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Statement in support of a proposed University Technical College located in Didcot.

The County Council has publicly stated its support for all forms of academies, including University Technical Colleges (Cabinet, February 2012), and was a strong supporter of the UTC proposal for South West Bicester. The County Council believes that a University Technical College could make a significant contribution towards enhancing the educational provision in and around Didcot provided that it were part of a coherent approach to:

- addressing the sufficiency of school places necessary to meet significant housing growth within the town; and
- meeting the skills and qualification needs of the student population and local employers.

Provided a University Technical College in Didcot were consistent with the above the County Council could support its delivery through making a contribution towards its capital costs from the c.£17 million of developer contributions already secured towards additional secondary school places (11-18 years), and the provision of a site as part of the proposed facilities located within the Great Western Park residential development.

Yours sincerely

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