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## NOTICE OF STATUTORY LAND TRANSFER

## URGENT- REQUIRES A RESPONSE BY (7 March 2011) – MUST NOT BE IGNORED

NB. This notice relates to a potential property transfer imposed by law, not a voluntary transfer, following receipt on behalf of the School of a Notice of Intention to consider a change in status to an Academy school. Please notify the Head of Capital & Assets of any existing use or strategic need of the property which should be protected prior to completion of the statutory transfer.

Property: Ridgeway School, Moorland Road, Plympton, Plymouth PL7 2RS

Tenure: Freehold

Existing Use: Secondary School

Holding Portfolio: Children and Young People Operational: Yes

**Current rental income (if any):** £ 900pa (To Ridgeway School budget from lease for site for ATC Hut, Toilet Block and Store).

Date of commencement of consultation period: 21<sup>st</sup> February 2011

Anticipated date of implementation (if known): 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 (Suggested date of change in legal status to an Academy school from which date an Academy Trust will become responsible for the land and buildings to be transferred).

Disposal method Freehold (if disposal proceeds): Leasehold

## Implications of disposal:

The School site, edged red and blue on the attached plan, will be leased to the Ridgeway Academy Trust for a term of 125 years.

The Department for Education will expect that all land currently held for the purposes of the School will be included in the lease subject to any existing rights which affect the land. In this case that would include the land edged in blue on the attached plan which comprises Highway Maintainable at Public Expense i.e. Geasons Lane and to Public Right of Way Footpath No.2 Plympton St Mary Ward from Moorland Road to Geasons Lane. In recent times on the grounds of pupil safety action has been taken under Highways Act provisions to seek to 'stop up / extinguish' the parts of those Highways passing exclusively through the School grounds. Whilst the Highways are a safety concern for the School they are not currently a maintenance concern. The maintenance is funded and undertaken by the Council which would continue if the land edged blue was included in the lease to the Academy Trust for so long as it retained its status as Highway. If at some time in the future action was successfully taken to 'stop up / extinguish' the parts of those Highways passing exclusively through the School grounds the affected land would become the responsibility of the Academy Trust. Alternatively the Council could seek to exclude the land edged blue from the lease but the Academy Trust and Department for Education would require it to be included in the lease particularly where it passes exclusively through the School grounds. If it were possible

to agree to exclude the land edged blue from the lease and at some time in the future action was successfully taken to 'stop up / extinguish' the parts of those Highways passing exclusively through the School grounds the affected land would become the responsibility of the Council as landowner. The Council would then be left with a maintenance and management pressure on resources unless at that time the Academy Trust agreed to extending the lease area to include the former Highway land.

## Corporate Plan 2010-13:

CIP 8 Improving skills and educational achievement.

Ridgeway School is raising aspirations and attainment so pupils are better able to benefit from post school opportunities.

Ridgeway School has a role to play in reducing the number of young people who are Not in Education Employment or Training (NEET).

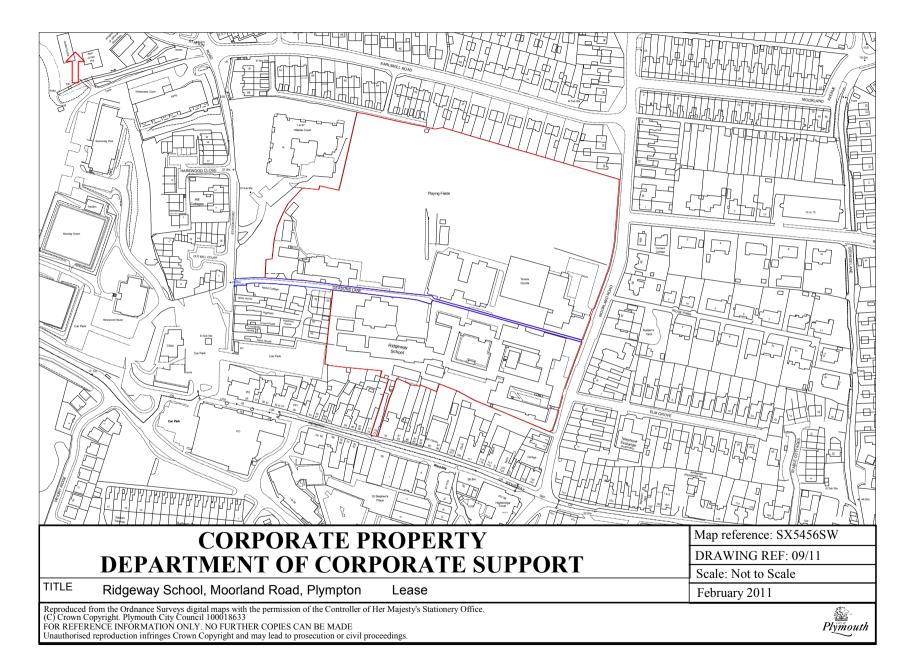
Signed: .....

(Project Director for Buildings and Learning Environments)

(Cabinet Member for Children and
Young People)

(Head of Capital & Assets)

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