

## Thomas Whitham Sixth Form

**Notice is given** in accordance with section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Lancashire County Council, PO Box 100, County Hall, Preston, PR1 0LD intends to close Thomas Whitham Sixth Form, Barden Lane, Burnley, BB10 1JD from 31 August 2020.

The proposal arises because of the school's financial deficit position and the number of students accessing the provision. Despite the best efforts of the school, and with the support of the local authority, Thomas Whitham Sixth Form has not been able to increase its student numbers sufficiently to generate financial sustainability as a result. There are no concerns about the quality of the education being provided by the school.

The local authority's opinion is that this proposal is not related to any other proposals that have been, are, or are about to be published. This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be inspected at Thomas Whitham Sixth Form at the address above; at Lancashire County Council's Chaddesley House office; at Burnley Borough Council office; and local libraries. Copies can be obtained from Sarah Hirst in the Education Improvement Service (11 – 25 years), Room CH2:24, PO Box 100, County Hall, Preston, PR1 0LD. Copies can also be accessed through <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/council/performance-inspections-reviews/children-education-and-families/school-organisation-reviews.aspx>.

Any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by posting them to Sarah Hirst at the above address. Responses can also be emailed to [post16participation@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:post16participation@lancashire.gov.uk). To be considered as part of the decision making process to determine the proposal, responses must be received no later than 5pm on 3 March 2020.

Signed: Laura Sales, Director of Legal and Democratic Services  
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### Explanatory Notes

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, information about representations to the published proposal may be accessed by members of the public.

All forms of responses to the consultation were taken into account before the publication of this notice.

The Authority will need to decide whether to implement the proposal before 3 May 2020, otherwise it must be referred to the Adjudicator for a final decision.