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Good evening,

Consultation on school admission arrangements for 2024-25

I serve as a local councillor at Rushmoor Borough, and also as the Local Authority Governor at The Wavell School. I am concerned that Hampshire County Council has not taken into account significant housing builds in the School's vicinity when reviewing its catchments areas.

There are two issues I would like to bring to your attention, and for you to consider making amendments on:

FARNBOROUGH TOWN CENTRE

There is set to be transformative regeneration of Farnborough Town Centre in the coming years, and this will involve significant house building.

The Council's development alone - due for determination in the New Year - called 'Farnborough Civic Quarter' will include up to **1,006 dwellings**. This also doesn't take into account building at 'Meudon House' (the old IBM site) where **205 dwellings** are currently being completed, an approved plan for an extension to Kingsmead that includes up to **99 properties**, and early plans from Sovereign Housing Association that have just acquired Princes Mead Shopping Centre and have announced their intention to demolish it and build up to **300 new homes** alongside retail and commercial uses.

As The Wavell has one of the smallest secondary catchment areas in the area, it seems sensible to extend it to include this relatively small area - Farnborough Town Centre - that will soon have a significant amount of residential properties within it. This is particularly so given the closeness of the town centre to the School and its excellent transport links (i.e. Number 1 bus).

BLANDFORD HOUSE/MALTA BARRACKS SITE

At the southwest corner of the catchment area is currently a single cul-de-sac, Vine Close, consisting of approximately 25 family homes predominantly Service Family Accommodation (SFA) for military personnel. An outline planning application was approved by Rushmoor Borough Council for Redrow to build an additional 176 homes in this area at the site adjacent to the A325. However, it appears from the catchment map (attached), that many of these properties are just outside Wavell's catchment and will, perversely, be in Cove School's.

This is clearly unintended given the lack of properties in this area at present, and I would urge you to consider an amendment.

Thank you, in advance for your consideration. I would be happy to provide any further clarity should it be useful.

Yours,
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