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Dear Adrian,

**RE: Local authority response to Section 10 Consultation for Alconbury Weald Church Academy**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Section 10 consultation for Alconbury Weald Church Academy.

The local authority welcomes the vision set out in the consultation document with a focus on high quality education, and supporting children and young people to develop their knowledge and skills to fulfil their potential. It is also pleasing to see that there is reference to the importance of inclusion, and working collaboratively with other schools; both of which are a focus within the Council's framework to drive inclusive practice across all of our schools and settings as set out in our agreed framework for improvement, 'Inclusion for All' and echoed in the recent White Paper '*Every child achieving and thriving*'. The latter will also help to develop skills and expertise within the secondary sector in recognition that this will be the first secondary school within the Trust.

As previously discussed, the projected Year 7 intake for 2027-28 is forecast to be below the published admission number (PAN) of the school and remains an important factor for assessing the viability and sustainability of opening the school at that point in time. We recognise, though, that the DfE will undertake its own due diligence processes as part of determining whether to enter into a Funding Agreement with DEMAT, and we are committed to supporting this through sharing the demographic forecasts, build-out trajectories and local capacity needs to ensure an evidence-based decision.

As referenced within the consultation document, Alconbury Weald Church Academy will provide necessary capacity to meet the needs of this strategic development and ensure that the local authority can meet its sufficiency duties in ensuring sufficient places for families locally.



We will write to you separately with any comments in relation to the Admissions consultation 2027-28.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Callaghan', written in a cursive style.

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