

Questions on BSF Consultation

Desborough Response on Maidenhead Consultation

- Endorse the prioritisation of Maidenhead Secondary Schools within BSF as the secondary estate in Maidenhead, despite some investment, is poor and ill adapted for 21st Century Learning. (Question 2)
- Develop existing collaborative working (e.g. Post-16 Consortium arrangements). (Question 1 and 8)
- Develop existing links with FE providers (particularly EBC). (Questions 1 & 8)
- Removes barriers to development of greater collaboration and cohesion of 14-19 curriculum (Questions 1 and 8)
- Opportunity to be innovative about Teaching & Learning. (Questions 1 and 8)
- Build on existing good practice regarding social cohesion, inclusion and outreach. (Question 1)
- An opportunity to think beyond individual organizations to think what is best for local young people (e.g. smarter use of single sex learning to support improvement). (Questions 1, 3 and 8)
- Developing existing specialisms and excellence to the wider benefit of the local educational community through greater cross institution collaboration. (Question 8)
- Considering good practice outside local area to evaluate opportunities brought by bigger (federated) units and new ways of school organization, e.g. all-through schools, schools within schools, human-sized education (Questions 4 and 9).

Specific Designated Area Consultation (Maidenhead)

Comments:

- Without modelling the ability to respond has been weakened. We would be happy to consider Option 2 after there has been some detailed analysis by the Local Authority of the effect of the proposal.
- Option 1 does not address the anomaly of a split catchment area neither of which contains the School. We are thus opposed to this.
- We therefore support an alternative, that is re-consultation following more detailed modeling of Option 2 and its effect on local schools.

General related issues and areas of concern:

- There is no mention of primary schools that are “formally linked” with the secondary schools and we propose that this criteria be removed in the interests of simplicity. Designated areas and distance will determine allocations largely and this factor is relatively insignificant now for all Maidenhead schools now.
- There is a concern about legality within the context of the Greenwich Decision.

On behalf of the Governing Body
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