

Examination of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011-2031

Statement of Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) Property Development Services on behalf of HCC Services

Matter 11 – The housing allocations and the settlement boundaries: the Category A Villages: Ashwell, Barkway, Barley, Breachwood Green (King's Walden Parish), and Kimpton

Ashwell

**11.1 Is the proposed housing allocation deliverable? In particular, is it:
c) deliverable, having regard to the provision of the necessary infrastructure and services, and any environmental or other constraints?**

11.2 Is the proposed housing allocation justified and appropriate in terms of the likely impacts of the development?

1. The North Hertfordshire Local Plan allocates site AS1 for 33 dwellings. Based on a one form of entry (FE) yield per 500 dwellings, this will result in a demand for around 0.06 FE of school places.
2. Ashwell Primary School is the only school in the village. It had a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 38 places until 2016 when it was reduced to 30 (1FE). The reduction of the PAN was for class organisation reasons; to ensure the school's financial long term stability; and to also better reflect the actual physical capacity of the school.
3. Current demographic analysis shows that the yield from the proposed new housing is likely to be able to be accommodated within the existing school capacity.
4. HCC as local authority for education therefore consider that the proposed housing allocation is deliverable and justified with regard to the impact it may have on school places.

Barkway

**11.5 Are all of the proposed housing allocations deliverable? In particular, are they:
c) deliverable, having regard to the provision of the necessary infrastructure and services, and any environmental or other constraints?**

5. The North Hertfordshire Local Plan allocates three sites in Barkway for a total of 172 dwellings. Based on a one form of entry (FE) yield per 500 dwellings, this will result in a demand for around 0.34 FE of school places.
6. Barkway C of E First School is 0.4FE in size (PAN 12) and Barley C of E First School is 0.5FE (PAN 15). The two schools have recently federated, with one head teacher and governing body overseeing the organisation and management of both schools. They are both small village schools located on constrained sites

and would be difficult to expand. There is currently shared teaching across both schools, with some children travelling from one site to the other on certain days of the school week.

7. Current demographic analysis shows that the yield from the proposed new housing is likely to be able to be accommodated within the existing school capacity. However, the existing reserve school site needs to be retained in Barkway to ensure flexibility in the future should demand fluctuate from either the existing population or from new housing. As the proposed developments come forward the County Council will work with Barkway and Barley First Schools to ensure that local need can be met.
8. Funding will be sought from the developments to ensure that the local education infrastructure can accommodate the additional demand.

11.6 Are all of the proposed housing allocations justified and appropriate in terms of the likely impacts of the development?

9. HCC as local authority for education consider with the retention of the existing reserve school site in Barkway will ensure that the proposed housing allocations are deliverable and justified with regard to the impact they may have on school places.

Breachwood Green

***11.11 Is the proposed housing allocation deliverable? In particular, is it:
c) deliverable, having regard to the provision of the necessary infrastructure and services, and any environmental or other constraints?***

11.12 Is the proposed housing allocation justified and appropriate in terms of the likely impacts of the development?

10. The North Hertfordshire Local Plan allocates site KW1 for 16 dwellings. Based on a one form of entry (FE) yield per 500 dwellings, this will result in a demand for an additional 0.03 FE of school places.
11. Breachwood Green JMI School is a 0.5FE (PAN 15) school serving the village and local area.
12. Current demographic analysis shows that the yield from the proposed new housing is likely to be able to be accommodated within the existing school capacity.
13. Funding will be sought from the development to ensure that the local education infrastructure can accommodate the additional demand.
14. HCC as local authority for education therefore consider that the proposed housing allocation is deliverable and justified with regard to the impact it may have on school places.

Kimpton

**11.33 Is the proposed housing allocation deliverable? In particular, is it:
c) deliverable, having regard to the provision of the necessary infrastructure and services, and any environmental or other constraints?**

11.34 Is the proposed housing allocation justified and appropriate in terms of the likely impacts of the development?

15. The North Hertfordshire Local Plan allocates site KM3 for 13 dwellings. Based on a one form of entry (FE) yield per 500 dwellings, this will result in a demand for an additional 0.03 FE of school places.
16. Kimpton Primary School is the only school serving the village. It is a 1FE school.
17. Current demographic analysis shows that the yield from the proposed new housing is likely to be able to be accommodated within the existing school capacity, although this will need to be monitored closely.
18. Funding will be sought from the development to ensure that the local education infrastructure can accommodate the additional demand.
19. HCC as local authority for education therefore consider that the proposed housing allocation is deliverable and justified with regard to the impact it may have on school places.