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Dear Sirs

Please find attached a submission from Ongar Primary School governing body with regards to the local plan for Ongar. We would appreciate it if you could consider our comments.

Kind regards

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24th January 2018

Dear Sirs

Comment on Local Plan for Ongar

On behalf of the governing body of Ongar Primary School I would appreciate it if you could consider the views of the governors of Ongar Primary School on the December 2017 version of the Epping Forest District Local Plan. Specifically, our comments relate to the section 5.58 to 5.71 of the plan and Policy P4, as detailed on pages 134 to 135 of the Local Plan.

At an Extraordinary meeting of the Full Governing Body on Friday 19th January 2018, and a further Full Governing Body meeting on Monday 22nd January 2018 the board discussed the elements of the Epping Forest District local plan which impact our school. The board agreed the following:

1. We fully support the proposed development within Ongar as outlined in the plan
2. We noted that the proposed housing development in areas ONG.R3, ONG.R4, ONG.R2 and ONG.R1, a total of 424 houses, is within our catchment area.
3. Our long- term vision for our school is to expand, and we have already increased our staff over the past 1-2 years, as the number of students we have on roll has grown.
4. We wish to advise the local planners that we would like to be considered as the local primary school for expansion (as per Policy P4, section D(i) on page 135 of the plan). We currently have a PAN (Published Admissions Number) of 25 per year, but we are not currently full in all year groups (although the number of students on roll is increasing termly, as families move into the area or move to our school because of our increasingly strong reputation and academic excellence. We would be able to expand our PAN to 30 pupils per year group, i.e. one full form entry, with our existing classrooms. We would

also be happy to consider expanding further if needed, but this would require expanding the school building, something which is very feasible.

5. We are situated on a large site at the back of the Shelley housing estate and have ample space to expand the school.
6. We have a relatively modern school building with a very simple layout which lends itself to relatively easy expansion of the footprint of the building.
7. We have an onsite nursery, Brightstars, which is highly regarded and very popular, which would need to expand, and require larger premises, to take on more children.
8. There is currently good access to the school via the Shelley estate, but we would like planners to consider the development of a new road access to the school from the A414 as part of the plan. Our land borders the A414 so this is perfectly feasible. It would make access to the school by families living in the proposed new development much easier and would limit traffic congestion and pollution. We believe that access from the A414 would reduce traffic through the Shelley estate and along the Fyfield Road from the Four Wantz roundabout. Traffic along this road is already busier at the beginning and end of the school day since the opening of the Ongar Academy. We would like planners to consider requesting a developer contribution to this as part of the 'Highways and junction upgrades' mentioned in section D (ii) on page 135 of the plan.
9. The Place Planning team within Essex Local Authority are already aware of our desire to expand, after a meeting we held with them in autumn of 2017.

If you have any questions regarding our submission, or wish to visit our school at any time please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



Rosemary Lovatt
Chair of Governors