

North Herts education strategy

The assessment below is based upon the latest summer 2017/18 forecast without housing plus the anticipated yield from new housing based on the latest housing trajectory from NHDC (and SBC in relation to Stevenage)

Baldock (including the surrounding villages)

- 1 x 7fe secondary school (Academy)
- Existing school full
- Some existing inflow from neighbouring Letchworth
- Capacity requirements below based on current forecast and migration patterns

| | To 2022/23 | To 2027/28 | Beyond |
|-------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Forecast demand | Sufficient capacity | +1fe of additional capacity required | Peak yield of 6.2fe from new housing |
| Proposed strategy | | Expansion of existing school or establish new secondary provision as part of strategic housing development | Expansion of existing school or establish new secondary provision as part of strategic housing development |

Hitchin (including the surrounding villages and East of Luton)

- 3 secondary schools – 2 x single sex (5.5fe) and 1 x mixed co-ed (6fe). All schools are Academies or Foundation Schools and therefore their own admitting authorities.
- Existing schools full
- The 2 x single sex schools have a wider admissions priority area
- +3fe of additional capacity in the town from 2018 at the single sex schools, expanding these two schools to 7fe. This will expand these two schools to their full capacity.
- The Priory School is willing to expand by +2fe to 8fe.
- Changes in admissions rules is likely to change the dynamics in the coming years, need to monitor the demand

| | To 2022/23 | To 2027/28 | Beyond |
|-------------------|--|--|--|
| Forecast demand | Additional capacity required by 2021 (+1fe) | A further +2fe required | Peak yield of 8.5fe from new housing |
| Proposed strategy | +1fe expansion of The Priory School (6fe to 7fe) | +1fe expansion of The Priory School (7fe to 8fe) New school provision East of Luton | New school capacity of 6fe required at East of Luton |

Letchworth

- 2 x co-ed schools (both Foundation Schools) (5fe and 6fe)
- Within the current forecast period to 2027, there is forecast to be sufficient capacity at the existing schools.
- However, if there is significant push back from surrounding areas which reduces current pupil outflows, demand is likely to be tight in the future.
- Although deliverability of expansion potential at the existing schools has not been tested fully, the identified potential capacity is expected to be able to cater for the peak yield arising from the scale of new housing proposed within the Plan period.

| | To 2022/23 | To 2027/28 | Beyond |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Forecast demand | Sufficient capacity | Sufficient capacity | Peak yield of 3.5fe from new housing |
| Proposed strategy | | | Expansion of Fearnhill School |

Royston (including surrounding villages)

- 1 x upper school (7.1fe) and 2 x middle schools (4fe/3fe) in RSAT (Academies)
- The Trust is currently consulting on reorganisation proposals
- Monitor outcome of proposals to assess potential expansion capacity.
- There is a current outflow to Buntingford to the Upper School, which is likely to stem in the future due to increasing numbers in Buntingford

| | To 2022/23 | To 2027/28 | Beyond |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| Forecast demand | Sufficient capacity | Sufficient capacity | Peak yield of 3fe from new housing |
| Proposed strategy | | | Expansion of existing provision |

Stevenage (including housing proposed in Stevenage Borough Council boundary as well as that proposed north of Stevenage and in Knebworth within North Herts & east of Stevenage in East Herts District Council area)

- Stevenage currently has 6 x secondary schools (offering a total of 45.5fe) comprising 5 co-ed schools and 1 faith school offering Catholic provision. (2 Academies, 2 Foundation and 2 Community)
- Initial property advice identifies expansion capacity of +3.5fe in existing schools – further feasibility is underway

- Former Barnwell East site currently vacant former school site in HCC ownership (however requires CPO to obtain freehold). Potential site to establish new school provision, with further feasibility underway to identify maximum capacity
- Further secondary provision beyond this required to meet level of identified need.

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|-------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|
| Forecast demand | All schools forecast to be full by 2019 including Barnwell expanded by +1fe to 10fe Need +3fe by 2022 | Need 7fe by 2026 | Peak yield of 23fe from new housing both within Stevenage and that proposed around the edge of Stevenage by neighbouring authorities |
| Proposed strategy | Expand existing schools or establish new school | New school provision required | Additional new school provision required |