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Dear Richard

**Planning Application P20/1168/OA
Land to the south of Funtley Road, Funtley
Development of up to 125 dwellings**

I refer to the above planning application.

Thank you for consulting Hampshire County Council as Local Education Authority on 19th October 2020 regarding the above planning application.

This application represents a significant increase in the number of dwellings compared to the previous application submitted in 2018 (P-18/0067/OA). The current application has been considered as a fresh application and the assessment of the impact on school place planning has been considered on that basis, based on current data on pupil numbers. Hence there is a different outcome in terms of mitigation required compared to the previous application.

The applicant has not engaged, in relation to this application, with the Children's Services Department prior to submission. The requirement for a contribution, as detailed below, is based on a worse-case scenario in terms of impact on local school places at the catchment schools.

I appreciate this is a significant difference to the response on the previous application and would be very happy to discuss the situation with the developer at the earliest opportunity to agree an appropriate mitigation strategy.

Director of Children's Services
Steve Crocker OBE

School places

The proposed development of 125 dwellings will generate 38 primary and 26 secondary pupils. This is based on a figure of 0.3 primary age children per new dwelling and 0.21 secondary age children 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.

This development lies in the catchment areas of Orchard Lea Infant, Orchard Lea Junior and Henry Cort Secondary Schools. These schools are full and forecast to exceed their current published admission number in future years.

This new housing development, together with others planned in the area, could require the provision of additional school places and education infrastructure at both primary and secondary phases of education and the contribution detailed below would be used to meet those additional costs.

Planning school places is a complex task and is subject to a number of factors that impact on the ability to produce accurate pupil forecasts. One key element is understanding the housing plans for the area to be able to accurately identify when additional places should be provided. As the Local Plan is being reviewed there is no certainty over the level or timing of any additional housing in the area. Whilst I indicate that additional places would be provided at the catchment area schools, an assessment of any wider impacts on school places will be undertaken to clarify for certain where any additional school places would be provided.

It is felt, therefore, that this level of development should mitigate the impact on local school places by providing a contribution to provide an additional class at each school phase. In line with the Children's Services Developers' Contributions Policy the following contributions are required

Primary

Additional class at Orchard Lea Infant School = £430,275

Additional class at Orchard Lea Junior School = £430,275

Secondary

Additional class at Henry Cort Secondary School = £754,860

Total = £1,615,410

The rationale for these amounts together with other background information on seeking developer contributions for educational infrastructure can be found in the County Council's Developers Contributions Guidance using the following link:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/school/school-places>

Recommendation

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

The applicant entering into a section 106 agreement to secure a contribution of £1,615,410 towards education infrastructure.

The contribution for school infrastructure is needed to mitigate the impact of the development on educational facilities to accommodate the additional children expected to be generated by the development. Costs are based on 4Q2018 price base (BCIS All-in TPI Index 322). The contribution will be index linked to this base date until the contribution is paid.

Without the provision of a contributions towards the provision of additional school infrastructure 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) 846664.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glenn Parkinson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Yours sincerely

Glenn Parkinson
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