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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 as Local Education Authority on the above planning application, which has been passed to me for comment.

The proposed development of 628 dwellings (578 eligible dwellings) is expected to generate a total of 174 additional primary age children and 122 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 covers two school catchment areas, the western half falls into the Morelands Primary School catchment and the eastern half falls into the catchment for Bidbury Infant and Junior Schools. Due to the location of the proposed development and the barrier of the A3, we would seek to amend the catchment area so that the whole development would become part of 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

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the impact of the additional 174 primary age children coming from this development to enable the expansion of Morelands Primary by 0.5fe plus infrastructure improvements. The required primary contribution is **£3,138,866** (based on BCIS All in TPI 4Q 2021). This is 86.4% of the total cost of an expansion as this development would yield 86.4% of the pupils from both developments. The expansion allows for fewer additional places than the expected yield of pupils from the development, 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.

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's Developer's Contribution Guidance provides details on seeking contributions towards SEND places on developments of over 500 dwellings.

For SEND, the anticipated number of pupils requiring a place in a special school or at a Resourced Provision in a mainstream school from your development shows the need for one classroom (8 pupils). Costs for an additional classroom, to cater for up to 8 SEND pupils, is based upon the primary age phase costs, and will be located at the most appropriate local school. A contribution of **£621,870** (based on BCIS All in TPI 4Q 2021) would be sought to accommodate these additional pupils with this cost based on the cost of a one classroom expansion. Further work and time will be required to identify the most appropriate local school to expand to meet the need for SEND places for pupils from this development and further information will be provided in due course.

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 and a SEND provision (at a to be decided local 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.

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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 **£3,138,866** (based on BCIS All in TPI 4Q 2021) towards the expansion of Morelands Primary School, and **£621,870** (based on BCIS All in TPI 4Q 2021) towards the provision of SEND places at a local 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,



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On behalf of the Director of Children's Services