

Statutory Notice

THIS NOTICE REPLACES A PREVIOUS NOTICE PUBLISHED ON 19 JUNE 2015, WHICH HAS NOW BEEN WITHDRAWN.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Regulation 4 of The School Organisation (Removal of Foundation, Reduction in Number of Foundation Governors and Ability of Foundation to Pay Debts) (England) Regulations 2007 that the following Schools:

- **Bellingham First School**, Redesmouth Road, Bellingham, Hexham NE48 2EL; and
- **Bellingham Middle School and Sports College**, Redesmouth Road, Bellingham, Hexham, Northumberland NE48 2EN

have published proposals to remove the North Pennine Learning Partnership (“NPLP”) as their foundation. In the interests of providing further information, Haydon Bridge High School also forms part of the NPLP, but it should be noted that proposals for this school are not included in this Statutory Notice.

The proposed implementation date (i.e. the date upon which NPLP would be removed as the foundation for Bellingham First School and Bellingham Middle School and Sports College) is 9th August 2015.

Within six weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, by midnight on Thursday 6th August 2015, any person may object to or make comments on the proposals by writing to either of the two Schools at the addresses above.

Why it is proposed to remove NPLP as the foundation

The aim of the Trust was to improve the educational opportunities for all children within the partnership and create professional development opportunities for all staff and governors. In the early years of the Trust there were shared educational activities between the Schools but these have not been sustained and in later years the individual schools have all faced increased challenges which the Trust was unable to support. NPLP has become a distraction to improving the educational outcomes for children and the Governing Bodies of Bellingham First and Middle Schools have considered what impact being a member of a Trust has on the outcomes for children in the school and consider that these will improve by leaving the Trust.

Previous Consultation

A consultation exercise was carried out by the Schools, including Haydon Bridge High School, in advance of the publication of this notice. 5 responses to the consultation were received, two from Bellingham Partnership of Schools and three from Haydon Bridge High School all of which were in favour of the schools leaving the NPLP Trust. The two responses from Bellingham queried the constitution of the new governing body and one of the responses from Haydon Bridge queried the ownership of the land.

This notice is an extract from the complete proposals. Copies of the full proposals can be obtained from www.bellinghamfirst.northumberland.sch.uk or www.bellinghammiddle.northumberland.sch.uk, or from the schools by writing to the appropriate Governing Body (addresses above) or by e-mail to bellinghamfirstschooladministrator@northumberland.gov.uk or bellinghammiddleschooladministrator@northumberland.gov.uk.

Within six weeks from the date of publication of this proposal i.e. by midnight on 6th August 2015 any person may object to or make comments on the proposals by sending them to the schools at bellinghamfirstschooladministrator@northumberland.gov.uk or bellinghammiddleschooladministrator@northumberland.gov.uk or in writing to the Governing Body of either of the two schools (addresses above).

26th June 2015

Signed:

Trish Taylor, Chair of Governors Bellingham Partnership Schools Federation

Joy Frost, Chair of Interim Executive Board, Haydon Bridge High School