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Coast to Capital Response to the merger consultation for Chichester College and Central Sussex College

Do you agree the proposed merger of our two Colleges provides the best solution and will ensure the best future provision of further education for Sussex?

Yes

We see the advantages of the merger being manifold. The merger will create a quality and cohesive education institution across the region delivering value for money on an operational level, improving the learning experience and widening the offer to students with relevant work related content, and increasing collaboration with local businesses to be more responsive to the needs of the local labour market, including improved offers for workforce development and apprenticeships, which are key to future labour market supply and upskilling.

What are your views regarding the proposed vision, mission and values of the proposed merged College?

We support the vision of the merged college, it is aspirational and outward looking, and aims to deliver the type of high quality education we seek to support in the region.

Similarly we support the stated values of the merged college, they indicate an institution committed to the learning potential and career aspirations of its students, the importance of its staff, and the need to be engaged with local businesses and the community to provide relevant opportunities to all.

What are your thoughts regarding the names for the proposed colleges?

The four College sites will retain a local identity and will be known as: Brinsbury; Chichester College; Crawley College and Horsham Training Centre. The proposed Group name is Chichester College Group (CCG)

We support the proposed name for the group of colleges and the individual names for each campus, which retain local names which is important for maintaining relationships with their local communities.

Please include any other comments you would like us to take into account

We commend the colleges for their professional and high quality approach to the merger which is a strong response to the changing environment and local needs for businesses and the community the colleges serve.