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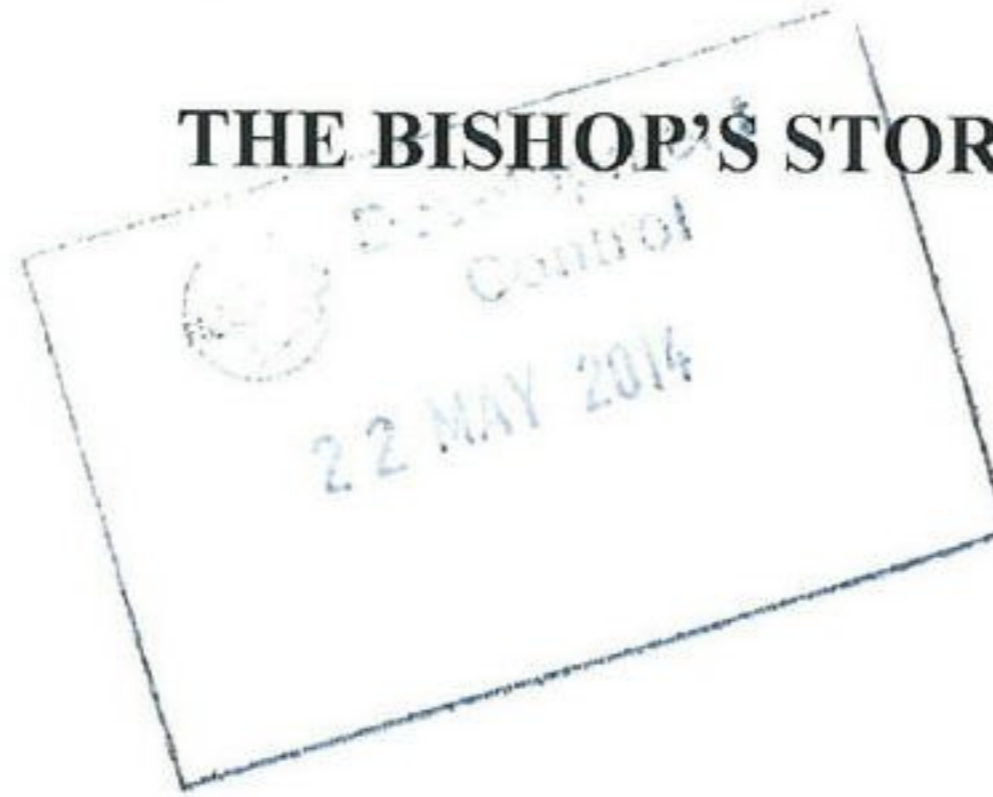


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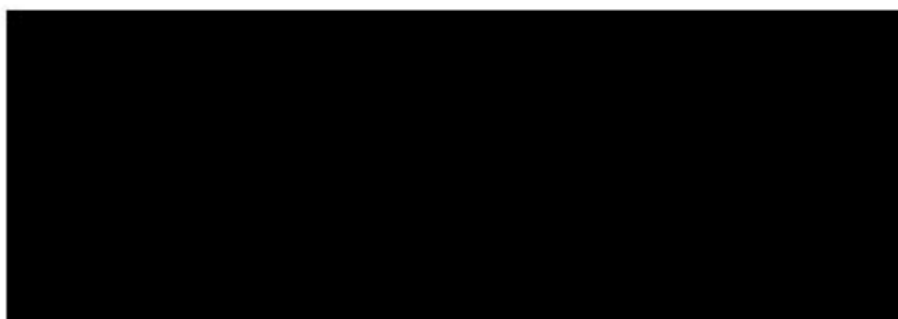
Dear Sirs

**Ref Draft District Plan – Preferred Options Consultation**

The school is pleased to see a comprehensive development plan proposal, that attempts to outline planning guidelines for the district and Bishop Stortford in particular. We take particular notice of the proposed notes and plans on secondary education, and comment as follows,

- County forecasts through to 2026 indicate the need for a further 8 forms of entry, and with the Hadham Rd site being swapped for land and a 6 form “free” school, there remains demand for a further 2 to 3 forms of entry.
- We do not believe the County education authority will be able to control where the students come from, for the new school, and this therefore begs the question, as to whether the current demand is for more than 8 forms of entry: We believe this to be nearer to 10
- Forecasting is now being done to 2031, which we believe will show the need for 12 forms of entry ie 6 more than the new school can provide.
- At the Boys High School, we are in dilapidated buildings and facilities built for 3 form entry, and where we currently have 5.3 forms of entry.
- The land allocation on the Wittington Rd site for education, would again seem the logical solution for us. However we wish to reserve 20ha which will enable us and the education authority, the ability to provide sufficient secondary education through to 2031plus for the town, and incorporate a primary school and the Blues Nursery, currently located on our site.
- We would therefore ask for our current site to be zoned residential to enable the resultant funds to be used to build a new school for the future of the town, and to avoid the current state we have, where children are being ferried to schools outside the town, indeed outside the county.

Yours faithfully



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