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Dear Mike,

Rugeley John Taylor School – Free School Application (Wave 14)

It was a pleasure to meet you again this morning at John Taylor Free School to discuss your proposals for a new through school for the town of Rugeley, on a site that resides within the Lichfield constituency.

It was very useful to learn about your proposals to meet the population growth need, offer parental choice for secondary age children within Rugeley as well as villages and towns in my own constituency, and deliver Staffordshire's first through school provision – from nursery to Sixth Form.

As we discussed, the current situation in which a significant proportion of Rugeley's children leave the town for their education at the age of eleven is not an ideal situation for them or the wider community. A solution for primary-phase children from the new housing development on the former Rugeley Power Station site, together with additional places that can bear the strain of secondary-phase children from the site and surrounding area, does make sense. I note that you have been working closely with Staffordshire County Council to ensure that your proposals meet the demands that they anticipate.

And thank you for showing me the facilities at John Taylor Free School today. As I mentioned, I am very impressed with its overall design; it offers its students great facilities and opportunities.

This, coupled with the fact that we have worked together previously and I am very aware of John Taylor's reputation and track record for the delivery of high standards, gives me confidence that your proposition for Rugeley is a compelling one. I wish you every success in this endeavour!

from the Member of Parliament for the Constituency of Lichfield

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