

Dear

I am writing to you in reply to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to Nottinghamshire County Council. I have the following information.

Please find attached Pupil Place Planning and School Capital Policy, November 2017. This policy is due for review in 2020/21, however, given the on-going issues with respect to COVID-19 this may be delayed. Also, please find attached the prospectus for the Teal Close Free School presumption which though closed is still awaiting sponsor confirmation by the Secretary of State for Education.

In terms of consultations live or planned; there are no consultations planned or in preparation currently.

The most recent Free School Presumption for a new school that was subject to a consultation is that for the new school at Rivendell, Teal Close, Colwick, NG14 5HN. The above presumption process was live from 23/09/2019 closing at 5pm on 15/11/19. Six multi academy trusts (MATs) responded to the DfE approved prospectus and submitted proposals to the County Council. These were forwarded to the DfE immediately after the closure of the presumption.

NCC children and Young Peoples Committee, supported by officers of the Education Learning and Skills Service and a representative of the DfE, met on 18th February 2020 to consider presentations made by 3 Multi Academy Trusts as potential sponsors of the new Free School. To date, NCC has not received confirmation from the Secretary of State as to which of the MAT applicants has been successful in securing the role as sponsor of the new free school. This is expected shortly. It is anticipated that the school will open in September 2021.

Any future free school presumptions, as and when they arise will be subject to the same processes and will be promoted through the County Council's website and through the New Schools Network, which serves to promote free school presumptions nationally.

If you have any queries or concerns then please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail foi@nottscc.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

Regards

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