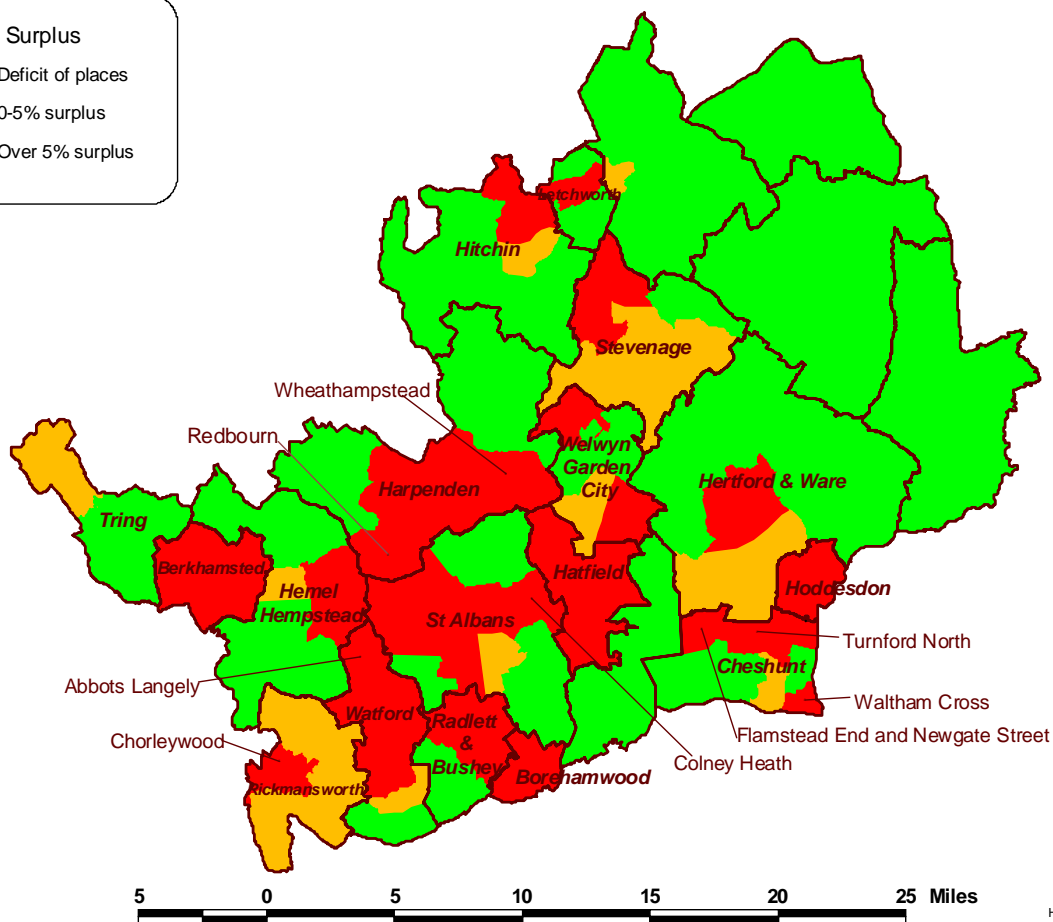
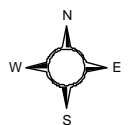
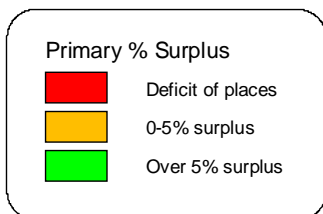


# Meeting the Rising Demand for School Places: 2010 update

## PRIMARY PLANNING AREAS

The map shows the county-wide picture for primary school place surplus and deficits.

Primary Planning Areas  
Surplus / Deficit for 2012/13



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More details on the local areas which are forecast to have a shortage of school places in 2012/13 are set out below.

## **Abbots Langley**

**Total number of permanent reception places currently available = 195**

April 2010 Forecast	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
<b>Demand</b>	196	190	230	187
<b>Surplus/Shortage</b>	-1	5	-35	8
<b>% Surplus/Shortage</b>	-0.5%	2.6%	-17.9%	4.1%

A shortage of places or low surplus is forecast for Abbots Langley. The shortage rises to over 1 form of entry (f.e.) in 2012-13. This planning area includes the villages of Abbots Langley, Hunton Bridge and Bedmond. With its close relationship to north Watford (21.2), it is important to maintain an adequate surplus in the village of Abbots Langley.

### **Action taken**

2006: Tanners Wood Primary's PAN (Published Admission Number) reduced from 56 to 45. The new PAN ensured that the school could manage class sizes efficiently and within Key Stage 1 legislation.

2009: The school attracts pupils from a wide area and there are few spare places available to manage the forecast demand.

### **Proposed next steps**

2012:

- a permanent expansion of Tanners Wood Primary by 0.5 f.e. (15 places).
- a temporary expansion of Abbots Langley Primary by 1 f.e. (30 places) to cater for a one-year peak in demand.

## ***Berkhamsted***

**Total number of permanent reception places currently available = 252**

April 2010 Forecast	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
<b>Demand</b>	253	269	309	307
<b>Surplus/Shortage</b>	-1	-17	-57	-55
<b>% Surplus/Shortage</b>	-0.4%	-6.7%	-22.6%	-21.8%

A shortage of places is forecast for Berkhamsted. Approximately 2 f.e. (60 places) will be required from 2012/13.

### **Action taken**

2009: In line with the then forecast increase in demand the admission number at Greenway First School was increased from 45 to 60. A building project has been completed.

### **Proposed next steps**

2011: The position will be monitored and additional places provided at Westfield First School, if required,, by local agreement.

2012:

- a permanent expansion of Greenway First School by 1 f.e. to 3 f.e.,
- a permanent expansion of Westfield First School by 1 f.e. to 2 f.e.

## ***Borehamwood***

**Total number of permanent reception places currently available = 360**

April 2010 Forecast	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
<b>Demand</b>	358	390	383	394
<b>Surplus/Shortage</b>	2	-30	-23	-34
<b>% Surplus/Shortage</b>	0.6%	-8.3%	-6.4%	-9.4%

A shortage of places is forecast from 2011, requiring in excess of 1 f.e.

## Action taken

The County Council has responded to a rising demand for places in Borehamwood.

2009: Cowley Hill Primary's PAN was increased from 45 to 60 from September 2009 to meet the forecast increase in demand at the time.

2010: Summerswood Primary's PAN was increased on a temporary basis from 30 to 60, to respond to the forecast demand at the time. Two temporary classrooms have been provided on the school site to accommodate the additional pupils.

2011: The County Council has now determined that the admission number at Summerswood Primary should remain at 60 for 2011-12. This leaves no surplus capacity.

## Proposed next steps:

2011: The position will be monitored and additional places provided at Parkside Primary, if required, by local agreement..

2012: A permanent expansion of Summerswood Primary by 1 f.e. to 2 f.e.

## Chorleywood

**Total number of permanent reception places currently available = 120**

April 2010 Forecast	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
<b>Demand</b>	135	144	122	109
<b>Surplus/Shortage</b>	-15	-24	-2	+11
<b>% Surplus/Shortage</b>	-12.5%	-20.0%	-1.6%	9.1%

A shortage of places is forecast from 2010/11 of around 15 places with 1 f.e. required for 2011/12 and no surplus in 12/13.

## Proposed next steps

2011: The Russell School will take an additional 1 f.e. for 2011/12, should application data support the demand.

The County Council will continue to monitor forecasts to ensure the appropriate number of places to meet future demand.

## ***Colney Heath***

**Total number of reception places currently available = 30**

April 2010 Forecast	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
<b>Demand</b>	23	24	36	20
<b>Surplus/Shortage</b>	7	6	-6	10
<b>% Surplus/Shortage</b>	23.3%	20.0%	-20.0%	33.3%

A small deficit of places is forecast from 2010-11, in some years.

### **Action taken**

2010: Historically any marginal additional demand has been managed as locally as possible.

### **Proposed next steps**

2012: The potential shortage of places will be managed through arrangement with local schools to provide places as locally as possible.

The County Council will continue to monitor forecasts to ensure the appropriate number of places to meet future demand.

## ***Flamstead End and Newgate Street***

**Total number of reception places currently available = 100**

April 2010 Forecast	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
<b>Demand</b>	114	108	123	93
<b>Surplus/Shortage</b>	-14	-8	-23	+7
<b>% Surplus/Shortage</b>	-14.0%	-8.0%	-23.0%	7.0%

A shortage of places is forecast in 2010/11 until 2012/13.

### **Action taken**

2010: Ponsbourne St Mary's PAN increased from 10 to 12. Primary application and allocation numbers for 2010 indicate that there are sufficient places to meet demand.

### **Proposed next steps**

2011 and 2012: There are forecast to be sufficient places in the adjacent planning area to meet any surplus demand for these peak years. 0 to 5

year old data from GP registrations indicates that there will be sufficient places for children living in the planning area to be allocated places locally. The County Council will continue to monitor forecasts to ensure the appropriate number of places to meet future demand.

## ***Harpenden***

**Total number of permanent reception places currently available = 412**

April 2010 Forecast	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
<b>Demand</b>	423	445	443	374
<b>Surplus/Shortage</b>	-11	-33	-31	38
<b>% Surplus/Shortage</b>	-2.7%	-8.0%	-7.5%	9.2%

A shortage of places is forecast from 2010/11 of around 11 places with over 1 f.e. required for 2011/12 and 2012/13.

### **Action taken**

2010: An additional 0.5 f.e. was provided at The Grove Infant.

### **Proposed next steps**

2011: A temporary over-allocation by 30 places at The Lea Primary for 2 years.

2012: A temporary expansion of either The Grove by 0.5 f.e. or St Dominic's by 1 f.e. for 2 years.

## ***Hatfield***

**Total number of permanent reception places available = 360**

April 2010 Forecast	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
<b>Demand</b>	385	401	491	457
<b>Surplus/Shortage</b>	-25	-41	-131	-97
<b>% Surplus/Shortage</b>	-6.9%	-11.4%	-36.4%	-26.9%

A shortage of places is forecast for 2011/12 of around 1.5 f.e. (45 places) and a further 2.5 f.e. (75 places) from 2012/13. Hatfield is one of the areas of the county where the demand for places has changed.

## **Action taken**

2006: A review of primary places in the area was undertaken to address levels of surplus places. Decisions were taken to rationalise the pattern of schools and places available to reduce the risk of under-performance and unviability.

2007: Implementation of review outcomes:

- Stream Woods and New Briars Primary Schools were amalgamated to create a new 1 f.e. primary (Oak View) on the former Stream Woods site. This site has capacity and buildings for 2 f.e. and provides the potential for future expansion. The former New Briars school site has been retained also for future service need.

2010:

- Green Lanes Primary's PAN was increased from 45 to 60 to meet a growing demand from the housing area immediately surrounding the school. Funding has been provided from the County Council's capital programme for permanent buildings to support the new size of the school.
- Following receipt of primary applications for 2010, an agreement was made locally with Oak View Primary to admit up to 60 children in 2010.. In addition, to respond to the growing change in demand, the County Council consulted on and approved a proposal to increase the admission number at Oak View Primary from 30 to 60 from 2011.

## **Proposed next steps**

2011:

- a permanent expansion of Oak View Primary by 1 f.e. to 2 f.e.
- a temporary expansion of De Havilland by 1 f.e. to 3 f.e. (if primary applications confirm this is required).

2012:

- a new 2 f.e. school to be opened on the former New Briars site.
- a temporary expansion of De Havilland Primary by 1 f.e. to 3 f.e.

## ***Hemel Hempstead***

**Total number of permanent reception places currently available = 735**

April 2010 Forecast	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
<b>Demand</b>	671	772	797	769
<b>Surplus/Shortage</b>	64	-37	-62	-34
<b>% Surplus/Shortage</b>	8.7%	-5.0%	-8.4%	-4.6%

A shortage of 1.5 f.e. reception places is forecast for Hemel Hempstead from 2011/12 increasing to over 2 f.e. in 2012/13 when there is no surplus capacity. This pressure is concentrated in the eastern side of the town. Hemel Hempstead is an area where the forecast of demand has changed significantly over the past two years.

### **Action taken**

2006: A review of primary places in the area was undertaken to address levels of surplus places. It was decided to rationalise provision to reduce the risk of under-performance and unviability. The number of places available was reduced by 3 f.e. (90 places).

2008: Implementation of review outcomes, involving:

- the amalgamation of schools (Barncroft /Eastbrook; Jupiter Drive/Bellgate; Martindale/Rossgate) to create three new primary schools: Maple Grove (1 f.e.) on the former Eastbrook site, Yewtree (2 f.e.) on the former Bellgate site, and Galley Hill (1.5 f.e.) on the former Rossgate site.

The former Barncroft, Jupiter Drive, and Martindale sites are available to respond to future service need.

2011: To respond to the change in demand the County Council has determined the following:

- Hammond Primary's PAN to increase from 30 to 60, initially on a temporary basis.
- Tudor Primary's PAN to increase from 30 to 60, initially on a temporary basis.

### **Proposed next steps**

2012:

- a permanent expansion of Tudor Primary by 1 f.e. to 2 f.e.
- a permanent expansion of Hammond Primary by 1 f.e.



## ***Hertford Town***

**Total number of permanent reception places available = 315**

April 2010 Forecast	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
<b>Demand</b>	300	326	367	332
<b>Surplus/Shortage</b>	15	-11	-52	-17
<b>% Surplus/Shortage</b>	4.8%	-3.5%	-16.5%	-5.4%

A shortage of places is forecast for Hertford town of around 0.5 f.e. in 2011/12, with demand peaking at just under 2 f.e. in 2012/13.

### **Action taken**

2009: In response to forecast rising demand, the County Council embarked on a public consultation on the enlargement of Wheatcroft Primary from 45 to 60 from 2011/12. The County Council decided not to proceed to statutory consultation on this option pending a review of the level of demand across the town and consideration of the most appropriate options to meet this demand.

### **Proposed next steps**

2011: A possible temporary expansion of Morgans Primary by 1 f.e. to 3 f.e., for either 2011/12 if required or 2012/13 to meet the forecast peak in demand.

2012: A permanent expansion of Abel Smith Primary by 1 f.e. to 2 f.e.

## ***Hitchin Town***

**Total number of permanent reception places available = 406**

April 2010 Forecast	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
<b>Demand</b>	392	448	421	440
<b>Surplus/Shortage</b>	14	-42	-15	-34
<b>% Surplus/Shortage</b>	3.4%	-10.3%	-3.7%	-8.4%

A shortage of approximately 1.5 f.e. of reception places is forecast for this area of Hitchin at a peak in demand in 2011/12.

## Action taken

2007: A review of primary places in Hitchin was carried out to address levels of surplus places to reduce the risk of under-performance and unviability. It was decided to reduce the number of reception places available for 2009/10 by 42.

2009: Implementation of review outcomes:

- Strathmore Infant's PAN reduced from an intake of 90 to 60
- Highover JMI's PAN reduced from an intake of 42 to 30.

2011:

- Mary Exton to reduce from an intake of 34 to 30.
- Samuel Lucas to reduce from an intake of 34 to 30.
- Highover JMI to increase to 45 for 2011/12, for one year
- Strathmore Infant to increase its PAN to 90 for 2011/12, for one year

## Proposed next steps

2012: A permanent expansion of Highover JMI to 2 f.e.

2013: Strathmore Infant and (subsequently in 2016) Wilshere-Dacre Junior will provide flexible space to accommodate any excess demand.

## *Hoddesdon and Turnford North (formerly Wormley)*

**Total number of permanent reception places currently available = 446**

April 2010 Forecast	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
<b>Demand</b>	447	472	468	441
<b>Surplus/Shortage</b>	-1	-26	-22	5
<b>% Surplus/Shortage</b>	-0.2%	-5.8%	-4.9%	1.1%

A shortage of places is forecast for this area with a further 1 f.e. required in Turnford North from 2011/12 onwards.

## Action taken

2006: a review of primary places in the Hoddesdon/Wormley area was carried out to address levels of surplus places to reduce the risk of under-performance and unviability. It was decided to rationalise the pattern of schools in the centre and south of the Hoddesdon.

2007: Implementation of review outcomes achieved a net reduction of just over 2 f.e. across Hoddesdon through the:

- closure of Ryelands & Ley Park Primary Schools
- relocation of Wormley Primary and expansion to 2 f.e.
- expansion of Sheredes Primary to 2 f.e.

The former school sites have been retained in County Council ownership for future service need.

2010:

- a proposal to increase Longlands Primary's PAN from 26 to 30 was approved.
- application and allocation numbers for 10/11 indicate that there are sufficient places to meet demand.

### **Proposed next steps**

2011: A permanent expansion of Brookland Infant School and (subsequently in 2014) its linked Junior School, by 1 f.e. to 3 f.e.

## ***Letchworth***

**Total number of permanent reception places currently available = 371**

April 2010 Forecast	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
<b>Demand</b>	346	358	362	373
<b>Surplus/Shortage</b>	25	13	9	-2
<b>% Surplus/Shortage</b>	6.7%	3.5%	2.4%	-0.5%

Although current forecasts show an area of Letchworth with a deficit of places in 2012/13, this is due to recent changes to school provision to reduce surplus places which have yet to be reflected in the forecast. Sufficient places are available to meet forecast demand.

### **Action taken**

2006/7: A review of primary places in Letchworth was undertaken to address levels of surplus places.

2009: Implementation of review outcomes:

- Westbury and Lannock Primary Schools were closed (a reduction of 64 places).
- Radburn Primary's PAN was reduced from 38 to 30.

As a result of the review, the level of surplus across the town currently falls within the Audit Commission's guidelines.

### Proposed next steps

The County Council will continue to monitor forecasts to ensure that the appropriate number of places to meet future demand.

### *Radlett*

**Total number of reception places currently available = 150**

April 2010 Forecast	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
<b>Demand</b>	152	167	158	139
<b>Surplus/Shortage</b>	-2	-17	-8	11
<b>% Surplus/Shortage</b>	-1.3%	-11.3%	-5.3%	7.3%

A small deficit of places is forecast from 2010/11 to 2012/13.

### Action taken

Historically any marginal additional demand has been managed as locally as possible.

### Proposed next steps

2011: The potential shortage of places will continue to be managed through local arrangements in the area.

The County Council will continue to monitor forecasts to ensure the appropriate number of places to meet future demand.

### *Redbourn*

**Total number of reception places currently available = 60**

April 2010 Forecast	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
<b>Demand</b>	57	57	70	51
<b>Surplus/Shortage</b>	3	3	-10	9
<b>% Surplus/Shortage</b>	5.0%	5.0%	-16.7%	15.0%

A small deficit of places is forecast from 2010-11, in some years.

## Action taken

Historically any marginal additional demand has been managed as locally as possible.

## Proposed next steps

2012: The potential shortage of places will continue to be managed through local arrangements in the area.

The County Council will continue to monitor forecasts to ensure that the appropriate number of places to meet future demand.

## St Albans

**Total number of permanent reception places currently available = 967**

April 2010 Forecast	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
<b>Demand</b>	1032	994	1103	1046
<b>Surplus/Shortage</b>	-65	-27	-136	-79
<b>% Surplus/Shortage</b>	-6.7%	-2.8%	-14.1%	-8.2%

A growing shortage of places is forecast in the city, rising to 4.5 f.e. in 2012/13 with no surplus capacity. The forecast then indicates a decrease to approximately 3 f.e.

St Albans is an area where significant and unpredictable rises in demand have been experienced and which have since been reflected in the forecast. The city is densely populated, and developed, presenting real challenges in finding suitable school sites to expand, or new sites to develop. Some short term measures have been necessary until longer term solutions can be found.

## Action taken

2007: Aboyne Lodge, St Peter's and Maple Primary Schools' PANs were increased by 30 places each for one year to meet a sudden increase in demand.

2008: Mandeville Primary and Bernards Heath Infant Schools' PANs were increased by 30 places each on a temporary basis.

2009: Mandeville Primary and Bernards Heath Infant's PANs were sustained. A building project to provide permanent additional capacity at Bernards Heath Infant is complete. Projects at the linked junior school and Mandeville Primary to provide permanent additional accommodation are currently underway.

2010: Cunningham Hill Infant and Margaret Wix Primary Schools' PANs increased by 1 f.e. (30 places) each for one year. Additional places were also required at Killigrew Primary.

### **Proposed next steps**

2011: The PAN at Margaret Wix Primary was determined at 60.

2011: Establish a new 2 f.e. primary school on the University of Hertfordshire site. (If the delivery of this project is delayed then Prae Wood Primary could take a temporary expansion.)

2012: There is the opportunity to increase the age range of Francis Bacon to create an all-through school with a 2 f.e. primary intake.

## ***Stevenage Town (North)***

**Total number of permanent reception places currently available = 643**

April 2010 Forecast	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
<b>Demand</b>	599	702	720	693
<b>Surplus/Shortage</b>	44	-59	-77	-50
<b>% Surplus/Shortage</b>	6.8%	-9.2%	-12.0%	-7.8%

A shortage of places is forecast for the north of Stevenage Town of over 2.5 f.e. (75 reception places). However, the housing assumptions in these forecasts include pupils expected to be generated by the housing development in the West of Stevenage which, when it is developed, will include its own primary school provision. Excluding the West of Stevenage the forecast need is around 2 f.e.

### **Action taken**

2003:

- Round Diamond Primary was relocated to the heart of the Great Ashby development and expanded to 2 f.e.
- additional capacity was provided at The Leys Primary.

### **Proposed next steps**

2011: A permanent increase in the intake of Martins Wood Primary from 60 to 90, with additional demand being accommodated by spare places available towards the centre/south of the town.

2012: A permanent expansion of Fairlands Primary by 1 f.e. to 3 f.e.

The County Council will continue to monitor both demand for reception places from the existing community and future new housing developments as the strategic housing position for the area becomes clearer.

### ***Waltham Cross and Cheshunt East***

**Total number of permanent reception places currently available = 240**

April 2010 Forecast	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
<b>Demand</b>	265	248	288	281
<b>Surplus/Shortage</b>	-25	-8	-48	-41
<b>% Surplus/Shortage</b>	-10.4%	-3.3%	-20.0%	-17.1%

#### **Action taken**

2010/11: Arrangements have been made locally for Downfield Primary to admit up to 60 children in 10/11 (as well as in future years). Primary application and allocation numbers for 10/11 indicate that there will then be sufficient places to meet demand for 2010.

#### **Proposed next steps**

2011:

- A permanent expansion of Hurst Drive Primary by 0.5 f.e. to 2 f.e.
- A permanent expansion of Downfield Primary by 0.5 f.e. to 2 f.e.

2012: A temporary expansion of Burleigh Primary by 1 f.e. to 3 f.e. for 2 years whilst the County Council continues to monitor local demand for reception places.

### ***Watford Town***

**Total number of permanent reception places available = 960**

April 2010 Forecast	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
<b>Demand</b>	1049	1061	1099	1083
<b>Shortage</b>	-89	-101	-139	-123
<b>% Shortage</b>	-9.3%	-10.5%	-14.5%	-12.8%

The above shows a significant shortage of places is forecast in Watford, rising to 5 f.e. (150 places) in 2012/13, with a small surplus of around 1%. However, forecast demand is not evenly spread across the town, with a significant concentration in mid and especially central Watford.

### **Action taken**

2003/2004: A review of primary places in the area was undertaken to address levels of surplus places to reduce the risk of under-performance and unviability. Places were reduced by 3 f.e. (90 places) in the North East sub-planning area of the town.

2005: Implementation of review outcomes:

- the amalgamation of schools (Alban Wood Infant and Junior; Garston Infant, Lea Farm Junior and Meriden Schools) to create 2 new schools: (Alban Wood Primary (1 f.e) and Berrygrove Primary (3 f.e.) on the former Garston Infant/Lea Farm Junior site).
- reduction of the admission number at Leavesden Green Primary from 60 to 30 places.

The outcome of the review was successful and this pattern of school provision in North East Watford is broadly in line with the forecast numbers for that part of the town.

2009: Holywell Primary's PAN increased from 45 to 60 to meet a growing demand for places in central Watford. A building project has been carried out with funding provided from the County Council's capital programme.

2010: PANs were increased temporarily by 30 places each at:

- Laurance Haines Primary, from 60 to 90
- Beechfield Primary, from 30 to 60 and
- Cassiobury Infant, from 60 to 90.

These schools are the closest to the areas of greatest demand which have sufficient site capacity to accommodate additional pupils on a temporary basis. Two temporary classrooms have been provided at each school.

2011: To continue to respond to the change in demand the County Council has determined the following:

- Laurance Haines' PAN to remain at 90
- Cassiobury Infant's PAN to remain at 90
- Beechfield Primary's PAN to remain at 60
- Cherry Tree Primary's PAN to increase from 30 to 60 places.

These schools are the closest to the area of greatest demand which have sufficient site capacity to accommodate additional pupils on a temporary basis. The first three have already been provided with 2 temporary classrooms each in 2010, and Cherry Tree Primary will also be provided with a temporary classroom for 2011.



## Proposed next steps

2012:

- a permanent expansion of Beechfield Primary, by 1 f.e. to 2 f.e.
- a permanent expansion of Cassiobury Infant, by 1 f.e. to 3 f.e.
- a permanent expansion of Holywell Primary, by 1 f.e. to 3 f.e.
- a permanent expansion of Cherry Tree Primary by 1 f.e. to 2 f.e.
- options continue to be explored. The County Council is aware that the Watford Muslim School Trust has put forward a proposal for a new 1 f.e. school with an Islamic ethos, with evidence of local demand.

2013:

- a permanent expansion of Cassiobury Junior by 1 f.e. to 3 f.e.

### Additional Requirements

- an additional 1 f.e. will be required for 2012. Work is ongoing to identify whether there are any further opportunities for expansion of provision in the town.

## *Welwyn Garden City*

**Total number of permanent reception places available = 585**

April 2010 Forecast	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
<b>Demand</b>	623	630	648	566
<b>Surplus/Shortage</b>	-38	-45	-63	19
<b>% Surplus/Shortage</b>	-6.5%	-7.7%	-10.8%	3.2%

A shortage of places of 2 f.e. is forecast for 2012/13

### Action taken

2010: A temporary expansion of Watchlytes School by 1 f.e. to 2 f.e. for 2 years. The primary application and allocation numbers for 10/11 indicate that, with the additional places at Watchlytes School, there will be sufficient places to meet demand.

## Proposed next steps

2011:

- the additional temporary 1 f.e. will continue to be provided at Watchlytes School.
- a permanent expansion of Creswick Primary by 1 f.e. to 2 f.e.

2012: a temporary expansion of Swallow Dell Primary by 1 f.e. to 3 f.e. for 1 year to meet anticipated demand.

## *Wheathampstead*

**Total number of permanent reception places currently available = 70**

April 2010 Forecast	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
<b>Demand</b>	67	56	74	51
<b>Surplus/Shortage</b>	3	14	-4	19
<b>% Surplus/Shortage</b>	4.3%	20.0%	-5.7%	27.1%

A small deficit of places is forecast from 2010-11 in some years.

### Action taken

Historically any marginal additional demand has been managed locally.

### Proposed next steps

2012: The potential shortage of places will continue to be managed through local arrangement with the two village schools.

The County Council will continue to monitor forecasts to ensure the appropriate number of places to meet future demand.