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Dear Chris,

Education Response – 4/25/2307/0F1 – Land to South West of Summergrove Park, Whitehaven

This is an full application for 70 houses on 8.36 hectares of land.

The housing breakdown has been provided as: 22 x 2 bed and 48 x 3 bed houses. Using a dwelling-led model on the 70 units it is theoretically estimated to yield 30 children: 20 primary and 10 secondary pupils for the schools.

The primary catchment school for this development is Moor Row School (1.58 miles measured from approximate centre of the site of the proposed houses) and West Lakes Academy is the catchment secondary for this development (3.68 miles). The next nearest schools are Hensingham Primary (1.63 miles) and The Whitehaven Academy (1.62 miles).

Office of National Statistics pupil yield data for Cumberland has been used to calculate yield according to the number and type of housing in a development.

The methodology for calculating available spaces in schools first considers developments with planning approval, before assessing which schools the developments will impact and what spaces remain for the most recently proposed development. Currently there is 4 developments affecting the primary school used for this assessment and 23 affecting the secondary schools. The table below shows both the catchment schools and the developments that will affect them.

Primary School	PAN Capacity	Average Forecast NOR	Average Spaces	Development Site	Houses	Primary Yield	Secondary Yield
Moor Row School	105	59	46	Land at Scalegill Road, Whitehaven, Moor Row	19	6	

Hensingham Primary	210	80	130	Ivy Mill, Main Street, Hensingham	26	6	
				Overend Bungalow, Cleator Moor Road, Whitehaven, CA28 8TY	33	6	
Valley Primary School	315	210	105	N/A	0	0	
Jericho School	420	349	71	Harras Moor (off the loop road), Whitehaven, CA28 6SY	93	27	
Total	105	59	46		19	6	

Secondary School	PAN Capacity	Average Forecast NOR	Average Spaces	Development Site	Houses	Primary Yield	Secondary Yield
The Whitehaven Academy	900	882	18	Land at High Road, Rhodia, Whitehaven, Edgehill Park Development	279		47
				Water's Edge, Whitehaven, CA28 9QF	10		2
				Land North of School Brow Moresby Parks, Whitehaven, CA28 8UX	100		17
				Land at Harras Moor, Whitehaven	370		62
				Land to the West of Valley View Road, Whitehaven	104		17

				Ivy Mill, Main Street, Hensginham	26		4
				Overend Bungalow, Cleator Moor Road, Whitehaven, CA28 8TY	33		4
				Land at Low Road, Whitehaven	99		17
				Land at Fell View and Windermere Avenue, Whitehaven, CA28 9NA	22		4
				Adj Border Yard, Coach Road, Whitehaven	41		7
				Land behind Castle Lea, Flatt Walks, Whitehaven	20		2
				Harras Dyke, Harras Moor, Whitehaven	90		17
St Benedict's Catholic High School	930	858	72	N/A			
West Lakes Academy	900	704	196	Cleator Mills, Cleator Moor	79		11
				Fell View Drive, Egremont, CA22 2JL	12		2
				Land Adjacent to Ellerslie, Gosforth, CA20 1AZ	20		2

				Land to the Rear of Rusper Drive, Moor Row, CA24 3LT	7		1
				Land Adjacent to Flosch Meadows, Cleator	21		4
				Land at Scalegill Road, Whitehaven, Moor Row	19		3
				Land at North Park Rheda, Frizington, CA26 3TE	22		4
				Land Adjoining Mill Hill, Cleator Moor (Keekle Meadows)	15		3
				Keir Hardie Avenue/Dent Square, Cleator Moor, CA25 5EJ	20		2
				North of Flosch Meadows, Off Main Street, Cleator	19		3
				Land at East Road, Egremont, CA22 2EW	39		4
Total	2730	2444	286		1467		239

- **PAN Capacity** - the total capacity of the school based on the Published Admission Number (PAN) x the number of year groups in the school.
- **Average spaces** - shows the average number of available places in a school per year over the projection period, these are spaces in the school before any housing development is considered.

- **Development site** - the site of a proposed development.
- **Houses** – the number of houses in the proposed development (where developments have commenced, remaining build will be used).
- **Primary/Secondary yield** – the number of primary or secondary children that will be yielded from the development.
- **Spaces - yield** – the number of spaces left in all the schools within the 2/3 mile distance from the centre of the development.

PRIMARY

There are sufficient places available in Moor Row School, the catchment school, to accommodate the primary pupil yield of 20 from this development.

An education contribution would not be required for primary education to address the impact of additional pupils in the Egremont primary planning area.

SECONDARY

There are sufficient places available in West Lakes Academy, the catchment school to accommodate the secondary pupil yield of 10 from this development.

An education contribution would not be sought for secondary education to address the impact of additional pupils in the South West Cumberland secondary planning area.

N.B.: *Education contributions will be used to facilitate primary/secondary education within the relevant planning area. Education contributions are calculated based on projected yield from a development. However, it is not always practicable to deliver additional capacity on catchment school sites, and in such cases education contributions can be used to improve education provision to accommodate additional pupils within the planning area, or to help deliver school transport solutions where necessitated by the associated development.*

Projections represent a snapshot in time, and all figures can be subject to change as further information becomes available. It should be noted that there may be other potential developments that may affect these schools, but as they have not been approved at this stage, have not been included in the calculations.

Yours sincerely,



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