



The Secretary
An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough St
Dublin 1

19 November 2019

Ref: Case no: 305680 - SHD Planning Application on Lands at St Paul's College, Sybill Hill, Dublin 5

Dear Sir/Madam

I refer to the above planning application, which was lodged on 16th October 2019 by Crekav Trading GP Ltd. The Department of Education & Skills has assessed the application and would like to make the following submission.

This Department conducts nationwide demographic exercises into current and future need for primary and post-primary school places across the country and these are constantly monitored and update as further demographic information emerges. As a result of such demographic exercises, this Department has identified an emerging need for a primary school in the relevant school planning area based on planned residential development, including at the subject site, and this new school formed part of the 2018 Ministerial announcement of new schools. Department officials are currently working to identify and acquire a suitable permanent site to meet this school requirement.

The Department notes that the proposed development would result in a substantial population increase for the area. In addition, given projected population increases under the National Planning Framework, further upward pressure on school places may materialise and additional school site requirements may emerge from renewed demographic analyses.

This Department would, therefore, appreciate if the associated impact on current and future school place requirements were considered in the assessment of this and other residential planning applications.

Yours sincerely

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