

Anger as trust clears way for academy

Finally, residents of Bromley, south London, are fuming after an academy trust cleared woodland from the proposed site of Beckenham academy, a free school, without having planning permission for the school.

The trust, E21C, says it had the authority to clear the 11-acre site, the purchase of which, in November, was paid for by the government's Education Funding Agency.

This is not the first time the government has bought land and made changes to free school sites in advance of obtaining any planning permission. This is one we'll be watching.

