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Rochdale
Statement of Education Capacity
for Kellen Homes

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1. The Local Position

1.1. Local School Catchment Areas

1.1.1. Two miles is considered the maximum reasonable statutory walking distance to school for children aged 8 and under, and three miles for those over 8 years of age, as indicated by the DfE in its document "Home to school travel and transport guidance".

1.1.2. In order to assess the likely impact of the proposed development regarding primary school place provision we have considered the impact on schools within a two-mile straight line distance of the proposed development site. To consider the impact on secondary school place provision, this distance has been increased to three miles.

1.2. Local Primary Schools – Current Baseline

1.2.1. According to the latest data available in the public domain, in January 2022 the position at local primary schools (including infant and junior schools) within 2 miles straight line distance of the proposed development is as shown:

School	Nursery Provision	Net Capacity	Number on Roll (NOR)	Surplus Places
Brimrod Community Primary School	Yes	236	222	14
Castleton Primary School	Yes	450	325	125
Lowerplace Primary School		540	492	48
Marland Hill Community Primary School	Yes	420	461	0
Ashfield Valley Primary School	Yes	230	235	0
Boarshaw Community Primary School	Yes	446	376	70
Hollin Primary School	Yes	330	352	0
Harwood Park Primary School	Yes	420	355	65
Hopwood Community Primary School		420	418	2
St Edward's Church of England Primary School		364	365	0
St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Balderstone		210	208	2
St Luke's Church of England Primary School		390	372	18

St John's VA Church of England Primary School, Thornham		84	98	0
All Souls Church of England Primary School	Yes	204	235	0
St Michael's Church of England Primary School, Bamford	Yes	210	224	0
St Gabriel's Roman Catholic Primary School, Rochdale		210	196	14
St John's Roman Catholic Primary School, Rochdale	Yes	210	221	0
Holy Family Roman Catholic Primary School, Rochdale	Yes	236	236	0
St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School, Rochdale		420	412	8
Sandbrook Community Primary School	Yes	630	611	19
Bamford Academy		345	330	15
Deeplish Primary Academy	Yes	432	463	0
TOTAL		7437		400

Table: Primary School pupil places within 2 miles straight line distance of the proposed development.

[Source: Number on Roll from DfE School census data, January 2020, and Capacity from DfE website].

1.2.2. The above table uses the Audit Commission definition of Surplus Places, in line with best practice in this matter, which treats schools with a negative surplus as though they had a zero surplus. Since the number of pupils which a school must admit in any year is directly related to its capacity, any school that chooses to admit numbers beyond that level must necessarily be deemed to be capable of accommodating those numbers.

1.2.3. In the above table, those schools which include nursery provision are marked. This skews the above data, since the school roll figures include those nursery pupils, but the net capacity figure excludes rooms used for delivering such provision. This has the effect of reducing the schools' surplus places figures.

1.2.4. On the above evidence it is clear that in January 2022 there were at least 400 surplus primary school places within two miles of the proposed development, and this is virtually certain to be an underestimate.

1.2.5. The total surplus of places as a percentage of primary school capacity was at least **5.38%** [calculation: 400/ 7,437].

1.3. Secondary Schools – Current Baseline

1.3.1. According to the latest data available in the public domain, in September 2019 the position at local secondary schools (including sixth form / Post 16 education) within 3 miles straight line distance of the proposed development is shown below:

Secondary School (11-16 unless stated)	Local Authority	Net Capacity	NOR	Surplus Places
Falinge Park High School	Rochdale	1338	1357	0
Cardinal Langley Roman Catholic High School (11-18)	Rochdale	1200	1199	1
St Cuthbert's RC High School	Rochdale	1200	1127	73
Holy Family Roman Catholic and Church of England College	Rochdale	750	750	0
St Anne's Church of England Academy	Rochdale	900	784	116
North Chadderton School (11-18)	Oldham	1512	1582	0
Middleton Technology School	Rochdale	1350	1349	1
Matthew Moss High School	Rochdale	1200	1125	75
Newhouse Academy	Rochdale	1050	963	87
Kingsway Park High School *	Rochdale	1330		
Oulder Hill Leadership Academy *	Rochdale	1500		
TOTAL (excluding new provision)		10,500		353

Table: Secondary School pupil places within 3 miles straight line distance of the proposed development

[Source: Number on Roll from DfE School census data, January 2020, and Capacity from DfE website].

1.3.2. The above table uses the Audit Commission definition of Surplus Places, in line with best practice in this matter, which treats schools with a negative surplus as though they had a zero surplus. Since the number of pupils that a school must admit in any year is directly related to its capacity, any school that chooses to admit numbers beyond that level must necessarily be deemed to be capable of accommodating those numbers.

1.3.3. In the above table, those schools marked with an asterisk are recently opened academies. As a result, they are not open to all year groups yet, neither was their data

collected as part of the January 2022 census. As a result, these two schools are removed from the totals.

1.3.4. On the above evidence it is clear that in January 2022 there were 353 surplus secondary school places within three miles of the proposed development, without taking into consideration the new provision recently come onstream.

1.3.5. The total of surplus places as a percentage of currently provided secondary school capacity was **3.36%** [calculation: $353 / 10,500$].