



Hertfordshire County Council (on Behalf of Children's Services) Response to the Draft London Plan Consultation

Hertfordshire is adjacent to the London Boroughs of Barnet, Enfield, Harrow and Hillingdon. The potential cross boundary issues which may arise with regard to school places from the current consultation document, are considered below:

Lee Valley Opportunity Area

The Draft London Plan identifies a number of Opportunity Areas (OA) that will support new jobs and housing growth throughout the plan period. One of these OAs (the Lee Valley OA) runs along part of the route of the proposed Crossrail 2 from Walthamstow in the south to Enfield in the north, reaching the Hertfordshire county boundary to the south of the Borough of Broxbourne at Waltham Cross.

The Lee Valley OA identifies housing and employment growth in the region of 21,000 and 13,000 respectively, which represents a significant increase in new housing and employment growth adjacent to Hertfordshire. From an education perspective, there exists an established dynamic flow of children attending schools in both Enfield and Waltham Cross. However, there is currently a greater in-flow of children from the north of Enfield attending primary schools in Waltham Cross and St Mary's Church of England High School in Cheshunt.

Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) would therefore expect the Borough of Enfield to accommodate any increase in school capacity within its own border, as a result of the significant increase in housing growth that is anticipated within the Lee Valley OA.

HCC welcomes the opportunity to continue to work with the Mayor and the Greater London Authority (GLA) regarding the impacts that new housing growth may have upon Hertfordshire and the impact upon the demand for school places in the county. The County Council's Environment Department has produced a separate response to this consultation, which should be read in conjunction with this representation.