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Dear Sirs,

Isle of Wight Schools – Priority School Building Programme

Thank you for your emails dated 1 May and 15th June setting out estate options that have been proposed following the recent consultation on the Isle of Wight (IOW) Secondary Estate.

In April 2012, the then Secretary of State confirmed that four schools on the IOW would have their condition needs met under the Priority School Building Programme (PSBP). Annex A sets out the basis on which funding was calculated for delivery of works at these schools.

We have reviewed the estate options set out in your letter and provided our comment against each of these below.

Local Authority Option 1

School	Option Description	EFA Comment
Ryde	A 1,500 place, 10FE, 11-16 school on the existing Ryde site.	We will provide a 10 FE secondary school on the existing Ryde site
Carisbrooke	A 600 place, 4 FE, 11-16 school on the existing Carisbrooke site.	We will provide a 4 FE secondary school on the existing Carisbrooke site.
Christ the King	A 1,350 place, 9 FE, 11-16 school on one of its existing sites or a site to be identified.	We will provide a 9 FE secondary school on one of the existing sites.
Post 16 provision for Sandown and Ryde	350 place located on either Ryde or Sandown sites.	We will provide joint Post 16 provision for 350 at either the Sandown or Ryde site.
Post 16 provision for Christ the King	Minimum 250 place located in the school's existing, leased 6th form building	The EFA is unable to deliver works to provide this building accommodation.

Please note that the EFA will undertake feasibility studies to determine the building works required to deliver the secondary school buildings. These feasibility studies will determine whether we will new build or refurbish buildings.

Prior to the EFA progressing the development work, we would require the Local Authority to share the business case in support of a 4 FE Carisbrooke Secondary provision, located close to the 9FE Christ the King secondary provision.

In addition we would require AET and the Local Authority to work together in the development of a joint education plan for the 350 place post 16 provision planned for either the Sandown or Ryde Site. We would expect this to identify the benefits assumed from the joined up approach to post 16.

Local Authority Option 2a

School	Option Description	EFA Comment
Ryde	A 1,500 place, 10FE, 11-16 school on the existing Ryde site.	We will provide a 10 FE secondary school on the existing Ryde site
Carisbrooke and Medina merged	A 1,650 place, 11 FE, 11-16 school on the existing Carisbrooke site.	We will provide an 11 FE secondary school on the existing Carisbrooke site.
Christ the King	A 1,350 place, 9 FE, 11-16 school on one of the school's existing sites or a site to be identified.	We will provide a 9 FE secondary school on one of the existing sites.
Post 16 provision for Sandown and Ryde	350 place located on either Ryde or Sandown sites.	The EFA is unable to deliver works to provide this building accommodation.
Post 16 provision for Christ the King	Minimum 250 place located in the school's existing, leased 6th form building	The EFA is unable to deliver works to provide this building accommodation.

Please note that the EFA will undertake feasibility studies to determine the building works required to deliver the school buildings. These feasibility studies will determine whether we will new build or refurbish buildings.

Prior to the EFA progressing the development work, we would require the Local Authority to support the Trust and the schools in the development of a joint education plan for Carisbrooke and Medina to demonstrate the opportunities presented by the merger; including the planned improvement trajectory.

Local Authority Option 2b

School	Option Description	EFA Comment
Ryde	A 1,500 place, 10FE, 11-16 school on the existing Ryde site.	We will provide a 10 FE secondary school on the existing Ryde site
Carisbrooke and Medina merged	A 1,500 place, 10 FE, 11-16 school on the existing Medina site.	We will provide a 10 FE secondary school on the existing Medina site. This will be through the light refurbishment and extension of the existing buildings.
Christ the King	A 1,350 place, 9 FE, 11-16 school on one of the school's existing sites or a site to be identified.	We will provide a 9 FE secondary school on one of the existing sites.
Post 16 provision for Sandown and Ryde	350 places located on either Ryde or Sandown sites.	We will provide joint Post 16 provision for 350 at either the Sandown or Ryde site.
Post 16 provision for Christ the King	Minimum 250 places located in the school's existing, leased 6th form building	The EFA is unable to deliver works to provide this building accommodation.

Please note that the EFA will undertake feasibility studies to determine the building works required to deliver the school buildings. These feasibility studies will determine whether we will new build or refurbish buildings.

This offer assumes that the buildings on the existing Medina site can be refurbished and extended. Before formal agreement to proceed we would need to confirm that this is the case.

Prior to the EFA progressing the development work, we would require the Local Authority to support the Trust and the schools in the development of a joint education plan for Carisbrooke and Medina to demonstrate the opportunities presented by the merger; including the planned improvement trajectory. In addition we would require AET and the Local Authority to work together in the development of a joint education plan for the 350 place post 16 provision planned for either the Sandown or Ryde Site. We would expect this to identify the benefits assumed from the joined up approach to post 16.

We recognise the the estate strategy is only one element of the work that is ongoing on the island. The spirit and intent of the Partnership between the Isle of Wight and Hampshire County Council is to work together to improve the lives of children on the Island and to ensure improvements across children's services, in particular to work with schools and post-16 providers across the Island to improve educational standards for all. We hope that work continues to sustain and build on the green shoots of improvement that are evident.

The EFA is providing a huge investment in the Island's secondary estate and will require confirmation of the ongoing focus to sustain and improve outcomes. The Regional Schools Commissioners (RSC) will review all plans that we have requested to be shared with us in relation to the options detailed above.

As discussed in our meetings, we have commenced some very early feasibility work on the Ryde site and have engaged with planners to identify any issues that may affect any or all of the solutions at the point that we are able to commence following the IOW's decision. The full feasibility study will only be undertaken once we understand which option has been selected by the Isle of Wight.

We await the final outcome of the consultation process.

Kind Regards

Yours sincerely

Head of Operations PSBP South

Annex A – Basis of Funding for PSBP Schools

In April 2012, the Secretary of State confirmed that four schools on the Isle of Wight would have their condition needs met under the Priority School Building Programme (PSBP). Design development work has already commenced with Oakfield Primary School.

The remaining three schools in the programme are funded on the following basis:

School Name	Governance	Age Range at Announcement	Proposed Capacity of New Building (as stated in application form in 2011)	Proposed 11-16 Places	Proposed Post-16 Places	Change in Capacity
Carisbrooke College	Foundation School	11 - 18	1,350	1,050	300	0
Christ the King College	Voluntary Aided School	11 - 16	1,200	1,000	200	200
Ryde Academy	Academy Sponsor Led	11 - 18	2,000	1,600	400	906
			4,550	3,650	900	1,106