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Dear Sir/Madam

FYLDE LOCAL PLAN TO 2032: CONSULTATION ON ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE FYLDE LOCAL PLAN TO 2032

Thank you for consulting Lancashire County Council on the additional evidence in support of the Fylde Local Plan to 2032.

At this stage, I offer Education comments.

Observations and Recommendations

As the education authority, Lancashire County Council are statutory obliged to provide school places for children living in Lancashire. To facilitate this the Schools Planning engage and liaise with colleagues from the district Planning Teams across Lancashire to understand and evaluate impact of housing on local schools.

The district local plans adopted or emerging set out the most accurate information and sets out the aspirations of the district in regards to housing. Lancashire County Council provide information in return the effect new housing will have across the education provision to be included in the local plan. This latest consultation follows on from recent comments returned to specific questions raised by the inspector after Stage 1 hearings from the examination in public.

Policy HW2 paragraph 76 Reference to the need for an additional secondary school within the timescale of the plan. What are the timescales for delivery, and has consideration been given to potential site locations?

Lancashire County Council response has been included in evidence document EL6.031e and accept this is a true record of the information provided. The situation remains the same that a requirement for a new secondary school will be required at a point in time of the local plan. The exact location and delivery date are still subject to further discussions with Fylde Officers and Councillors through the liaison meetings, and Fylde Borough Council duty to co-operate.

For this latest consultation Fylde Borough Council has produced, 'The Additional Evidence in Support of the Fylde Local Plan to 2032' document. The document includes the updated Local Plan Trajectory Appendix 2, and sets out housing to be delivered from 2017 up to the end of the plan 2032.

The updated position at Appendix 2 includes latest housing build out rates and phasing supplied from developers and agents across strategic and non-strategic sites. In responding to this latest position, Schools Planning assume the targets will be achieved within the term of the plan and recognise the revision of 415 dwellings delivered per annum is now a **minimum** and not referred to as a **target** in previous versions of the plan. It is a view from Fylde Borough Council the previously under delivered housing supply will be met through the Liverpool or Sedgefield approach. Adopting either approach would result in a high annual target of delivery, this is indicated within the consultation document tables 1 and 2.

Based on the updated information in the trajectory, Schools Planning are able to provide an updated education forecast. Schools Planning adopts a worst case scenario at 4 bedroom until bedroom mix is clarified at the planning or reserved matters stage, assuming all the homes will be built. Producing a 5 year forecast annually is achieved from information received from the Planning Authority Housing Land Supply (HLS) or Annual Monitoring Report AMR.

Based on the latest information the table below indicates the yield of children in primary and secondary up to 2032 and is broken into three five year periods.

Sites	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	Total
Strategic	163	191	262	207	130	
Strategic	122	122	114	105	137	
Strategic	75	56	95	110	133	
Strategic	114	126	173	151	155	
Non-strategic	86	105	151	66	103	
Sub Total	560	600	795	639	658	3252
Allowance and Windfall Sites	119	119	119	51	50	458
Five Year Total	679	719	914	690	708	3710
3710	0.38	1410	Primary yield worst case scenario			
3710	0.17	630	Primary yield average			
3710	0.15	556	Secondary yield worst case scenario			
3710	0.09	333	Secondary yield average			

Sites	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	Total
Strategic	130	125	100	100	100	
Strategic	172	165	165	128	120	
Strategic	170	150	140	105	60	
Strategic	91	60	35	30	30	
Non-strategic	73	39	11	0	0	
Sub Total	636	539	451	363	310	2299
Allowance and Windfall Sites	40	40	40	40	40	200
Ten Year Total	676	579	491	403	350	2499
2499	0.38	950	Primary yield worst case scenario			
2499	0.17	425	Primary yield average			
2499	0.15	374	Secondary yield worst case scenario			
2499	0.09	225	Secondary yield average			

Sites	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31	31/32	Total
Strategic	100	100	100	0	0	
Strategic	120	100	90	90	90	
Strategic	20	0	0	0	0	
Strategic	30	30	6	0	0	
Non-strategic	0	0	0	0	0	
Sub Total	270	230	196	90	90	876
Allowance and Windfall Sites	40	40	40	40	40	200
Fifteen Year Total	310	270	236	130	130	1076
1076	0.38	408	Primary yield worst case scenario			
1076	0.17	182	Primary yield average			
1076	0.15	161	Secondary yield worst case scenario			
1076	0.09	97	Secondary yield average			
Total Yield 15 Years						
7285	0.38	2768	Primary yield worst case scenario			
7285	0.17	1238	Primary yield average			
7285	0.15	1092	Secondary yield worst case scenario			
7285	0.09	655	Secondary yield average			

In Section 3 of the consultation document paragraph 3.1 to 3.3, it refers to the five year housing supply statement and monitoring changes. Lancashire County Council Schools Planning welcome the approach to simplifying the information to include site-by-site

housing trajectory for the full plan period. The timescale required to plan and deliver new schools or expansion to existing schools requires careful timing to deliver at the point of need following the statutory process. Improvements to the monitoring and reporting systems will provide the most accurate position.

In conclusion, the inspector assigned to examine the local plan has raised particular questions and clarification from Fylde Borough Council. Schools Planning have responded directly or through a one council response regarding areas that affect school planning across the district. Lancashire County Council welcome the information and clarification received in the latest consultation document, in particular the improvements to the housing trajectory and confirmation of the minimum dwellings to be built per annum.

Over many years the two authorities have liaised and provided two way information at various stages of the emerging local plan, in particular strategic sites that include a new primary school provision and a site for new secondary provision.

The constraints within existing schools to accommodate the impact from housing developments and the requirement of developer contributions to enable expansion have been highlighted to Fylde.

Currently, discussions with a number of secondary schools across the district have taken place to explore opportunity to address the shortfall with the secondary provision. However the long term need of the local plan would still require a new secondary school provision. Current negotiations with existing schools to unlock potential would make it difficult to predict when a new provision will be required and will keep Fylde borough Council updated on progress, when and where the need will be to secure a suitable site for development.

The close proximity of Fylde to Blackpool and Wyre Councils requires further monitoring to understand the border relationship of inward and outward migration from its schools. Schools Planning understand there is a current planning application for a new free through school in the Blackpool area. It is unclear at this early stage, if this new school will have any adverse effect on existing schools in Fylde. Schools planning will continue to monitor the situation as it develops.

I trust these comments are helpful in the preparation of the Fylde Local Plan to 2032.

Should you have any query, please feel free to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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