

ITEM 7.1

Steyning

13th March 2020

Question for SPC AGM. 16th March 2020

As a retired teacher and member of the National Education Union (NEU) I am concerned that I have not heard anything from Steyning Parish Council regarding its position on the proposal to make Steyning Grammar School an academy run by Bohunt Education Trust.

The NEU oppose education trusts on strong educational grounds, including the centralisation of power away from the school, the local community and staff and pupils of the school.

There are published reports exposing the scandals of the academies, on BBC's 'Panorama' in 2018 and also damning reports from OFSTED about serious financial mismanagement where Trusts had to relinquish their schools.

These plans have serious consequences for the school and for the Steyning community as a whole.

Has SPC taken up this issue with the school governors and did the council make any response during the consultation period which ended on the 11th March?

Yours sincerely,

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