

Meeting the Demand for School Places: Summer 2016/17

SECONDARY

Secondary Planning Areas - Surplus / Shortage for 2018/19

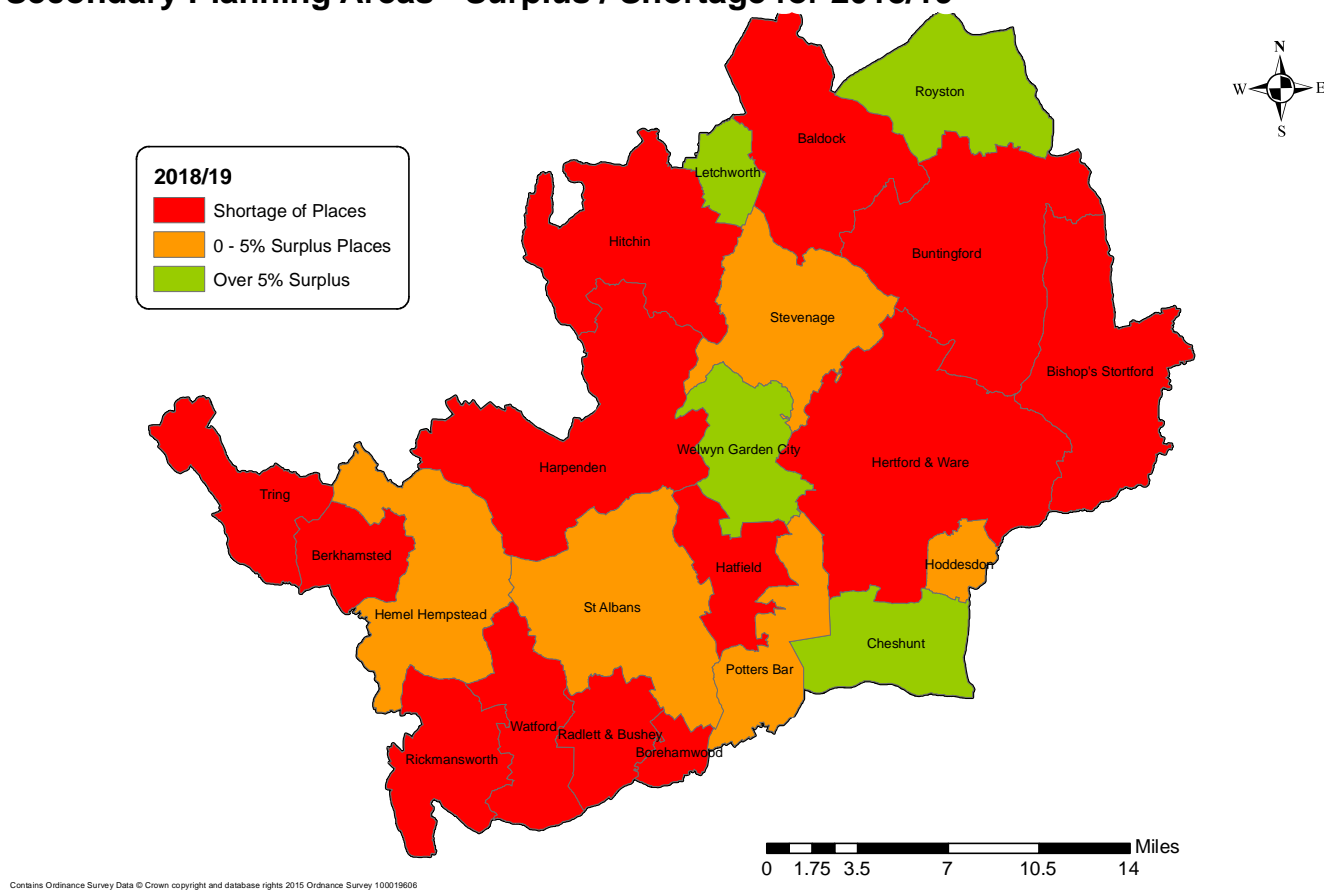


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BALDOCK											
2.0											
Forecast Summer 2016	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Number of Year 7 places available	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210
Demand	216	215	217	245	246	263	277	285	269	267	266
Surplus/Shortage	-6	-5	-7	-35	-36	-53	-67	-75	-59	-57	-56
% Surplus/Shortage	-2.9%	-2.4%	-3.3%	-16.7%	-17.1%	-25.2%	-31.9%	-35.7%	-28.1%	-27.1%	-26.7%
No of FE	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-1.2	-1.2	-1.8	-2.2	-2.5	-2.0	-1.9	-1.9

The current forecast indicates a shortage of places peaking at 2.5 f.e. in 2023/24.

Knights Templar is the only secondary school within the planning area. The forecast includes a broad assessment of the pupil yield from assumed new housing growth based on advice at the time of forecast production. However, these remain uncertain pending the North Hertfordshire District Council's (NHDC's) pre-submission consultation which is expected in autumn 2016. The potential housing growth in Baldock, once known, and the pupil yield arising from it, will be factored into future forecasts.

Analysis of demand indicates a historic inflow from neighbouring areas of around 1 f.e.. Knights Templar is an academy and is its own admitting authority. It has changed its admissions rules to give priority to children living within its priority area over siblings living outside the area. As the population in the priority area increases, this is likely to affect the inflow and therefore future forecast demand.

Action taken

To date, local agreement has been reached with the school on an annual basis, when necessary, to admit additional pupils from the locality.

Next steps

Demand continues to be monitored closely and strategies to ensure sufficient places in the area are being considered, taking account of the new housing growth arising from NHDC's Local Plan process, once known.

BERKHAMSTED											
18.0											
Forecast Summer 2016	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Number of Year 7 places available	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210
Demand	203	218	235	250	265	259	261	247	241	229	218
Surplus/Shortage	7	-8	-25	-40	-55	-49	-51	-37	-31	-19	-8
% Surplus/Shortage	3.3%	-3.8%	-11.9%	-19.0%	-26.2%	-23.3%	-24.3%	-17.6%	-14.8%	-9.0%	-3.8%
No of FE	0.2	-0.3	-0.8	-1.3	-1.8	-1.6	-1.7	-1.2	-1.0	-0.6	-0.3

The current forecast indicates a shortage of places from 2017/18, peaking at 1.8 f. e. in 2020/21.

Action Taken

2012: a public consultation was held on options to provide additional primary places in the town. That led to a reorganisation of the education system from a three tier system of first, middle and upper schools to a two tier system of infant, junior, primary & secondary schools. Implementation began in 2013 and was completed in 2014.

2013: Ashlyns, a former upper school, became a secondary school.

Next steps

2018: permanent enlargement of Ashlyns School by 30 places, subject to town planning permission.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD / SAWBRIDGEWORTH											
7.0											
Forecast Summer 2016	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Number of Year 7 places available	1043	1031	1031	1031	1031	1031	1031	1031	1031	1031	1031
Demand	1063	1054	1106	1122	1169	1233	1222	1228	1204	1181	1143
Surplus/Shortage	-20	-23	-75	-91	-138	-202	-191	-197	-173	-150	-112
% Surplus/Shortage	-1.9%	-2.2%	-7.3%	-8.8%	-13.4%	-19.6%	-18.5%	-19.1%	-16.8%	-14.5%	-10.9%
No of FE	-0.7	-0.8	-2.5	-3.0	-4.6	-6.7	-6.4	-6.6	-5.8	-5.0	-3.7

The current forecast indicates a shortage of places peaking at 6.7 f.e. in 2021/22.

Action taken

2004: permanent enlargement of St Mary's (RC) School by 23 places.

2008: permanent enlargement of Birchwood High by 30 places.

2010: The Bishop's Stortford High and Herts and Essex High sought town planning permission to relocate to a new site and enlargement by a total of 45 places. The application was subsequently rejected and an appeal lodged.

2011: permanent enlargement of Leventhorpe by 12 places.

2012: The Bishop's Stortford High and Herts & Essex High's town planning appeal was rejected.

2014: Herts & Essex High School temporary enlargement by 20 places.

2015: The Bishop's Stortford High temporary enlargement by 25 places.

2016:

- The Bishop's Stortford High School increased its PAN by 1 to 156 and in addition offered an additional 12 places, temporarily enlarging to 168 for September 2016 only.

- Herts & Essex High School temporary enlargement by 20 places offered after allocation day.

The county council has worked closely with the schools across the area to agree an education strategy to meet rising forecast demand as well as the anticipated pupil yield from new housing planned at Bishops Stortford North.

This strategy includes the delivery of a new 6 f.e. secondary school in the north of Bishop's Stortford, within the heart of the new housing development. The timing of the opening of the new school is linked with the developers' construction programme.

Next steps

2017: permanent enlargement of Herts & Essex High School by 20 places.

The county council continues to progress plans to open the new secondary school when required. Forecast demand will continue to be monitored to ensure there are sufficient places available to meet local demand, working with schools locally to agree more contingency arrangements in the interim.

BOREHAMWOOD											
16.0											
Forecast Summer 2016	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Number of Year 7 places available	420	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	390
Demand	385	405	425	431	436	432	454	461	431	454	426
Surplus/Shortage	35	-15	-35	-41	-46	-42	-64	-71	-41	-64	-36
% Surplus/Shortage	8.3%	-3.8%	-9.0%	-10.5%	-11.8%	-10.8%	-16.4%	-18.2%	-10.5%	-16.4%	-9.2%
No of FE	1.2	-0.5	-1.2	-1.4	-1.5	-1.4	-2.1	-2.4	-1.4	-2.1	-1.2

The current forecast indicates a shortage of places is indicated from 2017/18 peaking at 2.4 f. e. in 2023/24.

Action taken

2014: Hertswood closed to become Hertswood Academy. It reduced its admission number by 40.

2016:

- Yavneh College temporary enlargement by 30 places.
- the proposed Harperbury Free School, a 4 f.e. secondary school, originally approved by the Department for Education (DfE) to open in September 2014 with proposed admission arrangements to partially cover this area, was cancelled by the DfE.

Next steps

2018: permanent enlargement of Hertswood Academy by 30 places and a local agreement with the Academy to admit further additional children, above 9FE where necessary, from 2018/19 onwards.

Forecasts will continue to be monitored to ensure there are sufficient places available to meet local demand. The county council will work with schools to agree contingency arrangements, if required.

BUNTINGFORD MIDDLE											
6.1											
Forecast Summer 2016	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Number of Year 5 places available	202	202	202	202	202	202	202	202	202	202	202
Demand	196	219	229	232	250	246	232	215	217	209	211
Surplus/Shortage	6	-17	-27	-30	-48	-44	-30	-13	-15	-7	-9
% Surplus/Shortage	3.0%	-8.4%	-13.4%	-14.9%	-23.8%	-21.8%	-14.9%	-6.4%	-7.4%	-3.5%	-4.5%
No of FE	0.2	-0.6	-0.9	-1.0	-1.6	-1.5	-1.0	-0.4	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3

The current forecast indicates a shortage of places from 2017/18, peaking at 1.6 f.e. in 2020/21.

Action taken

None required to date.

Next steps

Analysis of demand indicates an inflow into Buntingford middle schools of around 1 f.e. from neighbouring Stevenage.

Further work is being undertaken to assess whether additional places will be required to meet local demand, given the wider geographic area from which pupils are currently attracted, taking into account the recent changes in the admissions rules of the upper school and the impact of new housing development across the town.

BUNTINGFORD UPPER											
6.0											
Forecast Summer 2016	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Number of Year 9 places available	245	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210
Demand	222	230	238	233	238	254	265	271	288	289	275
Surplus/Shortage	23	-20	-28	-23	-28	-44	-55	-61	-78	-79	-65
% Surplus/Shortage	9.4%	-9.5%	-13.3%	-11.0%	-13.3%	-21.0%	-26.2%	-29.0%	-37.1%	-37.6%	-31.0%
No of FE	0.8	-0.7	-0.9	-0.8	-0.9	-1.5	-1.8	-2.0	-2.6	-2.6	-2.2

The current forecast indicates a shortage of places, peaking at 2.6 f.e. in 2024/26.

Action taken

2011: Freman College changed its admission arrangements, giving priority to pupils in its feeder middle schools.

2016:

- Freman College has changed its admission arrangements for this year, giving priority to students living closest to the college according to the definition of 'home to school distance' in Hertfordshire County Council's current Determined Schools Admission Arrangements.
- Freman College temporary enlargement by 35 places offered after allocation day.

Next steps

Analysis of demand indicates an inflow into Buntingford upper school from neighbouring Royston and Stevenage.

Forecast demand continues to be monitored closely to assess the impact of the change in admission arrangements on pupil dynamics and the impact of new housing development across the town, given the wide geographic area from which pupils are currently attracted, to ensure that sufficient places are available to meet local demand.

CHESHUNT											
10.0											
Forecast Summer 2016	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Number of Year 7 places available	782	782	782	782	782	782	782	782	782	782	782
Demand	615	672	664	696	692	708	740	721	735	690	731
Surplus/Shortage	167	110	118	86	90	74	42	61	47	92	51
% Surplus/Shortage	21.4%	14.1%	15.1%	11.0%	11.5%	9.5%	5.4%	7.8%	6.0%	11.8%	6.5%
No of FE	5.6	3.7	3.9	2.9	3.0	2.5	1.4	2.0	1.6	3.1	1.7

The current forecast indicates a surplus of places across the forecast period.

Action taken

2014: St Mary's C of E High School in Cheshunt increased its admission number by 30.

Next steps

There is secondary pupil movement across the Hoddesdon and Cheshunt areas. Forecasts will continue to be monitored and the county council will work to ensure an appropriate match between demand and the number of places available across the area as a whole, taking into account the strategic housing growth proposed through the Borough of Broxbourne's emerging Local Plan.

HARPENDEN											
11.0											
Forecast Summer 2016	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Number of Year 7 places available	572	572	572	572	572	572	572	572	572	572	572
Demand	588	636	674	749	710	719	740	699	668	612	576
Surplus/Shortage	-16	-64	-102	-177	-138	-147	-168	-127	-96	-40	-4
% Surplus/Shortage	-2.8%	-11.2%	-17.8%	-30.9%	-24.1%	-25.7%	-29.4%	-22.2%	-16.8%	-7.0%	-0.7%
No of FE	-0.5	-2.1	-3.4	-5.9	-4.6	-4.9	-5.6	-4.2	-3.2	-1.3	-0.1

The current forecast indicates a shortage of places, peaking at 5.6 f.e. in 2022/23.

Action taken

2006: St George's admission number increased by 30.

2011:

- permanent enlargement of Roundwood Park by 14 places.
- permanent enlargement of Sir John Lawes by 7 places.

2012: permanent enlargement of Sir John Lawes by 5 places.

2013: permanent enlargement of Sir John Lawes by 4 places.

2015: Sandringham school, in the adjacent planning area of St Albans, permanently enlarged by 30 places. The additional places helped to alleviate the pressure for pupil places in Harpenden, as 25 of the 30 additional places were available to be allocated to pupils living in Wheathampstead (part of the Harpenden school planning area).

Next steps

2017/18:

- The Harpenden Secondary Education Trust gained approval from the Department of Education to establish a new secondary school in Harpenden from September 2017. The Trust is awaiting the outcome of its request to the Department for Education

to defer the opening until September 2018. Hertfordshire County Council is facilitating this new school by acquiring a site. The county council exchanged contracts with the owners of the land at Lower Luton Road on the 15th January 2016.

- As a contingency arrangement, the county council has agreed with Sandringham School that it will offer an additional 30 places for 2017, prioritising children from the Harpenden area.

HATFIELD											
14.0											
Forecast Summer 2016	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Number of Year 7 places available	323	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300
Demand	286	307	311	356	344	360	372	380	384	381	385
Surplus/Shortage	37	-7	-11	-56	-44	-60	-72	-80	-84	-81	-85
% Surplus/Shortage	11.5%	-2.3%	-3.7%	-18.7%	-14.7%	-20.0%	-24.0%	-26.7%	-28.0%	-27.0%	-28.3%
No of FE	1.2	-0.2	-0.4	-1.9	-1.5	-2.0	-2.4	-2.7	-2.8	-2.7	-2.8

The current forecast indicates a shortage of places from 2017/18, peaking at 2.8 f.e. from 2024/25.

The forecast includes an assessment of the pupil yield from assumed new housing growth based on advice at the time of forecast production. However, Welwyn Hatfield District Council (WHDC) does not yet have an adopted Local Plan and currently intends to undertake a further round of consultation on its proposals for strategic housing growth across the District in Summer 2016. Pending further clarification of the scale of growth in Hatfield, long term forecast demand remains uncertain.

Action taken

2015: Bishop's Hatfield Girls' buildings are currently being rebuilt by the Government through its Priority Schools Rebuilding Programme. As part of this rebuild the school is being enlarged and the school has offered an additional 26 places from 2015.

2016: temporary expansion of Onslow St Audrey's by 23 places.

Next steps

Analysis of pupil movement confirms a significant outflow from Hatfield at secondary transfer.

Feasibility work is underway to establish both the scale of the additional capacity required and potential options for meeting future need across Hatfield and Welwyn Garden City school planning areas, taking account of likely housing growth arising from the emerging Welwyn Hatfield District Council Local Plan.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD											
19.0											
Forecast Summer 2016	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Number of Year 7 places available	1310	1310	1310	1310	1310	1310	1310	1310	1310	1310	1310
Demand	1121	1166	1252	1324	1351	1375	1445	1424	1382	1393	1383
Surplus/Shortage	189	144	58	-14	-41	-65	-135	-114	-72	-83	-73
% Surplus/Shortage	14.4%	11.0%	4.4%	-1.1%	-3.1%	-5.0%	-10.3%	-8.7%	-5.5%	-6.3%	-5.6%
No of FE	6.3	4.8	1.9	-0.5	-1.4	-2.2	-4.5	-3.8	-2.4	-2.8	-2.4

The current forecast indicates a shortage of places from 2019/20, peaking at 4.5 f. e. in 2022/23.

Action taken

2015: increase in the admission number of Hemel Hempstead School by 6 places.

Next steps

Longdean School is currently being rebuilt with additional capacity for 22 places (date yet to be confirmed) under the Education Funding Agency's Priority School Building Programme.

2019: permanent expansion of The Hemel Hempstead School by 30 places, subject to town planning permission

Feasibility work continues to establish both the scale of the additional capacity required and potential options for meeting future need across the area, taking account of likely housing growth arising from the Dacorum Borough Council Local Plan.

HERTFORD & WARE											
8.0											
Forecast Summer 2016	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Number of Year 7 places available	812	787	787	787	787	787	787	787	787	787	787
Demand	778	817	833	896	858	906	949	947	899	882	890
Surplus/Shortage	34	-30	-46	-109	-71	-119	-162	-160	-112	-95	-103
% Surplus/Shortage	4.2%	-3.8%	-5.8%	-13.9%	-9.0%	-15.1%	-20.6%	-20.3%	-14.2%	-12.1%	-13.1%
No of FE	1.1	-1.0	-1.5	-3.6	-2.4	-4.0	-5.4	-5.3	-3.7	-3.2	-3.4

The current forecast indicates a shortage of places from 2017/18, peaking at 5.4 f. e. in 2022/23.

Action taken

2014: Sele reduced its admission number by 30.

2015:

- Simon Balle became an all-through school, admitting 60 children at Reception, and increased its Yr. 7 admission number by 7.
- Presdales increased its admission number by 2.
- Chauncy offered an additional 10 places by local agreement.

2016:

- Richard Hale temporary increase by 15 places.
- Chauncy increased its PAN to 170 for 2016

Next steps

Feasibility work is underway to establish both the scale of the additional capacity required and potential options for meeting future need across the area, taking account of likely housing growth arising from the emerging East Herts District Council Local Plan.

HITCHIN											
4.0											
Forecast Summer 2016	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Number of Year 7 places available	540	510	510	510	510	510	510	510	510	510	510
Demand	543	541	601	614	640	668	680	723	698	706	665
Surplus/Shortage	-3	-31	-91	-104	-130	-158	-170	-213	-188	-196	-155
% Surplus/Shortage	-0.6%	-6.1%	-17.8%	-20.4%	-25.5%	-31.0%	-33.3%	-41.8%	-36.9%	-38.4%	-30.4%
No of FE	-0.1	-1.0	-3.0	-3.5	-4.3	-5.3	-5.7	-7.1	-6.3	-6.5	-5.2

The current forecast indicates a shortage of places, peaking at 7.1 f.e. in 2023/24.

The forecast includes a broad assessment of the pupil yield from new housing based on North Hertfordshire District Council's latest housing targets. However, these remain uncertain pending the District's pre-submission consultation, which is expected in Autumn 2016. The impact of new housing growth, once the scale is known, will need to be factored into future forecasts.

Action taken

2012: Hitchin Boys' and Hitchin Girls' Schools increased their admission numbers by 5.

2014: change to the admissions rules of Hitchin Boys' School and Hitchin Girls' School to prioritise applications from the Hitchin parish.

2015: temporary enlargement of The Priory by 30 places.

2016: temporary enlargement of The Priory by 30 places.

Next steps

2017: as a contingency arrangement, the county council has agreed with the Priory School that it will offer up to an additional 30 places, should it be required.

2018:

- permanent enlargement of Hitchin Girls' School by 45 places, subject to town planning permission.
- permanent enlargement of Hitchin Boys' School by 45 places, subject to town planning permission.

HODDESDON											
9.0											
Forecast Summer 2016	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Number of Year 7 places available	612	602	602	602	602	602	602	602	602	602	602
Demand	533	564	577	611	607	615	626	640	636	621	580
Surplus/Shortage	79	38	25	-9	-5	-13	-24	-38	-34	-19	22
% Surplus/Shortage	12.9%	6.3%	4.2%	-1.5%	-0.8%	-2.2%	-4.0%	-6.3%	-5.6%	-3.2%	3.7%
No of FE	2.6	1.3	0.8	-0.3	-0.2	-0.4	-0.8	-1.3	-1.1	-0.6	0.7

The current forecast indicates a shortage of places between 2019/20 and 2025/26, peaking at 1.3 f. e. in 2023/24.

Action taken

2014: John Warner increased its admission number by 18.

2016:

- The Broxbourne School temporary increase of 10 places
- John Warner temporary increase of 15 places

2017: John Warner has determined an increased PAN of 225 for 2017.

Next Steps

There is secondary pupil movement across the Hoddesdon and Cheshunt areas. Forecasts will continue to be monitored and the county council will work to ensure an appropriate match between demand and the number of places available across the area as a whole, taking into account the strategic housing growth proposed through the Borough of Broxbourne's emerging Local Plan.

LETCHWORTH											
1.0											
Forecast Summer 2016	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Number of Year 7 places available	330	330	330	330	330	330	330	330	330	330	330
Demand	276	260	271	276	292	296	311	321	323	314	288
Surplus/Shortage	54	70	59	54	38	34	19	9	7	16	42
% Surplus/Shortage	16.4%	21.2%	17.9%	16.4%	11.5%	10.3%	5.8%	2.7%	2.1%	4.8%	12.7%
No of FE	1.8	2.3	2.0	1.8	1.3	1.1	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.5	1.4

The current forecast indicates a surplus of places across the forecast period.

The forecast includes a broad assessment of the pupil yield from new housing based on North Hertfordshire District Council's latest housing targets. However, these remain uncertain pending the District's pre-submission consultation which is expected in Autumn 2016. The impact of new housing growth, once the scale is known, will need to be factored into future forecasts.

Action taken

2015:

- reduction in the admission number of Fearnhill by 30.
- Highfield's buildings are currently being rebuilt by the Government through its Priority Schools Rebuilding Programme.

Next steps

Forecasts will continue to be monitored to ensure there are sufficient places available to meet local demand.

POTTERS BAR											
15.0											
Forecast Summer 2016	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Number of Year 7 places available	554	554	554	554	554	554	554	554	554	554	554
Demand	512	534	533	551	554	552	557	556	571	554	567
Surplus/Shortage	42	20	21	3	0	2	-3	-2	-17	0	-13
% Surplus/Shortage	7.6%	3.6%	3.8%	0.5%	0.0%	0.4%	-0.5%	-0.4%	-3.1%	0.0%	-2.3%
No of FE	1.4	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6	0.0	-0.4

The current forecast indicates a shortage of places from 2022/23 peaking at 0.6 f.e. in 2024/25.

Action taken

No action has been required to date.

Next steps

Further work is required to ascertain whether additional places will be required to meet local demand, given the wide geographic area from which schools in this planning area currently attract pupils.

RADLETT & BUSHEY											
22.0											
Forecast Summer 2016	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Number of Year 7 places available	675	675	675	675	675	675	675	675	675	675	675
Demand	697	734	764	791	803	824	846	856	818	820	802
Surplus/Shortage	-22	-59	-89	-116	-128	-149	-171	-181	-143	-145	-127
% Surplus/Shortage	-3.3%	-8.7%	-13.2%	-17.2%	-19.0%	-22.1%	-25.3%	-26.8%	-21.2%	-21.5%	-18.8%
No of FE	-0.7	-2.0	-3.0	-3.9	-4.3	-5.0	-5.7	-6.0	-4.8	-4.8	-4.2

The current forecast indicates a shortage of places peaking at 6 f.e. in 2023/24.

Action taken

2010: Bushey Hall School closed to become The Bushey Academy. Its admission number increased by 30.

2014:

- temporary enlargement of The Bushey Academy by 30 places.
- Three Rivers District Council's adopted Local Plan included a site allocation for a new school in Croxley Green (see next steps below).

2015:

- continued temporary enlargement of The Bushey Academy by 30 places.
- permanent enlargement of Bushey Meads by 30 places, subject to town planning permission.

2016:

- permanent expansion of Bushey Meads School by 30 places.
- the proposed Harperbury Free School, a 4 f.e. secondary school, originally approved by the Department for Education (DfE) to open in September 2014 with proposed admission arrangements to partially cover this area, was cancelled by the DfE.

Next steps

There is a relationship between Rickmansworth, Watford and Bushey in terms of school place provision, as parts are geographically close and pupils move between them to attend secondary school.

Croxley Danes Secondary School has gained approval from the Department of Education to establish a new secondary school in Croxley Green from September 2017. Hertfordshire County Council is facilitating this process by undertaking the necessary work to acquire a suitable site for the provision of this school.

Note: The Avanti Free School Trust was given approval by the DfE to proceed to the pre-opening stage of a new 6 f.e. secondary school, the site for which has yet to be announced.

Further new provision may be required across the wider area and consideration is also being given to the capacity of existing local schools to enlarge.

RICKMANSWORTH											
20.0											
Forecast Summer 2016	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Number of Year 7 places available	670	644	644	644	644	644	644	644	644	644	644
Demand	624	653	700	692	680	707	720	697	693	664	655
Surplus/Shortage	46	-9	-56	-48	-36	-63	-76	-53	-49	-20	-11
% Surplus/Shortage	6.9%	-1.4%	-8.7%	-7.5%	-5.6%	-9.8%	-11.8%	-8.2%	-7.6%	-3.1%	-1.7%
No of FE	1.5	-0.3	-1.9	-1.6	-1.2	-2.1	-2.5	-1.8	-1.6	-0.7	-0.4

The current forecast indicates that, with the exception of 2016/17, there will be a shortage of places , peaking at 2.5 f.e. in 2022/23.

Action taken

2007: permanent enlargement of St Clement Danes by 30 places.

2013: note: the Department for Education (DfE) granted approval to The Reach Free School, a 120 place secondary free school. It is currently temporarily located in Tolpits Lane, Watford, and therefore included in the Watford area forecast.

2014:

- Rickmansworth School increased its admission number by 5.
- the DfE announced a permanent site for The Reach Free School in Mill End, Rickmansworth.
- Three Rivers District Council's adopted Local Plan included a site allocation for a new school in Croxley Green.

2015:

- temporary enlargement of St Clement Danes by 30 places.
- Rickmansworth School increased its admission number by 6.

2016:

- permanent enlargement of St Clement Danes by 30 places.
- temporary enlargement of Rickmansworth School by 26 places.

Next steps

There is a relationship between Rickmansworth, Watford and Bushey in terms of school place provision, as parts are geographically close and pupils move between them to attend secondary school. Further new provision may be required across the wider area and consideration is also being given to the capacity of existing local schools to enlarge.

The Reach Free School is due to relocate to a permanent site in Mill End, subject to town planning permission.

2017: Croxley Danes Secondary School has gained approval from the Department of Education to establish a new secondary school in Croxley Green from September 2017. Hertfordshire County Council is facilitating this process by undertaking the necessary work to acquire a suitable site for the provision of this school.

ROYSTON MIDDLE											
3.1											
Forecast Summer 2016	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Number of Year 5 places available	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210
Demand	179	176	197	206	221	246	236	223	207	226	210
Surplus/Shortage	31	34	13	4	-11	-36	-26	-13	3	-16	0
% Surplus/Shortage	14.8%	16.2%	6.2%	1.9%	-5.2%	-17.1%	-12.4%	-6.2%	1.4%	-7.6%	0.0%
No of FE	1.0	1.1	0.4	0.1	-0.4	-1.2	-0.9	-0.4	0.1	-0.5	0.0

The current forecast indicates an intermittent shortage of places from 2020/21, peaking at 1.2 f.e. in 2022/23.

The forecast includes a broad assessment of the pupil yield from new housing based on North Hertfordshire District Council's latest housing targets. However, these remain uncertain pending the District's pre-submission consultation which is expected in Autumn 2016. The impact of new housing growth, once the scale is known, will need to be factored into future forecasts.

Action taken

None required to date.

Next steps

The county council will continue to monitor forecasts to ensure that there are an appropriate number of places to meet future demand.

ROYSTON UPPER											
3.0											
Forecast Summer 2016	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Number of Year 9 places available	213	213	213	213	213	213	213	213	213	213	213
Demand	129	127	127	142	162	166	180	183	190	201	191
Surplus/Shortage	84	86	86	71	51	47	33	30	23	12	22
% Surplus/Shortage	39.4%	40.4%	40.4%	33.3%	23.9%	22.1%	15.5%	14.1%	10.8%	5.6%	10.3%
No of FE	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.4	1.7	1.6	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.4	0.7

The current forecast indicates a surplus of places across the whole of the forecast period.

The forecast includes a broad assessment of the pupil yield from new housing based on North Hertfordshire District Council's latest housing targets. However, these remain uncertain pending the District's pre-submission consultation which is expected in Autumn 2016. The impact of new housing growth, once the scale is known, will need to be factored into future forecasts.

Action taken

None required to date.

Next steps

The county council will continue to monitor forecasts to ensure there are sufficient places available across the area to meet demand.

ST ALBANS											
13.0											
Forecast Summer 2016	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Number of Year 7 places available	1687	1690	1660	1660	1660	1660	1660	1660	1660	1660	1660
Demand	1498	1575	1598	1716	1702	1702	1785	1797	1770	1719	1713
Surplus/Shortage	189	115	62	-56	-42	-42	-125	-137	-110	-59	-53
% Surplus/Shortage	11.2%	6.8%	3.7%	-3.4%	-2.5%	-2.5%	-7.5%	-8.3%	-6.6%	-3.6%	-3.2%
No of FE	6.3	3.8	2.1	-1.9	-1.4	-1.4	-4.2	-4.6	-3.7	-2.0	-1.8

The current forecast indicates a surplus of places until 2018/19 followed by a shortage of places peaking at 4.6 f.e. in 2023/24.

Action taken

2011: St Albans Girls' admission number increased by 18.

2012: Beaumont's admission number increased by 2.

2015:

- permanent enlargement of Sandringham by 30 places. 25 of the additional places prioritised pupils living in Wheathampstead, which will continue until a new school to serve Harpenden and the surrounding villages is established (see Harpenden).
- Beaumont temporarily increased its admission number by 6.
- St Albans Girls' increased its admission number by 14 places.

2016:

- Marlborough School temporarily increased its admission number by 19 places
- Samuel Ryder Academy temporarily increased its admission number by 15 places
- Loreto increased its admission number by 10 places.
- the proposed Harperbury Free School, a 4 f.e. secondary school, originally approved by the Department for Education (DfE) to open in September 2014 with proposed admission arrangements to partially cover this area, was cancelled by the DfE.

Next steps

2017:

- Marlborough School's admission number increased by 7 places.
- as a contingency arrangement relating to the opening of a new school in Harpenden, the county council has agreed with Sandringham School that it will offer an additional 30 places for 2017, prioritising children from the Harpenden area.

2018: permanent expansion of Beaumont School by 30 places, subject to town planning permission

Feasibility work continues to establish both the scale of the additional capacity required and potential options for meeting future need across the area.

STEVENAGE											
5.0											
Forecast Summer 2016	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Number of Year 7 places available	1366	1366	1366	1366	1366	1366	1366	1366	1366	1366	1366
Demand	1182	1197	1334	1377	1387	1504	1561	1611	1544	1535	1506
Surplus/Shortage	184	169	32	-11	-21	-138	-195	-245	-178	-169	-140
% Surplus/Shortage	13.5%	12.4%	2.3%	-0.8%	-1.5%	-10.1%	-14.3%	-17.9%	-13.0%	-12.4%	-10.2%
No of FE	6.1	5.6	1.1	-0.4	-0.7	-4.6	-6.5	-8.2	-5.9	-5.6	-4.7

The current forecast indicates a shortage of places from 2019/20, peaking at 8.2 f.e. in 2023/24. The forecast includes an assessment of the pupil yield from assumed new housing growth based on advice at the time of forecast production. Stevenage Borough Council does not yet have an adopted Local Plan in place and has recently consulted on its draft pre-submission document which proposes housing growth within the Borough of 7600 new homes 2011 to 2031.

Action taken

2011:

- Marriotts' admission number increased by 32.
- permanent enlargement of The Nobel by 30 places as part of the Building Schools for the Future programme,

2012: permanent enlargement of Barnwell by 30 places.

2013: permanent enlargement of Marriotts by 30 places (as part of the Building Schools for the Future programme).

2015:

- John Henry Newman increased its admission number by 30.
- Barnwell's admission number reduced by 30.

Next steps

Following confirmation of Stevenage Borough Council's targets for future housing growth through its Local Plan process, future forecasts will need to take account of the likely demand from pupil yield from new housing. Potential options for additional places will be considered and timed to meet the demand for additional places in line with housing growth.

TRING											
17.0											
Forecast Summer 2016	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Number of Year 7 places available	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240
Demand	243	255	272	248	271	271	268	241	249	254	249
Surplus/Shortage	-3	-15	-32	-8	-31	-31	-28	-1	-9	-14	-9
% Surplus/Shortage	-1.3%	-6.3%	-13.3%	-3.3%	-12.9%	-12.9%	-11.7%	-0.4%	-3.8%	-5.8%	-3.8%
No of FE	-0.1	-0.5	-1.1	-0.3	-1.0	-1.0	-0.9	0.0	-0.3	-0.5	-0.3

The current forecast indicates there will be a shortage of places peaking at 1.1 f.e. in 2018/19.

Action taken

2004: Tring School's admission number increased by 8.

Next steps

Tring School attracts pupils from a wide area, including from Berkhamsted and outside of the county. Current capacity should be sufficient to provide places for local children. However, forecasts will be carefully monitored to ensure there are sufficient places to meet local demand.

WATFORD											
21.0											
Forecast Summer 2016	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Number of Year 7 places available	1328	1334	1334	1334	1334	1334	1334	1334	1334	1334	1334
Demand	1261	1343	1397	1480	1454	1516	1571	1561	1519	1511	1509
Surplus/Shortage	67	-9	-63	-146	-120	-182	-237	-227	-185	-177	-175
% Surplus/Shortage	5.0%	-0.7%	-4.7%	-10.9%	-9.0%	-13.6%	-17.8%	-17.0%	-13.9%	-13.3%	-13.1%
No of FE	2.2	-0.3	-2.1	-4.9	-4.0	-6.1	-7.9	-7.6	-6.2	-5.9	-5.8

The current forecast indicates a shortage of places from 2017/18 peaking at 7.9 f.e. in 2022/23.

Action taken

2006: permanent enlargement of Westfield Community Technology College by 30 places.

2009: Francis Combe closed to become Francis Combe Academy. It reduced its admission number by 30.

2011: temporary enlargement of Westfield Community Technology College by 30 places.

2012:

- continued temporary enlargement of Westfield Community Technology College.
- St Michael's Catholic increased its admission number by 12.
- Watford Grammar School for Boys increased its admission number by 10.

2013:

- continued temporary enlargement of Westfield Community Technology College.
- permanent enlargement of Parmiter's by 20 places.
- The Reach Free School opened in 2013 offering 120 places in a temporary location in Watford pending its move to a permanent site, expected to be in Rickmansworth.

2014:

- Westfield Community Technology College closed to become Westfield Academy. Temporary enlargement continued.

- the DfE announced a permanent site for The Reach Free School in Mill End, Rickmansworth.
- Note: Three Rivers District Council's adopted Local Plan included a site allocation for a new school in Croxley Green.

2015

- continued temporary enlargement of Westfield Academy.
- Westfield's buildings are currently being rebuilt by the Government through its Priority Schools Building Programme at a permanent size of 240 places.

Next Steps

2017: permanent enlargement of Watford Grammar School for Boys by 6 places.

There is a relationship between Rickmansworth, Watford and Bushey in terms of school place provision as parts are geographically close and pupils move between them to attend secondary school. The county council has worked closely with Three Rivers District Council to secure appropriate education site allocations as part of its Local Plan in order to meet the forecast demand for the wider area.

The Reach Free School is due to relocate to a permanent site in Mill End, Rickmansworth, subject to town planning permission.

Croxley Green Secondary School has gained approval from the Department of Education to establish a new secondary school in neighbouring Croxley Green from September 2017. Hertfordshire County Council is facilitating this process by undertaking the necessary work to acquire a suitable site for the provision of this school.

2018: permanent enlargement of Watford Grammar School for Boys by 28 places, subject to necessary consents.

Note: The Avanti Free School Trust was given approval by the DfE to proceed to the pre-opening stage of a new 6 f.e. secondary school, the site for which has yet to be announced.

Further new provision may be required across the wider area and consideration is also being given to the capacity of existing local schools to enlarge.

WELWYN GARDEN CITY											
12.0											
Forecast Summer 2016	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Number of Year 7 places available	629	651	651	651	651	651	651	651	651	651	651
Demand	550	583	612	636	615	646	667	696	668	660	649
Surplus/Shortage	79	68	39	15	36	5	-16	-45	-17	-9	2
% Surplus/Shortage	12.6%	10.4%	6.0%	2.3%	5.5%	0.8%	-2.5%	-6.9%	-2.6%	-1.4%	0.3%
No of FE	2.6	2.3	1.3	0.5	1.2	0.2	-0.5	-1.5	-0.6	-0.3	0.1

The current forecast indicates a shortage of places between 2022/23 and 2025/26.

The forecast includes a broad assessment of the pupil yield from assumed new housing growth based on advice at the time of forecast production. However, Welwyn Hatfield District Council does not yet have an adopted Local Plan in place and currently plans to undertake a further round of consultation on its proposals for strategic housing growth across the district in summer 2016. Pending further clarification of the scale of growth across the area, the long term forecast demand remains uncertain.

Action taken

None required to date.

Next steps

2017: Stanborough School has determined a PAN of 210 for 2017.

Feasibility work is underway to establish both the scale of the additional capacity required and potential options for meeting future need across Hatfield and Welwyn Garden City planning areas, taking account of likely housing growth arising from the emerging Welwyn Hatfield District Council Local Plan.