

NEWS RELEASE

Crowland, Peterborough – 6th May 2011.

Education4Crowland is urging those who remain against the proposals to close St Guthlacs to continue to support the fight to save the school.

Jim Astill said "It's not over yet, even though the statutory notice to close the school was published in the Spalding Guardian on 21st April. We would like to remind people that the final decision is not actually made by Cllr Bradwell until July this year. This notice marks a midway point in the process, and this notice triggers the next stage of the process. Those with concerns have until the 2nd June to make further comments to LCC about the proposals. We would ask as many people as possible to email LCC at provisionplanning@lincolnshire.gov.uk"

The group is also mindful of the fact that the Academy sponsors separate consultation remains open until Friday 20th May, and Education4Crowland urges anyone with an interest to feedback via www.holbeachacademy.org.

Education4Crowland is continuing where the Save St Guthlacs Campaign left off, with members of the team planning to attend the University consultation meeting at the Marquee Room, Springfields Events Centre, Spalding on the 11th May between 6:30pm and 8:30pm.

Glyn Mayley added "It is vital that we have a large contingent from Crowland at this meeting, as it will be the last opportunity to voice our opinions publically".

For more information contact the team on: contact@education4crowland.co.uk or on 07775 928661

Notes:

On the 12th May Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) and the Holbeach and Crowland Secondary Federation announced plans for an Academy to replace the George Farmer and St Guthlac's schools. The Academy would initially run across two sites, before fully relocating to Holbeach around 2013.

The LCC public consultation runs from 26th January until the 23rd March and the Academy sponsors consultation runs from March 10th until the 20th May. There is an Academy Sponsors Public meeting on the 6th May in Springfield's Events Centre in Spalding at 6:30pm.

LCC published the statutory notice to close St Guthlacs on the 21st April, which triggers a further 6 week period, where those with interests can feedback to provisionplanning@lincolnshire.gov.uk