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Land South of Ford End Primary School
Hearing Statement prepared on behalf of Dandara Eastern
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1.0 Introduction

1.1 This Hearing Statement has been prepared by Bidwells on behalf of Dandara Eastern in support of Land South of Ford End Primary School (hereafter "the site"), which is proposed for allocation as Growth Site 14b. Dandara has promoted the site through representations submitted at each of the previous Local Plan consultation stages. They control the whole site demarcated by the red line boundary plan contained in the Regulation 19 representations (Additional Sites)[1].

1.2 The purpose of Dandara Eastern's involvement in the Examination process is to demonstrate the availability and deliverability of Growth Site Policy 14b, Land South of Ford End Primary School, and to respond to Matter 7 questions. These comments are based on the Regulation 19 representations under Comment ID: **PSQ25-6303** (Policy DM20).

1.3 This Hearing Statement responds to:

- Matter 7: City, Town and Neighbourhood Centres and Community Facilities
  - Issue 2: Is the approach to delivering and protecting community facilities justified and effective?
    - Questions 7.10 and 7.11

[1] Bidwells Regulation 19 Local Plan Representations (January 2026): Appendix 1, Page 8

2.0 Response to Matter 7, Issue 2

Question 7.10: Should part i. of Policy DM20 be amended to refer to existing or proposed public transport, cycling and walking links? How would any proposed links be secured?

2.1 Growth Site Policy 14b identifies the potential delivery of community provision either through the enhancement or replacement of the existing facility in Ford End or the provision of a new facility within the allocation. Depending on the agreed delivery mechanism, the facility would be accessible by existing or proposed public transport, walking and cycling links. Any new links required to support the development would be identified through the Planning Brief and secured through the planning application process.

Question 7.11: Are changes to the policy and paragraph 8.178 needed to facilitate the flexible/shared use of new community facilities?

2.2 Flexibility in the wording of the policy is required to ensure the facility can be adequately delivered in whichever approach is determined to be appropriate.

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