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APP/25/00573

Date

30 July 2025

E-mail

[Services for Young Children
General Enquiry Form](#)

Dear Sir/Madam,

APP/25/00573

Site Address: Land west of, Hulbert Road, Havant Proposed Development:
Reserved matters application for 100 dwellings and improved site access,
landscaping, footpaths, SuDS and other associated works.

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](#).

Director of Children's Services
Stuart Ashley

Current Supply and Demand

Our data considers children taking up their entitlement in the Leigh Park Hermitage ward. Additionally, we can see how many children living in the Leigh Park Hermitage ward attend provision in neighbouring wards. The latest small area population forecasts (SAPF) show a slight decline in the 0-4 year old population in the Leigh Park Hermitage ward by 2031.

There are currently 9 early years providers offering the government funded entitlements operating in the Leigh Park Hermitage ward of Havant. This includes 2 childminders, 4 day nurseries, 3 pre-schools catering to all ages, with a total capacity of 383 places. Based on national and local trend data we assume each childminder and day nursery place equates to 35 hours per week totalling 13,405 hours per week.

There are a total of 405 children currently accessing early years childcare in the Leigh Park Hermitage ward. Based on local trend data, we expect each child to take up to 26 hours per week from September 2025, following the increase to 30 hours funding. This totals 10,530 hours, which equates to a surplus of 82 additional places from September 2025.

Recommendation

The existing surplus capacity in the ward is sufficient to accommodate the demand for 12 places generated by the proposed 100-home development in the Leigh Park Hermitage Ward of Havant District. Therefore, no additional early years places are required from this development.

If you have any queries concerning the above, or wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'K. Murphy'.

Kathy Murphy
Childcare Development Officer