

## **Freedom of information request NCC-050104-21**

Thank you for your recent Freedom of information request for ease we have provided our response alongside each point as follows:

Hucknall Flying High admissions concern in relation to education provisions following the planning permission of 900 houses at Harrier Park (Rolls Royce land) off Watnall Road.

How many school places were planned for the 900 houses that were due to be built?

Nottinghamshire County Council "NCC" operates a Planning Obligations strategy which is agreed by NCC's elected members and shared with the 7 districts of the county. The fundamental principle that underlies this policy is that where a housing development occurs creating a demand for additional infrastructure (in this case, school places), the developers (in this case, MUSE) will mitigate for this impact in a proportionate way. The formula that guides the extent of this mitigation is that for every 100 dwellings built an additional 21 primary school places will be required. On this basis the Harrier Way development of circa 900 dwellings created a theoretical demand for an additional 189 primary school places. Ashfield District Council and MUSE have agreed to the provision of a new 1 form entry school with a 26 place nursery. Such a school will provide 210 statutory school places (from the Reception Year to Year 6) ,as well as the 26 nursery pre-school places.

What percentage of residents were expected to be accepted into the school?

From the above, based on the pupil recruitment formula, the creation of an additional 210 primary places was sufficient to meet the expected demand generated by 900 new dwellings.

What percentage of residents were expected to apply to the new school?

The 21:100 formula mentioned above allows for the expected number of children generated by a development to be catered for by the new school. Factors that govern parental preference are complex and involve many variables as well as 'nearest' and 'newest' school to the given housing development. It is actually impossible to predict how parental preference will be expressed in terms of applications for places at any particular school, though, of course, our working assumption is that a new school will always attract the majority of its applications from the housing development that has generated it.

How was this school going to reduce the demand on other schools in the area with 900 houses being built?

The new school (Hucknall Flying High Academy) will not automatically reduce the demand for school places at other Hucknall schools. It will increase the supply of school places in the Planning Area and thereby have some impact on reducing demand for other schools, however this is a function of parental preference and, as we have seen, is very difficult to predict accurately.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail [foi@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:foi@nottscc.gov.uk)  
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