

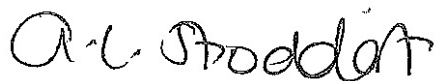
Dear Sir,

I am writing to you on behalf of the East Staffordshire Headteachers' group. The group consists of nine secondary schools and the Burton & South Derbyshire College. We work together following the model of school to school support and meet formally every half term.

Mike Donoghue has been open and transparent about the fact the John Taylor Multi Academy Trust has intended to bid for the sponsorship of the Free School in Tatenhill. At all points of the process he has shared with us his intentions and undertaken to respect existing catchment areas. In doing so, he has demonstrated sensitivity to the local educational needs of Burton and the surrounding area.

Our group has not had any engagement with any other bidders.

Yours faithfully



Annabel Stoddart  
Chair of the East Staffordshire Headteachers' Group

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