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Dear Jason

Leicester College's Endorsement to support Northampton College's application to become a Construction Technical Excellence College (CTEC)

I am writing to endorse Leicester College as a key collaborative partner in your bid to establish a Construction Technical Excellence College (CTEC). As an established technical education provider across Leicester and Leicestershire, we are well-positioned to support the aims and ambitions of the CTEC programme. We have the capacity and expertise to contribute significantly to the 'hub and spoke' model, collectively raising construction skills across the region.

Our Construction offer spans provision from levels 1 to 5 and covers a range of professions, including Building Services Engineering (BSE) Electrotechnical, BSE Plumbing & Heating, plus On-Site Construction (OSC) disciplines covering Brickwork, Carpentry & Joinery. Painting & Decorating and Plastering. These specialisms are delivered across apprenticeships, EPYP study programmes including T Levels, HNC/HND and industry led short courses. This academic year, we have engaged c1,300 construction learners and have plans to expand our capacity over the next five years. Across Leicestershire, we support a highly diverse student population and effectively engage underrepresented groups in construction careers. Nearly 30% of our construction learners come from low-income households, and we significantly contribute to social mobility across the region.

Through our dedicated Apprenticeships and Commercial function, we maintain strong and active relationships with local and regional employers. For carpentry apprenticeships, we have a longstanding relationship with EE Smith Contracts, who are among the UK's top 100 apprenticeship employers. We have established relationships with Jelsons, Davidsons Homes and East Midlands Housing, with whom we closely work to ensure our curriculum offer aligns with industry demands. These linkages ensure we offer extensive opportunities for T Level Industry Placements and employment progression.

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We look forward to supporting the CTEC model by working with you, partners and employers to develop and pilot specialist construction curriculum, share resources and lead initiatives to broaden participation in construction training from underrepresented communities. We are keen to contribute to regional skills planning by analysing labour market intelligence and identifying skills gaps. We also look forward to sharing our approaches as a successful construction college with above-average achievement rates to offer strategic support and raise the quality and consistency of delivery for this proposed CTEC.

Please contact me if you require any further detail for this endorsement or support with the CTEC application.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shabir Ismail', written in a cursive style.

Shabir Ismail
Acting Principal / CEO