

Dear Stakeholders,

### Consultation on the LDE UTC's plans to expand its post-16 provision and change admissions arrangements from 2024

The London Design & Engineering University Technical College (LDE) is consulting on its plans to expand the size of its post-16 provision and change its admission arrangements for Year 12 learners who will be applying to starting at the UTC in September 2024.

The LDE is a technical college where learners exceed their expectations, enjoy pathways onto incredible destinations and make higher than national average attainment progress where they achieve an average grade of a Distinction for all of their technical subjects. Due to these successes the LDE has been oversubscribed since opening and receives over 1350 applications for just 180 year 12 places. Sadly, this means that each year hundreds of learners have to find alternative places to study, which many have to be out of the borough. This proposed expansion will provide 200 more learners the chance of securing a place at the highly desirable, oversubscribed LDE.

The consultation is running from **Monday 12 December 2022 to Monday 24 January 2023**.

We welcome your views and comments on the proposed changes to the LDE UTC's size and admissions arrangements. You can provide your views and comments in one of 3 ways:

- [Click here](#) to complete an online form (This is our preferred way)
- Email [Admin@ldeutc.co.uk](mailto:Admin@ldeutc.co.uk)
- Or complete the form at the end of this email and post it to LDE UTC, 15 University Way, London, E16 2RD

I have taken the opportunity to provide a high-level summary below, on the two areas of the consultation. Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me on [geoffrey.fowler@LDEUTC.co.uk](mailto:geoffrey.fowler@LDEUTC.co.uk)

Thank you for your support,



Geoffrey Fowler  
CEO & Principal

The proposed changes are as follows:

**1. Expansion of the LDE UTC's post-16 provision by constructing a new satellite building that will hold a further 200 learners:**

The Office of National Statistics (ONS) forecasts show for Newham a 30% growth in students numbers aged 16-17 by 2029. Newham Local Authority's own analysis shows that the highest annual increase is forecast to be in 2024. There is already a significant shortage of Year 12 admissions places in Newham, particularly technical education places. A recent Travel to Study report commissioned by Newham Local Authority (LA) shows that 40% of 16-17 years old in Newham have to leave the borough for a post-16 place. This will only increase as the 5 LAs neighbouring Newham also show on average 20% growth in 16-17 year-olds by 2029.

Therefore, with the support of Newham LA, the LDE UTC has made a bid to the Post-16 Capacity Fund at the Department for Education (DfE). If the bid is successful, it will allow the LDE to construct a new post-16 building by 2024 to enable 200 additional post-16 learners (on top of existing numbers on roll) to study and benefit from its unique employer-led technical offer. This will allow more learners to study Level 3 qualifications in design, engineering, construction, and digital subjects. They will also improve their employability skill and chances of getting skilled jobs. The increased capacity will be achieved by constructing a new standalone satellite building on brownfield land directly adjacent to the LDE's current location.



New proposed satellite building for 200 extra post-16 learners.

The LDE UTC's current



*Picture 1: How the new building will look from the east in relation to the LDE UTC once built:*

## 2. Increasing the LDE's Year 12 intake and changing the PAN:

Since opening in September 2016, the LDE UTC has gone from strength to strength both in terms of academic outcomes and in helping young people achieve excellent end destinations whether that is progressing on to a top university or an apprenticeship with a 'blue-chip' employer. A "Good" rating from Ofsted inspectors in March 2022 was validation of the excellent work that the LDE is doing and the difference it is making to the lives of young people.

With its unique employer-led technical educational offer, the LDE UTC continues to be oversubscribed, particularly at Year 12 entry. Over the past few years, the LDE has regularly received over 1,000 applications for just 180 places, which is its Year 12 published admissions number (PAN). So, every year, the LDE has to turn away hundreds of learners who desperately want to come but cannot be physically accommodated.

The LDE has tried to meet this massive demand by taking on some additional Year 12 learners beyond its 180 PAN. However, there is a limit to how many extra the LDE can accommodate within its existing building. Hence, the LDE in discussion with Newham LA, have decided to submit a bid to the Post-16 Capacity Fund at the DfE for capital funding to construct a new satellite building to increase the size of its sixth form.

*PAN if satellite build funding approved:*

	PUBLISHED ADMISSIONS NUMBER (PAN)					
ENTRY into the UTC	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Year 9 (age 13)	80	80	80	80	80	80
Year 12 (age 16)	180	180	350	350	350	350
Total	260	260	430	430	430	430

If the LDE UTC is not successful with its Post-16 Capacity Bid to the DfE, it still plans to increase its Year 12 PAN from 180 to 250 from September 2024. It has been calculated that with some adjustment to its existing building, that the LDE can safely accommodate this increase in PAN without adversely affecting teaching and learning and the well-being of staff and learners. The proposed PAN for the LDE UTC will be:

*PAN if satellite build funding not approved:*

	PUBLISHED ADMISSIONS NUMBER (PAN)					
ENTRY into the UTC	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Year 9 (age 13)	80	80	80	80	80	80
Year 12 (age 16)	180	180	250	250	250	250
Total	260	260	330	330	330	330

Please tick the relevant box to say whether you agree or disagree with the proposals for:

1. Expanding the LDE UTC's post-16 provision by constructing a new satellite building:

Agree

Disagree

Neither

*Any comments:*

2. Increasing the LDE's Year 12 intake and changing the PAN:

Agree

Disagree

Neither

*Any comments:*

3. Any other comments you may have on the proposed plans

*Please give any comments you may have:*

4. Please tick the box(es) which best describe you:

I am a:

Parent  Local Resident  Employee at a local school  LA Employee  Potential Student  Other (please specify)

5. If you wish to be kept informed about the LDE UTC, please provide your contact details below:

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