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APPENDIX B

Advice from Area Education Officer re Education Facilities for Hartley

Objections to the Sevenoaks - Draft Local Plan 2015 – 2035

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From: "Cole, Penny - MEM" <Penny.Cole@kent.gov.uk>
Date: 9 August 2018 at 10:19:54 BST
To: "clerk@hartleyparishcouncil.org" <clerk@hartleyparishcouncil.org>
Subject: Fwd: School Places etc.

Dear Helen

Here is the information from a KCC regarding school places and precise numbers. I am sure Ian Watts will be responding to the consultation when he gets back from holiday but hopefully this will be helpful for next Wednesday.

Kind regards.

Penny

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Conservative Member for Dartford East
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From: "Watts, Ian - CY EPA" <ian.Watts@kent.gov.uk>
Date: 1 August 2018 at 14:55:28 BST
To: "Cole, Penny - MEM" <Penny.Cole@kent.gov.uk>
Cc: "Hart, David - CY EPA" <david.hart@kent.gov.uk>, "Watts, Ian - CY EPA" <ian.Watts@kent.gov.uk>, "Drury, Ann - CY EPA" <ann.drury@kent.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: School Places etc.

Dear Penny,

Ian is away on holiday for another two weeks, but I will ensure he will get back to you on these matters.

I have asked David Hart, Ian's Area Schools Organisation Officer about the proposed Hartley, New Ash Green & Fawkham development issue and he has offered the following in response to your points:

Sevenoaks District Council have published their draft Local Plan, which is currently under consultation. KCC is a consultee and we will be returning a detailed opinion on the overall education provision and an analysis on each development, including the Hartley, Fawkham & New Ash Green proposals. There are three schools in the Hartley & New Ash Green planning area. Hartley Academy, Our Lady's and New Ash Green Primary School. There is one primary school in the impacted part of Sevenoaks Rural North planning area, Fawkham CE PS.

An analysis of Appendix 1 of the draft Local Plan, indicates that the sum of all the developments in this area would create approximately 942 new dwellings, generating 264 primary pupils. There is a small amount of capacity in these four schools, but not enough to accommodate 264 new pupils. This means that existing surplus capacity would be filled, but that there would likely be more than a hundred and fifty local children unable to go to a local school. This additional demand would require new provision, of about 1FE. An expansion of Hartley would therefore be a serious consideration.

Within the draft Local Plan, the developer and the Leigh Academies Trust propose to relocate Milestone Academy and Hartley Primary Academy onto a single site. The current status quo of primary provision and extant housing is balanced and sustainable, with only a small surplus; so any additional demand created must come with developer funding to provide additional school places. KCC is not opposed to the idea of a full rebuild & expansion on a single site, in principle. However, it must be remembered that KCC holds the freehold of both sites and there should not be an expectation that any realised funds would be diverted to support this proposal because any change in provision would entirely be as a result of new housing.

To summarise, according to our analysis, this new housing would see all four impacted school fill to capacity, and there would still be a need to build 1FE of additional primary provision.

Kind regards

Ann

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