

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: Little Wymondley

11.42 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?

11.43 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 WY1 for 300 dwellings. Based on a one form of entry (FE) yield per 500 dwellings, this will result in a demand for an additional 0.6 FE of school places.
2. The existing school in Little Wymondley is 0.5 FE in size. The school has the potential to expand to 1FE on its existing site. Additional land, or a detached playing field, would be required to enable the school to expand beyond 1FE.
3. HCC has been in discussion with the developer of site WY1 for some time around an appropriate education solution for the village. These conversations have mainly been focused on meeting the pupil yield from a development of 300 to 350 homes through the provision of land for new primary provision within site WY1.
4. However, the most recent discussions with both the developer and NHDC is for the provision of 250 homes and the pupil yield arising from those homes, which would result in a demand for an additional 0.5FE of school places.
5. The County Council, as local authority with responsibility for education, consider that in order to ensure that sufficient infrastructure can be provided to meet the demand for school places, the development should be limited to 250 units. Funding would be sought from this development to ensure that the local education infrastructure can accommodate the additional demand.