



Open letter to

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Dear Barry

As you are aware the Board of Kensington and Chelsea College and that of Ealing, Hammersmith & West London College have agreed to explore a potential merger, subject to the standard and necessary due diligence. The proposed merger is due to take place on 2 January 2018.

Clearly, we are looking to ensure that as a newly merged College we not only meet but exceed the expectations of the local community and other stakeholders whilst providing good and outstanding provision and service to ensure that the offer is accessible, coherent and leads to progression to further or higher education and employment.

Thank you for the Borough's consultation response, we will ensure that we continue to deliver in line with these expectations.

One of the key aspects for the merged college's vision moving forward is the understanding of the Borough's intent on the use of the College site at Wornington Road. As you know, the community in North Kensington attaches great value to the Wornington Road building; the College has played an important role in their lives through several generations. We have been working hard to further improve our relationships with the community and to listen to and understand their concerns relating to the building and the education opportunities that the College provides.

The College sold the site to the Borough in 2016 and we are also keenly aware that recent events have amplified the importance of community cohesion and dialogue. We are therefore looking to work strategically with the Borough, the community and the wider locality to ensure there is a level of stability and continuity of education provision and employment prospects.

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- EALING GREEN COLLEGE** The Green, Ealing, London, W5 5EW
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It would be greatly appreciated if the Borough could consider this formal request for a more significant extension on the current facility; the details to be worked out in relation to the legalities and lease. A minimum of five years would be extremely helpful to enable us to ensure that we can rebase the provision, grow the offer and continue to further and better meet the locality and community's needs as requested. We would welcome further engagements with the community in developing a working group to ensure that the provision and education within the location continues to meet their needs and be informed of what other possible wider uses might be offered at the Worrington Road site.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely



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