see: BEMAT ETA Phase 2 Public Consultation

Q: Are there currently 6 classes in year 5?

A: Yes. From next year it will be 7 possibly 8 but this will drop down in 2019 to 6.

Q: We're worried that in a school of 1200 students the year 11 students could be intimidating for year 5 students.

A: Great deal of thought has been put into this and the school will be zoned. Key Stage 2 pupils will have their own playground from September 2016, specific classrooms and their own canteen time. Behaviour in the school as a whole is very good and this is commented on by visitors, but there will be times when the whole school will come together.

Q: I'm worried about the social interactions and conversations that the older students may have, and the language that they may use around the younger students particularly traveling to and from school.

A: The students are always reminded that they are ambassadors for the school when they're out in the community and the school tackles any issues that they become aware of. Within the school, the zoning will help prevent this.

Q: Where will the phase 2 build be?

A: There will an extension to the new block that is just being finished and a block of 4 new classrooms behind the existing year 5 block.

Q: How will the safety of the students be handled when the new classrooms are being built?

A: Morgan Sindall will manage the safety of both students and staff in partnership with the school senior team. This has worked very well with the construction that is finishing in May 2016.

Q: Will the current year 8 students continue to be the oldest in the school?

A: Yes.

Q: Will students come from outside the catchment area?

A: Students from within catchment will always be the priority however if there are spaces available students from other catchments may have the opportunity to come here.

Q: I currently have one child at Samuel Whitbread Academy and one at Etonbury. Will there be the option to send my child to Samuel Whitbread Academy?

A: Yes. Etonbury Academy will be offering some courses that are not available at Samuel Whitbread Academy and all catchment students will have the option to attend either school.

Q: The age range is my main concern.

A: The students will spend 7 years at Etonbury Academy so the staff will get to know them really well. This will make student management in the school easier to handle.

Q: If a student starts badly at Etonbury it could really affect their education in the future.

A: I come from a secondary education background and I've realised that middle school education needs a different set of skills. With this in mind, fantastic new staff have been recruited, existing staff have been restructured and a new Head of Key stage 2 appointed to ensure that all new students have a great start in their new school.

Etonbury will still have the small school environment with additional benefits of a bigger school such as a brand new library.

Q: With the educational numbers bulge, do you have the confidence to take this forward and also forge links with Samuel Whitbread Academy?

A: The proposed building works will give us the space to educate the additional students created by the bulge. It's been proved that if a student does well at Key Stage 4 then they will do well at Key Stage 5. Key Stage 5 (6th Form) at Samuel Whitbread is very successful and I'm already working on very close links with SWA, North Herts College and Bedford College so that we can support the students through this transition.

Q: You've said that you will offer some different courses to Samuel Whitbread Academy. If a student wants to attend SWA for a particular course how would this be dealt with?

A: It may be possible for just one course to be accessed at Samuel Whitbread Academy and for the student to remain at Etonbury for the rest of the curriculum in the future however this not something that we are focusing on at the moment.

Mr Prior invited all attendees to contact him direct should there be any further questions.

7.35pm Meeting came to a close.

Etonbury Academy

22 April 2016 13:59

Budget 2015/2016 - WIP

1/E' Group

2019-20

Revenue					
Income					
Total DfE revenue Income	2,224,282	2,467,684	3,335,300	4,512,004	5,760,661
Local Authority	28,133	35,133	35,133	35,133	35,133
Voluntary Income	0	0	0	0	0
Other vn Grant rev inc	230,000	489,590	489,590	489,590	9,590
Other Income	111,183	205,200	205,200	205,200	205,200
Transfer in Revenue from Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Total Income:	2,593,598	3,197,607	4,065,223	5,241,927	6,010,584
Expenditure					
Staff Costs	2,067,511	2,625,960	3,019,250	4,223,070	5,290,886
Risk Protection Arrangement (RPA)	0	0	0	0	0
Other Non - Staff Costs	526,087	725,347	744,658	764,644	781,671
Transfer to capital fund	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditure :	2,593,598	3,351,307	3,763,908	4,987,714	6,072,558
In Year Surp/(Def):	0	(153,700)	301,315	254,213	(61,974)
Surp/(Def) B/Fwds:	0	0	(153,700)	147,614	401,828
Cumulative C/Fwds:	0	(153,700)*	147,614	401,828	339,854

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BEMAT is in the process of applying for Local Authority Growth Fund. We have been granted £321K [April to August] which has not yet reached our accounts and we expect a further £230K [September to March 2017] pupil lead funding. We also expect £200K Project Management funding for the year April 2016 to March 2017. These amounts will be added to our forecast as they are confirmed and arrive.

Report on the Etonbury Academy Expansion Proposals

The proposal

It is proposed that Etonbury Academy currently at a capacity of 900 pupil places is expanded to accommodate 1260 pupil places at a PAN of 180 from year 5 to year 11.

Business Case

Please see: Open academy fast track application ETA BEMAT

Please see: BEMAT Business Case ETA Expansion

Financial Projection [5 years]

Please see: Etonbury 5 year financial projection

Public consultation

The public consultation was opened on the 12th April 2016 with a public meeting held on the 19th April and was closed on the 12th May 2016. The details of the consultation are contained in the attachments:

BEMAT Etonbury – Consultation Letter re proposed ETA expansion

BEMAT Etonbury - Consultation FAQ

BEMAT Etonbury – Consultation ETA response form

These documents were sent to all local stakeholders.

Please see: BEMAT Etonbury - Consultation Q&A 19.04.2016

The public consultation was attended by 43 parents, CB officers, BEMAT officers and local CBC ward members.

Responses to the consultation questionnaire.

The first asked that the impact of first phase of expansion be evaluated before the second phase is commenced.

Etonbury has been expanded from a 4FE middle school to a 5FE 9 to 16 extended secondary with a capacity of 900 pupil places with 600 places in the 9 to 13 age range and 300 pupil places in the 14 to 16 age range. This phase is due to complete on the 23rd May 2016. It was always intended that this phase would be followed by a second to expand the academy to 6 FE through the age range 9 to 16. The drive for this expansion is demographic which has accelerated over the past year with the completion and sale of houses in the area. Etonbury is already taking 180 pupils in year 5 and must continue to do so in order that all pupils in the locality have a school place. Whilst the BEMAT Board would prefer to have waited the pressure on places is acute and unless this expansion takes place now pupils without a place will have to be educated elsewhere. This would not be a viable option as other local upper schools are full.

Two responses were in favour.

Another raised issues concerning home school transport and the expense and difficulties of young children walking along major roads. The Fairfield Park housing estate is located on the margins of the free home school qualification criteria for distance. BEMAT is organising a meeting with the parents of the pupils affected with the aim of providing a bus service for which the parents have agreed to pay. The cost of this service is likely to be less than the commercial fare.

One respondent is against the expansion as they feel that the age range 9 to 16 is too great and will make the school daunting for the younger children. This was a theme of the public meeting and was addressed by the Principal.

Arlesey Town Council made a formal response: BEMAT were asked to review the drop off arrangements at the site which are under consideration and incorporated into the designs. They requested that BEMAT undertake a school travel plan modelling exercise which is part of the planning process and has been undertaken. They asked our view on the method of crossing the A507 – BEMAT is in negotiation with CBC highways and the consensus is that there will either be a footbridge or an underpass. Due to the high water table in this area the bridge is likely to be the favoured option. BEMAT is opposed to any type of pedestrian crossing. However, all of these queries will be dealt with through the normal planning and public consultation process.

Questions at the public meeting revolved around several themes:

Please see BEMAT Etonbury Consultation Q & A 19.04.2016

Concerns were raised about the age range and the social mix of year 5 and year 11 pupils. These issues were resolved by the Principal who explained that the site was to be zoned. Year 5 pupils [and year 6] had their own teaching block, their own timetable and social areas for play during breaks and lunchtimes. These lunch times were also different to the upper part of the school, which would also have its own social area. All social areas will be supervised and there will be robust behavioural policies and procedures in place. The campus is very well served with outstanding facilities and there will be a large number of organised activities at lunchtimes in which most pupils will participate. Pupils will be in the system for 7 years and from an early age, the transition from middle school to extended secondary will be gradual and well managed.

Other questions wondered if the very good links with Samuel Whitbread Academy might be lost and pupils may suffer from a drop in standards as Etonbury established itself. Again the audience were reassured that as both academies were part of BEMAT the excellent relationships would continue. Several members of staff were working on both sites and more had been promoted to posts at Etonbury from Samuel Whitbread. The curriculum had been designed in consultation with senior leaders at both academies and is complimentary. Pupils who wish to attend Samuel Whitbread may do so.

The third area of concern related to the actual build, where the new blocks would be located, what facilities would be available and how safety would be managed. The new block would be an extension of the block which is about to be completed with an extension to the year 5 block. It was hoped that tennis courts, a dance studio, basketball courts and hard surface recreational space

would be added. Health and safety had been extremely well managed by the academy and the main contractor thus far and this would continue.

The meeting closed at 7:35 pm

The BEMAT board and the Etonbury Local Governing board have considered these representations and the responses to them and approve of the development of this proposal.



Department
for Education

Making significant changes to an open academy: fast track application

This form is for open academy trusts judged as 'good' or 'outstanding' at their latest Ofsted inspection, wishing to propose one of the changes listed in Part B of this form to an existing academy. Please complete all sections of this form and submit to academy.questions@education.gsi.gov.uk.

Academy trusts wishing to [make a significant change](#) to the characteristics of an open academy that will affect clauses in their funding agreement **MUST** submit a proposal for change in advance of the change being made. **Failure to do so could constitute a breach of its funding agreement.**

Academy trusts should note that where a proposed change sets a precedent or is potentially contentious as described in the significant change guidance, a [full business case](#) will be required. This is regardless of the academy's Ofsted rating and whether the type of change being proposed is eligible for the fast track process. Examples are those which:

- Reduce places in an area of basic need; and
- Have received objections from the LA and/or neighbouring schools that the proposed change will undermine the quality of education provided by other 'good' or 'outstanding' schools in the area, by creating additional places where there is already surplus capacity.

Whilst we endeavour to approve all changes deemed as 'fast track', changes that do not meet the specified criteria will not be approved by [Regional Schools Commissioners](#) (RSC). All other proposals to make significant changes must use the [full business case](#) form

Information provided in this application form, including personal information, may be subject to publication or disclosure in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Environmental Information Regulations 2004 or the Data Protection Act 1998.

Part A: Academy trust details (all details must be completed)

Date proposal submitted:	
Effective date of the proposed change and how this will be implemented (e.g. will it be in stages?):	1 st September 2017
Name of academy where change will take place:	Etonbury Academy
Name of academy trust; MAT/sponsor if academy is within MAT structure:	Bedfordshire East Multi Academy Trust Ltd
Academy type (please delete):	Converter
Date academy opened:	1 st November 2011
Academy trust number as registered at Companies House:	07546141
Local Authority:	Central Bedfordshire
LA Establishment number:	823
Name of Head teacher:	Mr Alex Prior
Full address:	Etonbury Academy, Stofold Road Arlesey BEDS
Postcode:	SG15 6XS
Current Published Admissions Number:	150
Current number on roll:	609
Current school capacity number as noted in your funding agreement:	480 [to be changed by deed of variation to 900 once the current phase of expansion id completed; 23 rd May 2016]
If relevant, the proposed new capacity:	1260
Current age range:	9 to 16
If relevant, the proposed new age range:	9 to 16
Main contact name:	Ian F Kite
Your role within the organisation:	Head of Projects Resources Operations and Capital
Telephone number:	01462 811519
Email address:	ikite@bemat.org.uk

Part B: Proposal details (please tick all boxes that apply)

- Physical expansion of premises where the fast track criteria are met *
- Change of lower or upper age limit by up to two years (excluding adding a sixth-form) where the fast track criteria are met **
- Satellite expansions (excluding proposals from selective academies and/or satellite expansions that include an age-range change) where the fast track criteria are met
- Adding or increasing boarding provision where the fast track criteria are met
- Removing a sixth-form where the fast track criteria are met

* Please note the significant change process does not apply to expansions relating to non-teaching floor space, where it does not change the capacity of the academy e.g. adding a sports hall.

** Where early years provision is established, the academy trust must ensure the qualified staff to child ratios are met (as set out in the [statutory framework for the early years foundation stage](#))

Part C: Rationale (1 page max)

Please provide details of the change, including: the rationale for change and impact on the school, any potential issues / risks relating to the proposals (e.g. changes to leadership and governance, any foreseen adaptations, additions, refurbishments or land transfers needed), and evidence of demand for the change.

Demographic growth due to house building has increased local demand for pupil places from a PAN of 120 with an age range 9 to 13 to PAN 150 with an age range of 9 to 16 [this phase of expansion is due to complete on the 23rd May 2016] and now requires a PAN of 180 age range 9 to 16 from September 2017. The academy is well prepared, staff have been recruited to teach key stage 4 and support services are in place. No land transfers are required. There are no changes of governance or leadership required. Adaptations and refurbishments of the original buildings have taken place and are complete. The campus is large enough to accommodate the development, including the expansion of the outdoor facilities. This project is a straightforward extension to the main building and an extension to the year 5 block with some landscaping to provide playing areas and social spaces from open land already available on the site.

The following table shows the increased demand for pupil places;

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Y5	165	201	255	229	263	282	319	320	291
Y6	184	181	202	256	230	266	284	321	323
Y7	143	189	181	202	257	233	268	286	323
Y8	117	142	190	181	204	259	235	269	288
Y9		90	142	190	181	206	261	236	271
Y10			90	143	192	183	208	263	238
Y11				90	144	194	185	210	265
Total	609	803	1060	1291	1471	1623	1760	1905	1999

Capacity	480	900	1260	1260	1260	1260	1260	1260	1260
Variance in Pupil Places	-129	97	200	-31	-211	-363	-500	-645	-739

These figures are agreed with Central Bedfordshire Head of School Organisation, Admissions and Capital Planning.

Part D: Consultation and local support – as set out in section 5 of the significant change guidance document

I declare that: a fair and open consultation has taken place for a minimum of 4 weeks; where necessary consultation relating to admission arrangements has been undertaken (as set out in The School Admissions Code); the number and percentage of responses that are in favour of the change has been considered as well as any objections; and that any issues raised have already been managed or there is a plan for them to be managed.

Yes No

Part E: Alignment with the Local Authority’s pupil place planning – as set out in section 5 of the significant change guidance document

I declare that: the view of the local authority has been sought; that in their view the change is aligned with local pupil place plans; and that the change is unlikely to have a negative impact on educational standards at the academy or at other local schools or colleges.

Yes No

Part F: Securing appropriate permissions

I declare that: appropriate planning permissions and any other consents that may be required to enable the change to happen have been secured.

(Examples of permissions/consents might include: acquiring land or buildings; building on playing areas; changing leases; consent of any relevant religious authority).

Yes No

Part G: Finance and funding - as set out in section 4 of the significant change guidance document

Part G (a): Funding is secured in relation to the proposed change

I declare that: funding has been secured in relation to the proposed change for both capital and revenue costs; that the academy trust is in a strong financial position and there are no issues with current budget and/or finances. In the case of expansions, academies have sufficient funding for additional pupils, until lagged funding is applied;

Yes No

Part G (b): Forward financial forecast for the academy trust (to be completed for all cases)

Please confirm by indicating yes/no below that:

- the academy trust has undertaken a forward financial forecast for 5 years;
- the finances of the academy trust, taking into account projected pupil numbers can support this proposed change;
- the academy trust will remain in a surplus situation as a result of this change within the 5 year forecast.

Yes No

Part H: Declarations

The chair of the academy trust and/or accounting officer **MUST** confirm that the information provided in this form is correct

Declaration:

I hereby certify that the information entered in this form is correct.

I confirm the proposal for a significant change is being submitted in advance of the change being made.

I confirm that the academy trust has discharged its public sector equality duties in proposing this change, to ensure that the policies and practices adopted by the academy trust comply with the equality duties under the Equality Act 2010.

I understand that the academy trust is responsible for making sure that all legal requirements are met when the change is implemented.

I understand the supply of inaccurate or misleading information and failure to follow the correct procedures could constitute a breach of the funding agreement and that any changes granted by the Secretary of State as a result, will be rendered null and void.

Name:	Mr Peter Little
Role within the organisation (This must be either the chair of the academy trust or the accounting officer):	Chair
Signature:	
Date:	