

Feedback from Formal Consultation

Macclesfield High School – Acting Executive Head

*Feedback submitted online by E-Form*

Do you support the proposal: No

Comments:

The proposal to retain four providers of secondary education in the town retains the status quo and does not address the issue of surplus places. This is likely to result in increased competition, a move away from collaborative working practices and the benefits that these can have.

The proposal that Macclesfield College takes control of LZ6 and enters the A level market is contrary to the previous vision of the College Principal and will increase competition in this sector which will be compounded by the proposed reductions in sixth form and FE sector funding as organisations struggle to manage decreasing resources.

These issues, when set in the national context of new government policy promoting greater independence/autonomy, are likely to result in school leaders and governing bodies becoming more inward looking and focus on making decisions that preserve/strengthen their own organisations with little regard for the impact such decision might have on others in the town.

There is a great danger that the benefits that the development of collaborative working arrangements across the town will be lost and there will be a return to a very competitive educational environment that school leaders and LA officers were charged with finding a solution to under the inclusion agenda umbrella at the turn of the century.

The view expressed by Mr Robinson is supported by the majority of Tytherington High School governors.

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