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## EDITORIAL

In October 1989, the Association submitted a formal letter of objection to the Metropolitan Borough of Trafford's proposals concerning the future of the School, and I reproduced the text of that letter in last year's magazine. In September 1989, a response was received from the Chief Education Officer for Trafford, Mr. C. J. Radley, who wrote:

*"I have been asked by the Department of Education and Science to inform you that the Secretary of State has rejected the Authority's proposal to cease to maintain from 31st August 1991 the Altrincham Grammar Schools for Boys and Girls and to establish and maintain from 1st September 1991 a coeducational grammar school on the site of the Devisdale, as published by the Authority in October 1988."*

The upshot is, therefore, "no change" to the School, at least for the present. The Council are believed to be looking at the implications of the Secretary of State's decision, but no news is available of their future intentions. Politicians are a persistent little species not easily denied, and the situation will, needless to say, be kept under review.

On now to further weighty matters!

The exhortation from Membership Secretary, Mike Powell, in last year's magazine to introduce new members to the Association has, it appears, fallen on deaf ears.

New members are the very lifeblood of the Association, and if you wish us to continue to prosper please do not leave it to others, but make your own personal effort to introduce at least one or two new members. Please contact Mike or myself with a flood of new applicants!

*PLEASE TRY — PLEASE DO IT NOW.*

Terry Spragg (1953-60)

