

Title: Kings Science Academy

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Annex A: Impact assessment – Section 9 Academies Act Duty

- Section 9 of the Academies Act 2010 places a duty upon the Secretary of State to take into account what the impact of establishing the additional school would be likely to be on maintained schools, Academies and institutions within the further education sector in the area in which the additional school is (or is proposed to be) situated. Any adverse impact will need to be balanced against the benefits of establishing the new school.

Background

- As part of their consultation, the Trust sought the views of primary and secondary schools local to the proposed site. They have also written to Bradford council and councillors and residents local to the permanent site.
- There are currently no secondary schools but four primary schools in the BD7 postcode area of Bradford where the permanent site of BSA is located. Within a 1 mile radius of BSA, there is a newly-established primary Academy and 12 primary schools. We anticipate that any impact on these schools by the establishment of the proposed school will be minimal. There are a further seven secondary schools and 23 primary schools within a two mile radius of the permanent site, which again we do not expect will be adversely by the establishment of BSA. There are eight independent secondary schools.

Catchment area

- The BSA' admissions policy is fully compliant with the admissions code. After children with a statement of Special Educational Needs, if the school is over-subscribed, priority will be given in the following order:
 1. looked after children
 2. siblings of children already attending the school:
 3. 75% of children from the BD7 postcode area selected by random allocation from four ability bands;
 4. 25% from the remaining postcode areas selected by random allocation from four ability bands; and
 5. the remaining places will selected by random allocation.
- During the process of developing their Admissions Policy, BSA had several meetings with the Bradford Local Authority and the proposer has worked closely with the admissions lead at the Local Authority.
- BSA received 150 applications for the 140 places available and 148

children attended reasoning assessment tests on 8/9 March. To date, 117 children have confirmed that they will accept their place and a further 20 have confirmed that they will accept a place once the Funding Agreement has been signed. Of these 94 live within a one mile of the school, 17 live within two miles and the remaining 6 are within three miles.

- Officials have not received any representations from any schools. The Trust received representations from Queensbury School and Buttershaw Business and Enterprise College as part of the summative consultation process. Both schools are both located over three miles from the proposed site. Representations supporting the proposed Free School were received from Horton Grange Primary and Lidget Green Primary. Both schools are significantly oversubscribed and located in the BD7 catchment area and as such, are likely to be feeder primaries for the proposed Academy.
- Given the need for secondary places across Bradford, the current lack of provision in the BD7 catchment area, and absence of any serious representations opposing the opening of the Free School made during the consultation, it would appear unlikely that any single school is likely to suffer uniquely or significantly as a result of the creation of BSA.

Feeder primary schools

- There are four schools located in BD7 which could potentially be feeder schools for BSA. Lidget Lane and Horton Grange both have satisfactory Ofsted ratings and expressed support for BSA during summative consultation. It is understood that both Farnham and Princeville, which have good ratings and are also located in BD7, support BSA.
- There are 12 other primary schools within a one mile radius of BSA which may also act as feeders. These are set out in Table 1 below. Only one school, Miriam Lord Community, is rated outstanding, of the remaining 6 are good, 4 satisfactory and one is poor. From the information available to us, five schools are oversubscribed and have more pupils than there are places available.
- We do not consider there will be any negative impact on those schools by the BSA proposal as, although this was mooted during initial consultation, it does not offer any primary education. The primary schools based in BD7 welcome the establishment of a secondary in BD7. Given this, it is highly unlikely that there would be any impact on primary schools 1-2 miles from the BDA, and no further analysis on these schools has been carried out.

Nearby maintained secondary schools and Academies

- The impact on nearby maintained secondary schools and Academies will be negated by the current lack of provision in the BD7 area and the

need for additional secondary places as a result of population increase. In any case, any impact on nearby schools and Academies would be counterbalanced by the positive impact of establishing BSA.

- The permanent site for the proposed BSA is at Lidget Lane which is situated in the BD7 postcode area of West Bradford. This area is among the most deprived in England and characterised by low educational achievement. Despite its high population, the area currently has no secondary school provision which means that students living in BD7 travel have to travel to other postcode areas.
- Generally across Bradford, there is a need for more secondary places due to population increase. Figures provided by the Local Authority suggest that the pupil population is set to increase by at least 14% by 2018. This represents an increase in pupil numbers from 30,982 to 38,077 by 2014/2015, which they calculate will reduce the number of surplus places available from 39% to 2.19%.
- The curriculum offered by the BSA will be distinct from that of other state schools in the borough, offering provision which the proposer feel will enhance what is already available within the local area. The establishment of BSA will have a positive impact on the level of parental choice. Schools which are poor performing, of which there are a number locally, may lose pupils when quality school places become available at BSA.
- This category includes both **Queensbury School** and **Buttershaw College** which both raised objections. Both schools are located three miles from BSA and categorised by poor results with only 44% and 31% of pupils achieving 5 A*-C grades in 2010. The impact upon these schools is likely to be minimal due to their distance from the BSA, since only 6 of the 117 children who have confirmed their place at BSA live over 2 miles from BSA. However, we consider that the competition for places created by the establishment of BSA will provide an incentive for these poor performing schools to compete and improve.
- The nearest secondary school is **Dixons Allerton Academy** which opened in September 2009. The Academy replaced Rhodesway School which had been in special measures and is due to move to a new building in 2012. It is a non-selective, non-denominational, all-ability, co-educational secondary school for 11-18 year olds, specialising in Health and Science. The Academy is sponsored by the successful Dixons Academy – where the proposer previously taught – which is located two miles from BSA. As the Academy recently opened, there is no relevant information available from Ofsted.
- The Academy has made no representation regarding BSA, though it is understood that relations between both Principals are good and they are mutually supportive of one another. Despite being the closest school to BSA, it operates in a different catchment area from BSA. The majority of Dixons Allerton students are from the BD15 postcode area

The Academy is currently undersubscribed and has 1158 against 1331 places though this is expected to rise once the new building is completed and given the secondary place pressures in the area. There is a possibility that the Academy may lose some pupils to BSA given that they both have a science specialism though given the need for secondary places and different catchment areas in the opening of the Free school unlikely to have anything more than a minimal impact.

- There are seven secondary schools within a two mile radius of the site of BSA. Two schools, **Belle Vue Girls** and **Grange Technology College** have outstanding Ofsted ratings and are oversubscribed. The establishment of BSA is unlikely to have a minimal impact on the two outstanding schools which offer different provision to BSA and are heavily oversubscribed. The remaining five secondary schools, **Thornton Grammar**, **Belle Vue Boys**, **St Bedes Roman Catholic School**, **The Challenge College**, and **St Joseph Roman Catholic School** all have satisfactory ratings and are, in the main, operating at full capacity. BSA may have a minimal impact on the other five secondary schools though the impact is likely to be evenly spread rather than affecting any single school and that any impact will be negated by pupil population increase.
- Given the ethos and curriculum of the BSA, it is likely that the Free School will have an impact on local **independent schools**, by drawing pupils who may otherwise have been educated in the independent sector. There are currently 14 independent schools within a three mile radius of the school, many of which are faith-based pupils who are unlikely to be attracted to a non-faith school. As such, the impact on individual independent schools is likely to be marginal, and the effect is positive in that the BSA will increase the choice available to parents.
- BSA has received no representations from FE institutions and, as they do not intend to offer sixth form places, the immediate impact will be neutral.

Local Authority Response

- Bradford Local Authority did not respond to BSA's summative consultation. However, BSA has worked closely with the LA throughout the process, in particular around the school's proposed admissions arrangements.
- The Department wrote to the LA on 29th November, seeking its views on the then King's Science Academy and received a response on 22th December. The LA, due to demand for places in the area of the proposed site and the difficulty in being able to meet parental preference across existing schools, supported the creation of a 500 place 11-16 school. Ministers have since agreed that an increase to 800 places and the LA has not raised any further concerns.
- The LA was also content with the basis upon which consultation with

stakeholders had been undertaken and the level of support that the proposed Academy had received.

- The LA strongly opposed the prospect of the Academy becoming a through school which was a future suggestion mooted in the Business Case. The LA felt that this would have a negative impact on existing primaries, some of which are due to expand as a result of population increase. This view was also expressed by local primaries. It was also felt that the Business Case had overstated the need for additional places.
- The LA sought clarity on the admissions oversubscription criteria and process for offering places. They did not raise any specific concerns in relation to the impact on any particular schools.
- The LA also raised concerns about the ability of the Trust to attract high quality teaching staff which, given the quality of appointments made to date, has proved unfounded. It also raised concerns about the appointment of the lead proposer to the role of Principal Designate. This appointment has now been completed following an interview panel which involved the DfE Education Adviser.

Conclusion

- Taking into account the projected shortage of secondary places in the coming years, and the relatively small size of BSA, and the lack of provision in BD7, the impact on individual schools is likely to be negligible. Bradford LA supports this view.
- The establishment of BSA is likely to have a positive impact in improving parental choice by widening the number and type of places available in local secondary state provision, and by driving up standards in surrounding schools. Both of these features are key aims of the Free Schools policy and we would expect BSA to drive up standards in schools across the board, improving standards for all young people in the area.
- Given all this information, we consider that any marginal impact of establishing BSA on maintained schools, Academies and FE institutions in the surrounding area is outweighed by the positive impact that the school will have on parental choice and in driving up standards in nearby institutions.

List of nearest schools

Primary Schools

| School Name | Post Code | Distance (Miles) | LA | Faith | Ofsted Rating | Total Places | Pupils on Roll | Surplus Places | % Surplus | FSM | Sex |
|--|-----------|------------------|----------|-------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|-----|-------|
| Atlas | BD8 8DL | 1.4 | Bradford | N/A | Good 2011 | 251 | 249 | 2 | 0 | 35 | Mixed |
| Crossley Hall | BD8 OHJ | 0.5 | Bradford | N/A | Good 2011 | 486 | 489 | -3 | 0 | 28 | Mixed |
| Farnham | BD7 3HU | 1.5 | Bradford | N/A | Good 2011 | 496 | 497 | -1 | 0 | 24 | Mixed |
| Girlington | BD8 9NR | 0.7 | Bradford | N/A | Satisfactory 2010 | 505 | 513 | -8 | -2 | 29 | Mixed |
| Horton Grange | BD7 2EU | 1.1 | Bradford | N/A | Satisfactory 2011 | 687 | 684 | 3 | 0 | 25 | Mixed |
| Iqra | BD8 8DA | 1.2 | Bradford | N/A | Inadequate 2010 | 481 | 471 | 10 | 2 | 41 | Mixed |
| Lidget Green | BD7 2QN | 0.5 | Bradford | N/A | Satisfactory 2010 | 532 | 554 | -22 | -4 | 34 | Mixed |
| Lilycroft | BD9 5AD | 1.3 | Bradford | N/A | Satisfactory 2009 | 441 | 446 | -5 | -1 | 24 | Mixed |
| Lister | BD9 5AT | 1.5 | Bradford | N/A | Good 2009 | - | 487 | - | - | - | Mixed |
| Margaret Mcmillan | BD9 5DF | 1.4 | Bradford | N/A | Satisfactory 2011 | 497 | 497 | 0 | 0 | 24 | Mixed |
| Miriam Lord Community | BD8 8RG | 1.2 | Bradford | N/A | Outstanding 2010 | 487 | 485 | 2 | 0 | 22 | Mixed |
| Princeville | BD7 2AH | 1 | Bradford | N/A | Good 2009 | 482 | 481 | 1 | 0 | 25 | Mixed |
| St Cuthberts & The First Martyr's Catholic | BD9 5AT | 1.5 | Bradford | RC | Good 2008 | 223 | 223 | 0 | 0 | 12 | Mixed |
| St Philips C Of E | BD8 9JL | 0.9 | Bradford | CoE | Satisfactory 2010 | 263 | 261 | 2 | 0 | 22 | Mixed |
| St Williams RC | BD8 9RG | 0.2 | Bradford | RC | Good 2010 | 225 | 225 | 0 | 0 | 18 | Mixed |
| Whetley | BD8 9HZ | 0.7 | Bradford | N/A | Good 2009 | 689 | 687 | 2 | 0 | 20 | Mixed |

Secondary Schools

| School Name | Post Code | Distance (Miles) | LA | Faith | Ofsted Rating | Total Places | Pupils on Roll | Surplus Places | % Surplus | FSM | Sex |
|---------------------------|-----------|------------------|----------|--------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|-----|-------|
| Aire Valley | BD16 1TZ | 3.5 | Bradford | N./A | Inadequate 2010 | | 868 | - | - | - | Mixed |
| Belle Vue Boys School | BD9 6ND | 2 | Bradford | N./A | Satisfactory 2010 | 628 | 613 | 15 | 2 | 37 | Boys |
| Belle Vue Girls School | BD9 6NA | 2.3 | Bradford | N./A | Outstanding 2009 | 1117 | 1124 | -7 | 0 | 28 | Girls |
| Bradford Academy | BD4 7QJ | 4.2 | Bradford | CoE | Satisfactory 2010 | - | 1080 | - | - | - | Mixed |
| Buttershaw B&E College | BD6 3PX | 3.1 | Bradford | N./A | Satisfactory 2009 | 153 | 1528 | 3 | 2 | 40 | Mixed |
| Carlton Bolling College | BD3 0DU | 1.9 | Bradford | N./A | Satisfactory 2010 | 1421 | 1417 | 4 | 0 | 40 | Mixed |
| Dixons Allerton Academy | BD15 7RU | 1.4 | Bradford | N./A | No report | - | 1158 | - | - | - | Mixed |
| Dixons City Academy | BD5 7RR | 2.8 | Bradford | N./A | Outstanding 2011 | - | 1102 | - | - | - | Mixed |
| Feversham College | BD3 0LT | 1.9 | Bradford | Muslim | Outstanding 2011 | 620 | 623 | -3 | 0 | 35 | Girls |
| Grange Technology College | BD5 9ET | 2.1 | Bradford | N./A | Outstanding 2001 | 1834 | 1834 | 0 | 0 | 35 | Mixed |
| Hanson | BD2 1JP | 3.1 | Bradford | N./A | Inadequate 2010 | - | 1769 | - | - | - | Mixed |
| St Bede's RC Grammar | BD9 4BQ | 2 | Bradford | RC | Satisfactory 2010 | 852 | 845 | 6 | 0 | 13 | Boys |
| St Josephs RC College | BD8 7AP | 2 | Bradford | RC | Satisfactory 2008 | 910 | 907 | 3 | 0 | 13 | Girls |
| Thornton Grammar | BD13 3BH | 1.5 | Bradford | N./A | Satisfactory 2010 | 1446 | 1433 | 13 | 0 | 21 | Mixed |
| The Challenge College | BD8 7ND | 2.4 | Bradford | N./A | Satisfactory 2008 | 846 | 836 | 10 | 1 | 44 | Mixed |

