

Coberley Parish Council

18/01615/FUL Residential re-development consisting of 26 residential (C3) units and associated works. Land at Ullenwood Court Ullenwood Gloucestershire

Coberley Parish Council has reviewed the two documents, placed on the CDC Planning web site, relating to the above referenced application, on 11th and 12th October 2018. These are e-mails from Jonathan Medlin, the S106 Officer - Economic Development and Strategic Planning, dated 4th October and 11th October.

The reasoning behind the Officer's decision not to recommend a S106 Primary Education contribution for Coberley School is, in reality, unsound.

His calculations that the School will have spare capacity in years to come appear to be based on data which does not represent the realistic situation.

A forecast that the School will have only 53 in attendance in 2020/21 is presumably based on a very local parish catchment area.

In reality, the School already takes in pupils from a much wider area, including Cheltenham. The School is currently oversubscribed at 72 pupils and some 62.5% of the pupils do not come from within the local catchment area. Its projection for 2019 entry shows six siblings of existing pupils alone, committed to take places out of an intake of ten. You will have seen the detailed submission from the School's Head, Mr Andrew Milner, with which the Parish Council concurs.

Coberley C of E Primary School is much sought after due to its widespread reputation for high academic achievement and a rich, rural environment to fulfil a child's development.

In contrast to the suggestion that it will have a sufficient spare capacity to meet future needs, the School is already making plans to develop its facilities to meet the growth and increased numbers, which it forecasts that it will be required to accommodate.

We strongly believe that, on present trend, unless the School can develop its facilities, it is unlikely that there will be capacity to accommodate the 7 pupils projected by the S106 Officer to be generated by the Ullenwood Court development.

We therefore, urge you to request the full Primary Education contribution which would be due from the proposed development. This S106 funding would be of major importance to Coberley School's development plans and would enhance the ability of the School to accommodate pupils from the proposed new residential development