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Dunfermline

Kevin

Sorry for delay in responding.

I have looked at the current and projected occupancy and catchment details for the primary and secondary schools with catchment areas which include this development at 37 Townhill Road, Dunfermline.

The current catchment schools, rolls, capacities and occupancies are as follows:

Primary Schools	Roll	Capacity	Occupancy
Bellyeoman PS	196	217	90%
St Margaret's RC PS	339	342	99%

Secondary Schools	Roll	Capacity	Occupancy
Woodmill HS	864	1400	62%
St. Columba's RC HS	911	950	96%

The Dunfermline Strategic eastern expansion is contained within the Woodmill High School catchment area and current pupil projections indicate that the catchment area population is expected to increase by more than 20% over the next 10 years. Both the denominational primary and secondary school are currently over 95% occupied.

The non-denominational primary school is over 90% occupied at present and there are no available places at P1 and P2 stages. Current figures from our 4 year olds at nursery have indicated that 43 children require places at Bellyeoman Primary School in August 2008.

Education Services reported to Children Services Committee in November 2006 that there were capacity issues at Bellyeoman Primary School and the school would be unable to enrol all their catchment pupils in August 2007. The school is a single stage school with capacity for 7 classes. It was agreed at this committee that the school should have a dual catchment with Touch, McLean, Commercial and Townhill Primary Schools for one year before deciding if further investment was required at Bellyeoman. In October 2007, it was agreed by Committee that the nursery capacity should be reduced at Bellyeoman PS and this would allow all catchment P1s a place in August 2008.

It is for this reason that Education Service wish to object to the approval of this application as any new housing in the Bellyeoman catchment area will cause significant impact on the Bellyeoman Primary School accommodation. There are site restrictions which limit the expansion possibilities at the school.

Gary Scott and I are happy to meet with Development Services to discuss this catchment area further. Please let me know the outcome of this application.

Thanks.

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