

Title: The Elstree UTC

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Impact Assessment – Section 9 Academies Act Duty

Secondary School	School type	Capacity	Attainment 2012 (% 5A*-C incl Eng & Maths)	Distance from UTC site (miles)	Ofsted grade	Impact rating
Hertswood Academy	Academy Converter (AC)	1823	34%	0.46	Satisfactory	High - Hertswood Academy is part of the Meller Educational Trust, lead sponsor of the UTC. We do not consider the long term viability of the Academy will be affected since the sponsor will be developing curriculum links and sharing facilities between both schools.
The Totteridge Academy	AC	1020	40%	3.0	Good	Moderate - The Totteridge Academy in September 2011. It is an 11-18 school and has healthy pupil numbers, with the trend showing that these have been in a steady state since conversion. The school offers the national curriculum and has specialist status in technology and applied learning with a focus on ICT and design and technology. We do not consider the Academy's long term viability will be adversely affected by the new UTC given its steady educational performance, healthy pupil numbers and type of provision offered.
Yavneh College	AC	806	85%	0.5	Outstanding	Minimal - The UTC is unlikely to affect the long term viability of the school.
Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School	AC	1165	100%	2.1	Outstanding	Minimal
Mill Hill County High	AC	1690	77%	2.2	Good	Minimal
Queen Elizabeth's Boys School, Barnet	AC	1200	58%	2.8	Outstanding	Minimal
London Academy	Sponsored Academy	1450	54%	2.8	Good	Minimal
Dame Alice Owen's	AC	1428	94%	3.1	Outstanding	Minimal
Cophall School	AC	1252	57%	3.8	Good	Minimal
Bushey Meads	AC	1079	65%	3.9	Good	Minimal
JCoSS	Voluntary Aided (VA)	330	n/a	4.0	Good	Minimal
St James Catholic	VA	1298	73%	4.2	Satisfactory	Minimal
Bentley Wood High	AC	1100	58%	4.3	Outstanding	Minimal
Finchley Catholic	VA	1107	80%	4.3	Good	Minimal
Canons High	AC	1100	61%	4.4	Outstanding	Minimal

Post 16 providers:	Ofsted rating	No of learners aged 16-19	Proportion of learners aged 16-19	Distance from UTC site (miles)	Average point Score per student 2010	Impact
Barnet and Southgate College	Good	2627	42%	2.7	534.5	Minimal - The UTC is unlikely to affect the long term viability of the college.
Stanmore College	Good	2139	66%	3.9	689.4	Minimal
Harrow College	Satisfactory	4242	52%	4.7	463.6	Minimal
Woodhouse College	Outstanding	1144	100%	5.2	830.6	Minimal
West Herts College	Outstanding	3961	75%	6.3	605.1	Minimal
Oaklands College	Good	3168	56%	6.6	607.8	Minimal
St Dominic's Sixth Form College	Outstanding	901	100%	7.4	1009.0	Minimal
The College of North West London	Satisfactory	N/A	N/A	7.6	556.1	Minimal
Capel Manor College	Good	512	N/A	8.9	565.0	Minimal
City and Islington College	Outstanding	4383	50%	8.9	658.4	Minimal

Summary of Statutory Section 10 Consultation

The Elstree UTC Trust undertook a formal consultation between 18th October and 30th November 2012 and received 39 responses. Overall, the majority of responses to the consultation were positive with 84% of respondents agreeing the Trust should enter into the Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State. The findings do, however, suggest low level support for Academies in principle locally, which this UTC will need to be aware of and manage. We are confident that the sponsor group have the experience to overcome any issues from the outset. The IFLAD contextual report also suggests low to moderate impact on local schools, and this is an area projected to have a shortfall of secondary places in the next five years. The LA is supportive of the application and no representations have been received from local schools opposing the establishment of the UTC. This project therefore does not require an enhanced IA.

Conclusion

In account of the evidence, we conclude it would be appropriate for the Secretary of State to enter into the Funding Agreement with the Academy Trust. The uniqueness of the educational provision, not offered by any other provider within the 15 mile catchment, will improve parental and pupil choice and diversify the school landscape within the region. The UTC's catchment extends across five LAs and we expect it to have a diffuse impact, whereby a large number of secondary schools and providers each lose a few pupils to the new UTC. Additionally, the UTC aims to plug the skills shortages that employers in the entertainment industries have identified.