

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Arun District Council FAO: Mr S Davis
FROM:	WSSC - Education
DATE:	29 March 2022
LOCATION:	Land West of Bilsham Road, Yapton
SUBJECT:	Y/3/22/OUT Hybrid Application comprising of: Outline planning application for further phases of up to 110 No dwellings and associated infrastructure (with all matters reserved) and Full application for Phase 1 for 30 No residential dwellings, new access from Bilsham Road, public open space, landscaping, sustainable urban drainage and associated works. This application is a Departure from the Development Plan and is in CIL Zone and is CIL Liable as new dwellings.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a
RECOMMENDATION:	Objection
S106 CONTRIBUTION TOTAL:	

Developers are required to mitigate the impact of their proposed developments and, where appropriate, provide or make contributions towards site specific education provision where a specific need is identified. School places are required in perpetuity to mitigate planned development.

As the Local Education Authority (LEA) the County Council has the statutory duty to make education provision available for each pupil, and to provide a school place for each child, within the local catchment area where possible. Schools should be provided close to where the need arises, to encourage sustainable travel behaviour. An inability to meet school places nearby could result in pupils being allocated spaces at a greater distance from their home, not in accordance with sustainable place making or education provision policy.

The requirement for a new secondary school to serve Arun District was identified as early as 2016 based on the number of strategic allocations identified at the start of the preparation works for the Local Plan that was adopted in 2018. However, a specific site is not formally allocated in the Plan and the preferred option at Ford has not subsequently been secured. A site has been identified in a Master Plan for the area, this is yet to be formally endorsed by the District Council as no site for a secondary school is secured. As set out in policy H SP2 of the Arun Local Plan 2018, applications are required to be comprehensively planned and should have regard to a masterplan endorsed by the Council, 'comprehensively planned' is set out to include required infrastructure in accordance with Policy INF SP1 and the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. All sites are required to be in accordance with INF SP1 and INF SP2 for the provision of a secondary school in Arun District.

The proposed development would be expected to contribute towards the new secondary school in order to mitigate its impacts for secondary education. The County Council as LEA, objects to further development described in the planning application listed above.

This is due to the inability to expand the existing secondary school provision to accommodate the pupils arising from the proposed new development, and the lack of an allocated or secured site for a new secondary school, meaning that this education facility cannot be relied on in the short term.

West Sussex County Council – Education Services