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Dear Ms Miszewska,

Application No: APP/22/00439

Address: The South Downs College, College Road, Purbrook, Waterlooville, PO7 8AA

Description: *Redevelopment of southern section of site to provide 102 dwellings comprising 56 No. 2, 3 & 4 bed houses and 46 No. 1 & 2 bed flats with associated parking, landscaping, waste and cycle storage. New roundabout access from College Road.*

Thank you for consulting Hampshire County Council as Local Education Authority on the above planning application, which has been passed to me for comment.

The proposed development of 102 dwellings (91 eligible dwellings) is expected to generate a total of 28 additional primary age children and 20 secondary age children. This is based on a figure of 0.3 primary age and 0.21 secondary age children per new eligible dwelling which was derived by conducting demographic surveys of developments that have been completed within Hampshire and calculating the average number of primary and secondary age children on those developments.

The development site falls into the Morelands Primary School catchment. Morelands is currently a 1.5fe and this development plus another within the school's catchment area would place a demand on the places that could not currently be met with the school being 1.5fe.

The County Council is seeking a contribution to mitigate the impact of the additional 28 primary age children coming from the development to enable the expansion of Morelands Primary by 0.5fe plus infrastructure improvements. The required primary contribution towards the expansion is **£494,080** (based on BCIS All in TPI 4Q 2021).

Director of Children's Services
Stuart Ashley

This is 13.6% of the total cost of an expansion as this development would yield 13.6% of the pupils. The expansion allows for fewer additional places than the expected yield of pupils from both of the developments but we are seeking to discount some of these places as pupils are “pushed back” to their catchment schools. The expansion would create an additional 105 places at the school, meaning children from outside of catchment would be accommodated at their catchment schools where some surplus places exist.

The County Council has looked at how best Morelands Primary School could be expanded and the solution suggests an expansion of a two-storey block on site creating general teaching spaces plus infrastructure works to be able to accommodate the extra pupils from this and another development.

The development site is served by Purbrook Park Secondary School. Purbrook Park is full but only after recruiting pupils from out of county. Over time pupils from this development will be able to access a place at Purbrook Park School as the school accepts less out of county pupils. Therefore, I will not be seeking contributions towards secondary provision.

The County Council has used recent past projects to derive costs for the proposed expansion/s – details and an explanation can be found in the County Council’s Developers Contributions Guidance using the following link:

[School places plan | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://hants.gov.uk/school-places-plan)

In summary, the financial contribution towards the expansion of Morelands Primary School is necessary as without an expansion it will not be able to accommodate the children from the development. The level of contribution being sought is based on the number of additional classrooms required to accommodate these children at the schools and therefore is fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development.

The level of contribution being sought is based on the number of children expected to be living on the development and the expected cost of accommodating these children at the schools therefore is fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development. This information is supported by the County Council’s ‘Planning for School Places Guidance Document’ which sets out the methodology for assessing the impact of development on education infrastructure.

Recommendations

The County Council, as Local Education Authority, raises no objection to the planning application subject to:

The applicant entering into a s106 agreement to provide a contribution of **£494,080** (based on BCIS All in TPI 4Q 2021) towards the expansion of Morelands Primary School. This is required in order to mitigate the impact of the development on educational infrastructure and ensure that sufficient school places are provided to accommodate the additional children expected to be generated by the development.

Without the provision of a contribution towards the provision of additional school places the County Council, as Local Education Authority, would object to the proposal on the grounds that the impact on the existing infrastructure cannot be sufficiently mitigated and therefore the development is unacceptable in planning terms.

If you have any queries concerning the above, or wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at francesca.godden@hants.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Godden', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Francesca Godden
On behalf of the Director of Children's Services