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Section 10 Consultation: Whitelands Academy

The White Horse Federation (TWHF) intends to open a secondary school, Whitelands Academy, to meet the pressing demand for secondary education places in Bicester and, in so doing, serve the local and wider community. The proposal is for the school to be built on the same site as the Kingsmere development.

TWHF's Whitelands Academy will be four forms of entry (120 students per year group). The intention is for the school to open in September 2020 for Year 7 students only. The school will then grow year on year with an eventual capacity of 600 students, Yrs 7 through to 11.

The new secondary school will build on their experience and success to deliver outstanding opportunities and to provide the very best educational outcomes for all our students. The new school will ensure that students achieve their academic and personal potential through a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum which prepares students for working life.

Meetings regarding the opening of Whitelands Academy have already taken place however, as part of the necessary pre-opening work TWHF must complete a formal consultation exercise, as set out in section 10 of the Academies Act 2010, to determine whether they should enter into a Funding Agreement with the Department for Education, pending approval from the Secretary of State.

You are invited to express any views on this proposal by Tuesday 24th September. We encourage you to express any views by email to admin@whitelandsacademy.org by letter to the following address: Mrs L Sullivan, c/o Whiteland's Academy, Southwold Primary School, Holm Way, Bicester OX26 3UU or by completing the Consultation Survey located on school's website www.whitelandsacademy.org

This invitation to express views has been sent to the following stakeholders:

- Bicester Primary and Secondary schools
- Residents of Kingsmere
- Oxfordshire County
- Local community (via newspaper and school website)