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Dear Sir,

Planning Application APP/16/00379, 18 dwellings at Land south of Ranelagh Road, Havant

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

The proposed development of 18 dwellings would usually be expected to generate a total of 6 additional primary age children. This is based on a figure of 0.3 primary age children per new dwelling which was derived by conducting demographic surveys of developments that have been completed within Hampshire and calculating the average number of primary age children on those developments.

The development site is served by Bidbury Infant and Junior Schools which are full from existing housing developments. Consequently additional primary school places will be needed to cater for the additional 6 pupils and a contribution is sought from the developer to pay for this expansion. However, in this instance the contribution will go towards the proposed expansion of Sharps Copse Primary School. There is a lot of pupil movement around the Havant area but, overall, the area is full and forecast to remain so for the foreseeable future. The Bidbury Schools take pupils from the Sharps Copse catchment area but as pupils arise from this proposed development the pupils will be able to secure at the Bidbury schools, displacing pupils from the Sharps Copse catchment area, requiring additional places to be provided at Sharps Copse Primary School. Details of the forecasting methodology used, along with the current pupil numbers in the Havant schools can be found at Appendix A.

Similarly Warblington Secondary School serves the proposed development but it can be noted in Appendix A that there is a sufficient number of secondary school places available to accommodate the yield from the proposed development.

Interim Director of Children's Services
Steve Crocker

The County Council has used previous extension projects to derive a cost for the proposed expansion, and this is estimated at **£92,940** on a pro-rata basis for the cost of an additional classroom. Details of how these costs were derived can be found in Appendix B. This will go towards the proposed expansion of Sharps Copse Primary School which is currently estimated to cost £4.1m (4Q2015 price base).

No contribution will be sought to provide additional secondary school places owing to the surplus places within the existing schools.

In summary, the contribution towards the expansion of Sharps Copse 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 school 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.

Recommendation

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

The following Grampian planning condition being included in any planning permission 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.

No development shall take place until a scheme to provide additional school places at Emsworth Primary School has been agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority, in consultation with the Local Education Authority. No part of the development shall be occupied until the approved scheme has been implemented.

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 on (01962) 845746.

Yours faithfully,



Martin Shefferd
On behalf of the Director of Children's Services

Appendix A

Hampshire County Council Pupil Forecasting Methodology (Published)

Assessment of four year olds living within the catchment area:

Immunisation and vaccination data from local health authorities is collected by age and postcode and is then allocated to enumeration districts. This information is updated annually and takes account demographic and other trends; including those for the pre-statutory age group i.e. data are collected for year 0 onwards. The number of 4 year olds by enumeration district is then aggregated to school catchment areas. Where an enumeration district straddles a school catchment area, the number of 4 year olds is proportioned to the relevant schools by the number of address points in each catchment area. Future intakes are estimated by calculating an average participation rate (PR) based on rates observed over the previous three years, using a three year moving average (weighted 3:2:1), giving the greatest weight to the most recent year. This weighted participation rate is applied to future forecast numbers of 4 year olds to determine likely intake to Year R. Schools with participation rates over 100% attract pupils from outside their catchment area. Schools with participation rates below 100% lose pupils to neighbouring schools, other authorities or the independent sector.

Forecast numbers for other year groups:

Primary:

This methodology used for year groups 1-6 is based upon a cohort survival model. The basic premise is that pupils will roll forward from one year group to the next at the end of each academic year. If there are known housing developments within a schools catchment area, the anticipated pupil yield is added to the projections at the rate of 0.3 pupil per dwelling for primary age pupils and 0.21 pupil per dwelling for secondary. This information is provided by the County Environment Department and substantiated by district councils. Expected changes due to pupil mobility and migration are also taken into account. For each year group, the number of pupils on roll in January is compared with the same cohort a year later. A weighted moving average of the observed changed over the last three years (3:2:1) is calculated and applied in the same way as the participation rate

Secondary:

At secondary transfer, the PR is applied to the numbers available in the linked primary schools, with similar adjustments made to take account of housing and year-on-year trends. Projections are reviewed annually on the basis of the January census.

Pupil numbers

The development lies in the catchment area of Bidbury Infant and Junior Schools but the proposed expansion of school places is for Sharps Copse Primary School as laid out above.

The following table demonstrates the current capacity of these schools:

Primary Schools						
Area	Year R capacity Sep 2015	Number of Year R Sep 2015	% surplus places Sep 2015	Year R capacity Sep 2020	Number of Year R Sep 2020	% surplus places Sep 2020
Havant	585	575	1.7%	585	593	-1.4%

Secondary Schools						
Area	Year 7 capacity Sep 2015	Number of Year 7 Sep 2015	% surplus places Sep 2015	Year 7 capacity Sep 2020	Number of Year 7 Sep 2020	% surplus places Sep 2020
Havant	510	372	27.1%	510	433	15.2%

Appendix B

Details of contribution

The cost of the provision of each additional primary school place, based on outturn costs of recently completed schemes is £15,490. This cost is based at 4Q2015 price base using the BCIS TPI All-In Index. The index for 4Q2015 is 266. The contribution is to be index linked from this price base until the payment of the funding.