

APPENDIX

Summary of Shenfield High School Preliminary Proposals

Potential provision of Primary School

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1.0 SHENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

- 1.1 The proposed residential development at Officer's Meadow will generate the need for additional primary school nursery provision from 2020/21. There is also forecast to be significant additional pressure on both primary school and secondary school places in the wider Brentwood Urban Area over the time period considered.
- 1.2 The emerging Brentwood Local Plan includes the provision of land for a 2.1ha (2FE) Primary School as part of the proposed allocation at Shenfield (Policy R03), and Croudace Homes supports the inclusion of this aspect as part of the overall comprehensive allocation.
- 1.3 Essex County Council school places forecast figures are contained in 'Commissioning School Places in Essex 2016-2021' and indicate that the existing primary school in closest proximity to the proposed allocation is "Long Ridings Primary School" (approx 600m) and that this will have a forecast deficit in pupil places of "-19 places" by 2020/21 when considering demographic factors and the uplift in new housing.
- 1.4 However, Shenfield High School is a Comprehensive Academy located immediately adjoining the proposed allocation, and indeed is included within the overall boundary of the allocation. In recognition of the need for further Primary School places, the School has already examined the potential of extending its age range offer to 'all-through' Early Years to 18yrs provision. The High School has advised that preliminary discussions have previously been conducted with BBC and indicate likely support for the scheme. Croudace Homes also supports the principle of an "all-through school" at Shenfield High, and the provision of the new 2FE Primary School as part of this comprehensive allocation.
- 1.5 The High School has prepared some preliminary plans that showed how a new 1FE primary school ,nursery and associated play space could be accommodated on its land holding - with the potential for further expansion in the future to a 2FE school (see enclosed site proposals). These plans offer flexibility and are subject to exact primary school location and playing fields interchangeably.
- 1.6 The enclosed preliminary Area Development Plans show a Primary School within the context of Shenfield High School. This includes areas allowed for formal play space, as per the required standards. Existing sports pitches are to be retained, continuing to benefit the secondary school whilst acting as a 'buffer' to development.
- 1.7 There would also be the opportunity of dual-use of the playing fields outside of normal school opening hours, inc weekends.

- 1.8 Alexander Lane is proposed to be closed to through traffic as part of the proposed allocation. Croudace Homes supports this proposed element of the proposed comprehensive allocation. Our Client recognises this would provide for an enhanced integration of the existing High School and the proposed new Primary School, in making it safer in highway terms.

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Image: Preliminary Plan (extract from PCH Associates Report to Shenfield High) showing potential 2FE expansion proposals (May 2017). *NB: This was based on now superseded Croudace masterplan.*