

What is being proposed?

The intention is that Manydown will provide excellent educational opportunities. Two new primary schools and land for a new secondary school are proposed for Manydown.

The outline planning application proposes options for the secondary school and a primary school to be located next to one another to the east of the site, with the second primary school to be located to the west of the site in line with the requirements of Hampshire County Council, which is responsible for education.

Land for the schools has been identified so that it allows for good access by foot, bicycle and public transport, and where multiple routes can be provided to and from the school.

It is anticipated that the first primary school will be delivered in the early phases of development. Hampshire County Council as the body responsible for education expects that the demand for secondary schools will follow on after provision of primary schools. Land for a secondary school will therefore be safeguarded allowing flexibility for a secondary school to be provided at alternative locations in line with future requirements.

Why have we adopted this approach?

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's Local Plan includes a requirement for Manydown to provide two primary schools and sites for a secondary school. Hampshire County Council as local education authority has stated that the requirement for the primary schools is for one for up to 420 pupils and one for up to 630 pupils. Options are being explored with Hampshire County Council on the type of school to be provided at Manydown.

The locations of the schools have been considered in response to feedback from the community, comments from Hampshire County Council under its responsibility for education and consideration of the constraints on the site itself, such as the topography of the land.

Locating schools next to the country park, in response to feedback received in consultation, was considered. However, Hampshire County Council felt that this would make the schools less accessible than elsewhere on site and that they should be located away from the main roads. The proposals, however, include green links to connect the schools to the country park.

Consultation feedback also raised traffic and parking concerns in relation to the schools which will be considered further at the more detailed planning stages.

Hampshire County Council expressed a preference for the primary school in the west to be located to the north of Worting Road. It also requested alternative locations for the schools be included within the outline planning application, to ensure the development is future proofed.

To read the full information

See the following outline planning documents below on Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's website at www.basingstoke.gov.uk/manydownplanning

- Parameter Plans
- Infrastructure Delivery Strategy

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