



28 February 2023

Our Ref: Perranporth/NDP

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Perranzabuloe NDP Pre-submission (Regulation 14) Supplementary Consultation

Submission of Truro and Penwith Academy Trust

1. As a Trust, we welcome the additional opportunity to contribute to the Perranzabuloe neighbourhood plan, following our submission in June 2022.

New Secondary School Site

2. We very much welcome the proposed changes to the draft NDP that would support the proposed new secondary school. The revised settlement gap broadly aligns with the Department for Education's feasibility study to determine the most optimal location of the new school buildings. We also welcome the introduction of a new policy specifically directed at the proposed school development.
3. While these changes are supported in principle, we have the following comments to make and request that they are taken into consideration as the NDP is finalised.

Settlement Gap

4. The proposed change to the NDP suggest splitting the school site into two discrete areas (Area A and B) with new development directed to the Area A. Although we support the directing development to Area A, we can see potential limitations to having an absolute boundary which may restrict flexibility during the design process, which may have unintended consequences. We may, for example need highways input to our design depending on their representations about the solutions for the road which may need to impinge on Area B.
5. We are also concerned that the restrictions imposed may have consequences for the design of our sports pitches and areas which we need accessible by all pupils. These include those young people in our proposed area resource base with special educational needs and disabilities, who may for example access a hard standing perimeter access around the site to get to the native planting-area, potential for woodland / forest school type of activities in the Area B.
6. We therefore would recommend that an 'encroachment zone' or some flexibility is introduced to the policy, which allows for marginal encroachment into Area B, when it would be required to meet other policy or educational requirements.

Policy LWE4: New Secondary School, Perranporth

7. In addition to the comments above, we also note:

- a. The use of the phrase 'very special circumstances' is not considered appropriate, as it is connected with Green Belt land. This sentence should be deleted.
- b. Point iv) is amended to reflect flexibility as suggested between Area A and B.
- c. We note that limitations or lack of floodlighting would significantly impact on the access to outdoor pitches through the Autumn and Spring terms, which would be detrimental to our prospective students.

Site Boundary

- 8. Please note the boundary of the school has been drawn on an incorrect map, drawn up before the land registry due diligence had been completed. The DfE have the correct map and will share.

Conclusion

- 9. I do hope the comments above are helpful in finalising the Pre Submission draft NDP specifically regarding the secondary school. We welcome the opportunity to work with the local community over the coming months.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Blunden', with a stylized, cursive script.

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