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To Whom it may concern,

Hampshire County Council has a statutory duty to ensure there is sufficient good quality early years and childcare provisions to meet the needs of working families and children to receive a good level of development as per the early learning goals.

In addition to this, 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 and to increase this to 30 hours from September 2025 as well as offering a similar funded offer to babies (from 9 months). Within the current context of this new government priority, the early years' capacity may help families access childcare and offer parental choice.

For a residential development of up to 90 dwellings, we would be looking at approximately 10 spaces for under 5s, which we believe can be met by current childcare providers within the vicinity of the proposed development.

Yours sincerely



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