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General Enquiry Form](#)

Dear Kayleigh

APP/26/00154: 154 London Road, Waterlooville, PO7 5SR

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](#).

Current Supply and Demand

Our data considers children taking up their entitlement in the Stakes ward. Additionally, we can see how many children living in the Stakes ward attend provision in neighbouring wards. The latest small area population forecasts (SAPF)

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show a slight decline in the 0-4 year old population, however this is due to increase in 2029 and 2030.

There are currently 11 early years providers offering the government funded entitlements operating in the Stakes ward of Havant. This includes 5 childminders, 2 day nurseries, 4 pre-schools catering to all ages, with a total capacity of 305 places. Based on national and local trend data, we assume that each childminder and day nursery place provides 35 hours of childcare per week. Together, these places offer a total of 10,070 hours of childcare per week.

There are currently 397 children accessing early years childcare in the Stakes ward. Based on local trend data, children aged 0–4 are expected to use up to 26 hours of childcare per week, while children aged 5 and above typically use an average of 13.5 hours per week. This totals 8,685 hours, which equates to an excess of 40 additional places.

In summary, when comparing current supply with anticipated demand, we are confident that the Stakes ward has surplus places.

Yields Applied to New Housing Developments

To estimate the demand for Early Years Education (EYE) places from new developments, the starting point is calculating the total number of children expected from the new housing development. Children's Services use a factor of **0.15 children** per new dwelling, based on an average of known child yields for new developments across the County. This factor is applied to determine the early years demand and is updated annually based on current data.

Requirement from the new development

When applying the expected hours of take-up from September 2025 for each child as detailed in the supply and demand section, the calculation looks like this:

A	B	C	D
Number of new homes	Early Years Yield (15%)	Total Hours (26 hours per child)	Total Places / 35 hours (full time place per setting)
	(B = A X 15%)	(C = B X 26 Hours)	(D = C / 35 hours)
111	17	416	12

Recommendation

The existing surplus capacity in the ward is sufficient to accommodate the demand for 12 places generated by the proposed 111 home development in the Stakes 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 that reads "K. Murphy". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Kathy Murphy
Childcare Development Officer