

School Report to PC meeting 26th Sept 2016

East Hoathly Primary School

102 pupils – full

5 on waiting list

Need to expand from four classes to six but there is no space and no budget

Chiddingly Primary School

100 pupils – full

2 on waiting list

No budget for expansion

Comments from Councillor Nick Bennett (Alfriston, East Hoathly and Hellingly) who attended the meeting:

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There are three funding schemes:

- For extra capacity, half the total from Government Basic Needs Grant
- Developer's contribution
- From WDC capital funds of £80M

Expansion would not start until houses were built so the transition period will be difficult for families.

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Nick Bennet said he was going to do some work on effects of Local Plans across the County in particular Rother, Wealden and Lewes. He appreciated Government were pressurising District and Town Councils regarding new housing but he did not think they had been robust enough in their response to Government.

He said the level of housing being proposed would cause **Significant Infrastructure Difficulties.** ”

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What was expected to happen has wrong-footed the local authority.

ESCC had to save £20M. Now there is a £13M overspend due to Adult Care and Special Educational needs costs.

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