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Dear Ian

Re: Impact of Pupil Places in Southport as a Result of the Proposed Local Plan

As discussed there are sensitivities in naming specific schools in advance of consultation with schools in general and with specific governing bodies.

I am aware of concerns raised at the examination hearings at Southport on Thursday 10 December 2015 regarding the ability to increase primary schools in the Southport area, specifically in Churchtown.

There are specific options to increase a number of schools, at least six but possibly more, in the Churchtown/Southport area either by 0.5 or 1FE to accommodate the total requirement of 3FE classes required in the whole of Southport.

I would emphasise that the LA has to employ a degree of caution in naming specific schools due to the sensitivity with parents and staff at those schools.

I can confirm that the process for identifying and consulting with specific schools will be undertaken during 2016 on the preferred primary schools that the LA would like to increase capacity at to meet the future growth proposed in the Local Plan.

There will be no issue in increasing capacity in this area, or elsewhere, to meet future needs. All needs can be met at existing school sites albeit with some extensions.

Yours sincerely

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