

Proposals for new Schools and Housing at Oakley Grove Phase 3

Background

The proposed Oakley Grove Phase 3 development arises from a review of new secondary school provision across the wider South Leamington/Warwick growth area.

Currently a new secondary school to serve the growth area is planned to be built at Myton Gardens off Europa Way (south of Myton School). This was allocated through the Local Plan and at the time was considered the most appropriate site.

However the suitability of that site has come into question given subsequent additional housing approvals which have resulted in a larger school requirement, the sites close proximity next to the existing Myton secondary school and the need for wider parental choice.

Warwickshire County Council has therefore identified the need to find a more appropriate alternative site for a secondary school in the South Leamington/Warwick area to accommodate the growing demand for secondary school places. The site needs to be approximately 11 hectares and within a 3 mile walking distance from the intended pupil's home locations.

Following a review of all options it has been concluded that land south of Oakley Grove would be a better location for the secondary school subject to receipt of planning permission. The site would be planned in conjunction with the new primary school already committed to as part of the current Oakley Grove proposals. To enable to land to come forward an additional 150 homes is also proposed as part of the proposals, together with additional public open space, recreational facilities and improved 'country park' layout.

The proposal would be a departure from the Warwick District Local Plan which currently allocates much of the proposed site for County Park and Open Countryside.

Summary of Proposals:

- 1200 place Secondary School, including Sixth Form.
- 420 place Primary School and Early Years/Nursery provision
- Special Educational Needs provision.
- Sports and leisure facilities for shared use by the schools and the local community
- 150 new homes including affordable homes as an extension to Oakley Grove
- Improved configuration of County Park

