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To: All Headteachers and Chairs of Governors
of Suffolk maintained schools and PRUs

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Dear Colleagues

Re: Education and Learning Infrastructure Plan

I am writing to make you aware of a new piece of work being developed by Suffolk County Council to provide a long term strategy for education and learning infrastructure requirements. As a Local Authority we are conscious of the proposed housing growth across the county that will, on top of natural population increases in areas of Suffolk, require new schools or expansions to existing schools over the next fifteen to twenty years.

Suffolk County Council is working closely with District and Borough authorities to identify these needs as early in the process as is possible. This plan will be a 'living' document, continually updated to reflect the changing needs of the county and the fluidity of the planned housing developments as some developments planned now may not come to fruition, and others may be changed or expanded. This lack of certainty however does not prevent us from looking at proposed solutions on a longer term basis so as to be able to plan effectively and begin dialogue with affected school and communities as soon as we are able.

The plan and associated Cabinet report, submitted in December, can be found here:

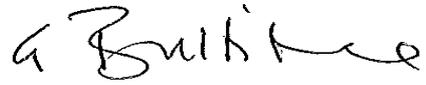
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One key element of this work is shared intelligence, therefore if you have anything additional to that within the plan that you believe would be of interest to us please let us know so we can work with colleagues to build into the plan. If I can ask that you discuss issues within the plan with us first so as to keep dialogue consistent, it is the Local Authority's statutory duty to plan for places and discuss and secure the relevant developer contributions as appropriate.

I hope that you support our approach to this work and look forward to the possibility of working with you on the issues within the plan in the future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gavin Bultitude'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G'.

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