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By Email & Post

1 February 2018

Dear Mr Heaton-Harris

Wollaston Secondary School

Thank you for your letter of 22 January and copies of correspondence asking me to consider whether I can assist the residents of Earls Barton in their quest to make Earls Barton a designated village for the purposes of admissions to Wollaston Secondary School.

I have considered carefully whether the Office of the Schools Adjudicator (OSA) has any jurisdiction to consider the matter you raise on behalf of your constituents. I have concluded that we do not currently have jurisdiction in this matter. However, I can provide some information which I hope may be helpful to your constituents.

Wollaston Secondary School is a community school which means that Northamptonshire County Council is responsible for determining its admission arrangements. This must be done by 28 February each year for the following year's entry, so by 28 February 2018 for entry in September 2019. I note from the correspondence you sent me that the school is proposing to convert to academy status but as that will not happen until after 28 February, it is the county council which must determine the arrangements this year. My office has checked with the county council which has confirmed that the school's arrangements will be determined on 21 February.

Once the arrangements have been determined, objections may be raised with the adjudicator and this must be done by 15 May each year. It is therefore too late to object to the arrangements for this September as those objections had to be made by 15 May 2017.

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If one or more of your constituents wishes to object to the arrangements for 2019 once these have been determined, this should be done by completing the online form at: <https://www.gov.uk/OSA>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shan Scott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line underneath the name.

Shan Scott
Chief Adjudicator