



Knowsley Council

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Plantation Primary

As a council we have a statutory duty to ensure that we have sufficient places available for children and young people within our borough.

Each year the Local Authority uses data on school capacity, live birth data, pupil census, housing developments yields and in year transfers to project the number of school places needed. The Local authority aims to provide additional places through the expansion of existing schools based on physical; capacity and whether the school is well placed in terms of governance and performance.

Halewood is served by six primary schools, with a combined capacity of 1,695 places and only 62 overall primary education surplus places available Reception to Year 6.

The Council is aware that there are already several volume housebuilders with major interests in the East Halewood site. Consequentially, necessary section 106 agreements have been secured. Schools in Halewood have a good reputation and would present an attractive offer to potential new residents.

An area review identified returning Plantation Primary to a three-form entry is the preferred option based on its location to the new housing developments and physical capacity to expand.

The school have been fully engaged in the design process to ensure minimum disruption to pupils, staff and parents during the construction period.

As sufficiency of places in local schools is low there would be no option to decant pupils to another site and this would have a detrimental impact to their education and wellbeing.

Yours faithfully

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