

HCC Position Statement for;

Former New Barnfield Centre, Hatfield

The County Council has an education strategy which meets the needs of the submitted Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan.

Given an alternative distribution, with increased numbers of housing to that set out in the submission Local Plan, the County Council could consider the provision of a secondary school at the New Barnfield site as part of any review of the education strategy, depending on the location and scale of any additional development.

The location, need for, and size of that school, together with the question of whether other uses could be accommodated, would need to be informed by further discussion with the Local Planning Authority, whilst recognising that part of the site is currently an allocated waste site.

Competing service interests mean that a waste related use might still be found to be required on any remaining portion of the allocated waste site. It would require feasibility work, reconciliation of competing service interests and engagement with the Local Planning Authority and the Waste Planning Authority to confirm deliverability.

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