

# MELTON CAMPUS CONSULTATION

2025 - 2026



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**Melton Theatre is valued by the local community. The Theatre is owned and operated as part of **Loughborough College Group**, and was formally known as Melton College, and then SMB College Group.**

Although the Theatre itself is well-used with a thriving Performing Arts provision, it is clear that **Melton Theatre is not economically viable** in its current form.

This is taking into account all of the overheads and site running costs of the facility. The building, which also includes Melton Library and unused teaching spaces, has **multi-million pound backlog maintenance costs**.

Previous planned grant-funded renovations and upgrading fell through due to the financial difficulties faced by SMB College Group. These financial issues were caused in part by **continuing to run provision that was no longer viable**, and continued involvement in business that is not part of the core functions of a further education college – such as running a public theatre or being the landlord of a community facility.

We are yet to receive a viable offer to support the Melton Campus, therefore we now need to find a **sustainable solution that meets the needs of students, the local community, theatre users, and Loughborough College Group** itself.

This consultation does not include the Samworth Brothers Craft & Innovation Centre, or the operation of the Melton Mowbray Library. **Loughborough College Group is committed to protecting the teaching of all current students.** We are also committed to protecting existing bookings at the theatre for the 2025/26 year.



Loughborough College Group is now consulting on options for the future of Melton Theatre, teaching provision at the Melton College site, and future ownership of the wider Melton College site which includes Melton Library.

We would be interested to receive proposals:

- For the **sale of the Theatre business and the buildings** (College, Theatre and Library)
- For **public, private or community investment** in the site

## THE CURRENT OPTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

### Relocation

If there is no viable proposal for the site which retains the Theatre in its current location, the College would consider **viable proposals to take on the theatre business at a different location** and would then sell the wider site with the Library continuing in occupation.

### Leasing the site for Performing Arts Teaching

If the theatre continues in its current location or elsewhere, the College would consider **leasing back space for Performing Arts teaching**, subject to the condition of the building.

### Future of the Teaching Provision

If a viable option is not put forward, the **College would propose to close the Performing Arts provision in December 2026** at this campus

For any existing students at that point, the College would put in place alternative arrangements to continue their teaching elsewhere within the College Group.

**Loughborough College Group  
invites proposals or other responses  
to this consultation by**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 - 4<sup>pm</sup>**

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**[www.loucoll.ac.uk/melton-theatre-consultation](http://www.loucoll.ac.uk/melton-theatre-consultation)**



**As part of the consultation,  
Loughborough College Group  
will host a public meeting at Melton Theatre on**

**Tuesday 14th October - 4-6<sup>pm</sup>**

