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Ref: - Proposed Strategic Housing Development at Newtownmoyaghy, Kilcock, Co. Meath

Dear Nodhlaig,

I refer to our correspondence in relation to the above potential Strategic Housing Development on lands at in the area of Newtownmoyaghy, Kilcock, Co. Meath. The Department of Education & Skills has reviewed all correspondence and documentation that you have sent and would like to make the following comments.

The principle of a school on the proposed lands is established in Objective RD OBJ 1 of the Kilcock Environs Written Statement as contained in the Meath Development Plan 2013-2019 where the objective requires the reservation of a site approx. 1.6ha for a primary school east of the R125, which you referenced in your initial enquiry to the Department on 11th July 2019. In that same email, you also mentioned the potential for the development of 860 housing units. The Department has conducted its own school capacity assessment of the Kilcock area. Taking into consideration this assessment of current capacity and the estimated requirement for additional school places arising from potential future additional residential development (inclusive of the development above) in the area, the Department is of the opinion that the requirement as stated in the above objective remains.

In consideration of the comments above and of previous correspondence, the Department acknowledges that the identified site for a school directly adjoins the lands that are the subject of the proposed application to An Bord Pleanála but does not actually form part of the application. Nevertheless, in order to address likely future requirements it is the Department of Education & Skills recommendation that the principle and objective for a school on the Newtownmoyaghy lands be referred to in the application and that the application should also include for the provision of services and utilities with sufficient capacity for a 16-24 classroom primary school and proposed vehicular access to the school site.

Yours sincerely

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