Huntingdon Academy

Consultation on proposal to lease playing fields.

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Consultation on the Proposed Lease of Playing Fields at Huntingdon Academy

Consultation period: 10 November 2026 – 22 December 2026

Executive summary

Huntingdon Academy is consulting on a proposal to lease a defined area of its playing fields for the development of a Community Activity and Wellbeing Hub. The proposed lease area, shown at the end of this document, is not routinely used by the academy. The Hub would offer educational, sporting, mentoring, wellbeing and community programmes for children, young people, families and the wider community. Provision would include activities for primary, secondary and post-16 learners, as well as the wider community, with a commitment to accessibility, affordability and lasting public benefit. The proposal would bring the land into productive educational, sporting and community use.

Purpose of the consultation

The consultation seeks the views of pupils, parents and carers, staff, local residents, community organisations and other interested parties on the proposed lease and its potential benefits and impacts.

The proposal

The Hub would provide a permanent base for education, sport, mentoring, wellbeing and community programmes, supporting primary, secondary and post-16 learners as well as the wider community. The project would enhance the educational, sporting and community value of the site by creating an integrated, sustainable resource for children, young people, families and the wider community, delivering lasting benefits for current and future generations.

The proposed partner is an established local organisation with a strong track record of supporting children, young people and families through education, mentoring, physical activity and wellbeing, as well as pathways into training and employment. Its preventative work also helps steer young people away from crime, violence, exploitation and antisocial behaviour.

Huntingdon Academy would retain agreed access to the site for sporting and educational use in partnership with the community organisation. The Hub would complement the academy's existing provision while creating additional opportunities for its pupils.

Aims of the proposal

- Extend educational and developmental opportunities for children and young people.
- Improve access to sport, physical activity, mentoring and wellbeing support.
- Support pathways into education, training and employment.
- Strengthen links between the Trust, local families and community organisations.
- Make productive use of part of the academy's estate.
- Create lasting public benefit for current and future generations.
- Provide off street parking for Hub users.

These aims align with the project's stated commitments to educational, sporting and community value, integrated provision, accessibility, affordability and lasting public benefit.

Any decision to proceed with an application to the Department of Education for permission to lease the playing fields would be subject to appropriate due diligence and all necessary statutory and regulatory approvals. The Trust would require suitable lease protections to ensure that:

- Pupils' education and access to appropriate outdoor space are not adversely affected.
- Safeguarding, security, access and site-management arrangements are robust.
- The facilities are delivered and used for the agreed purposes.
- Construction and operational disruption is appropriately managed.
- The arrangement delivers appropriate value and demonstrable public benefit.
- The Trust's land, operational requirements and long-term interests remain protected.

The Trust's current position

Having considered the anticipated educational, sporting and community benefits, the Trust is minded to support the principle of leasing the identified area of playing fields. This position is conditional upon satisfactory consultation, due diligence, formal approvals and agreement of lease terms that protect the Trust, its pupils and the continued delivery of education.

With appropriate safeguards, the Trust considers that the lease could enable a significant community project to proceed and provide lasting benefits for children, young people, families and the wider community.

Map of area

The proposed area to be leased is the playing field within the redline across from the main academy site, shown on the map below.



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What do I need to do?

If you have any questions or would like to comment on the proposal, then please complete the online stakeholder response form by scanning the QR code.

If you are viewing this document electronically, you can click on this link to access the form: Stakeholder Response Form

If you are unable to access the online form using the link above or the QR code, you may respond by email to admin@huntingdonacademy.co.uk (please state 'Consultation' in the subject line of your email.

Next steps

The consultation will close on **22 December 2026**. Following this, L.E.A.D. Academy Trust will consider the responses and determine whether to proceed with an application to the Department of Education.

Submitting your response

Consultation closing date: 22 December 2026

Email: admin@huntingdonacademytrust.co.uk

Postal address: Huntingdon Academy, Alfred Street Central, Nottingham, NG3 4AY

Please clearly mark emailed or posted responses: "Playing Fields Lease Consultation"

Privacy statement

Information submitted through this consultation will be used to assess stakeholder views and inform the consideration of the proposal. Personal information will be handled in accordance with the Trust's data-protection arrangements. Individual responses may be summarised or anonymised when consultation findings are reported.