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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.*

Following the closure of the primary applications round a review of the data and potential options to "push back" pupils to their catchment schools, I am amending my contributions request. I will not be seeking contributions to the expansion of Morelands Primary School. However, I am seeking a contribution towards the update of the school travel plans for the five catchment schools for this development. The development site falls into the catchment area for Morelands Primary School, Bidbury Infant School, Bidbury Junior School, Purbrook Park Secondary School and Warblington Secondary School.

Where any development has the potential to generate new/additional school journeys, there will be an impact on the highway and the local environment for both the development and the local schools, if the chosen mode of travel by families is the car. Whilst the development may provide adequate infrastructure to promote non-car modes of travel, it is likely that for various reasons, many families will opt for the car, especially where there is little or no engagement, promotion, education and enforcement of the travel plan.

Two of Hampshire's key policies, (one of which is emerging) provides a strong vision for Hampshire around its aspiration for travel and transport within the County,

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and therefore new development must endeavour to support this; It is also supported by the vision of the emerging -

- Local Transport Plan 4: “A carbon neutral, resilient and inclusive transport system designed around people, which: supports health, wellbeing and quality of life for all; supports a connected economy and creates successful and prosperous places; and respects and seeks to enhance Hampshire’s unique environment”,
- Hampshire’s Health Weights Strategy 2022 -2026 “See a Hampshire that actively encourages, promotes, and supports all residents to achieve a healthier weight. We can only achieve this vision with active collaboration, cooperation, and responsibility from all organisations and groups in Hampshire. This is the foundation of a whole systems approach that we seek to embed”

In order to mitigate the impact from development and promote active travel, School Travel Plans (STPs) should be produced for the local schools serving the development. This should include annual monitoring (through Modeshift STARS accreditation) to ensure that the principles are embedded for the families occupying the new properties. So that the STP can be a meaningful and a useful document for the schools, its community and the development, and be delivered, a small resources budget is required for measures such as road safety training (e.g. Balanceability training) and travel to school maps to assist those traveling to the local schools from the development.

Contributions are required prior to the first occupation of a new dwelling. The total contribution requested is **£96,000**. That is made up of the following:

- One infant STP at £7,000
- One junior STP at £7,000
- One primary STP at £7,000
- Two Secondary STPs at £10,000 each
- Monitoring fees at £20,000 (i.e. every year after the travel plan was written for each school until the first tranche of children have gone through the school)
- Resources at £35,000 (£5,000 each for primary, infant and junior schools, £10,000 for each secondary).

In summary, the contributions detailed above are necessary to address suitability issues at schools in whose catchment area this development is situated and encourage families to utilise active travel methods for the school journey. The contributions are directly related to the development. The level of contribution being sought is based on the number of school catchment areas this development covers and the number of children expected to be living on the development and the expected impact as detailed and 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.

The County Council’s Developer’s Contribution Guidance provides details on seeking contributions towards SEND places on developments of over 500 dwellings.

The Net Capacity Assessment (NCA) for maintained special schools in Hampshire is 2,939 places. Current numbers on roll in Autumn 2023 is 3,152 showing that the special schools in Hampshire are full. Within Havant there are currently three RPs with a total NCA of 32 and there are currently 33 pupils placed in them.

A new RP will be built as part of the new primary school on the development of Land West of Waterlooville in Havant and will serve pupils from across Havant including from the Land East of College Road Development. EHP Consultants have suggested that from the size of the development they would only require the space for four SEN pupils and therefore Dandara Southern Ltd should not pay the full amount detailed in the Hampshire Developer Contributions Guidance. As this RP will be supporting children from across Havant, including from the Land East of College Road development, we will be seeking a partial contribution towards the cost of this RP.

This RP is forecast to cost £691,000, this is based on the cost of another RP being built in a new primary school at the same time. I am seeking a contribution towards the four places suggested by EHP Consultants at the new RP at the new primary school on Land West of Waterlooville; 50% of the predicted cost - **£345,500**.

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-travel-plans)

In summary, the financial contribution towards School Travel Plans and a partial contribution towards the new RP at the new primary school on Land West of Waterlooville, is necessary to support the families who will be buying homes and living on the development. The level of contribution being sought is based on the number of children with SEN that would be expected to be living on a development of this size and therefore is fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development.

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 **£96,000** (based on BCIS All in TPI 4Q 2021) towards the school travel plans required for the five impacted schools, and **£345,500** (based on BCIS All in TPI 4Q 2021) towards the provision of SEND places at the new primary school on Land West of Waterlooville. This is required in order to mitigate the impact of the development on educational infrastructure, ensure that pupils can sustainably travel to and from school in a safe way, and ensure that sufficient SEN school places are provided to accommodate the additional SEN children expected to be generated by the development.

Without the provision of a contribution towards the provision of additional SEN school places and the School Travel Plans, 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