

## Annex B: Impact Assessment for Academy of Central Bedfordshire

1. Section 9 of the Academies Act 2010 (later as amended by the Education Act 2011) places a duty upon the Secretary of State to take into account what the impact of establishing the institution would likely be on maintained schools, Academies, institutions within the further education sector and alternative provision in the area in which the institution is (or is proposed to be) situated. Any adverse impact will need to be balanced against the benefits of establishing the new school.
2. We have carried out an Impact Assessment (see table below) which concludes that the impact on AP providers within 15 mile radius should be **minimal**.
3. The Central Bedfordshire PRU which was opened in 2011 will cease to exist once the ACB AP free school opens in September 2013. The whole cohort will be moved to the AP free school. The ACB AP free school will be the only alternative provision school in Central Bedfordshire so there will be no negative impact. Although there is some outstanding AP provision in neighbouring local authorities, the impact on this provision would be minimal as pupils are referred only from their respective local authorities.
4. The LA fully supports the ACB AP Free School proposal. Edwina Grant, Deputy Chief Executive / Director of Children's Services, has gone on record as saying that the proposal fully meets their Children and Young People's plan.
5. Cllr Mark Versallion, executive member for children's services, said: "It is a demonstration of our commitment, as a council and that of both the upper and middle schools, to raise standards and ensure the very best educational opportunities for some of the most vulnerable pupils in Central Bedfordshire".
6. The ACB trust is a partnership of local middle and upper schools and the Local Authority. Overall, there is unlikely to be a negative impact of the proposed free school on existing mainstream schools in the local area. Any impact will only be positive as the AP free school will assist those schools with challenging pupils, offering personalised learning and curriculum to raise education standards.
7. We conclude that, in light of the evidence, there is no reason why the Secretary of State should not enter into a Funding Agreement.

Table : PRUs, Free School AP, Academy AP and Studio Schools within a 15 mile radius of the proposed Free School						
School name	School type	Age range	Ofsted	LA	Distance from Free School site (miles)	Impact rating
<b><u>PRUs, Free School AP, Academy AP and Studio Schools near to SG5 4NE</u></b>						
North Area Pupil Referral Unit	Pupil Referral Unit	5-16	Outstanding	Hertfordshire	3.3	Minimal Impact as schools in Central Bedfordshire don't refer pupils to AP provision outside of the LA
Stevenage Area Pupil Referral Unit Co Camps Hill Jnr Mixed and Infant School	Pupil Referral Unit	5-16	Good	Hertfordshire	7.8	Minimal Impact as schools in Central Bedfordshire don't refer pupils to AP provision outside of the LA
The Da Vinci Studio School of Science and Engineering	Studio Schools	14-19	Opened in 2012 - not yet inspected	Hertfordshire	8.3	Minimal Impact as schools in Central Bedfordshire don't refer pupils to AP provision outside of the LA
Orchard Centre	Pupil Referral Unit	14-16	Good	Luton	13.1	Minimal Impact as schools in Central Bedfordshire don't refer pupils to AP provision

						outside of the LA
Greys Education Centre	Pupil Referral Unit	5-16	Good	Bedford	13.7	Minimal Impact as schools in Central Bedfordshire don't refer pupils to AP provision outside of the LA
Central Bedfordshire PRU	Pupil Referral Unit	11-16	Opened in September 2011 - not yet inspected	Central Bedfordshire	13.8	This will be closed and the cohort will move to the AP Free School from September
Avenue Centre for Education	Pupil Referral Unit	11-16	Outstanding	Luton	13.9	Minimal Impact as schools in Central Bedfordshire don't refer pupils to AP provision outside of the LA
<b><u>PRUs, Free School AP, Academy AP and Studio Schools near to LU5 5PY</u></b>						
Central Bedfordshire PRU	Pupil Referral Unit	11-16	Opened in September 2011 - not yet inspected	Central Bedfordshire	0.0	This will be closed and the cohort will move to the AP Free School from September

Avenue Centre for Education	Pupil Referral Unit	11-16	Outstanding	Luton	0.9	Minimal Impact as schools in Central Bedfordshire don't refer pupils to AP provision outside of the LA
Orchard Centre	Pupil Referral Unit	14-16	Good	Luton	1.6	Minimal Impact as schools in Central Bedfordshire don't refer pupils to AP provision outside of the LA
Manor Road Resource Centre	Pupil Referral Unit	11-18	Satisfactory	Milton Keynes	10.7	Minimal Impact as schools in Central Bedfordshire don't refer pupils to AP provision outside of the LA
Dacorum Education Support Centre	Pupil Referral Unit	5-16	Outstanding	Hertfordshire	11.3	Minimal Impact as schools in Central Bedfordshire don't refer pupils to AP provision outside of the LA
North Area Pupil Referral Unit	Pupil Referral Unit	5-16	Outstanding	Hertfordshire	11.8	Minimal Impact as schools in Central Bedfordshire don't refer pupils to AP provision outside of the LA
Roman Fields	Pupil Referral Unit	10-18	Good	Hertfordshire	12.0	Minimal Impact as schools in Central Bedfordshire don't refer pupils to AP provision

						outside of the LA
The Bridge	Pupil Referral Unit	5-16	Outstanding	Milton Keynes	12.4	Minimal Impact as schools in Central Bedfordshire don't refer pupils to AP provision outside of the LA
Milton Keynes Primary Pupil Referral Unit	Pupil Referral Unit	5-12	Good	Milton Keynes	12.5	Minimal Impact as schools in Central Bedfordshire don't refer pupils to AP provision outside of the LA
Central PEC	Pupil Referral Unit	11-16	Good	Milton Keynes	12.8	Minimal Impact as schools in Central Bedfordshire don't refer pupils to AP provision outside of the LA
The Da Vinci Studio School of Science and Engineering	Studio Schools	14-19	Opened in 2012 - not yet inspected	Hertfordshire	13.0	Minimal Impact as schools in Central Bedfordshire don't refer pupils to AP provision outside of the LA
Greys Education Centre	Pupil Referral Unit	5-16	Good	Bedford	14.1	Minimal Impact as schools in Central Bedfordshire don't refer pupils to AP provision outside of the LA

Stevenage Area Pupil Referral Unit Co Camps Hill Jnr Mixed and Infant School	Pupil Referral Unit	5-16	Good	Hertfordshire	14.3	Minimal Impact as schools in Central Bedfordshire don't refer pupils to AP provision outside of the LA
The Links Education Support Centre	Pupil Referral Unit	5-16	Outstanding	Hertfordshire	14.5	Minimal Impact as schools in Central Bedfordshire don't refer pupils to AP provision outside of the LA