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Good afternoon

When responding via the external consultation website, I couldn't find an option to submit overarching comments from Children's Services on the new city plan.

I appreciate this may be because our feedback isn't directly related to the "soundness" or legal compliance of the proposals, but rather focuses on clarifications we hope can be considered as the plan develops before submission to the Planning Inspectorate.

Please find our high-level comments below:

For information contained within policies GS12- GS22, including CMK, and for all relevant new Strategic Development Growth Areas:

- Whilst it refers to 'the need for infrastructure to be delivered for early years, primary, secondary and SEND education contributions appropriate to the scale and nature of the development proposal'. It is preferred that Alternative Provision is also clearly listed as well as SEND. It is on occasions but not consistently throughout.
- There doesn't seem to be a reference to post 16/FE/College and Adult Education. It would be helpful to have these listed to ensure it is clear in the plan that there are infrastructure requirements for these phases of education.
- The infrastructure for education must give consideration of appropriate land secured as well as financial contributions for all categories of education (EY, Primary, Secondary, SEND etc.)
- For education provision proposed as 'all through' we would want sites large enough to cover all the elements of education (early years-post 16+ and SEND) to provide us with future flexibility over how education provision is delivered.
- There needs to be an appropriate amount of commercial units appropriate for early years provision (including outside space) across new development sites available from the beginning of developments to enable families to access high quality early years provision from day one.
- All mainstream education provision secured needs to be within the statutory walking distances from housing developments to ensure there are no/limited future general fund school travel support financial implications (relevant for primary and secondary phase provision). Ideally we would also want SEND provision to be delivered as close to new communities as possible to reduce impacts on future General Fund school travel support cost implications.
- The infrastructure required for children's social care must give consideration of appropriate land as well as financial contributions.

I have cc'd [REDACTED] for completeness as I know you have been supporting us on the city plan work with AECOM, particularly in relation to the children's social care elements. Apologies in advance if I should be sending these comments elsewhere.

Thank you as always for your support.

Kind Regards

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