

Site Address: West Waterlooville Development (Berewood), Waterlooville
Proposed Development: Reserved matters application comprising 185 residential dwellings, associated amenity space, access, garages, parking, internal roads, pathways and associated landscaping (matters of layout, appearance, access, landscape and scale) pursuant to application ref APP/10/00828 (and WCC application 10/02862/OUT). Discharge of conditions 3, 6, (ii) a),b),d),e),f),h),i),j),l),m),n), 7, 16 and 18.

Application No: APP/24/00939

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this planning application. This response relates to the impact this may have on Early Years Childcare.

Hampshire County Council has a duty to ensure that there is sufficient provision for Early Years Education and childcare. New housing developments can result in local pressures within the existing childcare market where further capacity is required to support families moving into new homes.

Whenever a new housing development is planned, consideration should be given to the local early years and childcare market to assess whether the existing provision can meet the needs of the additional early years and childcare places required by the new development. Where it is assessed that there is insufficient capacity within the existing market, it would be expected that new early years and childcare facilities would be made available by the developers of the new site.

The following document provides guidance for Hampshire County Council and other agencies in determining a [requirement for early years and childcare places for 0 to 5-year-olds to support new housing developments](#).

Whilst this planning application is for **185 dwellings**, we are aware this is part of a **2,500 housing** development which poses increased demand for childcare places. For a development of this size, we calculate a requirement for approximately **335 additional Early Years Funded places** to meet the increased demand for childcare if the increase cannot be supported by already existing local provision. This requirement considers the recent government announcement in March 2023, which introduced 15 hours funded places for working families with children aged from 9 months and to increase this to 30 hours from September 2025.

When reviewing current childcare within the ward, there are three PVI (Private, Voluntary and Independent) providers in the Denmead ward (one day nursery and two pre-schools) that are registered to provide Early Years Education (EYE) funded places and seven EYE registered childminders. Some of this provision currently provides childcare to the younger age groups, therefore potentially providing some capacity for the new early year's entitlements. One of the three existing PVI provision in the ward offer funded places for 51 weeks of the year, with all the three PVI also offering the extended entitlement (30 hours). As the new entitlements for younger years are aimed at working families, there may be an increased demand for year-round, flexible, childcare to meet the needs of working families.

Local analysis of the demand for places by September 2025 shows a forecast need of places of **8% (17 places)** in the Denmead ward and a **6% (238 places)** Early Years places in the Winchester district. Our analysis takes into consideration forecast demand, small area population forecasts and planned or proposed new developments in the local area which would have an impact on the demand for places.

This shows that current provision in the ward does **not** have the capacity to accommodate additional children or offer more childcare hours currently. Therefore, new provision is required to not only accommodate new housing and families in the area but also to meet the demand as a result of the new entitlements and provide increased parental choice. **In conclusion, for this development, the developer must consider how childcare provision for an increase of approximately 335 children of full day care, all year-round childcare, can be supported within the locality if this site was granted planning permission.**

If you require any further information please complete the [General Enquiry form](#)

Kind Regards

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