

Application 19/P/02223 - Land at Garlick's Arch, Send Marsh/Burnt Common, Portsmouth Road, Send

A number of pupils attending Send CE Primary School live outside of the Send and Lovelace wards and a number of pupils living in the Send and Lovelace wards travel to schools in other wards. This is only to be expected as a result of as parents expressing their preferences for schools other than the local school.

The school places justification produced for this proposal looks at schools within a three-mile radius, thereby offering reasonable accessibility to other schools for the children yielded by the proposed development. Schools within a three-mile radius of the development have vacancies across all year groups at the time of writing, which will be able to admit the initial pupils yielded from the development.

The need for additional school places that will arise from the new homes, will be met by the provision of bulge class accommodation. Such a provision prevents an excess of additional permanent places that would lead to schools becoming unsustainable in the future given the current forecasts as regards to birth rates. Bulge provision is achievable at any of the local schools subject to appropriate agreements with the schools, including Send CE Primary School.