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Dear Julian,

Following our meeting on 10 November, 2014, and subsequent discussions with council officers, we would like to confirm the position of the Leaders of the three political groups on the City Council.

As you are aware the number of children who are projected to be seeking a secondary school place in 2018 is likely to exceed the number of places available. On this basis it has been agreed that we will require an additional secondary school within the city. We may also need to expand some of our existing secondary schools further.

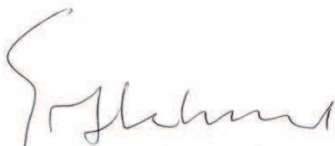
Current legislation does not give the Local Authority the power to open a new school and any new school must be free school or an academy. The City Council has therefore been in discussion with our education partners about how a new school might be developed which would work in partnership with other educational institutions across the city. As the University of Brighton is currently an academy sponsor we welcome your interest in being a potential sponsor of a new secondary school in the city and would be very interested in supporting you to develop your proposal further. As you are aware we have also identified a potential site for a new school and in parallel we are looking at how we might acquire this site and develop it so that it is suitable for a new school that opens in either 2017 or 2018.

We hope that this letter of support is helpful.

Sincerely,



Cllr Jason Kitcat
Leader of the Council & Convenor of the Green Group



Cllr Geoffrey Theobald OBE
Leader of the Conservative Group



Cllr Warren Morgan
Leader of the Labour & Co-operative Group

