

Technical Note

Assessment of capacity at state primary and secondary schools in Stratford-on-Avon District

Secondary Schools

The data in the table below has been provided by the education service at Warwickshire County Council.

It provides an estimate of the number of additional dwellings, ie. over and above those already allocated and committed, that can be accommodated within the area covered by each state secondary school in the District.

The catchment area of each secondary school is shown on the map at the end of this Note.

Location	Secondary School site capacity	Acceptable number of dwellings	Comments
Alcester catchment – also includes Bidford-on-Avon, Salford Priors	Limited	650	
Kineton catchment – also includes Wellesbourne, Ettington, Fenny Compton, Gaydon, Lighthorne, Moreton Morrell, Oxhill	Limited	700	Can only accommodate these dwellings in the short to medium term as Gaydon/Lighthorne Heath new settlement builds out. Longer term the current extent of the school site could not accommodate all GLH allocation as well as this additional scale of development
Henley-in-Arden catchment – also includes Bearley, Claverdon, Tanworth-in-Arden	Moderate	800	No constraints at this time

Location	Secondary School site capacity	Acceptable number of dwellings	Comments
Shipston-on-Stour catchment – also includes Alderminster, Brailes, Halford, Ilmington, Long Compton, Long Marston, Quinton, Tredington	Moderate	850	
Southam catchment – also includes Bishops Itchington, Harbury, Long Itchington, Napton-on-the-Hill, Priors Marston, Stockton	None	0	In the next three to five years the school will already need to find space to accommodate further in-area children to meet current commitments and primary children moving through the system. On that basis, there should not be any further allocations within its catchment as there are no known means of accommodating this on top of what is already required given the school's current site size and constraints.
Stratford-upon-Avon catchment – also includes Hampton Lucy, Snitterfield, Tiddington, Welford-on-Avon	Very Limited	20	Very limited capacity to accommodate additional secondary school children. This could be aided with the use of adjacent land owned by Stratford College.
Studley catchment – also includes Mappleborough Green	Moderate	800	No constraints at this time

Cross-Boundary issues

The provision of secondary education outside Stratford District experiences its own pressures and mitigation needs to be put in place to meet this. Over the next five years there are significant shortfalls in Rugby and Warwick/Leamington as, just like in Stratford District, there are larger primary cohorts moving through and significant amounts of housing. This will result in expansion to existing provision and the introduction of new provision in both areas.

The County Council has a statutory duty to meet parental preference wherever possible under Section 86(2) of the School Standards and Framework Act (1998). Whilst Warwickshire generally operates priority areas, it is unable to force families to choose a particular school for their children. Priority areas are simply a mechanism to determine who should be offered places at a school in the

event that it is oversubscribed. As a result there is a complex pattern of movement between priority areas that sees no school take all of its pupils from its own priority area.

However, there will be a natural push back as the oversubscription criteria comes into play which the County Council reflects in its forecasting. This impact is already being seen for provisional Year 7 September 2019 figures where the proportion of out of County children offered places at Southam College is 5%; a decrease from 11% in 2018 and 13% in 2017.

Primary Schools

It should be noted that a number of primary schools in the District have no or limited capacity. The following would need to be expanded in order to accommodate a significant increase in pupils as a result of additional housing development within their catchments.

Settlement	Estimated number of additional dwellings that can be accommodated on site
Alcester	100
Bidford-on-Avon	100
Bishop's Itchington	0
Brailes	60
Harbury	50
Long Itchington	0
Shipston-on-Stour	170
Southam	0
Tiddington	50
Tredington/Newbold	60
Wellesbourne	0

The remaining primary schools in the District appear to have sufficient capacity to accommodate all the reserve housing sites in their catchment as things stand.

