

# **Consultation on the South Derbyshire Secondary Education Strategy**

## **About this consultation**

This consultation seeks your views on Derbyshire County Council's strategy for secondary education in South Derbyshire.

The South Derbyshire Local Plan Part 1 is proposing 13,454 dwellings in South Derbyshire, of which approximately 6,500 would be built on the edge of Derby City and the remainder in the larger settlements in the northern part of the District.

This housing development would generate a total of 2,596 secondary aged children (including post-16 pupils). Of these, 966 pupils would be generated by housing development within Derby City and 1,568 pupils would be in South Derbyshire. Derby City and Derbyshire County Council have a statutory duty to provide school places for these additional pupils.

The table overleaf lists the housing developments in South Derbyshire for which Derbyshire County Council needs to provide school places.

Site Name	Proposed Number of Dwellings	Estimated Number of Secondary Pupils
Chellaston Fields	500	100
Land west of Holmleigh Way	119	24
Boulton Moor Planning Inquiry	1058	212
Boulton Moor Phase 3	190	38
Boulton Moor Phase 2	700	140
Hackwood Farm, Mickleover	290	58
Wragley, Way Sinfin	1086	217
Wragley, Way Sinfin	358	72
Wragley, Way Sinfin	504	101
Stenson Fields Allocation	98	20
Stenson Road Conjoined Inquiry	487	97
Primula Way	500	100
Highfields Farm Conjoined Inquiry Site	1086	206
Hatton*	400	60
Willington Road, Etwall*	100	15
Longlands, Repton*	100	15
Hilton Depot*	485	73
Aston Hospital Site*	74	11
Kings Newton Lane	<b>66</b>	<b>10</b>
South Derbyshire Total	<b>8144</b>	<b>1568</b>

Derby City Council has agreed that around 1,000 secondary school places can be provided within two of its existing schools, Murray Park and City of Derby, and has concluded that its strategy for providing the 966 secondary places it requires will be expansion of existing schools. There is some scope for housing development within South Derbyshire to feed into secondary schools in the city.

Developments in Hilton, Hatton, Etwall and Repton will generate 163 pupils and can only reasonably be served by John Port School. Two of the developments were approved as part of an appeal inquiry in 2009 where provision was made for the 117 pupils from these developments to feed into City of Derby Academy in the city. 21 pupils will feed into Chellaston Academy in the city.

This leaves a total of 1,267 pupils (907 secondary pupils aged 11-16 and 360 post-16 pupils) who will require places. Derbyshire County Council's proposed strategy for providing these places is to deliver one new school in South Derbyshire.

At this stage, Derbyshire County Council has not considered a redrawing of normal areas across the city and the south of Derbyshire as part of the overall strategy. In order to do this we would need to be able to understand the demographic profile of each area and popularity of each school in the long-term future (after 2028 when all of the new housing has been built). Therefore, for the purposes of this consultation it is assumed that existing normal areas will remain as they are. Redrawing of normal areas is still an option open to schools and communities and something that they may wish to consider doing in the future.

## **Location options for a new school**

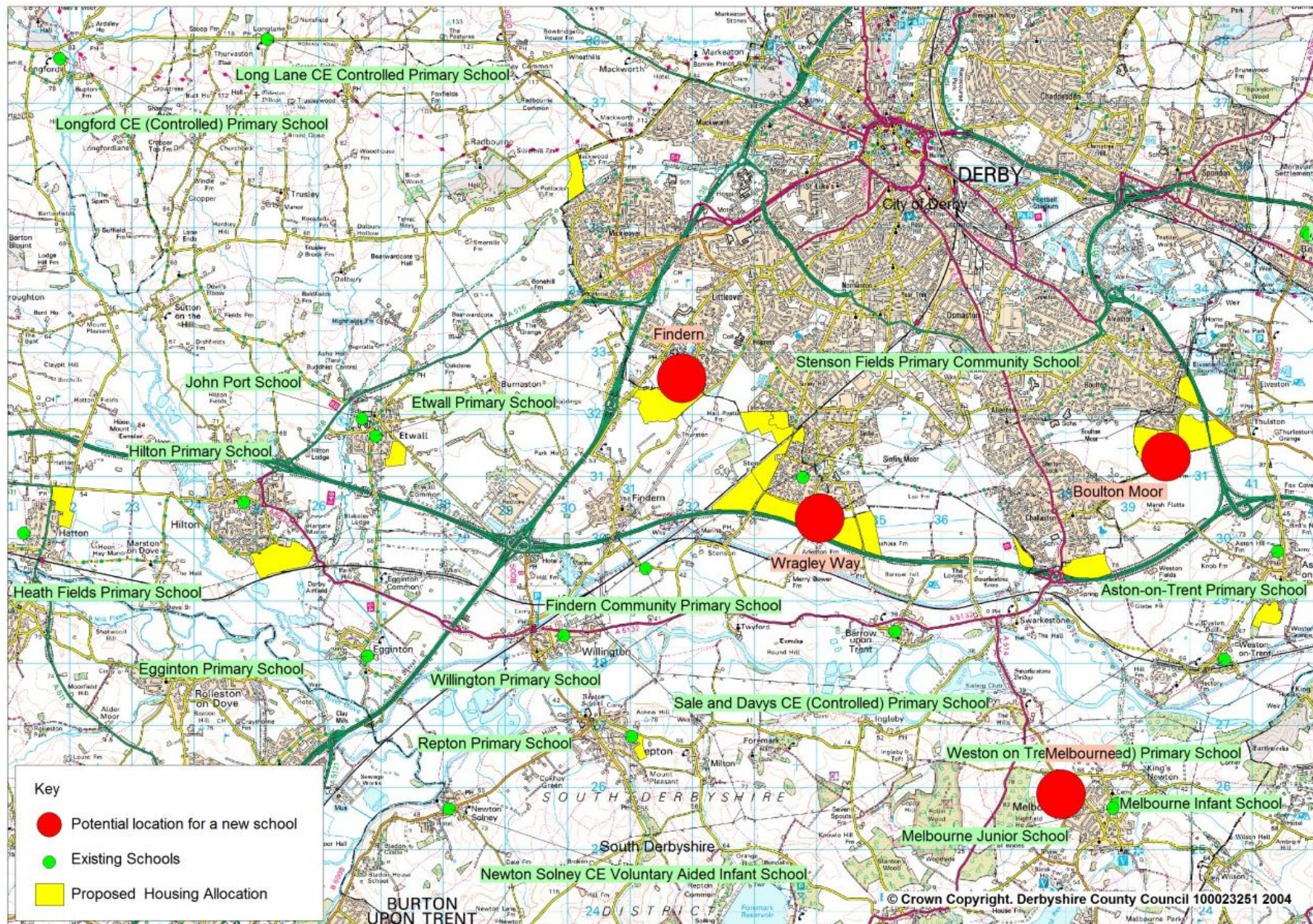
Derbyshire County Council has identified four broad locations where a new secondary school could possibly be delivered. These options offer a geographical split across the area and could serve a wide arc around the edge of Derby city from the west to the south east. No specific sites have been identified at this stage.

The four locations that have been considered are:

- Findern
- Stenson Fields/Wragley Way
- Boulton Moor
- Melbourne

The four locations are shown on the map overleaf.







The options are set out in more detail overleaf. Each development within the county is listed, along with the number of dwellings and the number of secondary aged (11-18) students that it is expected to produce. Depending on their location, these developments are proposed to feed into either

- The new school
- John Port
- City of Derby Academy (in Derby City)
- Chellaston Fields (in Derby City)

This identifies 1,267 students to feed into the new school. The first three possible locations for the new school are given. The distance from each development to the possible school location is multiplied by the number of pupils from that development to produce a total distance. At the bottom of the table an average distance to school is given for each of the options.

### Proposed housing sites and new school location options

Site Name	Proposed Number of Dwellings	Est. Secondary Pupils	New School **	New secondary school location options with distances (all distances measured in miles)						John Port	City of Derby Academy			Chellaston Academy			
				Boulton Moor	total pupil distance	Findern	total pupil distance	Wragley Way	total pupil distance		pupils	pupils	distance	total distance	pupils	distance	
Chellaston Fields	500	100	100	1.4	140	4.7	470	2.7	270								
Land west of Holmleigh Way	119	24	24	1.8	43	4.1	98	2.2	52								
Boulton Moor Planning Inquiry	1058	212	212	0.2	42	5.4	1143	3.2	677								
Boulton Moor Phase 3	190	38	38	0.2	8	5.4	205	3.9	148								
Boulton Moor Phase 2	700	140	140	0.2	28	5.4	756	3.5	490								
									0								
Hackwood Farm, Mickleover	290	58	58	6.7	389	2.4	139	4.2	244								
									0								
Wragley, Way Sinfen	1086	217	217	3.7	804	2.2	478	0.0	0		0	1	0				
Wragley, Way Sinfen	358	72	72	3.7	265	2.2	158	0.0	0		0	1	0				
Wragley, Way Sinfen	504	101	101	3.7	373	2.2	222	0.0	0		0	1	0				
Stenson Fields Allocation	98	20			0		0		0		20	1	20				
Stenson Road Conjoined Inquiry	487	97			0		0		0		97	1	97				
									0								
Primula Way	500	100	100	4.1	410	1.4	140	1.1	110			1					
Highfields Farm Conjoined Inquiry Site	1029	206	206	5.5	1132	0.4	82	1.8	370								
Hatton*	400	60			0		0		0	60							
Willington Road, Etwall*	100	15			0		0		0	15							
Longlands, Repton*	100	15			0		0		0	15							
Hilton Depot*	485	73			0		0		0	73							
Aston Hospital Site (currently in Chellaston normal area but could feed into new school)	74	11		1.8	0	6.7	0		0					11			
Kings Newton Lane (currently in Chellaston normal area but could feed into new school)	66	10												10			
	8078	1568			0		0		0								
									0								
			1267		0		0		0	163	117			21		0	1568
			total distance		3633		3890		2362				117				
			average pupil distance		2.9		3.07		1.86				0				

The table overleaf shows the allocation of developments to the new school if the new school were located in the fourth possible location at Melbourne. Under this option, it is assumed that the Melbourne Infant and Junior schools would feed into the new secondary school. This would effectively take pupils out of the Chellaston Academy in Derby City because that is the current 'normal area' school for Melbourne. In order to make up this reduction, the developments nearest to Chellaston Academy are assumed to feed into that school rather than the new school.

**We would like your views:**

1. Have we identified the right locations for a new secondary school?
2. Are there any other locations that we should consider?



**Proposed housing sites and new school - Melbourne options**

Housing development site name	Proposed Number of Dwellings	Est. Secondary Pupils	New School in Melbourne	Distance to proposed secondary school (in miles)	total distance	John Port	City of Derby Academy			Chellaston Academy		
						pupils	pupils	distance	total distance	pupils	distance	total distance
Land off Holmleigh Way	45	9								9	0.5	5
Regal Gate	16	3								3	1.0	3
Woodlands Farm	60	12								12	0.5	6
Chellaston Fields	500	100								100	0.5	50
Land west of Holmleigh Way	119	24								24	0.5	12
Boulton Moor Planning Inquiry	1058	212								212	2.0	423
Boulton Moor Phase 3	190	38								38	2.0	76
Boulton Moor Phase 2	700	140								140	1.5	210
Hackwood Farm, Mickleover	290	58	58	8	464							
Wragley, Way Sinfin	1086	217	217	3.8	825							
Wragley, Way Sinfin	358	72	72	3.8	272							
Wragley, Way Sinfin	504	101	101	3.8	383							
Stenson Fields Allocation	98	20					20	1	20			
Stenson Road Conjoined Inquiry	487	97					97	1	97			
Primula Way	500	100	100	4.8	480							
Highfields Farm Conjoined Inquiry Site	987	197	197	5.7	1125							
Hatton*	400	60				60						
Willington Road, Etwall*	100	15				15						
Longlands, Repton*	100	15				15						
Hilton Depot*	485	73				73						
Aston Hospital Site*	74	11	11	2.7	30							
Aston Hospital Site (currently in Chellaston normal area but could feed into new school)	74	11	11	1.8	20	6.7	74		0			
Kings Newton Lane (currently in Chellaston normal area but could feed into new school)	66	10	10	1.0	10							
	8157	1549	756									
<b>Plus children from Melbourne Junior</b>	<b>525</b>		1281			169	191			538		
<b>tal</b>			<b>2814</b>									
			<b>total distance</b>		<b>3610</b>				<b>117</b>			<b>771</b>
			<b>average distance</b>		<b>3.42</b>							

## How we have assessed the location options

Derbyshire County Council has taken an objective criteria-based approach to assess each of the locations. The locations are assessed and then ranked. The locations are then allocated a score based on their rank from 1-4. For some criterion, the score is double weighted, giving a potential maximum score for that criterion of 8.

1. The strategy should minimise disruption to the pre-existing education provision in other schools.	This criterion has been assessed by looking at two factors: the number of existing secondary schools within 2 miles of the proposed new site and the number of existing primary schools that are nearer to the proposed location of the new school than they are to their existing normal area school. A table showing how these scores are developed is included at Appendix 5. Where other factors have been taken into account, this is noted in the comments on each option. This criterion is scored out of 8
2. Individual communities ideally should not be split between normal areas of different schools.	This criterion is scored out of 8
3. Any new school should be of sufficient size so as to be able to offer a broad curriculum? 750 would be regarded as a minimum.	This criterion has not been scored at this stage but will become more influential when decisions are required on when to proceed to open a new school.
4. Does the option give scope for expansion to cope with future increases in pupil numbers due to further housing?	This criterion has not been scored at this stage but will be critical in identifying an actual site which is the next stage of the process.
5. Property and Land Acquisition	This criteria looks at the potential costs of acquiring a site, based on advice on land values from Derbyshire

	County Council's Property Services. This criterion is scored out of 4.
6. Highway Access	This criterion looks at whether there are any major constraints to providing safe highway access. This criterion is scored out of 4.
7. Strategic Transport and Travel Distances	This criterion looks at the potential impacts of a new school on the strategic transport network and the distances that pupils would have to travel from the housing development to the new school. Mitigating strategic transport impacts and providing transport to school could have significant revenue implications and therefore this criterion is scored out of 8.
8. Flood risk and water management	This criterion looks at whether there are any flood risk or water management issues. This criterion is scored out of 4.
9. Sustainable development and planning considerations	This criterion looks at other planning and environmental issues. This criterion is scored out of 4.

**We would like your views:**

3. Do these criteria provide a sound basis for assessing the locations?
4. Are there any other issues we should consider?

## The location options assessment

In summary, the locations have been assessed as follows:

Location	Score
Boulton Moor	27
Findern	25
Stenson Fields/Wragley Way	29
Melbourne	25

The assessments for each location are set out in the following tables.

## Boulton Moor

Criteria	Score	Notes
1. Education - The strategy should minimise disruption to the pre-existing education service.	2	This location is the lowest ranked based on the table at appendix 5. This is due to there being three secondary schools within two miles of the site and two existing primary schools being closer to the site than their normal area school
2. Education - Individual communities ideally should not be split between normal areas of different schools.	6	The Bolton Moor development would be split between a new school and Noel Baker in the city because this part of the development lies within the city. This is common to all the options
3. Education - Any new school should be of sufficient size so as to be able to offer a broad curriculum. 750 would be regarded as a minimum.	0	The new school should eventually total around 1200-1300 including 16+
4. Education - Is the option expandable to cope with future increases in pupil numbers due to further housing?	0	Yes assuming sufficient land is purchased
5. Property and land acquisition	4	Agricultural use Relatively low 'hope value'
6. Highways Access	4	Access could be achieved
7. Strategic Transport and Travel Distances	6	Average travel distances are second lowest (ranked 2 <sup>nd</sup> )
8. Flood risk and water management	3	At risk from surface water flooding Part of the location is within Flood Risk Zone 2



9. Sustainable Development and Planning Considerations	<b>2</b>	Green Belt Elvaston Castle Potential for minerals extraction Well related to proposed housing development
TOTAL SCORE	<b>27</b>	

## Findern

Criteria	Score	Notes
1. Education - The strategy should minimise disruption to the pre-existing education service.	6	The is the second best location on this criterion as there is only one school within 2 miles and and two primary schools closer to the location than the normal area school.
2. Education - Individual communities ideally should not be split between normal areas of different schools.	6	The Bolton Moor development would be split between a new school and Noel Baker in the city because this part of the development lies within the city. This is common to all the options
3. Education - Any new school should be of sufficient size so as to be able to offer a broad curriculum. 750 would be regarded as a minimum.	0	The new school should eventually total around 1200-1300 including 16+
4. Education - Is the option expandable to cope with future increases in pupil numbers due to further housing?	0	Yes assuming sufficient land is purchased
5. Property and land acquisition	1	High residential value
6. Highways Access	4	Access could be achieved
7. Strategic Transport and Travel Distances	4	Average travel distances are second highest (ranked 3 <sup>rd</sup> )
8. Flood risk and water management	1	At risk from surface water flooding Part of the location to the south east is within Flood Risk Zone 3
9. Sustainable Development and	3	No major planning considerations

Planning Considerations		Well related to proposed housing development
TOTAL SCORE	<b>25</b>	

## Stenson Fields/Wragley Way

Criteria	Score	Notes
1. Education - The strategy should minimise disruption to the pre-existing education service.	4	This option has two secondary school within 2 miles and two primary school closer to the location than their normal area school. It is therefore the third best location on this criterion
2. Education - Individual communities ideally should not be split between normal areas of different schools.	6	The Bolton Moor development would be split between a new school and Noel Baker in the city because this part of the development lies within the city. This is common to all the options
3. Education - Any new school should be of sufficient size so as to be able to offer a broad curriculum. 750 would be regarded as a minimum.	0	
4. Education - Is the option expandable to cope with future increases in pupil numbers due to further housing?	0	
5. Property and land acquisition	2	Residential value No site identified
6. Highways Access	4	Access could be achieved
7. Strategic Transport and Travel Distances	8	Average travel distances are fourth highest (ranked 1 <sup>st</sup> )
8. Flood risk and water management	1	At risk from surface water flooding Parts of this location are within flood risk zone 2

		Ecological value Regionally Important Geological Site
9. Sustainable Development and Planning Considerations	4	No major planning considerations Well related to proposed housing development
TOTAL SCORE	29	



## Melbourne

Criteria	Score	Notes
1. Education - The strategy should minimise disruption to the pre-existing education service.	6	The Melbourne option would score highly due to its distance from other schools. However, this option involves a redefining of Chellaston Academy's normal area to remove Melbourne which would be served by the new school. Chellaston is an academy and may not agree to this. It is possible that some Melbourne residents would seek places at Chellaston because of its reputation. As a consequence, this option could be quite disruptive and therefore a lower score has been applied. (a score of 8 reduced to 6)
2. Education - Individual communities ideally should not be split between normal areas of different schools.	4	Boulton Moor would remain split but between Chellaston and Noel Baker. In addition there is potential for Melbourne to be split between Chellaston and a new school as outlined above
3. Education - Any new school should be of sufficient size so as to be able to offer a broad curriculum. 750 would be regarded as a minimum.	0	The new school should eventually total around 1200-1300 including 16+
4. Education - Is the option expandable to cope with future increases in pupil numbers due to further housing?	0	Yes assuming sufficient land is purchased
5. Property and land acquisition	3	Agricultural use Relatively high 'hope value'

6. Highways Access	<b>4</b>	Access could be achieved
7. Strategic Transport and Travel Distances	<b>2</b>	Average travel distances are highest (ranked 4 <sup>th</sup> )
8. Flood risk and water management	<b>4</b>	At risk from surface water flooding
9. Sustainable Development and Planning Considerations	<b>2</b>	Swarkestone Causeway is a scheduled ancient monument Well located to existing community Not well related to majority of proposed housing development
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	<b>25</b>	

The above assessment concludes that the best locations to explore for providing a new school are Stenson Fields /Wragley Way and Boulton Moor. Derbyshire County Council is proposing to assess these locations in more detail.

**We would like your views:**

5. Do you agree with our approach and assessment of the locations?
6. Do you agree with our initial assessment that Stenson Fields/Wragley Way and Boulton Moor are the best locations to assess in more detail?
7. Are there any other locations we should consider?

## Next Steps

In response to housing development in South Derbyshire, Derbyshire County Council is committed to delivering a new school to provide secondary places. No decision has yet been made on where a new school should be delivered, the timing of opening the new school, or how the new school will be funded.

This consultation is a critical part of the decision making process. We want to hear your views on how we should be providing secondary school places in South Derbyshire. The consultation runs from 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015 until 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2015.

Following this consultation Derbyshire County Council will review the options for locating a new school and assess any additional locations suggested to us. The outcome of this initial assessment and consultation will then be presented to elected members at Derbyshire County Council's Cabinet on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015. A preferred location and reserve location will be identified. Cabinet will be asked to agree to a more detailed assessment of the preferred and reserve locations and work to identify and secure a site in the preferred location.

Your views and comments are important in helping to shape the strategy for secondary education in South Derbyshire. Please respond to the questions set out in this consultation and comment on any other issue that you feel is relevant.

1. Have we identified the right locations for a new secondary school?
2. Are there any other locations that we should consider?
3. Do these criteria provide a sound basis for assessing the locations?
4. Are there any other issues we should consider?
5. Do you agree with our approach and assessment of the locations?
6. Do you agree with our initial assessment that Stenson Fields/Wragley Way and Boulton Moor are the best locations to assess in more detail?
7. Are there any other locations we should consider?

You can respond via email: [planningpolicy@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@derbyshire.gov.uk)

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All responses should be submitted by 5pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2015.

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