

Issue 06 Education, Community and Health Facilities**6.1 Is there evidence that capacity exists off-site to meet the wider healthcare needs of the Welborne community (for example at Queen Alexandra Hospital)?**

The Joint Promoters (JP) is content that FBC have undertaken appropriate consultation with the health authorities in respect of healthcare needs both as part the Welborne Plan process and in the strategic investigations undertaken as part of the Core Strategy evidence base.

6.2 Is the Council's approach to securing the shared use of some school facilities for community use sufficiently robust?

FBC's approach to the shared use of school facilities is now a commonly used methodology on major urban extensions across the country. The Welborne Plan provides an appropriate framework for developing the concept and including shared educational facilities as part of an outline planning application.

6.3 Is the Council's approach to Nursery provision, not on the primary school sites, sufficiently clear and robust?

FBC is seeking Nursery Provision outside the primary school sites. JP consider that this additional provision is capable of being both funded and developed by the private sector.

6.4 Is the timing of the provision of the first primary school by the end of Main Phase 1 appropriate? Should the aspiration be to have the school available sooner?

JP consider that the first primary school should be provided as early as possible. Early provision will enhance the sense of community and help engrain walkable neighbourhood principles in the first phase of development.

6.5 Although the Council has identified two potential sites for a secondary school, the preferred location for the school is to the south of Knowle:

- **Is this the most appropriate location for a secondary school, particularly in terms of sustainability (i.e. is it justified?)**
- **Can this site be satisfactorily delivered (i.e. is it effective?). The secondary school playing fields would be provided within the boundary of Winchester City Council. Would this accord with the policies in the City Council's Development Plan? Is there evidence that the playing fields could be satisfactorily implemented?**

If the Council's current proposal is sound then what is the justification for identifying an alternative site?

JP has clearly articulated its desire to local the Secondary School near the District Centre. The recommendations to the proposed amendments to Policy WEL16 are set out below based on the proposed revised wording.

Policy WEL16 – Secondary School Provision

“One minimum 7 form entry school shall be provided on a site of at least 9 hectares to serve the new community.

*The school shall be phased to enable an initial intake of pupils by the end of Main Phase 3, or as agreed with the Council **Education Authority**. In the period prior to the first intake at the Welborne School, site promoters shall work positively with Hampshire County Council to ensure that the capacity at surrounding schools is sufficient to meet the needs of Welborne, including contributing to the delivery of temporary additional capacity, where required by the Welborne development.*

~~*The Council's preferred location for the school is to the west of Welborne. If a site in this location is undeliverable, then proposals for an alternative location nearer the district centre will be acceptable. Both broad locations are indicated on the Fareham Policies Map and on Appendix B.3 of this plan.*~~

The secondary school site shall be:

- i. **Located to the north of the District Centre;***
- ii. Designed and laid out in a sympathetic manner taking into account surrounding uses and constraints;*
- iii. Well and safely connected to new and existing pedestrian and cycle routes, including to Welborne's green corridor network;*
- iv. Provided with or in very close proximity to bus stops for conventional bus services and for BRT;*
- v. **Be The serviced land for the Secondary School shall be** transferred by the developers to Hampshire County Council or to the relevant education provider at the time agreed with the Council and in a form consistent with the relevant site transfer requirements.*

6.6 Is the timing of the provision of the secondary school by the end of Main Phase 3 appropriate? Should the aspiration be to have the school available sooner?

JP consider that the timing of the Secondary School will be determined by a delivery strategy based on a robust development viability appraisal. The issue is dealt with in Issue No 11.

6.7 There is reference to an ‘all-through’ school which ‘will be explored further’. Should not that exploration have already taken place in order to ensure that LP3 is justified (the most appropriate strategy) and effective (deliverable)?

JP have undertaken to provide a serviced site for the Secondary School and make appropriate contributions. The precise nature of education provision is left to Hampshire County Council and FBC.

6.8 Are existing ambulance, fire and police service arrangements appropriate to cover the new community?

JP consider that these are matters appropriately dealt with by FBC.