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Services for Young Children  
General Enquiry Form

Dear Fidel

Planning app APP2600324 - 1800 residential dwellings at Land to the east of Denvilles, Havant, known as Southleigh

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this planning application in relation to its impact on early years education and childcare provision.

Hampshire County Council has a statutory duty to secure sufficient early years education and childcare provision. New housing developments can create additional demand for childcare places and may place pressure on the existing market.

The methodology used to assess the impact of housing developments on early years provision is set out in [Hampshire County Council's Early Years and Childcare Planning Guidance for New Housing Developments](#).

#### Current Supply and Demand

There are currently 2 early years providers delivering funded childcare within Petersfield Bell Hill ward, comprising 2 childminders, 0-day nurseries, 0 pre-schools and 0 schools.

The latest assessment of childcare sufficiency indicates that:

- Current childcare capacity totals 12 places.
- Current demand equates to 9 places.
- The local early years market has a surplus of 3 places.

*Director of Children's Services*  
**Steph How**

Accordingly, we are satisfied that the area currently has sufficient capacity to meet existing demand. However, the proposed development will increase demand for childcare places and place further pressure on local provision.

#### Impact of the Proposed Development

Applying Hampshire County Council's approved child yield methodology to the proposed development of 1800 dwellings indicates a requirement for approximately 187 additional early years places arising from the development.

Taking account of existing provision and demand within the area, the net requirement arising from the development is 184 places.

#### Recommendation - Additional Places Required

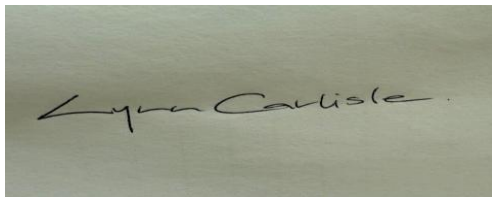
Our assessment confirms that the development will generate demand for 184 early years places that cannot be accommodated within existing local provision.

To mitigate the impact of the development, we therefore require the delivery of:

- a new 184 place early years setting; or
- an expansion of existing provision by 184 places

Without provision for these additional places, the impact on local early years infrastructure would not be adequately mitigated. Hampshire County Council, in its role as Local Education Authority, would therefore object to the proposal.

If you have any queries regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Lynn Carlisle  
Lead Childcare Development Officer