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Dear Chris Harrison,

Education Response – 4/26/2317/0F1 Land at Flosh Meadows, Cleator

This is an full application for 51 houses on 3.39 hectares of land.

The housing breakdown has been provided as: 2 x 2 bed, 18 x 3 bed, 31 x 4+ bedroomed houses. Using a dwelling-led model on the 51 units it is theoretically estimated to yield 33 children: 19 primary and 14 secondary pupils for the schools.

The primary catchment school for this development is Montreal CE Primary School (0.87 miles measured from approximate centre of the site of the proposed houses) and West Lakes Academy is the catchment secondary for this development (2.29 miles). The next nearest schools are St Patrick's Catholic Primary, Cleator (0.51 miles) and Whitehaven Academy (3.08 miles).

Office of National Statistics pupil yield data for Cumberland has been used to calculate yield according to the number and type of housing in a development.

The methodology for calculating available spaces in schools first considers developments with planning approval, before assessing which schools the developments will impact and what spaces remain for the most recently proposed development. Currently there are 2 developments affecting the primary schools used for this assessment and 5 affecting the secondary schools. The table below shows both the catchment schools and the developments that will affect them.

Primary School	PAN Capacity	Average Forecast NOR	Average Spaces	Development Site	Houses	Primary Yield	Secondary Yield
Montreal CE Primary	280	91	189	Land adjoining Mill Hill, Cleator Moor	15	4	
				Keir Hardie Avenue/Dent Square, Cleator Moor, CA25 5EJ	20	3	
St Patrick's Catholic	329	275	54	N/A - No Catchment			

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Primary, Cleator							
Total	609	366	243		34	8	

Secondary School	PAN Capacity	Average Forecast NOR	Average Spaces	Development Site	Houses	Primary Yield	Secondary Yield
West Lakes Academy	900	694	206	Land adjoining Mill Hill, Cleator Moor	15		3
				North of Flosh Meadows, off main street, Cleator	19		3
				Land at Scalegill Road, Whitehaven, Moor Row	19		3
				Land at North Park, Rheda, Frizington, CA26 3TE	22		4
				Land at East Rd, Egremont, CA22 2EW	39		4
Total	900	694	206		114		17

- **PAN Capacity** - the total capacity of the school based on the Published Admission Number (PAN) x the number of year groups in the school.
- **Average spaces** - shows the average number of available places in a school per year over the projection period, these are spaces in the school before any housing development is considered.
- **Development site** - the site of a proposed development.
- **Houses** – the number of houses in the proposed development (where developments have commenced, remaining build will be used).
- **Primary/Secondary yield** – the number of primary or secondary children that will be yielded from the development.
- **Spaces - yield** – the number of spaces left in all the schools within the 2/3 mile distance from the centre of the development.

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PRIMARY
There are sufficient places available in Montreal CE Primary School, the catchment school, to accommodate the primary pupil yield of 19 from this development. The nearest school is St Patrick's Catholic Primary, Cleator, which also has capacity to accommodate the primary yield from this development.

An education contribution would not be required for primary education to address the impact of additional pupils in the Cleator primary planning area.

SECONDARY
There are sufficient places available in West Lakes Academy, the catchment school to accommodate the secondary pupil yield of 14 from this development. The next nearest school is Whitehaven Academy (but is in excess of the distance threshold of 3 miles).

An education contribution would not be sought for secondary education to address the impact of additional pupils in the South West Cumberland secondary planning area.

N.B.: *Education contributions will be used to facilitate primary/secondary education within the relevant planning area. Education contributions are calculated based on projected yield from a development. However, it is not always practicable to deliver additional capacity on catchment school sites, and in such cases education contributions can be used to improve education provision to accommodate additional pupils within the planning area, or to help deliver school transport solutions where necessitated by the associated development.*

Projections represent a snapshot in time, and all figures can be subject to change as further information becomes available. It should be noted that there may be other potential developments that may affect these schools, but as they have not been approved at this stage, have not been included in the calculations.

Yours sincerely,

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