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Hi Claire

Apologies for the delay in coming back to you, a few of the team are on periods of leave at the moment. Thank you for your email and for sharing the feedback from the recent planning committee discussion on the Land to the North of Little Green Lane application.

We acknowledge the concerns raised by members and other stakeholders regarding the need for an additional 1FE primary school in Croxley Green. I hope the following provides further clarity on both the short-term demand and the longer-term strategic rationale behind HCC's request for a 1FE school site. Please note that this response is limited to school planning matters; other infrastructure contributions are outside the scope of this note.

Following discussions with our School Planning colleagues, we understand that as of 16 July 2025, all three primary schools in Croxley Green with Reception class intakes were full. This includes Malvern Way Infant School, which is due to reduce its Published Admission Number (PAN) from September 2025, with a corresponding reduction at its linked junior school in 2028/29. Despite these planned reductions, current forecasts indicate that demand continues to match available capacity.

Given the situation above, it is of School Planning perspective that the proposed 1FE primary school is intended to serve the new development directly, ensuring that the pupil yield generated by the site is met without placing additional pressure on

existing schools. This self-sufficient approach supports the strategic goal of delivering infrastructure that is proportionate and responsive to the specific impact of development.

It is also important to highlight that the case for a new school on this site is not solely based on current capacity. The request is equally informed by principles of placemaking and sustainable development. Schools delivered in this context are intended to meet the needs of the development in isolation, enabling children to walk or wheel to school in a safe, healthy environment and contribute towards the creation of a new community. The intention is not to attract pupils from other parts of the settlement who would need to travel by car. This approach aligns with policy ambitions of chapter 8 of the NPPF.

Please let me know if you require any further information or clarification. Happy to arrange a call to discuss in greater detail if that would be helpful.

Many thanks

Jamie