



Information Resilience and Transparency

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Dear Mr Windham

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, relating to education planning. Please see the response provided below:

The County Council has not made any comments on the proposed primary or secondary schools.

There has been no correspondence between KCC and the Proposers relating to the establishment of any new secondary or primary school. A meeting was held between DHA and the relevant Area Education Officers at Kent County Council On the 28th February 2019. The meeting was proposed by DHA to inform county Council officers that they had submitted a proposal in Maidstone Borough Council's call for sites as part of the Borough's Local Plan Process.

The County Council as Local Education Authority holds a statutory duty to ensure that there are sufficient school places for every child that requires one; an important aspect of this provision planning involves responding to housing development proposals. The County Council as LEA will work with the Borough Council with the aim of ensuring sufficient provision for new housing; the Borough has not yet consulted the County Council with regards to any proposed sites submitted as part of their Call For Sites exercise and there has not been any communication with DHA with regards to the proposal and Education provision since the meeting on the 28th February 2019.

The County Council's Commissioning Plan for Education sets out how we intend to provide sufficient places and is updated annually; it can be found here:
<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/education-provision/education-provision-plan>

If you are unhappy with this response, and believe KCC has not complied with legislation, you have 40 working days from the date of this response to ask for a review. You can do this by following our complaints process; details can be found at this link <https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/contact-us/complaints-and-feedback#tab-7> on our website. Please quote reference 6942565.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you can appeal to the Information Commissioner, who oversees compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Details of what you need to do, should you wish to pursue this course of action, are available from the Information Commissioner's website <http://ico.org.uk/concerns>

Yours sincerely

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