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Local Authority

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Dear Sirs.

Affordability statement concerning [] Academy

As the nominated Section 151 Officer [] Local Authority, I confirm that an affordability position has been established with which the Local Authority is comfortable, as the Contracting Authority for the [] Academy.

I can confirm that all key aspects of the procurement and affordability of the Academy building project have been reported to the Local Authority's Cabinet.

The Local Authority has approved the procurement strategy through the Partnerships for Schools (PfS) National Framework and authority has been delegated to [] to complete the OBC submission to PfS and, upon approval, to commence procurement via the PfS National Framework

The Local Authority has also agreed that it will manage the project within the funding cap of £***, set by PfS and the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF). The Local Authority has conducted options appraisals for the site to demonstrate that the scheme is affordable within this sum. The Sponsor/Academy Trust has been fully involved in the feasibility study and development of the Outline Business Case. The Local Authority will draw down [] from the above sum for project support funding and this was taken into consideration as part of the options appraisal.

The Local Authority can confirm that it will provide [] towards the capital funding for the Academy and that it expects the remaining balance of [] to be provided by DCSF.

The Local Authority will use the Design and Build [] Contract. The Design and Build Contract works on the basis of payment for achievement of predefined milestones. The milestones (activities and associated sums) will be agreed before the contract is signed and the Contractor will be paid when the milestones are completed.

The Local Authority will agree with PfS the payments to be made for each financial year over which construction takes place. The Local Authority

confirms that it will have sufficient funds to meet its contractual commitment to the Contractor at each of these milestones.

The Local Authority confirms that it will not seek further funding, save for matters pertaining to the contract beyond its control.

Yours faithfully,

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Section 151 Officer