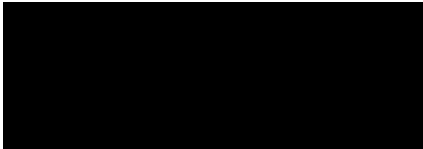


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Dear David,

Please see my response to your questions below:

1. If you're talking about "capacities" then the numbers would be 7,235 at the peak down to 6,790 once the schools reduce their admission numbers. This still gives an impact of 445 fewer places, but just for clarity, the capacity is the number of pupil places that the schools can accommodate.

Whilst I recognise the maths is correct here, I would question as to whether the schools actually need to reduce their capacities, and whether it would be in their best interest to stay at the larger size, but that is a question separate from the simple calculation, which I accept.

2. Norton Knatchbull has a PAN of 210, which would give it a practical capacity of 1,050 pupil places in Years 7-11. It has a published capacity of 1,380.

Highworth Grammar also has a PAN of 210 and has a published capacity of 1,500.

1,380 plus 1,500 equals 2,880 pupil places. The schools are forecast in the latest SCAP projections to have a combined roll of 2,921 in 2029/30 (41 pupils over capacity).

LA name	Year	Planning Area Code	Planning Area Name	Planning Area Phase	nc Year Group	Pupil Foreca...
Kent	202223	8861401	Secondary SG - Ashford	Secondary	Secondary total	2794
Kent	202324	8861401	Secondary SG - Ashford	Secondary	Secondary total	2798
Kent	202425	8861401	Secondary SG - Ashford	Secondary	Secondary total	2861
Kent	202526	8861401	Secondary SG - Ashford	Secondary	Secondary total	2850
Kent	202627	8861401	Secondary SG - Ashford	Secondary	Secondary total	2856
Kent	202728	8861401	Secondary SG - Ashford	Secondary	Secondary total	2865
Kent	202829	8861401	Secondary SG - Ashford	Secondary	Secondary total	2882
Kent	202930	8861401	Secondary SG - Ashford	Secondary	Secondary total	2921

However, I recognise that you are focusing on Years 7-11 and accordingly I accept your projections.

3. In terms of a pupil yield of 130 pupils from 763 dwellings as a projection (0.17 pupils per dwelling), this is accepted. However, it should be noted that these pupils are not attending Chilmington Green School alone, and are spread across the Education landscape.

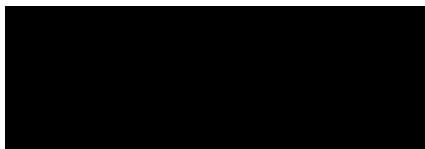
4. Whilst I can understand the approach to establishing this figure, I would question whether a crude child yield is appropriate on a development of this size, as it does not take in to account the changes in child yields over time as housing moves from "new" housing to "stock" housing. There is no deterioration in numbers built in. However, for the purposes of this Inquiry, I do not have an alternative approach to offer to the Inspector. I am prepared to accept the number of 847, on the caveat that this number will come forward over a very long period of time.

5. I would like my colleagues to comment on the specifics of the Section 106 at Chilmington as I do not believe I am the best person to discuss these matters.

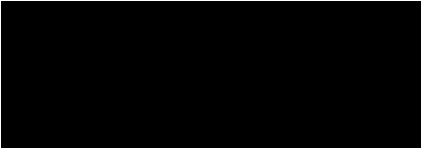
6. I would like to leave Section 106 discussions regarding Chilmington to my Planning colleagues who are more au fait with the details.

Kind regards,

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On 8 Oct 2024, at 13:17,  wrote:

Hi Ben, as discussed the Inspector will expect parties to at least get agreement on some purely mathematical questions (even if the principles underlying whether those figures are accepted or not remain in dispute).

Therefore, can we please seek to agree the following

1. Effect of the bulge class issue is **445 places** - My Updated Assessment – CD12/7. Peak capacity in 2023-24 was 6,388 and this reduces to 5,943 from 2028-29.
2. Effect of the grammar school omission is:

2023-24 (A)	2024-25 (F)	2025-26 (F)	2026-27 (F)	2027-28 (F)	2028-29 (F)	2029-30 (F)	2030-31 (F)	2031-32 (F)	2032-33 (F)
-58	-35	-14	-24	-63	-79	-100	-90	-82	-61

have arrived at these by removing all other schools from the assessment sheet and just keeping the two grammar schools rolls and capacities. These figures include a 2% surplus capacity in the selective schools. Calculating it manually:

- a. Total forecast of both schools is 2156 in the peak year 2029-30 – (top table on CD12/7) – giving a 56 place deficit.
  - b. Total capacity of both schools is 2100 throughout the period – (second table on CD12/7)
  - c. 2% surplus at the peak (2029-30) is  $2156 \times 0.02 = 43$  places.
  - d. Total need = 56 deficit plus 2% surplus = 99 places. (Note the one place difference to the table above will be due to rounding).
3. PY from 763 houses at CG are including forecasts in first table (the statement of common ground confirms we agree forecasting methodology).
    - a. For the purposes of this appeal to articulate what the quantum of PY from Chilmington Green is contained in our forecasts I have calculated this as 130 pupils. My methodology is 763 units, assuming 80% houses and 20% flats. Thus  $(763 \times 80\% \times 0.2 \text{ PPR}) + (763 \times 20\% \times 0.05 \text{ PPR}) = 130$ .
    - b. What is your methodology please or are you in agreement this is a fair approach (Please note I have used this calculation to determine the 847 reserved capacity)
  4. The PY at CG from the remaining development is 847 on DA's figures (using the methodology in 3 above). What is your calculation and methodology please or are you in agreement this is a fair approach?
  5. Regarding the legal issue raised in rebuttal goes to the second stage contributions for the secondary school. The first stage contributions (£13.55m) which is still required will fund **542** spaces. (Calculated by £13,550,000 (stage 1 contribution) divided by £22,500,000 (the full contribution) multiplied by 900 (the original number of places to be funded)).
  6. On the assumption that 130 are already accounted for (in the 766 units in the forecasts) that equates to **412** net on a standard calculation being funded by CG.

Many thanks. Happy to discuss if you have any queries. Apologies but we need to try and get this resolved today/tonight.

Regards

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