

**STAFFORD BOROUGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK
MEETING WITH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY SERVICE PROVIDERS**

DATE OF MEETING – 21 MAY 2008

Name of Attendees

Tracy Haycock - Principal Schools Organisation Officer,
Staffordshire County Council

Alex Yendole - Principal Planning Officer, Stafford Borough Council

- AY provided an update in terms of preparing the new Local Development Framework for Stafford Borough including work on the Regional Spatial Strategy. TH explained that it would be difficult for Staffordshire County Council's Children and Lifelong Learning Department to be precise in terms of the implications on primary and secondary schools within the Stafford Borough area based on maps received setting out broad locations for new housing and employment development. Further work would have to be completed at the time that specific allocations and timescales for development delivery have been secured together with indications about housing types.
- TH stated that Staffordshire County Council's Children & Lifelong Learning Department would provide a letter explaining the current position which had been agreed by Keith Cackett (Deputy Director). The letter will be prepared as part of the Local Development Framework's evidence base to be publicly available including for use at any subsequent Public Examination. TH explained that, in general terms, 7,000 new homes in Stafford town would equal an extra 210 places per year or 7 new entry classes with 30 children in each. Furthermore 1,000 new homes could equate to the necessity of a new primary school of 210 places plus nursery provision. However any new school provision would be subject to existing school provision in the area and could involve:
 - expansion and changes to the infrastructure of existing schools;
 - additional land to expand an existing school beyond its current boundary;
 - relocation and expansion of current schools onto new sites; or
 - additional land and building for new schools.
- TH stated that the 2 week deadline to respond to planning applications was too limited and therefore more time is required to incorporate a full analysis of education provision requirements. TH advised that it would be beneficial to be involved in the pre-application discussions with the Borough and / or developers. This would allow for any necessary consultation with schools.
- However, TH stated it was useful to be aware of the scale of development being considered in the Stafford Borough Council area over the next 20 years and the Department was keen to work with the Borough Council to find solutions in due

course. TH requested that the maps provided by AY were kept in a secure desk for reference purposes in the future

- Currently there is no statutory requirement to produce a School's Organisation Plan for Staffordshire and therefore this has not been updated since 2007. Staffordshire County has experienced a slight increase in the number of births in recent years and this has been reflected in the Stafford Borough area.
- ACTIONS: TH to provide the letter referred to above by end of May / early June. AY to provide up-to-date information concerning MoD land at Stafford to TH when the position is clarified.
- TH provided the key contact for Staffordshire County Council library's service as being Hilary Jackson on telephone number is 01785 278591 for the LDF process.
- Date of next meeting - 10 November 2008 at 14.00.

Notes prepared by Alex Yendole
Forward Planning Section
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