

Appendix 2: Calculation of playing field land required for expansion of Littleport Campus

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To set out the calculation of playing field requirements for future expansion of the Littleport Education Campus.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Littleport Education Campus opened in September 2016. On opening it comprised a 4 forms of entry secondary schools (600 places) and an area special school providing 110 places. The Secondary and Special Schools both have the same sponsor; The Active Learning Trust (ALT). The site and school buildings are leased to ALT under a standard 125 year academy lease.

3. Educational Need/Business Case

- 3.1 The recommended playing field areas for primary and secondary schools is set out in published Department for Education (DfE) Building Bulletins (BB103 and BB104).
- 3.2 Currently, the Littleport Education Campus has sufficient land for the schools and size of schools occupying the site. However, to allow for the planned growth of Littleport and forecast increases in pupil numbers, the education campus was always planned on the basis that it could be expanded to accommodate the following schools:
 - a 6 form entry 900 place secondary school (currently 600 places)
 - a 2 form entry primary school providing 420 places (no primary provision at present)
 - a 110 place area special school (as now)
- 3.3 The playing field land within the area leased to ALT is 2(ha) below that required for the level of provision set out in paragraph 3.2. For that reason, the agreement to use of the playing field in the ownership of LLT was always part of the County Council's future planning. The area of this land extends to 1.9ha (4.69 acres) and takes the overall playing field holding very close to the DfE recommended total overall area for the number and size of schools comprising the Education campus.
- 3.4 The Place Planning Team have revisited the development proposals for Littleport and the pupil forecasts. As proposed the purchase is to future proof the site against development risk all planned development is included. If the Council were making a significant investment in new buildings a more

cautious approach to forecasting may have been taken looking at, for example, average build out rates being achieved over recent years.

- 3.5 The catchment forecasts for both primary and secondary pupils in Littleport show the current schools will not be able to accommodate the forecast rise in pupil numbers over the next 10 years.

2019 Catchment Forecast for Littleport Primaries									Places remaining (Capacity: 840)
Year	R	Yr1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6	Total	
2020/21	128	105	104	123	113	121	104	798	42
2021/22	122	127	111	107	123	115	120	825	15
2022/23	123	123	134	115	108	126	115	844	-4
2023/24	131	124	130	138	116	111	126	876	-36
2024/25	138	132	131	134	139	119	111	904	-64
2025/26	141	137	137	133	133	140	117	938	-98
2026/27	141	140	142	139	132	134	138	966	-126
2027/28	136	138	144	143	137	132	131	961	-121
2028/29	131	133	142	145	141	137	129	958	-118

2019 Catchment forecast for Littleport Secondary							Places remaining (Capacity: 600)
Year	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Total	
2020/21	124	110	95	101	83	513	87
2021/22	105	122	109	93	101	530	70
2022/23	121	103	121	107	93	545	55
2023/24	116	119	102	119	107	563	37
2024/25	127	114	118	100	119	578	22
2025/26	112	125	113	116	100	566	34
2026/27	118	110	124	111	116	579	21
2027/28	139	116	109	122	111	597	3
2028/29	132	137	115	107	122	613	-13

In addition, there are an additional 155 dwellings due to be built in Littleport after the catchment forecast ends. There is also large scale development (3500+ dwellings) planned in the neighbouring town of Ely. Ely College will not be able to accommodate all the secondary children from these developments; Littleport and East Cambridgeshire Secondary is the next closest school to these.