

Update to Contributions towards education provision:
A guide for developers

Draft for consultation

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1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 As the Sefton Local Plan identified a need for 11,500 new homes, it is necessary that several primary schools need to increase their capacity to accommodate the additional children from the new housing developments. To seek a contribution towards primary school expansion from developers, the Council consulted on and approved [a note](#) to set out what contributions a developer should pay. This was approved in September 2017 and applied to housing schemes of more than 10 homes.
- 1.2 Not all areas were anticipated to require additional primary school capacity, and the note looked at existing capacity at primary schools, expected pupils numbers from existing babies and toddlers who live in the area and expected children from homes due to be built. This assessment, that is provided at Appendix C of the note, concluded that in Southport, Sefton East Parishes and Crosby new primary school places were likely to be required but that no additional school places are needed in Bootle, Netherton or Formby. The Council have committed to update this assessment regularly.
- 1.3 No additional secondary school places are currently necessary anywhere in Sefton.

2. Proposed update to Annex C of the note

- 2.1 Updated data has been provided from the education team on current school capacity, spare places and current and forecasted pupil numbers (based on existing babies and pre school children in the area). This has been supplemented with data on expected new housing in each area (taken from the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment) and the estimated pupils from these new homes based on Local Education Authority ratios¹.
- 2.2 This information is set out to Appendix 1 of this report. This shows in most areas there is projected to be sufficient capacity in local primary schools. However, in some cases this hides more localised issues within a settlement, depending on the how concentrated the proposed housing allocations are. These issues are set out below:

Southport
- 2.3 Many of Southport's housing allocations are located in the North East/Churchtown area. The Council have already signed agreements with developers on several sites already that will secure payments towards expanded primary provision in this part of the town. However, it is unlikely that additional primary school provision will be required in other parts of the town, such as Ainsdale, Birkdale and in central Southport. This is because these areas don't include many housing allocations and the existing schools have capacity to absorb any increase in pupil numbers.
- 2.4 It is therefore proposed to secure payments from housing developments in the Meols and Norwood wards of Southport. The Southport map in Appendix 2 of this

¹ It is estimated that 100 new homes will create a need for 17.5 primary school places

report shows the wards that the education contribution will be continued to be sought and the housing allocations in those wards.

Crosby

- 2.5 Crosby does not include many housing allocations, and the main new housing developments in the wider settlement are in Thornton (see Crosby/Thornton map in Appendix 2). There is spare capacity in primary schools across the wider Crosby area, but these are not suitably located for the large Thornton housing developments, being the west of the town (e.g. Waterloo Primary). However, there is a shortage of school places in the east of the town and in the Thornton area. It is therefore proposed to continue to secure education contributions in Manor ward, which covers this part of Crosby/Thornton.
- 2.6 Whilst Hightown is within Manor ward, the children from the village generally go to Formby schools, it is proposed to exclude Hightown parish area from the area that education contributions are sought.

Maghull/Lydiat

- 2.7 Most of the housing allocations in Sefton East parishes are in the east of the town or around Aintree/Melling. There are schools in the west of the town and Lydiat, notably Lydiat Primary school, that have relatively high levels of spare capacity. It is therefore proposed to only seek education primary contributions from Molyneux and Sudell wards - see Maghull/Aintree map in Appendix 2.

3. Other changes

- 3.1 It is not proposed to change much of the education note and the fee per home will remain unchanged except with an inflationary increase that is applied each year. It is proposed to update the introduction to reflect the fact the Council do not have current plans to introduce a Community Infrastructure Levy, but this is a factual change and comments will not be sought on part of the note through the consultation. The only update that comments will be sought on is the areas in which education contributions will be sought and the evidence that underpins this.

Appendix 1 School Returns Data 2021 and projected pupils from new developments

	Current Capacity	Actual Pupils 2020/21	Projected Pupils 2021/22	Projected Pupils 2022/23	Projected Pupils 2023/24	Projected Pupils 2024/25	Projected Pupils 2025/26	Proposed Homes (SHLAA)	Pupils in new homes (17.5 per 100 homes)	Total anticipated pupils (over + or under - supply)
Bootle & Netherton	6259	5754	5780	5683	5673	5639	5590	1,744	305	5,895 (+364)
Crosby	4081	3872	3847	3880	3859	3846	3801	1,503	263	4,064 (+17)
Formby	1784	1717	1698	1675	1683	1694	1679	1,081	189	1,868 (-84)
Maghull & Aintree	3443	3328	3337	3266	3274	3286	3287	2,547	446	3,733 (-290)
Southport	6789	6188	6139	5939	5746	5596	5489	4,019	703	6,192 (+597)

Notes:

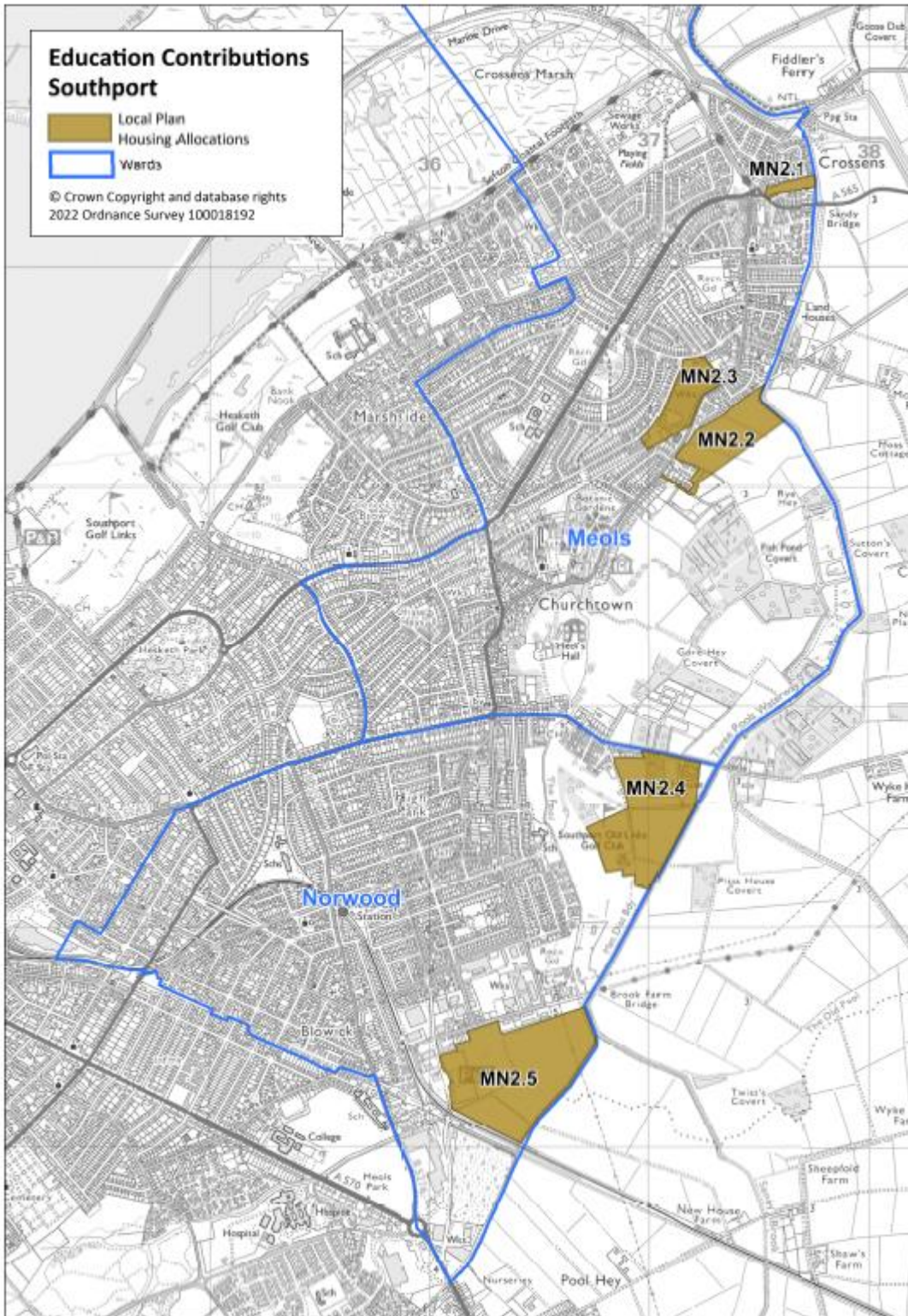
Whilst Southport is showing a large over supply in primary places, many of these are not close to the large housing allocations. It is proposed that in the future contributions are only secured in the wards of Meols or Norwood and for schemes of 10 or more homes

Whilst Crosby is not predicted to have a surplus of primary school places, much of the capacity is in schools in the west and south of the town. It is proposed that in the future contributions are only secured in Manor ward (excluding Hightown Parish) and for schemes of 10 or more homes. Hightown children predominantly go to Formby schools.

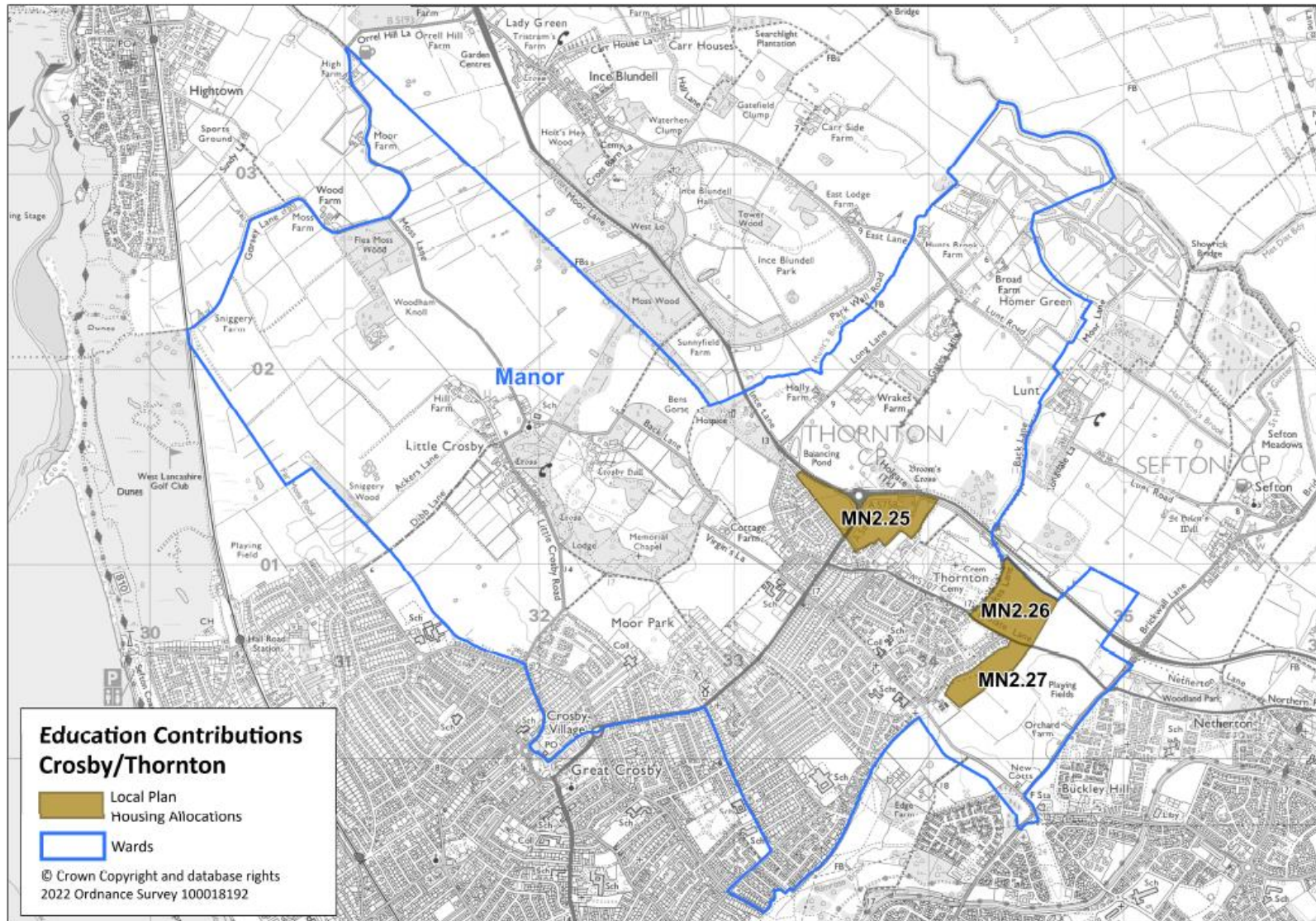
The Maghull school capacity will increase by 210 for Summerhill once expanded and by up to 105 for Melling Primary. Once these are accounted for Maghull is not anticipated to have an under supply of places overall. However, much of the excess supply is in the Lydiate/West Maghull area. It is proposed that in the future contributions are only secured in the wards of Molyneux or Sudell and for schemes of 10 or more homes

Appendix 2

Locations where education contributions will be sought – Southport



Locations where education contributions will be sought – Crosby/Thornton



Locations where education contributions will be sought – Maghull/Aintree/Melling

