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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: STATEMENT OF POSITION FEBRUARY 2025

APPLICATION NO: 24/00174/OUTS

PROPOSAL: Land at Halterworth Lane, Romsey: Outline planning application for demolition of existing buildings and erection of up to 270 dwellings

Further to recent and ongoing discussions I can confirm that the position of Hampshire County Council in relation to a developer contribution towards primary education provision is as follows:

The proposed development of 270 dwellings would usually be expected to generate a total of 81 additional primary age children. This is based on a figure of 0.3 primary age children per new dwelling. This figure 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 at the primary phase of education by Halterworth Primary School. To accommodate the additional pupils arising from this development a contribution towards the primary phase education will be sought.

Details of the forecasting methodology used, can be found online at:

[SDT-HampshireSchoolPlacePlan2024-2028](#)

The county council has used previous extension projects to derive a cost for provision of school places. At the primary phase of education funding would be allocated to Halterworth Primary School, a contribution of **£2,505,470** has been calculated. This will go towards a 0.5fe expansion at Halterworth Primary School. This contribution is based on the need to expand provision to accommodate the pupils arising from this development.

Additional School Land

During the course of discussions with the site promoter / developer an offer of additional school land has been proposed, having considered this carefully HCC is of the opinion that that the expansion of the school could be achieved without the need to expand the school site. Therefore no additional land will be sought.

Summary

In summary, the contributions towards the expansion, and improvement of Halterworth Primary School is necessary as without expansion the school will be unable to accommodate the children from this development. The level of contribution being sought is based on the additional capacity required to accommodate these children within their catchment schools and therefore is fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development.

This information is supported by the county council's 'Guidance on Planning Obligations and Developer Infrastructure Contributions' which sets out the methodology for assessing the impact of development on education infrastructure.

[Guidance-PlanningObligations-and-DeveloperInfrastructureContributions.pdf \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

Recommendation

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 via email at: owain.hale-heighway@hants.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,



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On behalf of the Director of Children's Services

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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 considered. 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 based on the January census.

Pupil numbers

The development lies in the catchment area of Halterworth Primary School and The Mountbatten School. It is proposed to expand Halterworth Primary School.

The following table demonstrates the current capacity of Halterworth Primary School against its Published Admission Number (PAN) of 60:

Forecast TOTAL

	2122	2223	2324	2425	Weighted Participation Rate	2526	2627	2728	2829	2930
Participation Rate:		194%	165%	194%	184%	184%				
S.A.P.F	39	31	37	31		38	24	27	28	33
YrR	60	60	61	60		70	44	50	52	61
Yr1	60	60	59	60		59	69	43	50	53
Yr2	60	60	60	60		61	60	70	45	52
Yr3	63	63	64	66		65	65	64	75	52
Yr4	63	64	63	64		66	65	66	66	78
Yr5	64	65	64	65		65	68	66	68	69
Yr6	63	64	63	66		65	66	68	68	70
Total	433	436	434	441		451	436	427	423	434

Appendix B

Details of contribution

In response to the planned residential housing development at Halterworth Lane it is proposed to expand the school by 0.5fe. For a primary school this requires the development and delivery of four additional classrooms.

The County Council is continuing to lead the national study to benchmark the cost of schools across the country. This study is endorsed by the DfE and provides invaluable information on the 'true' complete cost of providing school places. This evidence is being used to benchmark value for money for Hampshire schools to ensure sufficient funding for the provision of additional pupil places across Hampshire.

In line with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Regulation 122 of the Community Infrastructure Regulations 2010 (as amended), the County Council will seek developer contributions towards delivery of Children's Services facilities, required as a direct consequence of development. The County Council will work in partnership with local planning authorities to negotiate contributions with applicants and should be involved at all stages of the planning process.

costs will be index-linked for future adjustment/inflation (using the BCIS All-in TPI tender price index). Financial contributions will be adjusted in line with inflation in accordance with Part 1 of this guidance [Guidance-PlanningObligations-and-DeveloperInfrastructureContributions.pdf \(hants.gov.uk\)](#). Section 106 agreements will provide for appropriate trigger dates and/or development status for payment, related to the intended phasing and build out of development.

For new building work, the County Council typically index financial contributions to the All-in Tender Price Index of Building Cost Information Services (BCIS) published

by the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), taking into account the Regional Factor for Hampshire at the date of payment. The BCIS also publish forecasted indices which can assist in more accurately estimating the value of future contributions. The school construction costs set out in Part 3 of this guidance [Guidance-PlanningObligations-and-DeveloperInfrastructureContributions.pdf \(hants.gov.uk\)](#), are updated to the latest BCIS All-in Tender Price Index as guided by the latest National School Delivery Cost benchmarking publication.

The cost of delivering a 0.5fe expansion (4 classrooms) for a primary school is currently calculated £2,505,470. This contribution is to be index linked from this price base until the payment of the funding.