

OurRef: L/DS/e13987

Dear Jeremy Rodell,

Your request for information which was received on 31 January has been considered. Please find our response below.

Request

The Council consultation on the redevelopment of the Richmond College site states, with reference to the proposed new secondary school: "the Council's forecast, taking into account as far as it can, the likely establishment of further free schools, suggests that further significant provision may be needed by September 2017". The FAQs also refer to "the Council's pupil forecasts". But I could not find a copy of these forecasts anywhere on the site.

The most recent I can find is the forecast issued to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee in Oct 2011 (and included in the Jan-Mar 2012 consultation on the use of the Clifden Road site). But that forecast cannot be the one referred to in the RuTC site consultation as it includes a number of assumptions that are out of date, notably 100 free school places in 2013 and a new community school opening in 2016.

Please provide full details of the secondary school supply/demand forecast referred to in the RuTC site consultation.

Response

The Year 7 pupil forecasts will be updated following (a) the initial allocations of places on 1st March, when we will be able to gauge the extent of likely spare capacity within the nine secondary schools in September 2013; and (b) the announcements in May of the Secretary of State's decisions as to which, if any, local free school proposals have been approved for opening in September 2014. A report containing revised forecasts may be submitted for Education and Children's Overview and Scrutiny Committee in due course.

There are no revised forecasts that are available for you to view further to those already in the public domain regarding the use of the Clifden Road site.

However, you may wish to see the [attached report](#) that provides more contextual information relating to school admissions and demand for each of the secondary schools.

If you have any queries about this response, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Data Protection and Information Officer