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Dear Caroline

Following our previous conversation, I can now confirm the county council's position on the Bicester Gateway case.

Secondary education contribution: 10 secondary pupils @ £32,611 per pupil = £326,110 (TPI=333)

To confirm, we cannot change our position – our approach is in line with the SPD, in that several developments jointly require the provision of a new school, and therefore we are justified in requiring contributions to be paid at new school rates.

Primary education contribution: 16 pupils @ £19,287 per pupil = £308,592 (TPI=333) This is a reduction in contribution.

To repeat my apologies, I had not noticed that, while the proposed development is in the designated area for St Edburg's CE School, it is in the parish of Chesterton, which forms part of the definition of the designated area for Chesterton CE Primary School. Both schools are therefore directly related to the proposed development.

We are expanding Chesterton CE Primary School, and it is therefore legitimate to seek contributions towards Chesterton CE Primary School, at expansion rate, instead of the new build rate we previously sought for Bicester.

Our expansion rates are based on the DfE Scorecard (available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/local-authority-school-places-scorecards-2019>) for primary school expansions as follows:

- National average primary school expansion costs from 2019 Scorecard = £17,268 per place @ TPI=335
- Adjusted to TPI = 333 for consistency = £17,165 per place
- Adjusted to Oxfordshire cost levels by dividing by 0.89 = £19,287

If children attend Chesterton Primary School, it is quite likely they will also attend early education in Chesterton, and there is a preschool in the village accommodated in the village hall. It is therefore appropriate for us to plan on that basis. Having discussed further with my Early Years colleagues, there is no current plan to physically expand early education provision in Chesterton, and therefore in this case we would not require an early education contribution from Bicester Gateway.

Total contribution required: £326,110 + £308,592 = £634,702 (TPI=333).

(for comparison, our previous requirement based on all new school rates was £768,710.)

I hope that is all clear.

Best wishes

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