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Proposed Special Housing Areas

Dear Kim

Thank you for your letter of 28 September 2015 and subsequent email of 10 October 2015 seeking the Ministry of Education's feedback on the four proposed special housing areas.

Background

Analysis of the four proposed special housing areas (SHAs) has been completed. The SHAs are located within two school catchments. Highview Terrace and Arthur's Point are located in the Queenstown School catchment; Shotover Country and Onslow Road are located within the enrolment scheme home zone of Shotover Primary School.

The anticipated number of school age students expected to result from the SHAs has been estimated by using the Census 2013 household and school age cohort data for the areas each SHA is located in.

Assessment

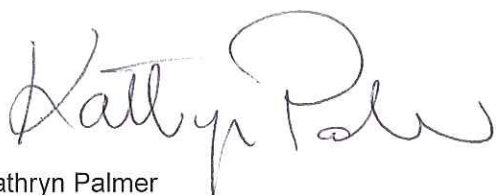
The SHAs in the Queenstown School catchment is anticipated to provide for 98 dwellings once fully developed. It is estimated that up to 30 children could result from the SHAs. This is equivalent to approximately one teaching space. Based on the demographics of households in these areas it is anticipated that these developments would have a minor direct impact on the roll of Queenstown School.

The SHAs in the home zone of Shotover Primary School are anticipated to provide for 117 dwellings when fully developed. According to Statistics NZ Census 2013 data there is a high number of people per household in the Lake Hayes South census area unit; and there is a higher proportion of primary age children in these households (when compared with other census area units in the area). Consequently, it is expected that more school age children will live in these SHAs. It is estimated that 61 children could result from the SHAs. This is equivalent to approximately three teaching spaces.

Shotover Primary School opened in January 2015 and has an initial capacity of 460 students, with a further stage planned to provide for an additional 190 student spaces as demand requires it. Growth in demand for schooling at Shotover Primary School is expected as non-SHA develop occurs and enrolment patterns change. If the SHAs are approved it is expected that this may bring forward when stage 2 capacity is provided at Shotover Primary School.

Conclusion

The Ministry of Education is satisfied that anticipated growth in school age children resulting from the SHAs will not directly cause local schools to become overcrowded.

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