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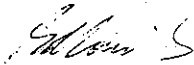
Dear Mr Loarridge

Thank you for your letter of 10 March to Tony Jeffery about post 16 school organisation. I apologise for the delay in replying.

School adjudicators decide on school organisation issues and admission arrangements which cannot be resolved locally. They were appointed in response to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

I should emphasise that the adjudicators are independent of the Department and would not inevitably support the LSC proposal. Their role is to look afresh at all cases referred to them, considering each case on its merits and taking account of the reasons for disagreement at local level in the light of the current legislation, the guidance from the Secretary of State and the School Organisation Plan.

Yours sincerely



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