Notice of Amendment for Full Council

Under Paragraph 13 of the Council Procedure Rules

The following amendment to be submitted to Council on the date indicated below:-

Delete the title "Stop Eton Star" and substitute:

Stop Eton Star Building on Tommyfield

This Council notes that:

- The Department for Education's process for approving free schools ~~doesn't~~ does not allow for sufficient Council oversight or scrutiny and ~~doesn't~~ does not provide the Council with sufficient engagement. There has been no specific consultation with cross-party Council members~~, and no consultation with~~ or the public.
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The Council therefore resolves to:

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Motion to read:

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Date of Council meeting: 18th November 2026

Amendment submitted from (must be received no later than noon, the day before the meeting)

Councillor Proposing: Councillor Paul Taylor	Date: 17th November 2026
Councillor Seconding: Councillor Andy Brooks	Time: 11:04am

Please submit this Notice of Amendment form to constitutional.services@oldham.gov.uk by noon the day before the Council meeting.