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Dear James

Reference: Additional provision in the Sellindge and Lympe planning group.

As you are aware KCC have consulted on and have agreed to expand Sellindge Primary School to 1FE. This was in response to the Taylor Wimpey development of up to 250 new homes in the Village. This will add a further 105 primary school places in the planning group.

Any further expansion of Sellindge Primary School will be subject to the timing of housing development in the locality and the support of Folkestone and Hythe District Council (FHDC) in securing appropriate developer contributions and additional land.

If all housing comes forward as outlined by FHDC we would expect a picture of need as follows:

Taylor Wimpey development: $0.28 \times 250 = 70$ pupils
Rhodes House development: 30 dwellings are retirement homes so only 132 are used in the calculation- $132 \times 0.28 = 37$ pupils
The rest of the western parcel: $188 \times 0.28 = 53$ pupils

Total of 160 pupils from phases 1 and 2.

At the end of the plan period we forecast to have 280 pupils on roll in the planning group just from the indigenous population. This does not include housing. If all housing was built out at that point this could be 440 primary aged pupils within the planning group which is in excess of the 2FE of provision that would be available.

When considering any further expansion, I need to have regard to KCC's planning policy which states '*where possible, planned admission numbers will be in*

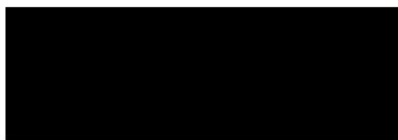
multiples of 30 (1FE), but where this is not possible multiples of 15 (0.5FE) are used'.

Given the above housing numbers, and having regard to KCC planning policy, expanding Sellindge Primary School by a further 0.5FE would be sufficient subject to all planned housing come forward and associated developer contributions being secured.

This would increase the capacity of the two primary schools in the planning group to 2.5FE in total (525 places), possibly leading to around 85 surplus of primary school places in the planning group. This could support approximately a further 300 additional homes.

I must remind you that FHDC, nor any future developer, can assume the provision built at the expense of another developer will be available. It is incumbent of FHDC to support KCC in securing developer contributions to enable any further expansion of Sellindge Primary School in excess of that already agreed .

Yours sincerely



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