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Date: 9 June 2016

Dear Mr Donoghue

Proposal to establish a Free School in Burton upon Trent

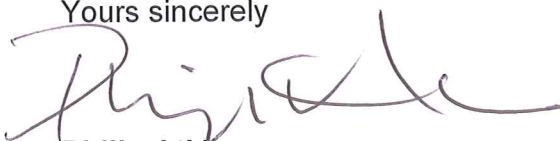
Thank you for contacting the Local Authority concerning your proposal to establish a secondary Free School in Burton upon Trent. I understand that you have had productive discussions with our School Organisation Team and this project should dovetail appropriately with our building and expansion plans for the district of East Staffordshire and more specifically the West of Burton upon Trent.

Furthermore, I have had the opportunity to discuss this proposal with the Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills and my officers and it is felt that your outline proposal would be one we could strongly support given your background of working successfully in the locality and maintaining the outstanding status at John Taylor High School. I am also aware that John Taylor High School and the Local Authority have worked well together over a number of years and of the positive letter you have received from the Regional Schools Commissioner.

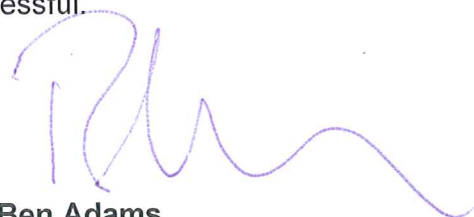
The plans for a new 8FE secondary school are to meet the needs of the current families in Burton but also for future families who move into the town as a result of the continuing housing growth. Our assessment of need for the new school is 5FE in Year 7 from 2018 together with 1FE in Year 8 and 1FE in Year 9, growing incrementally to 8FE, in line with population growth. It is unlikely to be fully occupied any earlier than 2022.

I look forward to working with you in achieving the above and can offer the Local Authority's full support for the project should your application be successful.

Yours sincerely



Philip Atkins
Leader of the Council



Ben Adams
Cabinet Member for Learning & Skills

