

Part 2a - Major growth areas which will require multi-school solutions

THETFORD (Breckland District)

Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) of 5000 new dwellings



Red line boundary of new school site adjacent to new housing north of Thetford

CURRENT LOCAL PROVISION – capacity and organisation

Primary School places within Thetford are provided by 8 schools, a mix of infant, junior and all-through primary; 6 of these are academies; 5 run by Eastern MAT and one by DNEAT plus two community schools. A total of 360 places are available in each year group across the primary phase. In September 2018 there were around 50 spare places in Reception year across the Town. This is quite a drop compared to September 2017.

LATEST ASSESSMENT OF GROWTH

Children's Services have been working in partnership for many years with the land promoters 'Pigeon' on this strategic urban extension to Thetford and we have secured sites free of charge for 3 new primary phase schools each of 420 places. The challenges for land promoters, as with all large strategic growth is commencing the development and selling the first phase of land to housing developers which can involve

considerable up-front infrastructure and costs. However, earlier in 2018 the first Reserved Matters application from Hopkins Homes for Phase 1a of the development obtained planning permission for 343 dwellings. This phase includes the site for the first new primary school and Children’s Services have agreed the boundaries and the location of the site (see plan above). If the developer initiates their plan to install the spine road in 2019, site access would be available in early 2020 and with a potential opening date in 2021. The design process for the school building has been commissioned.

CURRENT PRESSURES ON PUPIL NUMBERS

Pupil forecasts indicate that the current provision of places is sufficient until the new housing commences. There is some spare capacity which will be useful once the housing commences and until the first new school is built.

IMPACT OF HOUSING GROWTH

Providing places for the children from the first phase of housing will be managed through the admissions process and discussions with local schools/Trusts have begun.

SHORT TERM RESPONSE

Secure the land for the first new school. A Local Authority presumption route to decide who will run this school will be the next step. Diversity of provision and school organisation must be considered.

MEDIUM/LONGER TERM RESPONSE

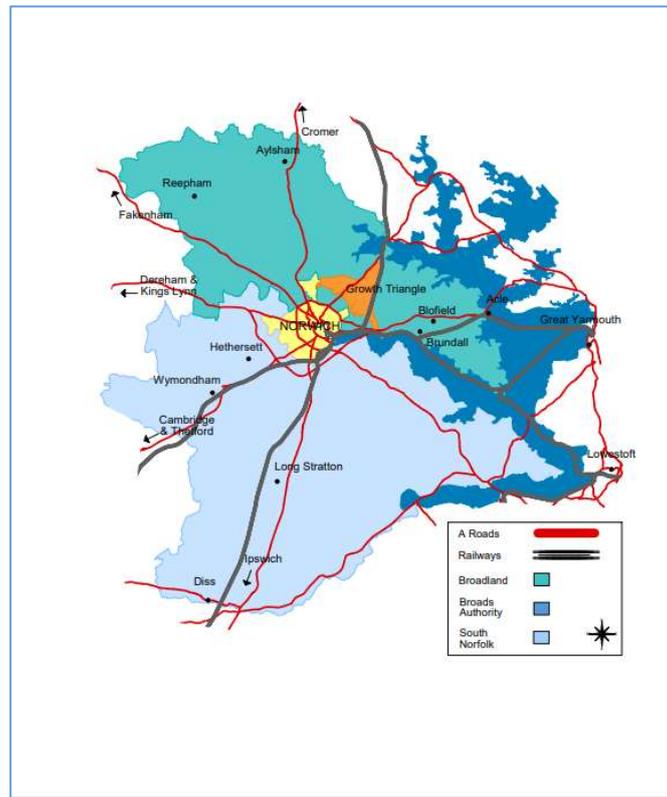
Longer term, the three new 420 place primary schools for Thetford will meet the need in the current Local Plan to 2026 and beyond. Timescales for these schools depend entirely on the progress rate of the new housing in Thetford.

Secondary school places will be monitored at Thetford Academy as additional land has already been provided at the school to allow for future expansion. S106 contributions have been secured although not yet collected as a result of the future housing allocation.

Capital response					
THETFORD	School	Scheme	Stage	Cost/estimate	Date if known
Future programmes	SUE primary 1	2FE	Site layout	<i>IRO £8m</i>	<i>2021 or 2022</i>
	SUE primary 2	2FE	-	<i>£8m</i>	
	SUE primary 3	2FE	-	<i>£8m</i>	
	Secondary extension	tbc	-	<i>tbc</i>	

NORTH NORWICH GROWTH TRIANGLE (Broadland District)

Sprowston/Old Catton/Rackheath **12,000+** new dwellings



Growth triangle (coloured orange) map

CURRENT LOCAL PROVISION – capacity and organisation

This housing growth area extends from Old Catton in the west to Rackheath in the east. Existing provision is extensive and affects three secondary schools: Sprowston Community Academy, Thorpe St Andrew School, Broadland High Ormiston Academy and their feeder primary phase schools. Existing primary phase provision remains a mix of infant/junior in Old Catton and Sprowston and all through primary in Rackheath and Thorpe. There is a mix of Trusts, Federations and Community Schools.

To the immediate south-east, the new 420 place primary school at White House Farm is progressing. Land has been transferred over to NCC and construction has begun. The school is expected to open in September 2019 and the DfE is the decision maker on which Academy will be chosen to run the school.

LATEST ASSESSMENT OF GROWTH –

Norfolk County Council monitor the rate of housing development closely through regular meetings with both Broadland District Council and the Greater Norwich Growth team. To the north of Old Catton progress is being made on several housing sites, both Taylor Wimpey and Orbit Homes are expected to submit full planning applications for up to 560 homes shortly and are likely to be on site in 2019. Coupled with this the first phase of Beeston Park housing (733 homes) is developing and this is in a similar area.

Therefore, we expect to see pressure for school places to begin in this area rather than the originally anticipated more northern site of Beeston Park/Wroxham Road. Rackheath has a large allocation of housing of up to 3000-4000 which is progressing slowly with a Housing Infrastructure bid being submitted in March 2019 which could kick-start this development. Smaller sites around Rackheath are more likely to commence earlier with four sites for up to 700 homes in total are in the planning system.

CURRENT PRESSURES ON PUPIL NUMBERS

Pressure for places at reception in the Old Catton/Sprowston area appears to have peaked in 2016 and is expected to remain this way until further housing is evident. Discussions have been had with local schools to explain the impact of housing and the processes of place planning. Once housing commencement is more evident we will continue these discussions. Rackheath however could be more problematic as the local school has limited room for expansion and the new schools are within the larger housing allocation. Potentially 700 homes could be built before new schools are opened. Children's Services will be looking at schools in the wider area to accommodate children from development on the outskirts of Rackheath if and when places are required.

IMPACT OF HOUSING GROWTH

Housing in this area will establish the need for many new schools and impact on existing schools. This is a long-term plan and Children's Services have secured sites for new schools within the Local Plan of the area. First children from new houses in any new development will have school places provided by existing schools in the area. Children's Services need to ensure there is enough demand for a new school to be financially viable before each build is put into the capital programme.

SHORT TERM RESPONSE

Continue to meet with Broadland District Council to ensure Children's Services are up to date with housing progress so school places can be planned appropriately. Monitor admissions into reception each year to understand parental preference and ensure pupil forecasting models are as accurate as they can be. Aim to open new school in White House Farm development in September 2019.

MEDIUM/LONGER TERM RESPONSE

Two years ago, the DfE allocated the two Beeston Park new schools to Reach2 Academy Trust as part of the DfE Free School programme. The DfE have recently confirmed that funding from the DfE as part of the original Free School allocation is no longer available and have also withdrawn any expectations of a particular sponsor, which places all responsibilities for commissioning new places on Norfolk County Council. Funding will be sought from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Once housing commences the opening of these schools will be carefully planned to ensure additional pupil places in the area are provided as and when they are necessary.

As well as the two schools mentioned above, further school sites have been secured for new schools on Salhouse Road, North of Smea Lane in Thorpe (East of Broadland Business Park) and a planned expansion to double the size of Little Plumstead Primary School. The major growth in Rackheath also safeguards 2 new primary school sites.

NCC has made a commitment for a new Secondary phase school in the Sprowston area and a preferred site has been identified on the current Sprowston Park and Ride site. Some work on feasibility has taken place but all options for additional secondary school places needs to be considered in the area as a new secondary school project is currently unfunded. NCC continue to work with the Greater Norwich Growth Board to understand how CIL can contribute to this major piece of work.

Capital response					
NORTH NORWICH GROWTH	School	Scheme	Stage	Cost/estimate	
	White House Farm	2FE new Free school	Construction	£7m (mainly S106)	2019
	Lt Plumstead VAP	To 2FE	Design	£3.5-£4m	2020
Future programmes					
	Beeston Park primary 1	2FE	Site identified	£8m (unfunded)	2020+
	Beeston Park primary 2	2FE	Site identified	£8m (unfunded)	2022+
	Rackheath 1	2FE	Site identified	£8m (unfunded)	2022+
	Rackheath 2	2FE	Site identified	£8m (unfunded)	2024+
	South of Salhouse Rd new primary	2FE	Site identified	£8m (unfunded)	2020+
	East of Broadland Business Park	2FE	Initial site layout options	£8m (unfunded)	2020+
	New high school/all through	tbc	Masterplanning	£26m (unfunded)	2022+
Masterplans	Broadland High				

ATTLEBOROUGH (Breckland District)

Sustainable Urban Extension of 4000 new homes.



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CURRENT LOCAL PROVISION – capacity and organisation

The town of Attleborough is served by two primary phase schools, Attleborough Primary School and the new Rosecroft Primary School providing 150 places across each year group. The town is surrounded by villages with local schools. Some children in Attleborough catchment do choose a nearby village school as opposed to their local primary school in the town - e.g. in September 2018, around 22% of Attleborough catchment children expressed a preference for a reception class outside catchment. This figure has dropped slightly since last year, which suggests that more children are choosing their local school in the town. This preference pattern can be for a variety of reasons, location, preference for a smaller school etc. The largest preference is to Great Ellingham, Morley and Old Buckenham.

LATEST ASSESSMENT OF GROWTH

The outline planning application for the whole 4000 homes has been submitted to Breckland District Council and is likely to be considered at January 2019 committee. Heads of Terms for a S106 agreement are still to be finalised but land for two new primary phase schools will be secured once outline permission is approved. Progress with the development is subject to a link road so timescales for commencement of the development once planning permission is granted are still uncertain.

KEY PRESSURES ON PUPIL NUMBERS

With 5 Forms of Entry across the two primary schools in the Town, there are some spare places as the drift to village schools is still evident. It is anticipated with the new Rosecroft Primary School offering 630 places there will be spare places for children from the first phase of the new housing, when it commences.

IMPACT OF HOUSING GROWTH

With the uncertainty of commencement of such a large strategic housing development, numbers will be monitored as part of the annual admissions round to ensure a sufficient supply of places. Once there is an indication that housing will commence i.e. with the sale of land to a developer or a Full Planning application, a more detailed analysis of school places in the area will be completed.

SHORT TERM RESPONSE

Monitor school places through the annual admissions round.

MEDIUM/LONGER TERM RESPONSE

Plan for provision of two new primary schools for Attleborough understanding the parental preference to surrounding villages and whether that will continue and how that will impact on the new schools. Decide whether 2FE or 3FE schools are required by analysis of the number of children generated from the new development.

ATTLEBOROUGH	School	Scheme	Stage	Cost/estimate	Date if known
	Attleborough Academy (High)	Removal of mobiles and expansion alongside DFE condition project	Design	£1.4m (partially S106)	
Future programmes	Attleborough Academy (High)	Reuse of infant school site	School-led and funded	-	
	SUE primary 1	2-3FE	-	IRO £8m	2022+
	SUE primary 2	2-3FE	-	IRO £8m	2024+

Part 2b - Development locations where one new school is planned

WYMONDHAM (South Norfolk District)

Up to 3000 new homes in various locations across the Town.

CURRENT LOCAL PROVISION – capacity and organisation

Wymondham has three primary phase schools, Browick Road, Ashleigh and Robert Kett providing 6 forms of entry between them. There was a slight drop in reception admissions in September 2018 compared to previous years but ultimately all three schools are almost at capacity in this year group. Pressure for places in Wymondham in some older year groups is causing concern, particularly with the progress of several housing developments in the Town. Solutions to manage this pressure are being discussed with the schools.

Wymondham High Academy continues to admit up to its admission number and the phased project progresses. The next phase of the masterplan is the infrastructure to improve entrance, dining/studio spaces and library areas. The planning application will be submitted early 2019 with a start on site planned for Summer 2019. A sustainable percentage of Wymondham children choose to travel to Wymondham College and this pattern of preference is expected to continue for the foreseeable future. Wymondham College influence must always be considered when planning for future growth in the Town.

LATEST ASSESSMENT OF GROWTH

Wymondham continues to grow and the popularity of the schools and the location of the Town makes it a popular choice for families to live. Several housing developments are on site in the Town with a current total of around 3000 in the pipeline. It is highly likely that Wymondham will be a strong contender for more housing from the Greater Norwich Local Plan. These future numbers will be understood later in 2019, when the preferred sites are announced.

KEY PRESSURES ON PUPIL NUMBERS

Two new primary phase schools are planned for Wymondham, The Wymondham College Prep School due to open in September 2020 and funded by the DfE Free School programme will reduce the pressure for places. We are working with Sapientia Education Trust to understand their proposed admissions criteria. Planning for the new primary school in Silfield situated within the large housing development of 1200 homes has had some delays due to the final phase of land not being sold. As a result, road access and services to the site have not yet been provided. With the proposed opening of the Wymondham College Prep School in September 2020 it has been decided to monitor parental preference to this school rather than moving forward with a financial solution to open Silfield at the same time. Providing too many places in an area can be detrimental to local schools so it is essential to plan carefully to provide the right number of places at the right time.

There is a joint plan between NCC and Wymondham High Academy for further expansion of the buildings to accommodate additional children from new housing. With the housing numbers above what was expected, we will continue to monitor the situation. Discussions with Wymondham College are ongoing to consider the part they can play in accommodating secondary basic need pressures.

IMPACT OF HOUSING GROWTH

The impact of Wymondham housing is evident and 2018/19 and 2019/20 will be particularly challenging until the Wymondham College Prep School opens in 2020. Place planning solutions for new families arriving in the Town will be managed by Admissions and the Place Planning Teams.

Future growth in Wymondham will necessitate essential changes to secondary school provision as Wymondham High Academy will reach saturation point on its current site with housing already in the planning system. Discussions with the Secondary Trusts are already taking place to understand whether more secondary and sixth form provision can be provided for the Town's future. This will need to be reviewed if new sites are allocated within the Greater Norwich Plan.

SHORT TERM RESPONSE

Plan and monitor the 2019 admissions round and in-year admissions of new families in an area where schools are at capacity. Identify the part smaller surrounding schools must play to support growth. Monitor the parental preference patterns once Wymondham College Prep School opens.

MEDIUM/LONGER TERM RESPONSE

Opening of the new school in Silfield. Understanding the impact of Greater Norwich Growth once preferred sites for Wymondham are announced. Decide on options or creative solutions for increased capacity at secondary and 6th form in Wymondham.

Capital response					
WYMONDHAM	School	Scheme	Stage	Cost/ estimate	Date if known
Current programme					
	Wymondham High Academy	Entrance, dining and studio space and library areas	Submit to planning early 2019	IRO £4.5m	

Future programmes	Silfield new primary school	2FE	Design stage but on hold.	IRO £8m	2020
	Wymondham High Academy	Further phases	Masterplan in preparation	tbc	

	Wymondham College	Options for growth	Discussions ongoing with Sapientia Trust	-	
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CRINGLEFORD (South Norfolk District)

1300 new homes on two adjacent sites.

CURRENT LOCAL PROVISION – capacity and organisation

One 420 place Voluntary Aided primary school serves Cringleford. Ongoing housing in the area has generated far more primary age children than anticipated resulting in the school being oversubscribed in every recent admission round. Pupil forecasts indicate that even without further housing, numbers will remain up to and above the admission limit. The catchment secondary school for Cringleford children is Hethersett Academy which admitted up to its admission limit in September 2018. The Academy does have some spare capacity in other year groups.

LATEST ASSESSMENT OF GROWTH

Two further housing developments are proposed for Cringleford and outline planning permission has been given for both. A further new school site has been secured within one of these developments for a new 420/630 place primary school. Land has now been sold to a developer on this site, so we will monitor progress of this and ensure discussions are ongoing with the land promoters to agree the site position for the new primary school, so it can be brought forward as quickly as possible.

KEY PRESSURES ON PUPIL NUMBERS

As mentioned above, pressure for places at reception is high and is managed as part of the annual admissions round. The option of a temporary solution of modular accommodation has been discussed with the school. Pupil forecasts indicate that September 2019 and 2020 will be years of high pressure for places and all options will be considered to ensure sufficient places.

IMPACT OF HOUSING GROWTH

When the first phase of housing commences there will be more pressure for primary school places in Cringleford. Discussions with the school and the Diocese of Norwich will continue to identify how pupils can be accommodated until any new school is operational.

Additional land has been secured for Hethersett Academy under the planning application for the strategic growth in Hethersett so further expansion at the school is anticipated when need for additional places is identified. A masterplan of the school site has been prepared.

SHORT TERM RESPONSE

Determine interim arrangements to increase capacity at Cringleford VA Primary until new school comes on stream. Advance discussions with land promoters/developers for the new school to ensure early delivery of infrastructure is secured.

MEDIUM/LONGER TERM RESPONSE

Commissioning the new school in Cringleford. Monitor the Greater Norwich Local Plan to ensure future allocations for Cringleford come forward with consideration for additional school places at both primary and secondary level.

Capital response					
CRINGLEFORD	School	Scheme	Stage	Cost/estimate	Date if known
Future programmes	New primary	2 or 3 FE	Site secured under S106	£8m/11m	2020+
	Cringleford VA Primary	Possible additional interim 1FE	Discussion with school	tbc	2019

HETHERSETT (South Norfolk District)

1200+ home strategic development

CURRENT LOCAL PROVISION – capacity and organisation

Primary school provision is currently provided by Hethersett Woodside Infant School and Hethersett VC Junior School. Secondary provision is at Hethersett Academy. Catchment cohorts in Hethersett have fluctuated over the past few years and accommodation has been provided for the infant school to accept a larger intake in some year groups. A consultation has taken place to re-organise the Hethersett primary phase schools to both become all-through primaries from September 2019. Around the same time Woodside Infant School will move into a new built primary school building within the new housing development. Projects at both the junior school and High School Academy to increase capacity as well as the new school are all at the planning stage.

LATEST ASSESSMENT OF GROWTH

The large housing development to the north of the village is progressing quickly and we understand the developer is increasing the density of housing so an additional 300 new homes are likely. Children's Services are working with South Norfolk District Council to possibly secure additional land for the new primary school to enable a 3FE school in the future if required. More housing is included in the 'call for sites' within the Greater Norwich Local Plan and discussions have taken place to understand how more growth in Hethersett could be accommodated in the school system with schools already at

capacity. More information will be known once the preferred option sites are announced late in 2019.

KEY PRESSURES ON PUPIL NUMBERS

2018 has seen yet another large reception year group and a modular building was used to accommodate these additional children. Other local schools have been contacted and a plan to increase the capacity at Little Melton Primary to a full 1FE from September 2019 is being developed. In-year admissions are being managed but some children are being offered places as far as Mulbarton. This is a short-term issue until the new school building is operational from September 2019.

IMPACT OF HOUSING GROWTH

Housing in Hethersett is already impacting on school provision in the village and with its location on the A11 corridor it is highly likely that more housing will be allocated to this area. Just how much is yet to be seen but will become clearer later in 2019. Options for further expansion of primary and secondary school places are being considered and may need some creativity to ensure sufficient places are there for the future.

SHORT TERM RESPONSE

The next year will see a lot of change in school provision in Hethersett particularly at primary level. The opening of the new school building will enable Hethersett Woodside Infant to expand to all through primary in a new building. The Junior school becoming a primary and admitting its first reception intake in 2019 and the continued expansion of the secondary school whose popularity has increased immensely over the past few years.

MEDIUM/LONGER TERM RESPONSE

Continue to monitor growth in both Hethersett and Cringleford as part of the review of the Local Plan to 2036.

Capital response					
HETHERSETT	School	Scheme	Stage	Cost/estimate	Date if known
Future programmes	New site for infant as primary	2 FE	Planning	IRO £8m	2019
	Junior School to primary	2 FE	Planning	IRO £4m	2019
	Hethersett Academy	Staged expansion	Planning	<i>IRO £8m</i>	2019

WEST WINCH/NORTH RUNCTON (King's Lynn and West Norfolk)

Up to 3500 new homes in two phases:
1600 up to 2026
2400 post 2026

CURRENT LOCAL PROVISION – capacity and organisation

West Winch village is served by one primary school of 210 places. The size of this school is adequate for the current numbers of primary age children living in the area. A desktop exercise indicates that the school site could allow expansion of this school to 2 forms of entry. North Runcton does not have its own school but the nearest school for children to attend is in Middleton. Middleton Primary (academy) is on a small site and there is limited scope for expansion. The school is currently a good size for its catchment children although historically not all catchment children choose Middleton as their first-choice school which results in lower numbers at the school.

LATEST ASSESSMENT OF GROWTH

There is no evidence of any change with this allocation since last year. Children's Services have recently been re-consulted on their required planning obligations, but this is just a re-refresh rather than any material change to the application. Outline planning permission for 1,100 homes is being sought by a developer for the first phase of this growth – at the northern end between the A10 and A47. A site for a new primary school is included in this area and S106 contributions will be sought. The expansion of West Winch Primary will be considered simultaneously with the appraisal work on the new school.

KEY PRESSURES ON PUPIL NUMBERS

West Winch is a popular school and does regularly fill its capacity of 30 places per year group. No pressure for places is indicated until housing commences with cohorts similar to the number of places on offer.

IMPACT OF HOUSING GROWTH

Housing will impact on West Winch Primary at outset as they are already at capacity. Middleton does have capacity as catchment children do tend to choose other schools in surrounding villages. An analysis of parental preference and places in the wider area nearer the time of housing commencement will be required.

SHORT TERM RESPONSE

Monitor the progress of housing commencement with the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk and prepare impact analyses as above.

MEDIUM/LONGER TERM RESPONSE

Expansion of West Winch Primary School. One new Primary phase school in the northern phase of development and one new primary post 2026 in the southern part of the housing development.

Secondary schooling for the development area is in King's Lynn. The town's secondary numbers will be affected by three elements – the major North Runcton growth area,

other growth around the periphery of the town and the primary phase increases already working their way through the system.

Capital response					
WEST WINCH/NORTH RUNCTON	School	Scheme	Stage	Cost/estimate	Date if known
Future programmes	West Winch Primary	1 to 2 FE	-	<i>IRO £4m</i>	
	New primary #1	2 FE	-	<i>IRO £8m</i>	
	New primary #2	2FE		<i>IRO £8m</i>	
	King's Lynn secondary phase	Expansion	Masterplans to be commissioned	-	

BRADWELL (Great Yarmouth Borough)

1000 new homes

CURRENT LOCAL PROVISION – capacity and organisation

The catchment schools for this new development are Hillside, Homefield and Woodlands Primary Schools. These schools share a catchment to the North of the housing site. All schools are almost at capacity although there is an indication of a small demographic decline in the area. The impact of the new housing already occupied within this development is not yet evident and catchment numbers still match capacity well. To the East, and a little closer but outside the catchment is Ormiston Herman Academy and further East, Peterhouse Primary. Parental preference patterns in this area result in considerable movement of children around several schools.

LATEST ASSESSMENT OF GROWTH

Housing has commenced on the site and the road infrastructure is in place.

KEY PRESSURES ON PUPIL NUMBERS

Pressure for places at Reception intake was evident in 2017 and all schools admitted up to their admission number. 2018 however showed a small decline with a few spare places across the reception year.

IMPACT OF HOUSING GROWTH

The impact of the housing has not been as great as expected which has delayed our requirement for progressing the proposed new school.

SHORT TERM RESPONSE

Discussions have been had with local schools and they understand the processes although understandably recognise the impact of a new school in the area. It is important that pupil numbers are monitored closely as well as progress of the housing to ensure the area is not flooded with additional school places at the wrong time.

MEDIUM/LONGER TERM RESPONSE.

Work with Persimmon Homes to secure the new school site and enable the new school to be built. Ensure sufficient places at secondary level for the future.

Capital response					
BRADWELL	School	Scheme	Stage	Cost/estimate	Date if known
Future programmes	New primary school	2FE	Masterplan and site evaluation	IRO £8m	2020+
	Ormiston Venture Academy	Expansion	Pressure for places not yet imminent	-	

FAKENHAM (North Norfolk)

1400+ new homes

CURRENT LOCAL PROVISION – capacity and organisation

Fakenham town is served by Fakenham Infant and Fakenham Junior Schools. The town is surrounded by smaller village schools such as Stibbard, Colkirk and Sculthorpe Primary Schools. There is some parental preference movement in and out of Fakenham to village schools, although most children who live in Fakenham attend the schools in the Town.

LATEST ASSESSMENT OF GROWTH

The housing planned for Fakenham and the surrounding area is largely on one site (950 dwellings) to the north of the town. The outline planning application was submitted to North Norfolk District Council in 2017 which includes a site for a new school building. This application is still yet to be determined so there is no immediate need to consider additional places for Fakenham.

KEY PRESSURES ON PUPIL NUMBERS

Pupil forecasts indicate there is capacity at local schools for children who live in the Town until new housing commences.

IMPACT OF HOUSING GROWTH

Due to the delays in planning to bring forward this new housing it is difficult to tell how it will impact on local schools when it does eventually commence. We will continue to monitor progress with North Norfolk District Council.

SHORT TERM RESPONSE

Although we have had discussions with the two primary phase schools in the Town there is no need for any further action until there is more certainty with the housing.

MEDIUM/LONGER TERM RESPONSE

Longer term there is likely to be a new primary phase school in the Town and how that school will interact with existing provision is yet to be known.

Capital response					
FAKENHAM	School	Scheme	Stage	Cost/estimate	Date if known
	Fakenham Infant	Minor capacity increase to 3FE	Construction	£0.8m	
Future programmes	New primary school	2FE	-	£8m	

BOWTHORPE (Norwich City)

1000 new homes

CURRENT LOCAL PROVISION – capacity and organisation

Bowthorpe is served by two infant schools (both with admission numbers of 60) which feed into a single junior school with an admission number of 120. One infant school – Clover Hill Infant- is federated with the Junior School and are both Voluntary Aided Schools. The second infant school, Chapel Break, adjacent to St Michael's Junior, is a community school. 2018 showed a drop in catchment cohorts which resulted in some spare reception places in Bowthorpe.

LATEST ASSESSMENT OF GROWTH

Building has commenced on this site with the completion of a Care Home as Phase 1. Phase 2 started on site in 2017 with 47 completed and currently 15 occupied. Norwich City Council are planning a continuous programme of completions into the next phase.

KEY PRESSURES ON PUPIL NUMBERS

Catchment cohorts do tend to fluctuate in Bowthorpe and there is currently spare capacity in the area. St Augustine's RC School in Costessey is a popular preference for Bowthorpe children and is factored into place planning for the area.

IMPACT OF HOUSING GROWTH

It is anticipated that an additional form of entry for primary phase will be needed for Bowthorpe once the housing is completed. Discussions have taken place with local schools and a provisional plan has been agreed as to how this growth can be accommodated. Discussions with Norwich City Council are ongoing regarding the purchase of land for a new primary school site. Additional secondary school accommodation has been discussed with Ormiston Academy Trust, but considering parental preference, no commitment for additional accommodation is needed in the short term.

SHORT TERM RESPONSE

Continue discussions with local schools and work with Norwich City Council to secure the new school site for Bowthorpe primary phase.

MEDIUM/LONGER TERM RESPONSE

As above.

Capital response					
BOWTHORPE	School	Scheme	Stage	Cost/estimate	Date if known
Future programmes	New site within primary phase	2FE/3FE	Site assessment	IRO £8m/£11M	2020+
	High school	Expansion of City academy and/or Ormiston Victory to be considered if necessary	-	-	

LONG STRATTON (South Norfolk)

1800 new homes

CURRENT LOCAL PROVISION – capacity and organisation

Long Stratton primary school provision is provided by Manor Field Infant School and St Mary's Junior School (academy). Both schools currently have unfilled places. There is interest from both schools to move to all-through primary. Long Stratton High School provides education for 11-16 in the village.

LATEST ASSESSMENT OF GROWTH

The progress of the housing for Long Stratton has moved forward considerably this year and a planning application is likely to go before Committee early in 2019. Full planning permission is being sought for 600 homes on the west of the A140 plus outline permission for the further 1200 on the east of the A140. A site for a new primary school building has been secured on the eastern side. The build out rate for the west side will be around 35 dwellings per year and subject to planning could begin construction as

early as 2020. The land on the east side is likely to be sold and a number of factors will impact on progress.

KEY PRESSURES ON PUPIL NUMBERS

Both primary phase schools in Long Stratton have spare places and we anticipate that up to 400 new homes could be built before pressure for places will be evident. We have factored these assumptions into the timing of the construction of the new school building.

IMPACT OF HOUSING GROWTH

As mentioned above, a site for a new school building has been secured and both schools have been asked to discuss how this is likely to impact on them. Further discussions will follow once more certainty on the timing of the housing is more evident.

SHORT TERM RESPONSE

Continue discussions with the two schools. Continue discussions with South Norfolk Council and land promoters on the timing of the housing.

MEDIUM/LONGER TERM RESPONSE

Opening of a new primary phase school in Long Stratton with the potential to move to all-through primary provision in the village.

Capital response					
LONG STRATTON	School	Scheme	Stage	Cost/estimate	Date if known
Future programmes	New primary phase school building.	2FE/3FE	Site agreed, options for land in addition to 2ha being negotiated.	IRO £8m/£11M	
	High school	Expansion of Long Stratton High to be considered longer term.	-	-	

COSTESSEY (South Norfolk), including Queen's Hill

550 final allocation up to 2026

CURRENT LOCAL PROVISION – capacity and organisation

A project is on site at Costessey Junior School which will eventually give accommodation for a full 630 places on this one site. The KS1 children currently at the infant school will then move over to the junior school site. The project is due to complete in the summer of 2019.

Queen’s Hill Primary School is operating as a 2 ½ FE school but has the potential to rise to 3FE when demand for those places is evident. From September 2018 admissions there are still some spare places across the primary schools in Costessey.

LATEST ASSESSMENT OF GROWTH

Housing on the final allocated site in Costessey is continuing with around 300 yet to be occupied but other speculative sites outside the Local Plan allocations are being brought to planning. As school places are limited, NCC will raise concerns to such proposals where appropriate.

KEY PRESSURES ON PUPIL NUMBERS

There is considerable parental preference for children living in the Costessey catchment to attend other schools and this always results in some challenges for place planning. The influence of St Augustines RC School, Bawburgh and Bowthorpe must always be considered. Currently places are still available in Costessey, but these numbers will be carefully monitored in each admission round.

IMPACT OF HOUSING GROWTH

NCC made the decision in 2018 that the small site put aside for a potential new school was not suitable for what is was intended. The preference was to manage growth within the existing provision in Costessey with consideration as mentioned above to Bawburgh and Bowthorpe. Bowthorpe may have a new school in the future and with its location close to Costessey would be included in any place planning calculations.

SHORT TERM RESPONSE

Continue to work with Evolution Academy Trust on the project at Costessey Junior School. Continue to manage pupil numbers across the area.

MEDIUM/LONGER TERM RESPONSE

Possible expansion of Ormiston Victory Academy if required in response to Costessey growth.

Capital response					
Current programme					
	Costessey Infant and Costessey Junior	Amalgamation on one site	Construction	£3.5M	2019
	High school	Expansion of Ormiston Victory to be considered when necessary for additional pupil places			

HELLESDON (Broadland)

Allocation for up to 1500 new homes

CURRENT LOCAL PROVISION – capacity and organisation

Hellesdon has infant/junior schools situated across the area and a large and popular High School. The infant schools (Arden Grove, Heather Avenue and Kinsale) have 180 places between them, which is more than adequate for their catchment. Not all the children attending these schools live in the catchment of Hellesdon, with quite a considerable number coming from Mile Cross catchment. This is actually helpful for place planning as there is pressure for places in Mile Cross and these pressures need to be factored into the place planning analysis of the area. 2018 reception intake shows some spare capacity. The High School is at capacity, but with its popularity, does gain many children from out of area, particularly the North Norwich catchment.

LATEST ASSESSMENT OF GROWTH

The first phase of this housing growth to the eastern side of the Golf club is now on site. The second site to the west of the Drayton High Road cannot be obtained until 2019 when the golf club will move to its new premises.

KEY PRESSURES ON PUPIL NUMBERS

Pressure for places in Hellesdon at primary level in reception has reduced in 2018 but now the housing is being built this will be carefully monitored particularly for the 2019 admissions round. The impact of Mile Cross catchment numbers must be considered at the same time as Hellesdon growth as Mile Cross Primary is not able to accommodate all its catchment children. This is currently managed through parental preference to other schools, but this option may not be possible longer term with growth in Hellesdon and to the north of the City.

IMPACT OF HOUSING GROWTH

This scale of housing will ultimately impact on places in local schools and a new primary school for Hellesdon will be constructed with a site secured within the new development at the existing golf club premises when they move to their new site.

SHORT TERM RESPONSE

Continue to monitor pupil numbers considering Mile Cross catchment numbers at the same time.

MEDIUM/LONGER TERM RESPONSE

A new primary school including consideration of all-through primary school provision. Consider the capacity at the secondary school to ensure adequate places for local children.

Capital response					
HELLESDON	School	Scheme	Stage	Cost/estimate	Date if known
Future programmes	New primary school	2FE	-	IRO £8m	2021+

	High school	Expansion of Hellesdon High to be considered if necessary.	-	-	
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Part 2 C – Growth areas with implications for existing schools

AREA AND NUMBER OF HOUSES	CURRENT ACTIONS	SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE GROWTH REQUIREMENTS
WISBECH (500+ dwellings in Norfolk)	Working with Cambridgeshire and Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council regarding impact of housing.	An agreement has been made that with the majority of the housing within the Wisbech boundary, the new primary school will be a Wisbech school and all S106 contributions secured by both Cambridgeshire and Norfolk from this development should be allocated towards this school. A similar arrangement has been proposed for secondary provision.
AYLSHAM (500 new homes on two sites)	St Michael's VA Infant School has become an all through primary school from September 2018 with a PAN of 20. Adequate provision has been given to John of Gaunt Infant School to be able to accept an intake of 60 at this time. This gives 80 places at reception across Aylsham which is adequate for the short term.	With 80 places across the 3 primary phase schools, in the short term this appears adequate until further housing is completed. It is possible that an additional 10-15 places across all year groups may be required for the planned housing in the Town but this will be monitored closely. Any larger scale growth in Aylsham would result in the need for a new school site.
DEREHAM/SCARNING/TOFTWOOD (700 homes)	Both Scarning and Toftwood are taken into consideration when calculating pupil place requirements for the Dereham area. A project to increase the capacity of Scarning Primary School to a full 2 forms of entry is in progress and should be completed by February 2019. 2018 admissions saw a few spare places across the Town as the reception cohort was slightly lower than the year before.	Complete the expansion of Scarning Primary to a full 2FE. Primary phase numbers in Dereham do tend to fluctuate each year so reception intake will be carefully monitored. Discussions have been had with school Academy Trusts and considerations for future expansion of the Town's schools to allow for 5 Forms of entry at Primary phase for the future needs to be planned. Discussions will continue in 2019.
DISS/ROYDON (circa 300 in current local plan. Possible larger scale growth in the future).	An expansion project at Roydon Primary to increase capacity to 2 forms of entry is progressing. This will give 120 places across both Diss and Roydon for the future.	4 forms of entry across this area should be sufficient for planned growth. Any further housing proposed in Diss will result in the need for further discussions with the schools in the Town.

HOLT (250-400 homes)	There is an identified need for a new school building for Holt as the existing school is not suitable for future expansion. Discussions still ongoing with a land promoter to secure a new primary school site within a proposed new housing development.	A new 2 form entry primary school building to allow the existing Holt Primary school to move to new premises.
HOVETON (circa 200 new homes but maybe more homes in future).	Masterplan undertaken of the existing primary school to maximise potential of current site to up to 2FE with the first phase of a mobile replacement scheme currently in planning. Masterplan undertaken of the existing Broadland High School to 900 places on its current site.	Plans are in place which will see both primary and secondary accommodation suitable for at least the next 10 years of proposed housing for Wroxham and surrounding areas.
KINGS LYNN CENTRAL (400+ dwellings)	A site for a new school building within the Lynnsport development has been secured to allow the existing St Edmund's primary school to move to new premises. The move is expected to happen in the Spring of 2020.	Move and expand St Edmunds Primary to new school site at Lynnsport. Alternative use of existing school buildings with Fen Rivers Academy.
KINGS LYNN WOOTTONS/KNIGHTS HILL (1000 dwellings)	Sites allocated for large scale development in this area. No progress being made currently that Children's Services are aware of, but numbers will be monitored. Discussions have taken place with local schools in the area.	Options for expansion of existing schools. No action necessary until more certainty of housing commencement.
SWAFFHAM (up to 700 new homes)	Consultations by NCC and the Diocese to re-organise both primary phase schools in the Town to all-through Primary from September 2020. Masterplans undertaken for both schools to 1FE primary for the infant school and 2FE primary for the junior school.	Pressure for primary places evident and will be managed through the admissions round until an additional form of entry is made available from September 2020. Longer term, if more growth is allocated to Swaffham, a new school site would be necessary.
WATTON/CARBROOKE	Anticipated pressure for school places in this area is no longer evident so progress on securing a new school site is on hold.	The optimum solution for town would be a two primary school solution but this is a longer term aspiration and numbers will continue to be monitored.

EASTON (900 new homes)	Outline planning permission for this large scale development was secured in November 2016 but since then progress has been slow. A developer has now bought the land and is bringing a full planning application to Committee in 2019 with an expected commencement on site in 2020. Land next to the existing primary school has been earmarked to allow the school to grow to 2 forms of entry when required.	We will monitor progress of the planning application and once housing commencement is more evident work will begin on a masterplan of the existing primary school site for expansion.
BLOFIELD/BRUNDALL (700+ homes)	Progress on securing a new school site for Blofield continues and a preferred site has been identified. Work to obtain this site for education use continues with both Broadland DC and the Parish Council. Improvement works at Brundall Primary to ensure good provision for a full 1.5 FE is ongoing.	Longer term large scale growth in the area is evident so a new school site for both Blofield (medium term 2-3 years) and Brundall (longer term 10 years) is being proposed.
TROWSE (150 homes)	The design for a new 1form of entry school building within a small housing development in Trowse is currently in planning and the site is expected to be transferred to the County Council in 2019. Once built, this will allow the existing Trowse Primary school to move to new enlarged premises.	A new school building to allow the existing school to move to new expanded premises of a full 1 form of entry.
PORINGLAND (700+ homes)	Poringland Primary school is now operating at a full 2 forms of entry and the project is complete.	The number of new homes in Poringland and the surrounding area has increased more than anticipated due to housing obtaining permission outside of the Local Plan process. Numbers will continue to be monitored but with Poringland Primary at capacity on its existing site, we may have to consider schools in surrounding villages for expansion opportunities.