

Annex B: Impact Assessment

School name	School type	Capacity	Attainment in 2010/11	Ofsted grade	Impact rating
Albany Centre	Pupil Referral Unit			Satisfactory	Minimal. The Free School is unlikely to affect the long term viability of the school.
First Base	Pupil Referral Unit			Outstanding	Minimal. The Free School is unlikely to affect the long term viability of the school.
Mill Meadow	Pupil Referral Unit			Good	Minimal. The Free School is unlikely to affect the long term viability of the school.

Thetford AP Free School is an alternative provision (AP) for up to 40 children aged 11-16 who have been excluded, have behavioural issues, or are refusing school. The Free School is proposed to be set up in Norfolk. The table shows three Pupil Referral Units. They are located between 10 and 15 miles away, but they are all based in Suffolk and are not used by Norfolk County Council. The creation of the free school will therefore have no negative impact on local schools. Currently, excluded pupils from Thetford are offered places in Kings Lynn (27 miles from Thetford) or Norwich (35 miles from Thetford) but pupils can only attend for a limited amount of time, usually 8 weeks, although this is sometimes extended and many do not attend due to the travelling distance. Thetford AP Free School is therefore expected to have a positive impact by providing high quality alternative provision in an area where there is currently no alternative provision.

Thetford AP Free School is fully supported by the Thetford Academy, the only secondary school in Thetford and written confirmation states that they expect to commission a total of 6 to 10 places in the academic year 2013-14 and a further 10 to 14 places in the academic year 2014-15. Norfolk County Council have also confirmed that they will commission a total of 10 places in the academic year 2013-14 and 20 places in the academic year 2014-15.

A S10 public consultation was carried out by the trust in late 2012 and the results were overwhelmingly positive.