

Wiltshire Council – Early Years Provision

SITE NAME/ADDRESS: Land South of Filands **PLANNING REF:** 16/07288/OUT

Formal assessment/response as part of the consultation process on a submitted planning application.

The revised Wiltshire Council S106 Policy introduced for 2014 now contains a requirement for developers to make contributions towards the provision of Early Years places where appropriate.

School Places and Capital Cost Multipliers for Section 106 Agreements

Where an existing off-site Early Years facility is to be extended or upgraded, the Early Years cost per place multiplier will be used to calculate a contribution. Where the development creates a requirement for a new on-site Early Years facility the developer will be expected to pay the full cost of construction, including design fees and charges and provide the site free of charge. The accommodation requirements will be calculated by reference to Building Bulletin 99 and to the Sure Start Guidance. The specification will also need to comply with current Council design, build and space requirements, meet best practice for the type of facility and Government advice on design and environmental issues. This would also apply if it was agreed that the developer could provide the additional accommodation in kind rather than make a financial contribution, this is £17,522 per Early Years place.

Early Years Provision Place Cost Multiplier

- 3.1 Early years provision (3 – 4 Years) are most efficiently organised in groups of 8 children and 2 year olds in groups of 4 (this derives from statutory staff to child ratio). Taking the groups across the age ranges and 40% provision for 0 - 2 year olds, this means that Early years provision built in Wiltshire is built in blocks of 40 places.
- 3.2 The Council has tracked the actual number of children arriving in Early Years settings and Wiltshire schools from a variety of different sized housing developments over 10 years. From this it has calculated pupil product figures which it uses as the basis for estimating the number of nursery, primary, secondary aged children likely to come from future housing developments. These figures are:

0.04 per dwelling for 0-2 year olds (4 per 100 dwellings)

0.09 per dwelling for 3-4 year olds (9 per 100 dwellings)

The planned increase in housing will increase the demand from parents requiring more affordable childcare/early years education in Malmesbury. The section S106 money would not only provide money to help ensure that there is sufficient childcare/early years education in Malmesbury to meet the local community's needs, it would also help ensure that parents can access the free entitlement grant which is a statutory function of the Local Authority to provide sufficient places.

The calculation to fulfil the statutory duty of provision of 15 hours for all 3 and 4 year olds and for 40% of places for two year olds is as follows. The totals are currently divided by two as each place can be used by two children having 15 hours a week free education giving a total used of 30 hours each week. From September 2017 children of working parents will receive 30 hours of Free education rather than the current 15 hours.

ASSESSMENT OF: 71 units – 43 open market & 28 affordables. Ten 1 beds, assumed 5 open market and 5 affordables.

EXCLUSIONS/DISCOUNTS APPLIED: Ten 1 beds deducted. 30% affordable housing discount on 23 remaining units = 7 units' reduction.

NUMBER OF PROPERTIES QUALIFYING FOR ASSESSMENT: 54

	Qualifying units	2year olds – 4 places per 100 dwellings	3 & 4 year olds- 9 places per 100 dwellings	Total of places	Total	Divided by 2 Total required :
Numbers	54	2	5	7	£17,522.00 x 7= £122,654.00	£61,327.00

Total requested: £61,327.00

Further Information

Department of Education – early education and Childcare Statutory Guidance for local Authorities September 2014.

Section A1: Eligibility

Local Authorities are required by legislation to:

Three- and four-year-olds:

Secure early education places offering 570 hours a year over no fewer than 38 weeks of the year for every child in their area from the relevant date, as set out in paragraph

Two-year-olds:

Local authorities **are required** by legislation to:

Secure early education places offering 570 hours a year over no fewer than 38 weeks of the year for every eligible child in their area from the relevant date, if they are eligible e.g. 40% of two year olds.

Information from the Wiltshire Council's Childcare Sufficiency Report 2014

According to the 2011 census Wiltshire has the following numbers of children and young people.

	Age under 1	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3-4	Age 5-under 8	Age 8-11	Age 12-19	Total
Malmesbury	203	232	233	474	700	980	1776	4598

Malmesbury - Currently, there are childcare spaces available in Nurseries and Pre-schools as well as childminders across the community area. As housing grows in the area sufficiency will begin to be an issue in the area. Also from September 2017 the 15 hours Free Entitlement funding for three and four year olds will be increasing to 30 hours, this will increase demand for Early Years provision in the area, there will be a shortage of Early Years places in this area.