

NOTE TO WARRINGTON LOCAL PLAN EIP INSPECTORS
STATHAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND GENERAL PRIMARY SCHOOL CAPACITY IN LYMM
12/10/22

Proposed allocation OS4 Lymm – Pool Lane/Warrington Road is for approximately 170 dwellings which will generate demand for approximately 51 primary school places. This scale of demand does not lend itself to a large scale expansion of an existing primary school.

Statham Community Primary School lies immediately adjacent to the proposed allocation site (to the south of Warrington Road). Statham Community Primary School is a standard built 210 capacity primary school, rebuilt around 1995, with a published admission number (PAN) of 30 per year group. Expansion of the school may be physically possible on the existing site however the practical implications of expanding to a PAN of 45 per year group is not straightforward and a solution would need to be sought for any loss of playing field space in accordance with Section 77 of the Education Standards and Framework Act 1998.

The Council is confident that improvements to school provision could however be secured within a 2 mile walking distance of the development, in line with distances set out in the Government's 'Home to School Travel and Transport Statutory Guidance'. Within this distance of the site it is possible to create more capacity at other schools either within Lymm or other primary schools outside of Lymm, thereby taking the pressure off schools within Lymm itself and giving the opportunity for pupil movement.

It is important to note that Lymm is an area where primary schools are popular to pupils from further afield, therefore pupils from new development proposed in Lymm would generally displace pupils who travel from other areas.