School views

Is everyone in the Thetford in favour of the new extension and moving all of Thetford’s children to a single site?

MP Elizabeth Truss and headmistress Cathy Spillane talk about it as if it is a done deal.

The winning design has now been chosen and planning permission will be put to a Norfolk County Council planning committee in mid-November, with a decision expected in February next year.

NCC (as an outside body no longer involved in the day-to-day running of the Academy) will offer limited consultation to Breckland Council.

The views of all Thetfordonians need to be heard. The original consultation was based on a three-site academy which was later cancelled.

Additional town traffic, journey times, exam disruption, parental choice, bullying and administration are all issues to be addressed.

Mesdames Truss and Spillane infer that public opinion has waned. It is simply waiting for the opportunity to be heard.

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