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To Staff, Parents/Carers and other interested parties

Friday 30th November 2018

Dear Consultee

### **Proposal to Expand University Academy Holbeach**

The Lincolnshire Education Trust (LET) is commencing a consultation process on the proposal to permanently expand the capacity at University Academy Holbeach (UAH) with an implementation date of September 2020.

The Local Authority (LA) has a statutory duty to ensure that there are sufficient places to accommodate all pupils of school age in Lincolnshire. The Local Authority has been working with primary providers across Holbeach, Spalding and the wider area to increase the number of school places available to meet growing demand. This significant growth in primary pupil numbers will progress into the secondary sector over the years ahead.

As a consequence the LA are fully supportive of UAH's proposal to increase their capacity to help meet the needs of the local community. Additional places at UAH will contribute to ensuring that sufficient school places are available to meet future demand.

It is important that LET gathers and considers all views on this proposal prior to making a decision on whether to proceed.

The proposal being consulted on is to permanently expand the school from the existing formal capacity of 1,350 places (including sixth form) based on a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 180, up to 1650 places (PAN 240), with a proposed implementation date of September 2020.

The following information outlines the reasons for the proposal and explains why there is a need to expand this school and how the expansion can benefit the children and the community.

### **Reasons for the Proposal to Expand UAH**

National birth rates, mostly concentrated in more urban areas, have been steadily rising in recent years. This increased birth rate, combined with inward migration and significant housing development, has increased demand for primary school places. The Holbeach and wider community may experience a shortage of available secondary school places if capacity at the academy is not increased, which could result in pupils being placed at schools a considerable distance outside of their local community.

Having additional classes and more children on roll at the academy will also have financial and organisational benefits for the school whilst keeping class sizes down. The academy has over-offered to take 210 pupils on intake in recent years, with 226 pupils joining in 2018, the current Y7 cohort. The UAH site, with the full range of specialist secondary curriculum accommodation and modern resources, currently accommodates those pupils.

However, to avoid having to turn future pupils away from the local community, and to avoid any potential over-crowding or larger class sizes, it is essential that we create additional purpose built teaching spaces to provide the accommodation required. This will include additional specialist teaching facilities such as new science labs. If approved we would also like to replace some of the existing ageing, temporary accommodation with state of the art facilities. We would increase parking capacity (from 98 places to 142) at the Academy to relieve pressure on Park Road.

In addition this may potentially provide the opportunity to enhance teaching provision and career opportunities for staff which in turn will benefit the learning experience of the children.

### Have your say

If you wish to comment on this proposal then please return the response form by 5.00pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 using the contact details provided at the head of this letter.

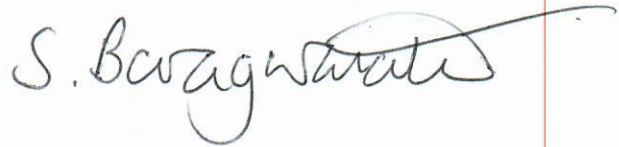
A consultation evening will be held at the Academy on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 6.00 pm.

Copies of all documents related to this proposal, including an electronic version of the feedback form can be found online at [www.universityacademyholbeach.org](http://www.universityacademyholbeach.org) Hard copies are available on request.

Yours sincerely



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Mr Steven Baragwanath  
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## Consultation Feedback Form on the Expansion of University Academy Holbeach

Please note that if you do not provide your name and address your views will not be counted as legitimate responses to this consultation. Names and contact details will remain confidential.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Carer  Teacher/School Staff  Governor  Employer/Business

Other (please specify)  : \_\_\_\_\_

Which school (if any) do you represent? \_\_\_\_\_

Having read the proposal please indicate your view below by ticking one of the boxes

I am in favour of proposal  I am against proposal  I am neither for nor against the proposal

Why have you decided this is your view? Tell us about it below.

Is there anything else you would like us to consider?

Please return the completed form by 5pm on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 to University Academy Holbeach, Park Road, Holbeach, Lincs. PE12 7PU or email Sharon.earth@uah.org.uk