

APPENDIX 2

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Subject: Education response to East Herts Development Scenarios

Dear All

I am attaching a table in response to the information provided to Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) Development Services by East Hertfordshire District Council (EHDC) of potential development scenarios within the emerging District Plan. The table provides information regarding the impact upon school places. I understand that this information is required to enable you to respond to the request from EHDC for a draft statement of common ground.

As sites come forward through the pre-application process, EHDC will consult with HCC on the relevant range of County Council services and request details on proposed mitigation measures on a site by site basis. Infrastructure needs evolve as developments come forward, as inward and outward migration occurs and as people choose to use and access services in different ways. Over time, HCC must respond to factors including: local needs; raising standards and promoting diversity; responding to government policy; responding to external and internal findings on the quality of services; and the need to ensure that scarce resources are used efficiently.

HCC requires certainty to nominate appropriate mitigation measures, delivered at the appropriate time. Whilst HCC is able to provide a range of mitigation measures to support sustainable development across the district, the precise nomination of projects to development sites may evolve due to uncertainties in the development management process. HCC will continue to respond to pre-application discussions on a site

by site basis and, in the absence of an adopted Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), will ensure that it remains in compliance with the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended) through the monitoring of a S106 strategy to support development. However, it should be noted that S106 pooling restrictions brought about through the CIL Regulations may impede the ability of HCC to secure funding and deliver future infrastructure projects.

If you require any further information please contact me.

Thank you.

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East Herts Development Scenarios for HCC Education – April 2016

Settlement	No. units	HCC comments
Bishop's Stortford	1767	<p>Primary A new 2FE primary school is proposed in Bishop's Stortford South. A further 2FE reserve school site is required in the town to meet the additional need arising from new development.</p> <p>Secondary The new 6FE secondary school at Bishop's Stortford North is anticipated to meet the peak yield from the development as well as the demand from the existing community in the medium term.</p> <p>HCC are working with all schools in the secondary planning area to ensure sufficient places are provided. This may include the provision of additional secondary school places at Whittington Way.</p>
Hertford	850 to 1100	<p>Primary There is some capacity in existing primary schools which, together with a 1FE expansion of Hollybush, should provide sufficient places to meet the permanent need. Temporary expansions of existing schools may be required to meet peaks in demand.</p> <p>Secondary The secondary planning area covers both Hertford and Ware. There is estimated to be between 6 and 6.5FE of expansion potential in existing schools subject to further feasibility. If the maximum development (3100 units) comes forward in both towns there will be a need for a new 6FE secondary school.</p> <p>The timing for the provision of new places would need to be determined once more information is available regarding the type, size, tenure and delivery of these developments. Depending on the level of demand it may be preferable to provide a new school to the North of Ware in advance of expanding existing schools.</p>

Sawbridgeworth	525	<p>Primary The expansion of Mandeville would provide the additional 1FE need arising from the proposed housing. However, this is dependent upon the site North of West Road coming forward early in the plan period with the additional land and access to enable the school to expand.</p> <p>Secondary Leventhorpe has capacity to expand to meet the additional 1FE of demand.</p>
Stevenage	600	<p>Primary A new primary school site is to be provided as part of the development. This should be provided on a 2FE site.</p> <p>Secondary This development whilst located in East Herts would look to Stevenage for secondary provision. This development would therefore form part of the Stevenage secondary strategy.</p>
Ware	300 to 2000	<p>Primary The demand from 300 units could be managed through the temporary expansion of existing schools in Ware. Beyond 300 units new schools should be provided within the development to accommodate the demand. These should be provided on 2FE sites to enable expansion as the housing comes forward.</p> <p>Secondary The secondary planning area covers both Hertford and Ware. There is estimated to be between 6 and 6.5FE of expansion potential in existing schools subject to further feasibility. If the maximum development (3100 units) comes forward in both towns there will be a need for a new 6FE secondary school.</p> <p>The timing for the provision of new places would need to be determined once more information is available regarding the type, size, tenure and delivery of these developments. Depending on the level of demand it may be preferable to provide a new school to the North of Ware in advance of expanding existing schools.</p>
Welwyn Garden City	1,350	<p>This site forms part of a larger development that includes land within Welwyn Hatfield Borough. New school provision at both primary and secondary level should be provided to meet the need arising from the proposed housing.</p>