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Dear Ms Miszewska

Application No: APP/23/00488

Address: Land East of College Road, Purbrook, Waterlooville

Description: *Application for mixed use residential development comprising 628 dwellings, community centre, allotments, public open space including play areas, new junction to College Road, related internal access road, footways and cycleways, pumping station and drainage basins.*

Thank you for consulting Hampshire County Council on the above planning application, which has been sent to me for comment regarding Early Years.

Hampshire County Council requires housing developments to consider and ensure there is sufficient good quality early years and childcare provisions to meet the needs of working families and children. When calculating possible need for childcare, consideration must be given to the government announcement in March 2023, its policy direction to offer 15 hours funded places for working families with children aged two years old from April 2024; to babies (from 9 months) from September 2024 and to increase this to 30 hours from September 2025. Within the current context of this new government priority, the early years' capacity may help families access childcare and offer parental choice. The currently published early years developer contributions is under review to include the extension of the childcare offer.

Based on the mix of the development for this planning application an estimate of 578 residences has been used for the calculation as residences suitable for families (628 dwellings minus 50 one-bedroom apartments).

Director of Children's Services
Stuart Ashley

We are in the process of updating the current developer contribution guidance [Microsoft Word - Developer Contribution Guidance Document Feb 2022 Final \(hants.gov.uk\)](#) However we have used this and made an assessment of the potential additional need based on the Government's March 2023 announcement <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/03/16/budget-2023-everything-you-need-to-know-about-childcare-support/> . This indicates an estimated need in the region of 76 places for 0–5-year-olds (see table at the end of this letter). This estimate is based on a take up of 1.2 children per place.

We are concerned that the current childcare market that would serve this housing development does not have the capacity to accommodate this anticipated growth in childcare requirement without significant investment to grow capacity.

The closest provision is Little Faces at Havant and Southdowns College adjacent to the development. It is not large enough to support the anticipate growth. The College has already responded to a previous planning application APP/22/00439 where the development of 102 homes also being developed adjacent to the proposed site. They have indicated they can accommodate the estimated 13 places for the smaller development only.

There are currently two further daycare provisions within 0.5 miles of this proposed development, one is in Hampshire and one is on the border and within the Portsmouth City Council boundary. Similarly the size, current capacity and attendance indicates these childcare settings would have insufficient capacity to support additional need. There are a further three childcare providers within 2 miles, these settings have good attendance within their current size and capacity and therefore are also limited to supply additional capacity.

Current data and knowledge indicate there is limited capacity for childcare provision to support this new housing development and therefore provision is needed to ensure there is appropriate early years and childcare services for families to access.

We expect the early years and childcare provision to be available to provide a minimum of 8 am to 6pm, all year-round in a building/(s) with its own secure entrance, self-contained kitchen and toilet facilities, access to staff/parent parking, secure outside play space and include a staff room and an office, the children's space must meet the Early Years Foundation Stage requirements, https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1170108/EYFS_framework_from_September_2023.pdf Ideally there would also be the potential to accommodate an out of school childcare provision. Alongside the development of school places, we would expect the developer to mitigate the impact of this housing development through a financial contribution towards the appropriate childcare resource.

This could be provided through various options such as:

- within a community building, taking into consideration requirements as stated above or
- through provision of land for a provider to build daycare
- through the developer building an early years provision on site, which could be leased out to provide regular income. It is our experience of capital

development for childcare to create a 76 place facility we estimate conservatively a cost in the region of £1.1m.

- through a contribution made to expand existing provision, however this may be challenging due to lack of land around existing provision within the area of this proposed site.

Hampshire Services for Young Children would expect to support the developer in the selection process of a suitable, high quality, independent provider to run and deliver the childcare business from this site.

Yours sincerely



Kathy Murphy
Childcare Development and Business Officer

Demand for Early Education places from new housing developments								1 place place per child	1.2 places per child
Number of dwellings	Number of houses (no houses x 0.3)	0-year olds (25% of cohort)	1 Year olds	2 year olds	disadvantaged 2-year-olds	3-year- olds	4-year- olds	All Early Years Age Groups	Place requirem ent includin g new childcare offer
10	3	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.2	2	1
50	15	0.4	1.5	1.5	0.4	2.9	1.2	8	7
100	30	1	3	3	1	6	2	16	13
500	150	4	15	15	4	29	12	79	66
800	240	6	24	24	7	46	20	126	105
1,000	300	8	30	30	8	58	25	158	132
3,000	900	23	90	90	25	173	74	474	395
5,000	1,500	38	150	150	42	288	123	854	711

Assumptions

- 25% of the 0 year olds take up, this might change over time and be higher.
- 1 year olds and 2 year olds working families have applied the current 50% of population entitlement of 3 and 4 year olds and this may also change to be higher over time.
- The disadvantaged 2 year olds is based on the governments eligibility criteria for this existing offer and represents about 14% current take up.
- For 3 and 4 year olds this is based on take up of population at spring census for 2023.

