

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Arun District Council FAO: Emma Sheppard
FROM:	WSCC - Education
DATE:	24 July 2025
LOCATION:	Land to the South of Ford Lane Arundel BN18 0DF
SUBJECT:	<p>F/19/25/OUT</p> <p>Outline planning application with all matters reserved (except access proposed along Ford Lane) for development of up to 400 No dwellings, a 8-10 form entry secondary school with associated sports pitches and facilities, a community hub building of up to 600 sqm, new pedestrian and cycle routes, Public Open Space, sustainable urban drainage system, landscaping and associated infrastructure. This application lies within the parish of Ford and Yapton, affects the setting of listed buildings, affects a Public Right of Way and is a Departure from the Development Plan. This is a CIL liable development.</p>

West Sussex County Council (WSCC) is the local education authority for the area with statutory duties to plan, organise and commission school places. Policy INF SP2 of the Arun Local Plan sets out the requirement for a new secondary school to mitigate housing growth in the district. Although school expansions have taken place in the Arun district, there is very limited capacity to expand so WSCC is now facing issues with secondary school place provision. With the planning permissions already granted across the district demand for secondary school places in Arun are expected to exceed capacity by the start of the academic year 2025/26. As a result, WSCC has had to object to new housing coming forward until progression on the location and delivery of the new secondary school can be confirmed.

This secondary school site is located on a site previously determined as the 'Preferred Site' for location of a secondary school by Arun District Council (March 2019), although this preferred status was withdrawn in 2024 (Planning Policy Committee, January 2024). The location is still considered the most favourable, in educational provision terms, considering planned development across Arun District.

The Local Education Authority consider that the inclusion of a site for a secondary school should be given great weight in the determination of this planning application. Delay in the provision of a school could have wider area impacts for delivery of homes and provision of necessary educational places than just for Arun District.

Without a secondary school site, further development in the area cannot be accommodated without impacting bordering local authority areas and their infrastructure.

Implications for this development

Until such time that a new secondary school to meet Arun requirements in accordance with the Council's commitments is built and open to pupils, transport costs are required to mitigate the additional costs to transport pupils from Arun District, who were unsuccessful in securing a place at one of their preferred schools or catchment school, to access education places at an alternative

secondary school within West Sussex. West Sussex County Council will seek a contribution from proposed developments towards funding the provision of home to school transport in accordance with the West Sussex home to school transport policy. This contribution seeks to cover the cost of providing new or additional transport, based upon a calculation of the number of pupils generated by the development that require secondary school places before a new secondary school in Arun is delivered. The costs will be calculated on a case-by-case basis but will be based on occupancy rates for secondary school aged children moving into the development. These may involve journeys to schools outside the District.

Cost methodology

The temporary costs to transport children to the nearest available or West Sussex catchment school with space is calculated by using the equation A / B x C = D and D x (E x G) x F = Secondary School Transport Contribution

Where:

A – actual cost of transport per day in West Sussex for bus/coach travel to school, at the time of the signing of the legal agreement. Which for 2024/25 is £441 per day, with costs revised annually

B – coach capacity (53)

C - number of academic days in a year (190)

D - Cost per pupil per year (441 per day / 53 = £8.32 x 190 = £1,581 per pupil per year for 2024/25; costs are reviewed annually in April)

E – number of children generated by the development aged 0-16

F – 5 years of Secondary Education

G – Number of years that school transport is provided being a total of 16 years but can be phased to allow for instalment payments of 5 years, 5 years and 6 years (or less depending on the number of years until the secondary school is provided at the time of the relevant review).

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Good Afternoon Emma

Many thanks for enabling us to have a little more time to respond to the above application.

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Kind Regards

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