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Nigel Jupp

**Cabinet Member for Education and Skills**

Dear Nigel,

**Children and Young People's Services Select Committee - Woodlands Meed**

At the Children and Young People's Services Select Committee meeting on 4 December 2019 members considered the above item. The report laid out 4 possible options for the site, with a proposal that an independent specialist survey be commissioned to provide a baseline against which these options could be considered.

The Committee made a series of recommendations for your consideration, as listed below:

- That there is a firm decision made by the end of January 2020.
- The Committee feels that only options 1 and 2 should be considered, with a preference for option 2 (136 pupil place new build). Option 4 should not be considered.
- Members felt there was no need for a further independent specialist survey to be undertaken.
- For you to use your best endeavours to bridge any funding gap if option 1, or option 2 is agreed upon.
- That you ensure any problem of access to the site for construction work is overcome.

I trust that you will take the Committee's comments into consideration. A progress update on Woodlands Meed will return to the Committee in March 2020. I would be very grateful if you could provide any written response you wish to make to this letter by 27 December 2019 to [rachel.allan@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:rachel.allan@westsussex.gov.uk), in time for the Committee's next meeting on 9 January 2020.

With best regards,

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