

Dear Ben,

Further to your query last week in relation to SEND provision within Hertfordshire, HCC's position is outlined in our adopted SEND [Special School Place Planning Strategy 2020-2023](#), from Autumn 2020.

This strategy shows there are currently three Severe Learning Difficulty (SLD) schools that are currently located in South West Herts (appendix 2). Two have been extended in recent years with no further expansion capability and plans have been approved to increase the size of Breakspeare School by 113 places which is where the SEND contributions that requested in relation to your planning application last year will be going towards.

Due to plans being approved to increase the size of Breakspeare School and that SLD schools require significant size (as this group of pupils having the highest needs and the amount of equipment needed), it is probably unlikely that a SLD new school will therefore be needed on the Chiswell Green site.

Please let me know if you require any further information.

Regards,

Martin



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From: Ben Hunter <ben@efm-ltd.co.uk>
Sent: 26 January 2023 12:16 PM
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Subject: Re: SEN provision in Hertfordshire

Hi Martin,

Thanks for your email.

The question is actually wider than just the Chiswell Green development, and more about needs in Hertfordshire for SEN, in terms of demand versus available provision, whether there is a deficit in provision (is there a particular type of SEN infrastructure provision that is particularly needed in Hertfordshire, for example), and then more broadly, whether there would be a option for Chiswell Green to provide a solution to any existing deficit. I am well aware in discussions in other areas of

the Country that SEN is a major issue, with the number of children with a Statement of Case/EHC Plan rising, and many children having to travel long distances to be accommodated.

What would be great would be, if this is possible, perhaps a quick Teams call with your Children's Services colleagues (and you, of course) to discuss further? My diary is reasonably clear and I'd welcome getting a general update, and discussing whether the developers of Chiswell Green could assist at all.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Kind regards,

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