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To:

Dear All,

Please see the below statement regarding the Richmond Inclusive Schools campaign / BHA legal challenge.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

As this is a proposal from the Diocese – they are also preparing a statement. Please contact:

**Eddie Tulasiewicz Diocese of Westminster Communications Office 020 7798 9031**

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Many thanks

Kind Regards

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A Council spokesperson said:

“In December, the Secretary of State gave permission to the Diocese of Westminster to issue statutory proposals for the establishment of a voluntary-aided secondary school and a voluntary-aided primary school. Following the requisite ‘informal’ consultation, the Diocese issued the formal, statutory proposals on 2<sup>nd</sup> March and responses can still be made to the proposals by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April. The Council’s Cabinet, in its role as ‘local decision-maker’, is due to consider the proposals and the responses to the proposals at its meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May.

“Separately, the Council undertook an eight-week consultation, from 20<sup>th</sup> January to 16<sup>th</sup> March, with local residents on the possible use of a site in Twickenham for the establishment of the proposed schools. The Council’s Cabinet is due to consider the responses to those proposals, before (and conditional upon) the decisions it will take, at its meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May, as to whether the Diocese’s proposals should be approved.

“The Council has not yet taken decisions in respect of the Diocese’s proposal, or in respect of the use of the site in Twickenham and therefore, any judicial review challenge would be premature. “

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