

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: Reed, St Ippolyts, Therfield, Weston and Whitwell (St Paul's Walden Parish)

Reed

11.60 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?

11.61 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 RD1 for 22 dwellings. Based on a one form of entry (FE) yield per 500 dwellings, this will result in a demand for an additional 0.04 FE of school places.
2. Reed First School, the only school in the village, is a 0.4FE (Published Admission Number (PAN) 12) school. Based on current demographic analysis the yield from the proposed new housing is likely to be able to be accommodated within the existing school capacity.
3. The school has some expansion potential and funding will be sought from the development to ensure that the local education infrastructure can accommodate the additional demand.
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.

St Ippolyts

11.66 Are 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?

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

5. The North Hertfordshire Local Plan allocates sites two sites totalling 52 dwellings in St Ippolyts. Based on a one form of entry (FE) yield per 500 dwellings, this will result in a demand for an additional 0.1FE of school places.
6. The village school, St Ippolyts C of E Primary, has a PAN of 20 (0.7FE). Property advice suggests that the school can be expanded on its existing site and that it would require one additional classroom to enable the school to

expand. Funding will be sought from the developments to ensure that the local education infrastructure can accommodate the additional demand.

7. 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.

Therfield

***11.71 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?***

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

8. The North Hertfordshire Local Plan allocates site TH1 for 12 dwellings. Based on a one form of entry (FE) yield per 500 dwellings, this will result in a demand for an additional 0.02FE of school places.
9. Therfield First School is the only school in the village and has a PAN of 11 (0.4FE). The existing school is full and serves the local village as well as pupils from further afield. Currently the school experiences some inflow with pupils attending from outside the village; it is anticipated that this flow will be pushed back over time as those places are taken by children in Therfield. Historically the school has agreed to offer additional places to ensure every local child is able to access a place.
10. The school has limited expansion capacity and funding will be sought from the development to ensure that the local education infrastructure can accommodate the additional demand.
11. 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.

Weston

***11.75 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?***

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

12. The North Hertfordshire Local Plan allocates site WE1 for 40 dwellings. Based on a one form of entry (FE) yield per 500 dwellings, this will result in a demand for an additional 0.08FE of school places.
13. Weston Primary School, has a PAN of 20 (0.7FE). It is the only school in the village and has some capacity to enable expansion to 1FE. 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.

Whitwell (St Paul's Walden Parish)

11.80 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?

11.81 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 SP2 for 41 dwellings. Based on a one form of entry (FE) yield per 500 dwellings, this will result in a demand for an additional 0.08FE of school places.
16. St Paul's Walden Primary is the only school in the village. The school had a PAN of 17, however this is being reduced to 15 (0.5FE) from September 2018. The reduction of the PAN is 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.
17. Based on current demographic analysis there is sufficient capacity at the school with a PAN of 15 to both meet the needs of the existing community and the yield from the proposed new housing.
18. 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.