

4 January 2010  
GW/DA/parents

Dear Parent/Carer

**Consultation on options to transform secondary schools in Loughborough, Quorn and Barrow**

In the summer 2009 the County Council consulted you on proposals to transform learning in Loughborough, Quorn and Barrow upon Soar. The consultation was in anticipation of bidding for up to £80 million of government Building Schools for the Future (BSF) funding to improve standards in secondary education in this area.

BSF offers a tremendous opportunity to create innovative learning environments, providing schools with the very latest facilities, ICT and technology. This will inspire all that use them.

The results of the consultation showed that there was considerable support for changing the current organisation of our schools, to develop a system of through secondary schools. There was also a clear view supporting the development of Ashmount as an Area Special School.

Based on what you told us, and in line with national guidance for BSF we have now developed two options for the future of our schools in this area which we believe will enable a real transformation in learning for our children and young people. The County Council's Cabinet will be asked to approve consultation on these options on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January.

A copy of the Cabinet report may be found online at  
[www.leics.gov.uk/loughboroughbsf](http://www.leics.gov.uk/loughboroughbsf)

Should Cabinet approve the consultation, you will shortly after receive a consultation booklet. This will explain more about the options and the opportunities and challenges that each may present.

Before any decisions are taken or promises made, we would like to know what you think about these options. The consultation if approved by the Cabinet will run until Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

To support the consultation process a series of meetings will be held for all parents and the public, the dates and details of which can be found in the consultation booklet. Please note that additional meetings will be held during the consultation period for students/pupils, school staff and governors, which will be advised via your school.

You may let us have your views by responding on line via the web address given above. Alternatively you can complete the Response Form enclosed with the consultation booklet and post to the address given.

If the consultation proceeds, we hope that you take the opportunity to let us have your views and attend one of the meetings available to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Williams', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Gareth Williams  
Director of Children & Young People's Service