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Dear Mathew

There is no anticipated requirement for educational use of the land at Astor of Hever (Ref UPRN 02000700).

The Kent Commissioning Plan for Education Provision is the strategic document setting out KCC's forecast demand for school places and associated commissioning intention for the next five years. The current iteration, for the period 2015-19 indicates that there is sufficient primary school provision identified in the Maidstone West planning group for the Plan period as a result of:

- i) Jubilee Primary Free School operating at 2FE
- ii) A new primary school being commissioned at Hermitage Lane in line with the pace and scale of associated housing developments.

It is difficult to predict accurately the demand for additional pupil places in Maidstone. This is largely a result of continuing uncertainty about the number and size of housing developments likely to achieve planning consent and lack of clarity about the eventual phasing of occupations for consented new homes. The Plan will be updated in Autumn 2015 for the period 2016-20 and KCC will continue to work closely with Maidstone Borough Council to identify and respond to the need for additional school places anticipated as a result of housing developments. Very significant changes would be necessary to impact upon KCC's strategy for sufficient primary school places in Maidstone West.

Yours sincerely

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