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Dear Ryan

Cambridge Maths School

It was good to have the opportunity to speak to you and Clare Hargreaves earlier this week on the progress with the Cambridge Maths School.

As agreed, I am writing on behalf of the Education Directorate to confirm that:

- The site on which the Maths School will be established seems an ideal location in that it:
 - is very close the new railway station and also the guided busway, offering easy access for both students and staff via public transport. Use of public transport will support students to further develop their independence.
 - offers connectivity not just into Cambridge but, importantly, a much wider area, helping to reinforce one of its key aims which is to extend opportunities to students from other parts of the county (as well as potentially from other Local Authorities) thus broadening participation and outreach.
- Due to its specialism, the Maths School our assessment is that it is very unlikely to have a material adverse impact on any of the existing schools and colleges. It will not only complement, but enhance the range of educational provision available to students.

You confirmed that the admissions criteria and process are still being refined, but the expectation is that you would start to promote the Maths School in early 2022, about 18 months before the school is due to open.

I will be making contact with Councillor Simon Bywater, Chair of the Children and Young People's Committee to provide him with a briefing on the project and seek his views on next steps with regard to sharing this information with other Council members.

Kind regards



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