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*Dear Lord Nash,*

**My Ref: JohnTaylor/230117/SB**

Last week I met with Gareth Moss and Mike Donoghue, the Chairman and CEO of John Taylor Multi Academy Trust, based just outside my constituency. The Trust is currently applying to Wave 12 and 13 free school provisions.

John Taylor High School and the Trust as a whole is well regarded in my constituency, and parents are keen for their children to be able to attend. So I am writing to support their application.

The proposals they have put forward for the new schools in the context of the housing developments that are taking place just outside Burton seem to me to be sensible and deliverable. What I am particularly keen to see is good schools like John Taylor able to expand and to provide the excellent education to even more children in my constituency.

The Trust would also be able to make use of economies of scale between any new free schools and the existing schools, with shared resources, staffing, and teaching of courses. They also remain keen to work closely with other schools and colleges, to make sure that we have the best school provision possible in the area.

I would be grateful if you could take my comments on board as part of the application process.

Regards,

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