

Annex B: Impact Assessment for Studio West

The Impact Assessment is an enhanced one.

School name	Distance from Studio School (miles)	School type	Capacity	Surplus places as a % of total capacity	% of %A*-C incl Eng & Math 2013	Ofsted grade	Impact rating
All Saints College	0.0	Foundation School	1,065	55%	39%	Requires Improvement	High – the Studio School is likely to affect the long term viability of the school.
St Cuthbert's High School	1.4	Academy Converter	1,178	7%	75%	Good	Minimal – the Studio School is unlikely to affect the long term viability of the school.
Excelsior Academy	1.4	Academy Sponsor Led	1,800	36%	41%	Good	High – the Studio School is likely to affect the long term viability of the school.
Walbottle Campus	1.7	Community School	1,885	13%	50%	Requires Improvement	Moderate – the Studio School is unlikely to affect the long term viability of the school
Kenton School	1.8	Academy Converter	2,144	9%	46%	Good	Moderate – the Studio School is unlikely to affect the long term viability of the school
Sacred Heart Catholic High School	1.8	Academy Converter	1,385	N/A School has recruited beyond capacity	75%	Outstanding	Minimal – the Studio School is unlikely to affect the long term viability of

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Secondary schools with a high rating

All Saints College is currently located on the site that Studio West will occupy but it will be closing in July 2014. The school's performance and the pupil roll had been progressively declining in recent years and the Department decided intervention and structural change was necessary. Governors, with backing from Newcastle city council, proposed a managed closure of All Saints College. This was considered to be a better solution than an enforced closure. A consultation, run by the local authority, subsequently followed and no formal objections were received during the representation period. The results were published 5th April 2013. There are sufficient places in other schools to accommodate the displaced pupils and they will be able to receive an appropriate standard of education and have opportunities to access new and alternative types of provision. All students at All Saints have been offered places at Studio West with 58 accepting places (14 at year 9, 17 at year 10 and 27 at year 12). The remaining students have been offered and accepted places at three other local schools – Excelsior, Walbottle and Kenton. The local community will still be able to use the site for educational, and community sports and leisure activities.

Excelsior Academy's distance from Studio West's site is less than the average distance for pupil journeys to secondary schools in Newcastle upon Tyne district (1.53 miles) so, in principal, the school is likely to lose more pupils to Studio West than schools further away. Additionally, it has attainment below the national average so parents/pupils may be attracted to an alternative. The school was undersubscribed for entry in 2012 and had an overall surplus of places of 664. The loss of even a few pupils could therefore exacerbate the existing surplus issue in this school and there could be a significant impact on the school's overall attainment, viability and ability to improve. However, there are a number of factors that may prevent this. Firstly, as has been mentioned above, students formerly of All Saints College will be joining the academy in September. Secondly, the academy received a good Ofsted rating at its most recent inspection (January 2013) and whilst performance is significantly below the LA and national average, the percentage of students gaining five good passes at GCSE, including English and maths has risen by an average of six percentage points each year since the academy opened in 2008 – this was from a very low baseline. The Ofsted report highlights existing students being most enthusiastic about the academy and being 'privileged' to have so many opportunities. Consequently students may be happy with the education on offer and parents may be content with the progress made at the academy and see no reason to change schools. Thirdly, the academy specialises in business

enterprise so is likely to target pupils with different interests to those of Studio West. Finally, the LA district school population in the 14-19 age range is projected to increase over the next few years so any potential negative impact may be mitigated by an increased demand for school places in the local area.

FE providers	School type	Distance from Studio School site (miles)	Number of learners aged 16-18	Ofsted grade	Impact Rating
NCG	General Further Education College	3.4	10,619	Good	Minimal – the Studio School is unlikely to affect the long term viability of the college.
Gateshead College	Tertiary College	4.4	3,135	Satisfactory	Moderate – the Studio School is unlikely to affect the long term viability of the college.
Tyne Metropolitan College	General Further Education College	7.4	1,418	Satisfactory	Minimal – the Studio School is unlikely to affect the long term viability of the college.