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**Transforming Learning in the Loughborough, Quorn and Barrow Upon Soar areas:  
Proposals for Consultation**

Dear Parent/Community Member,

As you know, the consultation period for the proposals for transforming learning finishes on 2 March 2010. We are writing to you to give you an Option C in addition to those Options provided by the County Council.

Overleaf, you will find the details of our Option C and summarised below are the benefits and disadvantages of it. We will also attempt to give details of this Option at the various consultation events being held in the area.

If you wish to back this Option, on your consultation response form you must tick **Other Option** and then write **I prefer Option C as put forward by Garendon and Limehurst High Schools**. You are then, of course, free to write why you support this Option.

Yours sincerely,

The Governing Bodies of Limehurst and Garendon High Schools.

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### **Benefits**

- Adds capacity for forthcoming residential developments.
- Develops five locally-based medium-sized secondary schools and supports the maximum community benefit.
- Provides brand new schools for Rawlins, Ashmount, and potentially Limehurst.
- Provides the potential for a new post-16 centre in the area.
- Preserves a secondary school within the most socially-deprived area of Loughborough.
- Co-locating the area special school on the Thorpe Hill site provides maximum opportunities for integrating learning.
- Transforms learning in the area by building on all schools currently rated as Outstanding or Good.
- Exploring a UTC enables the optimum link to FE and HE provision.
- The option offers parents and students in the area a choice post-16.
- Removes around 400/500 existing surplus places.

### **Disadvantages**

- The LA would need to ascertain the cost of this Option within an extremely short time-span. Work undertaken by parents and the community has indicated that this plan is feasible.
- If Limehurst were to remain on its current site, it may have to make use of other sporting facilities in the area.

### **Summary**

This exciting model builds on the current strengths in the Loughborough, Barrow and Quorn areas. It also ensures that parents' wishes of having community based, 11-16 education are met. The Thorpe Hill site would become a hub of learning for the area, with an 11-16 school, an area special school, and the potential for a post-16 centre. There would then be four community schools in Barrow, Quorn, East Loughborough and South West Loughborough. This Option provides huge collaboration and inclusion opportunities that will positively transform education in the area.

**Option C** – (put forward by the governing bodies of Limehurst and Garendon schools)

This option would use and build upon the strong collaboration which already exists in the area to deliver the vision.

**11-16 Education**

**The development of Woodbrook Vale into an 11-16 school of 900 places.** This would involve remodelling and refurbishment of existing buildings plus some new build.

**The development of Garendon into an 11-16 school of 900 places.** This would be based on the extensive remodelling and refurbishment of the current Garendon site.

**The development of Limehurst into an 11-16 school of 650/750 places. EITHER** this would involve remodelling and refurbishment of existing buildings plus some new build **(650 places)** **OR** a new school would be built on a different site in East Loughborough **(750 places)**.

**The development of Humphrey Perkins into an 11-16 school of 900 places.** This would involve some remodelling of existing buildings together with some new build.

**The development of Rawlins into an 11-16 school of 900 places.** This would be a new build on the current site, and would include the Stride Special Needs Unit.

**16-19 Education**

This would be delivered through **EITHER** a new 800 place post-16 centre on a site to be determined **OR** through the attachment of sixth forms to some/all of the 11-16 schools shown above.

**Ashmount School**

**Relocated to a new building of a 4-19 Area Special School of 120 places.** This would be on the Thorpe Hill site to facilitate effective inclusion.

**De Lisle School**

**De Lisle would remain as an 11-19 school to accommodate current numbers of students.** The school would benefit from some remodelling, refurbishment and some new build.

**Boarding Provision**

The provision of residential facilities for students at Field House sits outside the BSF Programme and would therefore not be affected by these proposals.

**University Technical College**

The Local Authority would continue to explore the possibility of an **800 place UTC** on a site close to the University, and investigate how this could complement Loughborough Learning.