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To Staff, Parents/Carers and Stakeholders

## **Consultation on a proposal to expand the capacity at Greenfields Academy, Grantham**

The Community Inclusive Trust (CIT), in collaboration with Lincolnshire County Council (LCC), is today commencing consultation on the proposal to permanently expand the capacity at Greenfields Academy, Grantham.

It is the statutory duty of LCC to ensure that there are sufficient school places to accommodate all pupils of statutory school age in Lincolnshire including provision for children with special educational needs and disability (SEND).

This proposal is to expand the capacity of the school to offer up to 13 additional places above their current capacity of 65, to a new capacity of 78. Additional teaching and resource space is not required to enable the school to increase the capacity.

CIT believes that this proposal is the best available option to address the projected need for SEND places for young people with SEMH (Social Emotional and Mental Health) needs. It will enable children to attend a suitable school with the specialist provision that they need, whilst reducing the need to place children in schools a considerable distance away from where they live. CIT believes that the proposal is an opportunity to extend and enhance further the already excellent provision in place at Greenfields Academy to benefit and support more children in our local communities with SEMH needs and provide them with the opportunity to reach their full potential.

If the project were to go ahead then the proposed implementation date for the new capacity to come into use would be 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

It is important that CIT gather and consider all views on this proposal prior to making a decision on whether to proceed, and would welcome discussions with anyone who may be interested in finding out more or have comments that they wish to be taken into consideration when a decision is made.

Following statutory consultation, if the proposal is approved, having more children on roll will have financial benefits for the school. This may potentially provide the opportunity to enhance teaching provision and career opportunities for staff which in turn will benefit the learning experience of the children. This proposal also offers the opportunity to support the school in maintaining the already high standards and provide a platform for further improvements.

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## Have your say

Due to Covid-19, this consultation will take place online. The consultation window opened today, 23rd September 2020, and will close on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

**If you wish to comment on this proposal you must return your response by 12pm on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020.**

If you would like to discuss these proposals further before responding, then please contact me using the contact details provided below.

Please visit our website to complete a consultation response form or use this link <http://bit.ly/green-consult> Alternatively, you can email direct to [jacki.bartram@citacademies.co.uk](mailto:jacki.bartram@citacademies.co.uk) Paper responses can be posted to either the school office – Jacki Bartram, Greenfields Academy, Great North Road, Grantham, NG31 7US, or to Jacki Bartram, CIT Academies, Poplar Farm School, Helmsley Road, Grantham, NG31 8XF.

Copies of all documentation relating to this proposal will be posted to both the Greenfields and CIT websites.

Yours sincerely

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