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Consultation report on the proposed new Newark
Secondary School

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1.0 Introduction to the consultation report

1.1 Context of the consultation

The Suthers School is a proposed 11–18 Free School situated in Newark.

The school proposes opening in September 2017 with 90 students in Year 7. The school will then grow with an additional 120 Year 7 intake every year until full.

It is proposed the school will initially be housed in temporary accommodation at Toot Hill School, Bingham before moving to its permanent location in Fernwood, Newark.

With grammar schools in Lincolnshire and 'Outstanding' secondary schools in Southwell and Bingham, many Newark students choose to be educated in schools outside of the town. By opening a new, academically focused secondary school in Newark, we are providing parents and students with an alternative choice to the current options available.

The Suthers School will be secular, inclusive and open to any student within its catchment area. There will be no entrance exam or barrier to access but the rigorous academic curriculum and extended school day will define the highest standards we will expect from our students.

Due to housing growth, Newark will need a new, additional secondary school within the next few years. In addition, housing growth in both Newark and Bingham will mean that Toot Hill School, which is already heavily oversubscribed, will have fewer places for out of catchment students.

1.2 Consultation process

The process for establishing a Free School includes a statutory requirement, under the Academies Act 2010, to consult 'with those they think appropriate'.

In establishing proposals for The Suthers School, its proposers, The Nova Education Trust, have actively engaged potential partners and other stakeholders throughout the process. This ongoing consultation has played an important part in shaping the project so far, and if The Suthers School is approved, these discussions will continue until the Free School is opened and beyond. This wider consultation has included 15 public meetings throughout the proposed catchment area, extensive marketing activities including press adverts, articles and leaflet drops during the last 2 years.

This report however, covers only the public consultation carried out as a response to the statutory requirement, and sets out the audience, activities undertaken and the responses received. The consultation period ran from 12pm on the 13th June and ended at 12pm on the 25th of July. As part of the consultation process, we prepared a questionnaire which could be submitted online, by post or email.

Upon the conclusion of the consultation we will publish the outcome on The Suthers School webpage and also make print copies available upon request. A printed copy can be requested using the details on our Contact webpage.

All stakeholders were offered the opportunity to meet with representatives of The Suthers Free School to discuss the questions raised by the consultation in a Public Meeting which was held on the 5th July 2017.

1.2.1 Email shot

At launch, 111 emails were sent to stakeholders within the community. This e-shot included all local councillors, primary and secondary schools, local authority education teams, admission authorities, Members of Parliament, trade unions and the Regional Schools Commissioner.

In the email to all primary schools in Newark, The Suthers School team asked that a letter be distributed to parents explaining the terms of the consultation and how to respond.

An example of this email and associated letter can be found in the appendices (Appendix B and C).

The Suthers School also contacted relevant stakeholders by email. This communication can be found in Appendix A and the email to Secondary Schools can be found in Appendix D.

We also consulted with all parents who had expressed an interest in The Suthers School, distributing 276 email invitations to parents to participate in the consultation.

1.2.2 Website

The consultation was featured heavily on The Suthers School website with the landing page banner changed to the image contained in Appendix G. A dedicated page was created to provide a convenient consultation response form. See Appendix F.

1.2.3 Press

In July, The Suthers School advertised the consultation in the Newark Advertiser. A copy of the advert can be found in Appendix E.

1.3 Consultation respondents

The consultation received 67 responses during the specified timeframe. No responses were received outside this timeframe.

All responses were submitted through the website. No responses were received by email or post.

All 67 responses submitted through the website responded to some or all of the proposed questions.

As part of the consultation we contacted the 5 trade unions commonly serving the education sector. We had no responses from any trade union.

Of the 67 respondents, 20 were submitted on the 26th June, 18 of which were submitted between 10am and 12pm. Despite the similarity of wording in the responses we have considered each of these as independent submissions.

Balderton Parish Council informed us that its members had determined to contact the consultation individually rather than as a public body.

2.0 Responses to the consultation

2.1 Should the Secretary of State enter into a funding agreement?

Should the Secretary of State enter into a funding agreement with the Nova Education Trust to open The Suthers Free School?

Out of the 67 respondents, 30 did not agree that the Secretary of State should enter into a funding agreement. Comments are summarised below:

- Newark currently having two under-subscribed schools
- The two current Newark schools are rapidly improving
- Any money should be spent on improving the two existing schools
- Any money should be spent on mitigating against budget cuts

36 of the respondents agreed that the Secretary of State should enter into a funding agreement. The reasons given were more varied and included:

- Newark children deserve to have access to 'good' or 'outstanding' schools
- Too many Newark children are having to travel outside the town to access good standards of education
- Academic achievement in secondary schools in Newark is weak
- The Nova Education Trust has a proven record in providing high quality education
- The Newark area is growing and needs a new school

One respondent felt that the school should only be funded when the permanent building is available and not whilst it is accommodated on the Toot Hill site.

Response

The Nova Education Trust (NET) recognise that Newark currently has two undersubscribed schools but also understands that over 1000 students leave the town every day to be educated elsewhere. The purpose of a new secondary school is to provide provision that stems that flow and reinvigorates secondary education in the town through widened choice.

Whilst the two Newark secondary schools are rapidly improving, parents are looking for school provision in Newark that offers an alternative to the two current schools and provides a longer school day and enhanced enrichment offer.

If this Free School wasn't built the money would not be deployed to other schools in Newark. The Suthers School provides Newark with a significant financial investment above and beyond what would normally be available. The Suthers School is an investment in the children, parents, infrastructure and community of Newark and will not only provide educational opportunities and choice but jobs and further investment in the Fernwood area.

The Nova Education Trust is not in a position to comment on individual school's budgetary positions.

The growth of housing in Newark, along with additional housing capacity being developed in Bingham and other satellite towns means that there is a demographic demand for three secondary schools in Newark. The Nova Education trust has a proven track record of delivering 'Outstanding' education at Toot Hill School and is well placed to help develop secondary provision in Newark.

2.2 Do you support the ethos and aims of The Suthers Free School?

Do you support the ethos and aims of The Suthers Free School as outlined on the school website?

The consultation received 60 responses to this question. 7 respondents chose not to leave a comment.

6 respondents were directly opposed to the stated ethos and aims of the school. None of these respondents offered reasons beyond submitting the word 'no'.

11 respondents indicated that they agreed with the ethos and aims but had reservations. These reservations were:

- There is more to education than academic achievement
- Although the aims are intended to be good, they seem a bit wishy washy and not precise enough for the children of Newark.
- They are rather simplistic
- Looks good but similar to all other new schools

Of the 43 who agreed with the aims and ethos, comments covered points such as:

- 'Work Hard Be Kind' is something I personally instil in my own children
- Yes, anything can be achieved with hard work and perseverance, and that we should embrace the differences in one another
- Traditional values have been lost and certainly need to be installed into our next generation
- I agree with the motto proposed "work hard and be kind" and I hope that the school knows how to enhance the best of each of the students so they get their aims despite the obstacles
- Yes, I like the idea compulsory extra time after school for homework activities the longer day will benefit students with more time to learn
- Completely, I believe this new school will be the foundation and driving force that will help improve the secondary standard of learning in the Newark area not only within it's own four walls but setting a standard for the other local schools to aim for also

Response

The Nova Education Trust fully agrees that there is more to education than achievement which is why The Suthers School is based around an extended school day, allowing students to experience a wider enrichment programme which in turn helps to develop more rounded and empowered young adults.

The aims and ethos of The Suthers School have been developed in partnership with Nottingham Free School which recently received a 'Good' grade from Ofsted which also noted outstanding features in terms of Leadership, Outcomes and Pupil Development. The Nottingham Free School has been in operation for three years. The aims and ethos and their impact on students in the school were particularly identified as a strength by the Ofsted team.

2.3 Do you feel the school curriculum offers a suitable breadth?

Do you feel the school curriculum offers a suitable breadth of education for students?

Of the 67 respondents 12 offered no comment and 7 clearly stated that they did not feel the curriculum offered suitable breadth. Comments included:

- No, I think that some children do not benefit from taking the English Baccalaureate, and should have a greater choice of which subject they can take
- Not enough creative subjects to develop the whole student
- I feel the proposed curriculum is too elitist and diminishes the importance of creative subjects

7 respondents had mixed views, agreeing with aspects of the proposal but with some offering caveats:

- The school curriculum doesn't have enough detail in it for me to comment on it - especially at KS5
- No better or worse than most other schools.
- Again looks good but all schools have adopted this model.
- Yes, but I would like to see music and possibly some vocational / practical subjects included. Will this be included in enrichment.

41 respondents agreed that the school curriculum offers a suitable breadth of education for students with comments that included:

- We are very pleased with what we have read and heard. Our daughter is excited about having the chance to try new things and isn't phased by a longer day.
- Yes, it looks like an exciting mix of traditional education and enrichment activities
- The Suthers School are willing to provide a wide ranged curriculum, we particularly like the enrichment activities.
- The schools focus on core academic subjects (English Baccalaureate) will ensure my child will have options and choice with regard to their further education and their future employment
- Yes, the curriculum goes above and beyond other school especially because of the enrichment time giving students exciting opportunities

Response

The Nova Education Trust feel that The Suthers School curriculum model does offer a broad and balanced education to its students. It not only offers traditional subjects within the curriculum but also provides the opportunity for students to more deeply explore sporting, creative and vocational pursuits.

The Suthers School offers Music, Drama and Art within the main curriculum but also offers enhanced opportunities in the arts through its extended school day. The English Baccalaureate forms the core of the curriculum as it provides a sound base for all students, whatever their ability.

2.4 Do you agree with the proposed extended school day

Do you feel the proposed extended school day and associated enrichment opportunities meet the needs of students within the community?

Out of the 67 respondents, 10 did not agree that the proposed extended school day and associated enrichment opportunities would meet the needs of students within the community. 7 respondents left no comment. The objections were primarily focused around choice and suitability for all students:

- I think for some of the students it would be too much to expect.
- No, kids spend enough time at school as it is, when are they going to have time to be "kids"
- I don't think parents would buy in to an extended day as many students need to pick up younger siblings from school
- This should be optional as many students in the area already attend after school clubs that enrich the community. This is going to take them away from that.

6 respondents had concerns regarding the details of the proposal:

- I don't feel that some of the proposals around Enrichment are clear enough or indeed measurable.
- The offer states that students will "have a wider range of social experiences" - what does this actually mean? I'm not sure how one can measure this.
- Needs to be more clear about the the breadth and type of activities!

44 responses were positive with comments focusing on increased opportunities for students.

- Absolutely, it's a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn and have fun
- We feel the enrichment time provides students with extra help in their learning for them to complete homework/ activities with a teacher present, therefore giving them extra opportunities and also help/ support for those students who will benefit from it
- I believe the extended school day and enrichment activities, as well as being an exciting opportunity for my child, will prepare them both academically and socially for further education and in the long term, employment. Enrichment activities are known to build upon skills such as collaboration and team working, but also increase independence and build self confidence. Extra curricular activities are also seen in a prudential light by Universities and employers.
- Yes. This is an opportunity to build friendships, team spirit, self worth and awareness of others, whilst being within the grounds of the school in a safe environment, in a world that sadly is becoming not such a safe place to live. Also with regards to the core subjects it will be extremely beneficial for students to have access to the help of teachers if they find themselves with difficulties and need some extra guidance.

The extended school day is part of The Suthers School's unique offer in Newark. The Nova Education Trust recognises it may not be suitable for all students but firmly believes that it is of benefit to the vast majority of young people.

By offering a choice of education provision, parents can best decide what is right for their children and select the school that addresses their needs. The Suthers School increases that choice and diversity rather than restricting it.

2.5 Do you agree with plans to have an open admission policy?

Do you agree with plans to have an open admission policy with no selection?

The consultation received 56 responses to this question. 11 respondents chose not to leave a comment.

3 respondents were directly opposed to an open admission policy with no selection. None of these respondents offered reasons beyond submitting the word 'no'.

3 responses indicated that they agreed with the ethos and aims but had reservations. These reservations sat around the following points:

- I don't feel that offering children of staff at the school priority over children in the community is appropriate
- Partial selection would be preferable

Of the 50 who agreed with an open admission policy with no selection, their comments covered points such as:

- I agree with this point, I think that the students constantly change and surprise; with a selection there can be left children with the desire and potential to work hard.
- All state schools should have an open admission policy with no selection
- I wholeheartedly support the schools Open Admissions policy. This demonstrates that the school wants each and every child, no matter their current academic ability, to progress and reach their full potential, rather than just admitting children who are already successful academically
- Yes. Every child should have the right to be educated to the limits of their ability

Response

The Nova Education Trust supports that majority view expressed here that open and accessible education for all students is an important aspect of a balanced society and has determined the admission arrangements to reflect this.

2.6 Do you feel the location of the school is suitable?

Do you feel the location of the school is suitable and appropriate to meet future demand?

Of the 67 respondents 4 offered no comment and 24 clearly stated that they did not feel the location of the school is suitable and appropriate to meet future demand. Many of the comments simply stated that there wasn't a need for a third secondary school in Newark, wherever it may be located. Other comments included:

- No. I do not think it is appropriate to build a secondary school on Fernwood, which is a village community. I think the building of a large school there would have a detrimental effect on the community
- Access and congestion will be an issue
- The temporary site is poorly positioned and the proposed site is an area that Newark Academy could serve if the catchment for it and Magnus academy were set fairly to ensure sustainable numbers for both rapidly improving schools.

4 respondents had mixed views, agreeing with aspects of the proposal but offering the following observations:

- Slightly worried for children coming from Newark who wish to bike rather than go on the school bus due to location, crossing busy roads and lack of safe cycle tracks
- The location is good. I would have concerns about the roads around and lack of safe crossing opportunities.
- We have no information regarding the permanent site other than its location. I hope you will fully share this information

34 respondents agreed that the location of the school is suitable and appropriate to meet future demand with comments that included:

- Yes, it is ideal location for the school. It is walking distance for children who live in Balderton and Fernwood. It will be a short bus journey for children who live in other areas of Newark. Yes, with the growing community of Fernwood village and surrounding area it will be perfectly situated.
- Yes. The school is going to be situated in a highly populated residential area. There are plans to build many more homes on this site and the school will quickly become very popular.
- There is a lot of interest in the area for the intake this September and for future years.
- I believe so, with the housing estate continually growing, Newark needs this new school as soon as possible, to give it the opportunity to establish itself ready for the even greater demand that will soon befall it.

Response

The proposed location of the Suthers School places it at the southern edge of Newark. This provides school capacity for the significant housing developments taking place in the area.

It also provides distance from both the Magnus School and Newark Academy.

The Fernwood Business park has excellent road links and the plans for the Middlebeck Estate indicate the development of both pedestrian and cycling infrastructure.

2.7 Do you have any further comments on The Suthers Free School?

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Further comments were numerous and varied but fell broadly into two camps and generally summated the earlier comments of each respondent

Typically, comments opposing The Suthers School suggested:

- The impact this will have on the the existing education available in Newark in particular has clearly not been considered. This is not only detrimental to schools in Newark, but the entire community.
- I feel it is very unnecessary when there are already place available at the two Newark Secondary schools.
- I am passionate about education and about improving the life chances of young people through education. I am supportive of Free schools where there is a need, however there is clearly not a need in Newark. Both schools in Newark are under capacity, are in excellent states of repair and are rapidly improving. To open a Free school in Newark at this time would risk slowing down the progress that these schools are making due to loss of student numbers and therefore funding. This cannot be good for education in Newark and my fear is that the opening of the free school will actually work counter to it's original aim of improving education in Newark.

Comments in favour of the creation of The Suthers School were as follows:

- We really need this school in Newark if we are to start retaining children with academic ability rather than lose them to out of town schools and to cope with the potential housing increases.
- This group have already got a recognised reputation for delivering high quality education in this part of Nottinghamshire. The new Suthers school will help to continue to deliver this same better quality education to a greater number of children, specifically to children of Newark. Newark's existing schools are failing to deliver. The Suthers school will help reverse these failures and make it necessary to bus Newark's children to schools out of town.
- The Suthers Free School will give the children of Newark an opportunity to have an excellent education in their home town. So many children travel many miles to other towns for this at the moment. This school needs to open in September 2017 to meet the needs of a growing population and to ease the over subscription of other schools in neighbouring towns.

Response

The Nova Education Trust recognise the polarised opinions held by the respondents to this consultation.

3.0 Public meeting

3.1 Introduction

The Nova Education Trust held a public meeting on the 5th July 2017 at 5pm.

The meeting was accommodated at Toot Hill School and details of how to travel to, and park at the academy were provided online and with all printed materials.

There were 5 attendees at the public meeting. The attendees were as follows:

A representative from the Nova Education Trust (Chairperson)

The Head of The Suthers School

A representative from the Nova Education Trust Board of Directors

2 members of the public

3.2 Summary of the meeting

The public meeting was a 'round table' event limited to 1 hour. Time was available after the meeting for individual questions to be addressed to the Chair and Head of School. No such questions were asked.

The chair outlined the key reasons for the proposed school, including demographic and parental demand, concluding with a short history of the project.

The floor was then opened up to questions.

Responses from the floor focused on the impact The Suthers School would have on the Magnus School. The principle concern raised was that there was a perceived risk to the Magnus School in regards to future pupil recruitment and retention. This concern was brought about by the timing of the school's first opening.

The Suthers School recognised the rapid improvements that both Magnus and Newark academy have made in recent years but suggested that a third school and greater parental choice didn't prevent those schools from continuing to improve.

The meeting agreed that an extended school day was a positive development in principle for all students.

The meeting concluded at 6pm.

4.0 Conclusion and further action

The Nova Education Trust have considered the responses received during the consultation period. They have taken into account the concerns raised by the respondents and have addressed those concerns where possible in this document.

Based on all the information currently available to them, and the significant support indicated during this consultation and more widely over the last two years, the Nova Board of Directors have determined to continue with their proposal to open The Suthers School.

The Nova Education Trust would like to thank everyone who contributed to the consultation and thank all stakeholders for their continued support.

Appendix A: Email to Stakeholders

Dear Stakeholder,

The Suthers Free School would like to offer local stakeholders the opportunity to comment on our plans to open an 11-18 secondary school to serve the Fernwood, Middlebeck and Balderton areas of Newark. The permanent school buildings will be located on the Fernwood Business Park.

The school is scheduled to open in September 2017 and further information about the school, its ethos and the Multi-Academy Trust proposing the school can be found on our website at:

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If you would like to meet a representative of The Suthers Free School to discuss any of these questions further, we are holding a Public Meeting at 5.30pm on the 5th July at the Suthers Building, The Banks, Bingham, NG13 8BL. More information on the public meeting can be found on the Consultation page of the Suthers School website.

Thank you in anticipation of your response,

The Suthers School Team

Appendix B: Email to Primary School

Subject Box: Statutory Consultation: For the Attention of the Chair of Governors and Headteacher

Dear Sir/Madam,

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We have also attached a modified version of this letter that you may wish to distribute to your parents to ensure the consultation is as open and accessible as possible.

Thank you in anticipation of your response and support,

The Suthers School Team

Appendix C: Letter to parents/carers with primary aged children

Dear Parent/Carer,

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Stars join truck festival

STARS of Ice Road Truckers were there when Europe's largest show of its kind — TruckFest — returned to Newark Showground.

Lisa Kelly and Todd Dewey from the hit television series greeted fans.

They are pictured at the event with Cheylene Carlisle, 14, of Newark.

Todd was joined as a main arena host by Jesse McClure, from television's Storage Hunters.

The two-day show featured the best in the road haulage industry and entertainment.

Main arena action included the Monster Truck Slingshot with stunts and car-crushing.

The logistics sector contributes £85bn to the UK economy and many major fleet operators and their drivers attend TruckFest.

Sainsbury's staff raise £3,000

STAFF and customers at Sainsbury's Balderton raised almost £3,000 for the Fire Fighters Charity over the past year.

The charity was chosen in 2016 to receive support from the store for the year, including fundraising and awareness raising.

Gary Evans, store manager, said: "We have enjoyed working with The Fire

Fighters charity over the past 12 months. Our customers and colleagues worked hard to help raise vital funds for the charity and we are proud with everything we have achieved."

Last month, customers had the chance to vote in store and online for the store's new charity partner.

Stroke Association, Newark, was chosen.

A united effort for good cause

By Dan Churcher
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CHRIS MILLER will be joining his daughter, Ellie, on the start-line of Prudential Ride London as they prepare to cycle 100 miles for the blood cancer research charity, Bloodwise.

In July 2014 Ellie, 26, was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma and soon after her 65-year-old father, of Bingham, had a heart attack on his way to work.

Ellie, who lives in Leeds, had suffered fatigue, night sweats and unexplained weight loss. After her GP found a lump in her neck, she was urgently referred to a consultant who diagnosed Hodgkin lymphoma.

She had six months of chemotherapy before going into remission.

Mr Miller said: "When Ellie was diagnosed it was shattering for me and desperate for us. There was a lengthy period when we could not have imagined that she would be here doing this ride with me.

"We feared she wouldn't be here to do so.

"That fear continued for a while but things started to look up and optimism replaced the gloom during the treatment.

"It was obviously going well at a relatively early stage and so, while not complacent, our hopes and confidence became, and remained, strong. The fact that she is fit and able to do the ride is so special."



CHRIS MILLER and his daughter, Ellie.

Ellie struggled at first to come to terms with life after treatment without the frequent hospital visits and reassurance that all was well.

However, three years on, she is doing well, graduating with a masters from university, starting a full-time job, and getting married.

She is looking forward to joining her father for their first event together.

She said: "Dad completed the Bloodwise Birmingham Bikeathon shortly after he had his heart attack, which was no mean feat.

"I am immensely proud of him and grateful for everything he has done, so I thought this year it was only fair I accompany him."

The duo have already beaten their fundraising target, raising more than £1,200 so far for research into blood cancers.

"We know that the sort of research from which Ellie has benefitted is very expensive, and so raising funds is the best contribution we can make to reflect our gratitude," Mr Miller said.

"The generosity of all our family, friends, and colleagues at work in supporting this ride has been staggering."

Ellie said: "Survival rates due to developments in treatment for Hodgkin lymphoma have drastically changed in the last 50 years or so, but I am very aware that this is not the case for many blood cancers and blood disorders, for whom the outlook is still very poor.

"Research is the thing that can make all the difference and give other patients a much more positive outlook so anything that I can do that might help Bloodwise to achieve this is totally worth it."

Matt Lawley, head of sport at Bloodwise, said: "The support from people like Chris and Ellie allows us to continue to fund life-saving research into blood cancers.

"Blood cancer kills more people each year than breast or prostate cancer, so every penny counts in ensuring we can save the lives of even more patients. We wish them all the best for the ride."

To support Ellie and Chris, go to www.justgiving.com/chris-miller42.



STATUTORY CONSULTATION

The Suthers School is a new 11–18 Free School being proposed by the Nova Education Trust. The school will primarily serve the Fernwood and Middlebeck communities but also provide greater choice for parents and students throughout Newark.

As part of the process of opening a new school, The Suthers School must undertake a Statutory Consultation which provides the community of Newark the chance to comment on the proposed opening of this school.

If you would like to respond to the consultation please visit www.suthersschool.co.uk where you will find further information on the school, an online submission form and details of how to submit a postal response.

The consultation closes at 12.00pm on Tuesday 25 July.

www.suthersschool.co.uk/consultation

Death of ex-president

THE immediate past president of Newark Castle Rotary Club, Mrs Karen Marris, has died with her family at her bedside.

Mrs Marris, of Pelham Street, Newark, had been diagnosed with cancer and received care at the John Eastwood Hospice, Sutton-in-Ashfield.

Her husband, Alan, was a founder member of the club in March 1987. As his wife, Mrs Marris supported many Rotary activities and fundraising events and after he died in 2011 she decided to join the club the following year.

She was appointed president on July 1, 2016, and was in office when the club celebrated its 30th birthday in March with past and present members.

Current president Mrs Caroline Rossin said Karen was very popular and highly respected.

"Karen and Alan both made significant contributions to Rotary and lived up to the Rotary motto of service above self," she said.

The funeral will be at Gedling Crematorium, Lambley, today. The family have requested no flowers but donations instead to the John Eastwood Hospice.



MRS KAREN MARRIS

Day at championships



PUPILS at the World Para Athletics Championships.

TWENTY-SIX children from Barnby Road Academy, Newark, went to the World Para Athletics Championships in London.

The head, Steven Chamberlain, said: "It was a wonderful occasion and the children thoroughly enjoyed the inspiring event.

"We got to see a number of British suc-

cesses and the children were amazed by the superb stadium.

"We were very appreciative of Mrs Emma Marfleet, our PE lead at Barnby Road, for organising the trip."

"The children have experienced a memory that will last them a lifetime."

Appendix F: Website landing page

The screenshot shows the website landing page for The Suthers School. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links: Home, News, Ethos, Pastoral, Curriculum, Enrichment, Building, Transition, Applications, Register Interest, Events, Consultation, and Contact. Below the menu is the school's logo, which includes a crest and the text 'THE SUTHERS SCHOOL'. The main heading reads 'THE SUTHERS SCHOOL STATUTORY CONSULTATION', followed by 'Closing on 25th July' and 'Click here for further information and to respond'. There are four call-to-action buttons: 'Click here to access STATUTORY INFORMATION', 'September 2017 LATE APPLICATIONS', 'Year 5 REGISTER YOUR INTEREST', and 'Book a place at our YEAR 6 AUTUMN OPEN EVENINGS'. A dark red banner contains the text 'WELCOME TO THE SUTHERS SCHOOL' and provides details about the school's opening in September 2017, its location in Newark, and its initial temporary accommodation at Toot Hill School. Below this banner are two white boxes with icons of scales of justice. The first box is titled 'FREE SCHOOLS EXPLAINED' and describes the school as an 11-18 secondary school. The second box is titled 'WHY OPEN A FREE SCHOOL IN NEWARK?' and mentions grammar schools in Lincolnshire and 'Outstanding' secondary schools in Southwell and Bingham.

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WELCOME TO THE SUTHERS SCHOOL

The Suthers School is a new, upcoming 11-18 free school situated in Newark.

The school is scheduled to open in September 2017 with 90 students in Year 7. The school will then grow with an additional Year 7 intake every year until full.

The school will initially be housed in temporary accommodation at Toot Hill School before moving to its permanent location in Fernwood, Newark.

FREE SCHOOLS EXPLAINED

The Suthers School is an 11-18 secondary school situated in Newark.

A Free School is just another name for an Academy which is a school

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