

Mainstream School Place Sufficiency Plan

2024

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Executive Summary

This mainstream sufficiency update provides information about mainstream school places across Solihull and considers external influences that are driving a need to change the number of school places over the short to medium term.

The aim of this plan is to provide an evidence base to work with schools on the demographic challenges that are currently affecting them. The update provides information regarding the current and future pupil population and capacity of schools in Solihull. The appendices provide forecasts for mainstream school-age pupil numbers and details of housing developments for each planning area. The data within this plan is based on the January 2024 pupil census and will be updated annually.

This sufficiency update is part of a wider framework of policy documents that support the Council Plan 2020 to 2025 and sets out how the Council will provide sufficient mainstream school places. Over the coming year, the Council will develop an overarching Sufficiency Strategy that will encompass the wider remit of sufficiency planning, including early years, mainstream, special educational needs and alternative provision and how they fit together. This overarching Sufficiency Strategy will be a component of the emerging Education Strategy.

Primary - The birth rate in Solihull has fallen by 12% over the last 5 years and this is now impacting on primary school reception intakes. Forecasts indicate that by September 2024 there will be 239 (9%) empty reception places in our primary schools. This level of surplus reception places will continue to increase unless steps are taken, in partnership with schools, to reduce the level of reception places over coming years.

Significant in-year migration in key stage 2, in some areas of the Borough, has required the use of bulge classes to be introduced and these will continue to be in place in Years 4, 5 and 6 during the 24/25 academic year feeding through until they finish in Year 6 and providing 120 additional primary school places during this period. Early indications are that the level of in-year migration is now falling but this will need to be carefully monitored. As lower pupil numbers feed through primary schools, whole school rolls are forecast to fall by 6% by 2028.

In response to the now withdrawn Solihull Local Plan (2020), the need for 4 new primary schools has been identified. These will be delivered to meet the pupil yield from the strategic sites (which are still expected to come forward) and will form an essential part of those new communities. As yet the timing of these is unclear. The strategic sites can be found in the appendices where their locations are indicated on the map for each planning area.

Secondary – It was previously anticipated that as larger numbers in primary schools move through to secondary schools, the peak in Year 7 cohorts in Solihull would be in September 2023. The increase in in-year admissions at Key Stage 2 will now see Year 7 intakes peak in September 2027 before they are expected to fall. To meet this increase in demand, a rolling programme of additional Year 7 bulge classes has been agreed with 5 secondary schools and will operate until the September 2027 peak.

The permanent expansion of at least one secondary school will be required in response to the now withdrawn Solihull Local Plan (2020). Further consideration is

required on the impact of housing development on secondary school places, in particular in relation to the UK Central development but also across South Solihull as the timing of strategic housing developments becomes clearer. The strategic sites can be found in the appendices where their locations are indicated on the map for each planning area.

Post-16 – Currently 10 of the 15 secondary schools in Solihull have post-16 departments catering for 1,886 pupils in January 2024. A new post-16 department will open at Light Hall School in September 2024. The increase in demand currently being experienced by secondary schools will feed through to post-16 and is expected to peak in 2032. We will work with Solihull schools and Post 16 providers to determine what this increase in demand will mean for sufficiency of places and pathways that are on offer across the wider post-16 offer in Solihull.

Forecasting methodology

Solihull Council produces forecasts of school pupil numbers on an annual basis, using the latest available data. The Department for Education (DfE) publishes forecasting accuracy for each Council for a one and three year period based on the School Capacity and Projections (SCAP) annual return.

For Solihull the forecasting accuracy outcomes for 2023 are primary 1 year ahead +0.5% and for 3 years ahead -0.7%. For secondary school places the forecasting accuracy for 1 year ahead is +0.2% and for 3 years is -0.3%. Our pupil forecast model and underlying assumptions are reviewed annually to ensure this level of accuracy is maintained.

Planning Areas – for forecasting purposes the Borough is divided up into 9 primary planning areas and 3 secondary planning areas. Planning areas are geographical areas that contain several schools that can reasonably be considered to be options for the children that live in the planning area to attend based on historical attendance trends. Maps of all Solihull's planning areas and schools are provided in the Appendices.

Methodology – for reception intake, forecasts are based on the latest population and birth data and are calculated using a take up rate for each planning area. For Year 3 (junior only schools), Year 7 (and Year 10 for WMG Academy), forecasts are based on the latest population and cohort data and are calculated using a take up rate for each planning area and cohort progression calculations. Forecasts include the expected impact of new housing where this has planning approval, as well as typical patterns of pupils attending schools from different areas including outside of Solihull.

All admissions outside of reception, Year 3 (junior schools) and Year 7 (Year 10 for WMG Academy), are considered to be in-year admissions. Forecasts for in-year admissions are calculated using cohort progression factors.

For school based post-16, a trend in staying on rates is calculated for both Year 12 and Year 13 and then applied to future cohorts.

Primary School Places

In January 2024, Solihull Council had 59 primary schools made up of 9 infant schools, 8 junior schools and 42 primary schools.

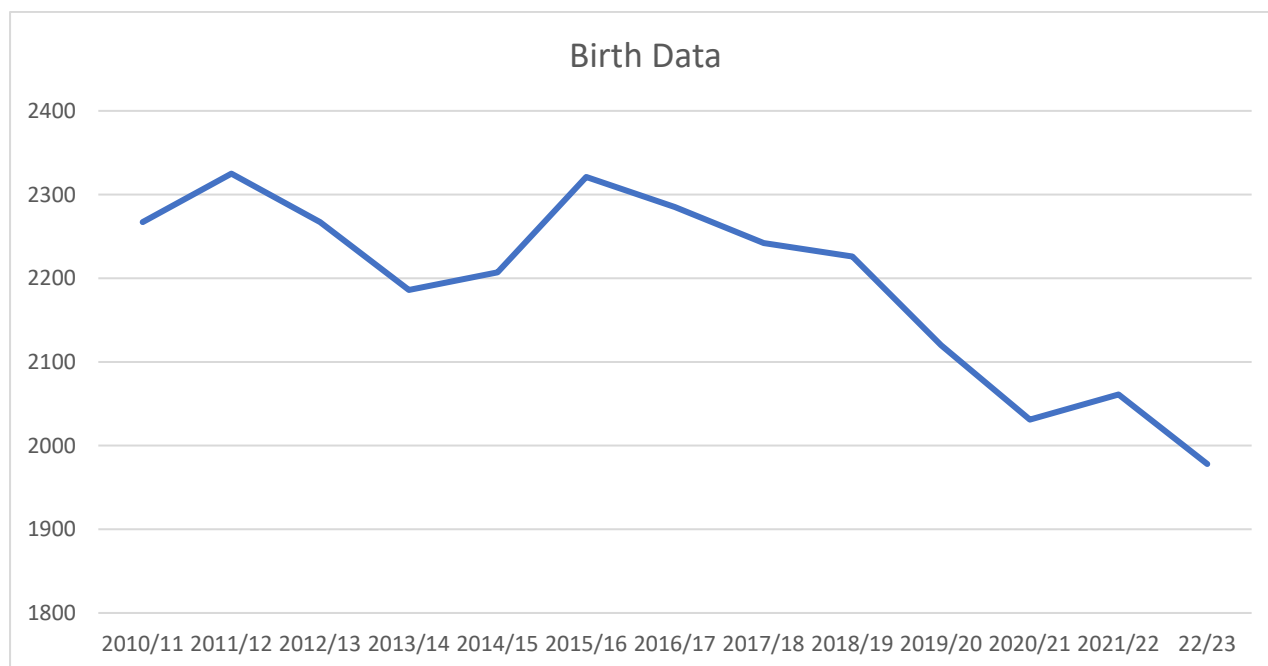
Status	Infant	Junior	Primary	Number on Roll at January 2024	% of pupils
Academy	4	2	25	9,368	49%
Community	4	5	12	8,136	42%
Voluntary Aided	1	1	4	1,477	8%
Voluntary Controlled			1	181	1%
Total	9	8	42	19,162	

The Council continues to maintain a number of separate community infant and junior schools. Consideration will be given to the feasibility of creating a primary school from a separate infant and junior school if a Headteacher leaves, one of the schools becomes a school of concern or significant expansion or reduction of pupil places is required at one or both establishments.

In January 2024 there were 19,946 primary school places in the Borough and 19,162 pupils on roll. This equates to 4% surplus places, 784 places. A level of surplus places is required to accommodate families moving into the area, with between 2% and 5% surplus a normal operating surplus. However, this is calculated across the whole Borough so there may still be localised pressure on places. A breakdown of the January 2024 data by planning area and school can be found in the appendices.

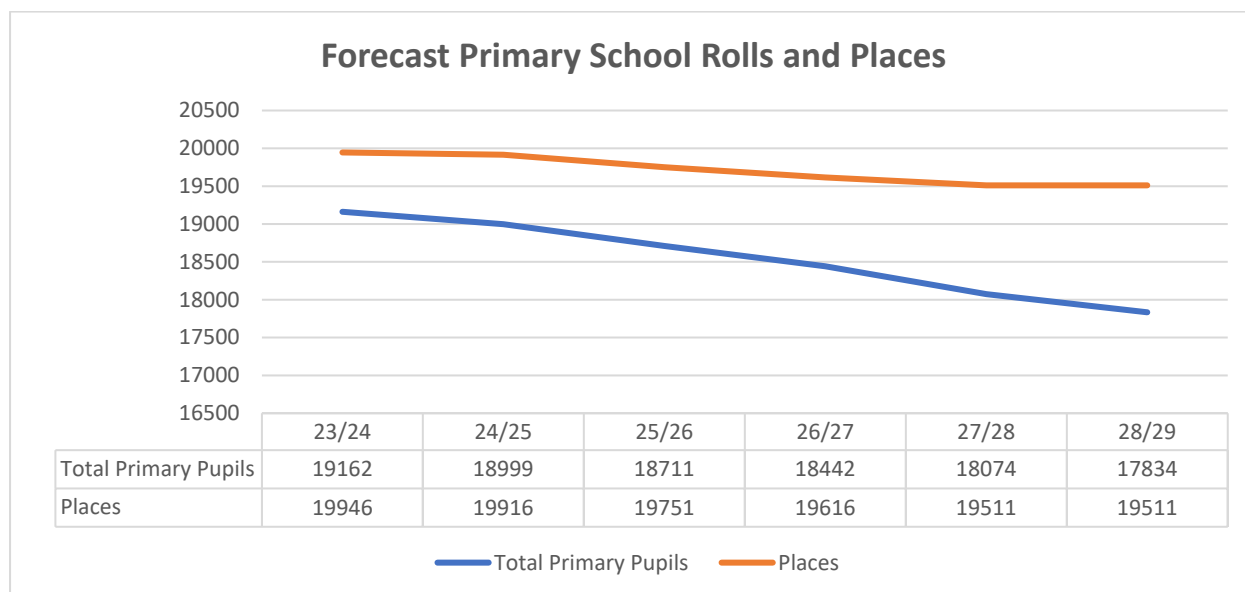
Primary Forecasts

The table below shows the birth rate in Solihull based on local health data for GP registrations up to 31st August 2023.



The data shows that there has been nearly a 12% drop in births in Solihull in the last 5 years. This will impact reception intakes up to and including September 2027.

Local Authority Primary Forecasts



Whole school rolls are forecasts to fall by 6% between September 2024 and September 2028. This will partly be due to bulge classes working their way out at the end of primary phase and also as a result of falling reception numbers feeding through schools.

Some spare capacity is required to allow for parental preference and families moving into the Borough, normally between 2% and 5%. Migration into Solihull is included in the forecasts but allowing for some level of spare capacity allows for fluctuations in migration to be accommodated.

September 2024 Forecast by Year Group

Forecast Year	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
24/25	2549	2590	2639	2728	2869	2807	2818	18999

Places 24/25	2788	2848	2818	2813	2933	2873	2843	19916
Surplus Places 24/25	9%	9%	6%	3%	2%	2%	1%	5%

The September 2024 forecast shows that 9% of reception places will be empty, which equates to 239 places or 8 reception classes. By September 2028 this is forecast to rise to 357 places, 12 reception classes. Without careful management falling rolls can lead to a school having a deficit budget and therefore impact on teaching and learning across school.

Work is underway, with schools, to look at opportunities to rationalise reception places. 135 reception places have already identified to be removed. Work will be undertaken with schools, to consider how the space freed through this exercise can be used for other priorities such as the roll out of expanded early years entitlement and special educational needs.

Details of forecasts for each primary planning area can be found in the appendices. Further work will be required, in partnership with schools, to review the level of reception places within each planning area and how they may be reduced. These reductions should be included in the September 2026 admission arrangements consultation process which starts in the Autumn Term 2024.

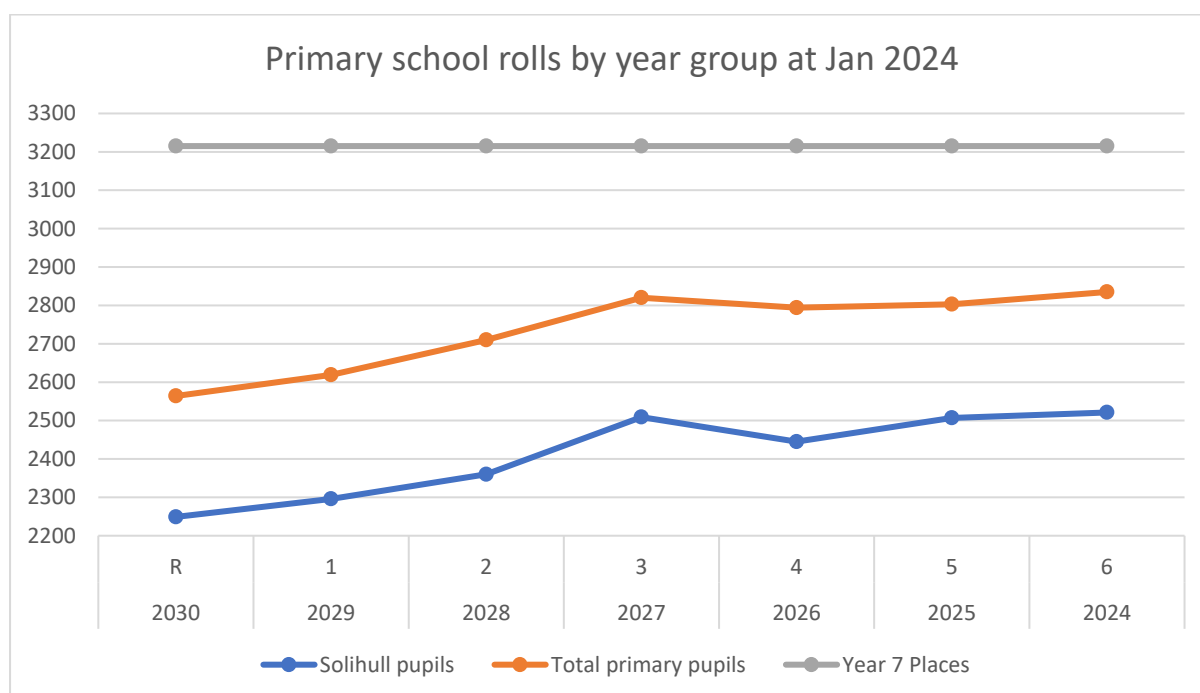
Secondary School Places

In January 2024, Solihull Council had 15 secondary schools all of which are academies. There were 17,952 pupils on roll of which 1,886 were post-16. A detailed breakdown by the three secondary planning areas can be found in the appendices.

One secondary school, WMG Academy, operates across the 14-19 age range with its intake year at year 10 rather than year 7. Secondary schools tend to have a reduction in pupil numbers at year 10 as families express a preference for a school with a Year 10 intake, either at WMG Academy or for schools outside of Solihull.

Secondary School Forecasts

The table below shows the cohorts currently moving through our primary schools, the year in which they will reach Year 7 and the number of places available. The total cohort of pupils includes children living outside of Solihull that attend a Solihull primary school.



The table shows that the number of Year 7 places available far exceeds the number of Solihull children in our primary schools, even at the peak in 2027 there are over 700 more year 7 places than there are Solihull pupils.

However, when applying admission criteria to the allocation of school places, some children living outside of Solihull will have a higher priority for a Year 7 place in a particular Solihull school than some Solihull children. In January 2024 over 700 (24%) of pupils in Year 7 live outside of Solihull. The impact of this inward migration at Year 7 is that Solihull schools tend to fill at Year 7 providing little or no spare capacity for families moving into Solihull in-year. Children living outside of Solihull are therefore, factored into our year 7 forecasts. In line with the Schools Admission Code, as published by the Department for Education, places cannot be held for families moving into Solihull outside of the normal year 7 intake.

Local Authority Secondary School Forecasts

Forecast Year	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total
2024/25	3271	3271	3144	3126	3218	977	879	17886
2025/26	3300	3240	3241	3129	3074	1061	917	17961
2026/27	3271	3269	3210	3224	3077	1048	998	18097
2027/28	3365	3240	3238	3193	3171	1075	988	18269
2028/29	3266	3333	3209	3222	3140	1097	1014	18280
2029/30	3271	3234	3302	3193	3168	1088	1035	18292
2030/31	3246	3239	3204	3285	3140	1084	1027	18226

Year 7 Places 24/25	3335
Surplus Places 24/25	2%

It is hard to calculate empty places in secondary schools outside of Year 7. The number of places available will differ from year group to year group and academic year to academic year, depending on how a school is organised. A school will organise according to a number of factors including pupil numbers, staffing and curriculum delivery. Each school has a physical capacity calculation which can be found in the appendices, but this does not necessarily relate to the number of places available at a point in time. The physical capacity of a school building can be used to support discussions around school expansions or the creation of bulge classes.

The forecasts show that Year 7 intakes will peak in 2027. A rolling programme of Year 7 bulge classes has been agreed with schools and will continue to be rolled out to meet this increase in demand. This will provide 225 additional year 7 places in total by 2027.

Whole school rolls are forecast to rise by only 2% over the next 7 years, even with the growth at year 7. Secondary school rolls tend to decrease as numbers move through school especially in Year 10 where pupils can access 14-19 schools meaning the growth across schools is less than would be anticipated.

When more detail on the extent and timing of housing development across the Borough is available, this will be factored into the forecasts and may require further expansion of places. Heart of England School, in the secondary rural east planning area, has already been identified for expansion if/when strategic housing sites are approved. This is currently expected to be required from September 2028 at the earliest. Housing sites in the Central and West planning area will need to be carefully monitored as this area has the most pressure on secondary school places.

Post-16 Places

10 Schools in Solihull have post-16 departments which in January 2024 catered for 1,886 students split by age range and geographically as follows: -

Planning Area	Year 12	Year 13	Total
Central & West	419	403	822
North	294	309	603
Rural East	221	240	461
Total	934	952	1886

A new post-16 department is opening at Light Hall School from September 2024 which is located in the Central and West Planning Area.

In addition to the post-16 offer in our secondary schools, post 16 provision is also located at Solihull College which has two campuses, one located in North Solihull and the other located in South Solihull and at Solihull Sixth Form College also located in South Solihull.

The increase in demand currently being experienced by secondary schools will feed through to post-16 and is expected to peak in 2032. Further work is required to determine what this increase in demand will mean for sufficiency of places and pathways that are on offer across the wider post-16 offer in Solihull.

Housing developments

A review of the Solihull local plan began in November 2015. The Council submitted the draft Solihull Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate on 13 May 2021 for independent examination. The examination (EiP) of the Solihull Local Plan has effectively been paused since the end of 2022 as a draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was published in December 2022. An amended NPPF was then formally issued in December 2023. The Inspectors carrying out the examination of the plan wrote to the Council on 6th September 2024 recommending that the plan be withdrawn. At full Council on 8th October 2024 Members agreed that the plan should be withdrawn.

The now withdrawn draft Solihull Local Plan (2020) identified a number of strategic housing sites for residential dwellings, a number of which are now the subject of planning applications. Four new primary schools are being proposed to meet the needs of these housing strategic sites as well as at least one secondary school expansion. Further consideration is required on the impact of housing development on secondary school places, in particular in relation to the UK Central development but also across South Solihull.

The report to full Council withdrawing the plan acknowledged that there were planning applications (for the allocated sites) that were already submitted and others could be expected. It set out a principle that whilst the plan was to be withdrawn, the evidence supporting it would still be material to the determination of the site allocation planning applications. It would remain the case that if applicants could demonstrated Very Special Circumstances, then permission could be granted. It is therefore prudent, in school place planning terms, to proceed on the basis that these developments may still come forward and appropriate arrangements will need to be

made to ensure the educational infrastructure needed to support them can be provided at the appropriate time.

The timing for delivery of each new school / expansion will be undertaken in line with the progression of the relevant housing development to ensure the right balance of availability of school places for new families moving in and the need to avoid providing too many places and the associated detrimental impact on pupil numbers in existing schools.

Details of the housing sites and the number of dwellings proposed are included in the appendices. Any changes to the number of dwellings, due to the withdrawal of the plan and subsequent work on a new plan (including new housing requirement) will require a review of the education infrastructure required. It should also be noted that the indicated dwelling numbers are a mix of estimates provided during the local plan examination and planning applications or pre applications, as such they may be amended during the determination stage of the planning application process.

[Solihull's Developer Contributions for Education Policy](#) was approved in January 2024 and takes account of DfE's pupil yield dashboard and revised guidance on Developer Contributions for Education (August 2023). The policy outlines how the Council calculates what education infrastructure is required across, early years, mainstream school, post-16 and Special Educational Needs and how the cost contribution is determined.

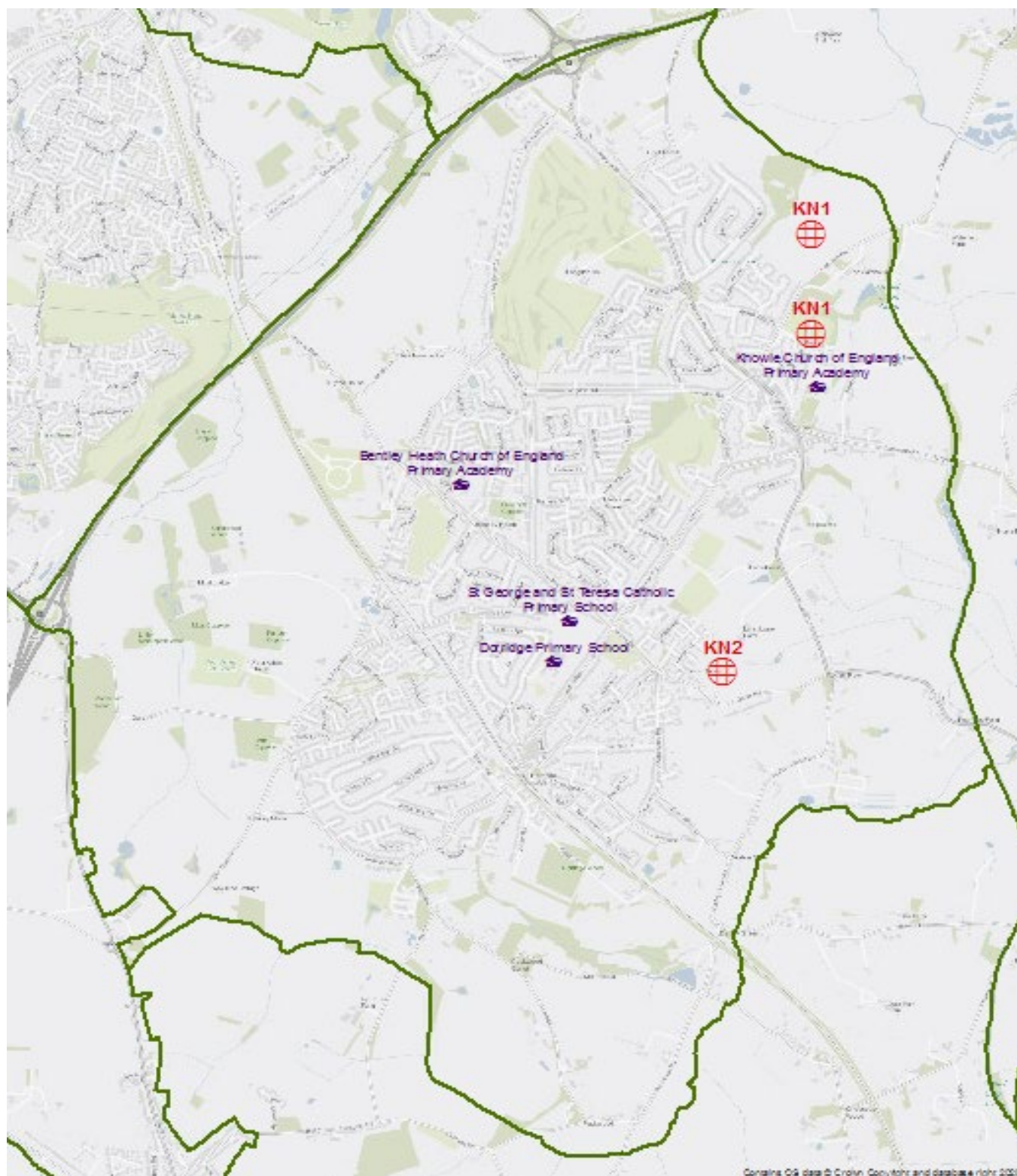
Example pupil yield for development of 100 dwellings with 40% affordable homes

Tenure	Early Years	Primary	Secondary	Post 16	SEND
Affordable	4.24	18.36	11.84	3.6	2.48
Market	4.2	15.96	6.06	2.22	0.36
Total	8.44	34.32	17.9	5.82	2.84
Pupil Yield	8	34	18	6	3

*example assumes all dwellings are 2+ bedrooms and is based on the DfE pupil yield dashboard

APPENDICES

Knowle and Dorridge Planning Area



January 2024 Pupil Census

Knowle Dorridge Planning Area	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Places	Empty Places
Bentley Heath C of E Primary	27	44	55	60	60	59	59	364	420	13%
Dorridge Primary	90	89	90	90	90	88	90	627	630	0%
Knowle C of E Primary	57	59	60	60	60	60	60	416	420	1%
St George And St Teresa RC Primary School	21	19	29	29	30	26	30	184	210	12%
Planning Area Total	195	211	234	239	240	233	239	1591	1680	5%

Planning Area Forecast

Forecast Year	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
24/25	203	197	214	234	241	239	232	1561
25/26	190	205	200	215	237	240	237	1524
26/27	183	192	209	201	217	236	239	1475
27/28	180	185	195	209	203	216	234	1422
28/29	180	182	188	196	211	202	214	1373

Places 24/25	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	1680
Surplus Places 24/25	15%	18%	11%	2%	-1%	1%	4%	7%

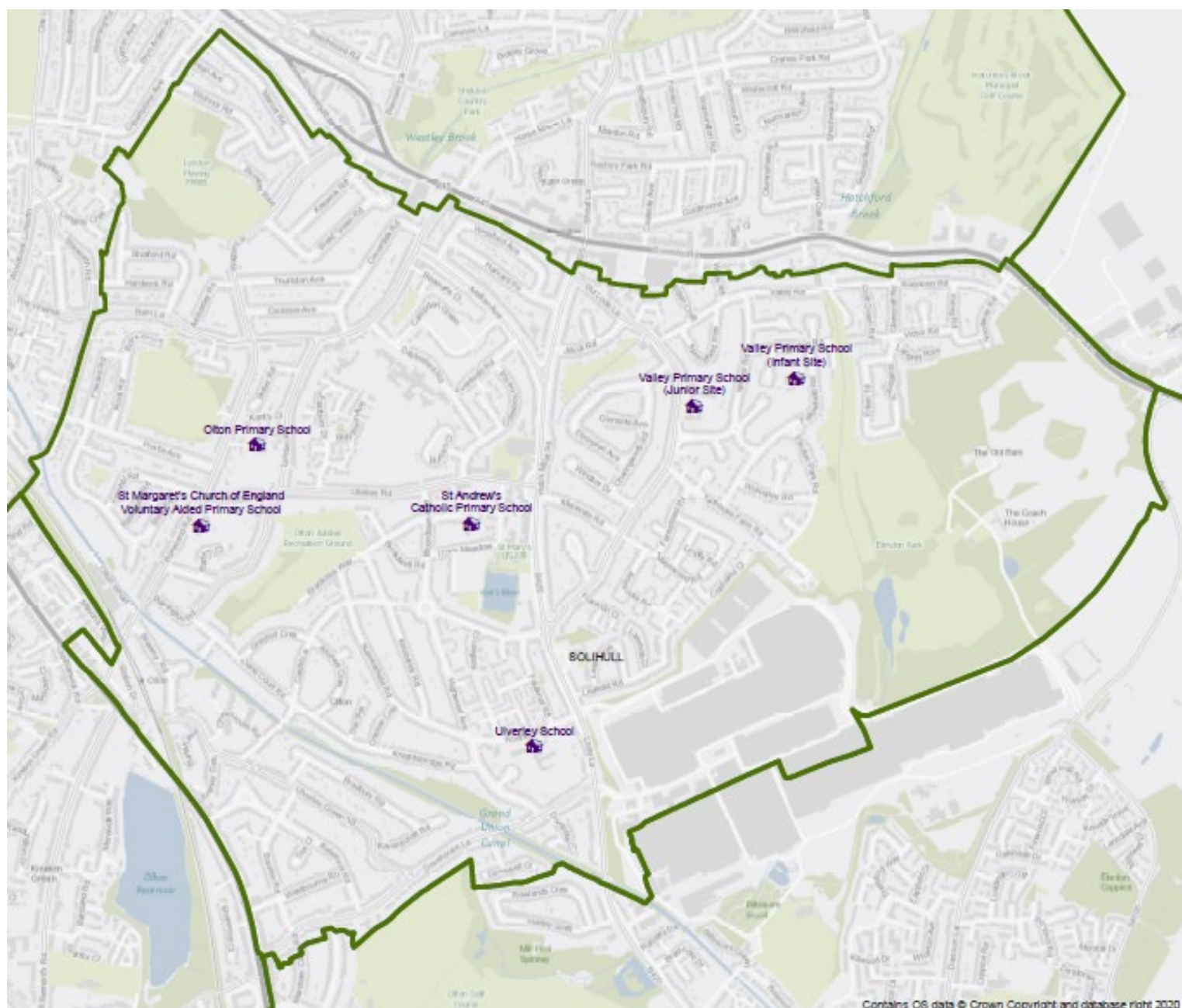
Strategic Housing Sites

Site	Location	Estimate of Proposed Dwellings	Application Status
KN1	Hampton Road	200	Pre-application
KN2	South of Knowle	855	Planning app in for part of site 450 dwellings and pre-application in for 235 dwellings
Total		1055	

Issues and challenges

- Rising surplus places feeding through from Reception – review level of reception places with schools.
- Withdrawn Solihull Local Plan (2020) housing sites propose circa 1,000 dwellings. A new primary school is proposed to respond to new housing needs. Need to consider timing, size and impact on existing schools. New development not included in forecasts.

Lyndon Elmdon Planning Area



January 2024 Pupil Census

Lyndon Elmdon Planning Area	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Places	Empty Places
Olton Primary	87	88	89	90	88	89	88	619	630	2%
St Andrew's RC Primary School	30	28	30	30	30	31	29	208	210	1%
St Margaret's Academy	30	29	30	30	30	30	30	209	210	0%
Ulverley Primary School	60	56	57	61	60	60	60	414	420	1%
Valley Primary School	66	68	76	88	84	86	89	557	630	13%
Planning Area Total	273	269	282	299	292	296	296	2007	2100	5%

Planning Area Forecasts

Forecast Year	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
24/25	293	273	269	284	300	292	301	2011
25/26	235	293	274	270	283	299	296	1951
26/27	247	235	294	275	270	283	304	1907
27/28	250	247	236	295	274	269	287	1858
28/29	250	250	248	236	294	274	274	1826

Places 24/25	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	2100
Surplus Places 24/25	2%	9%	10%	5%	0%	3%	0%	4%

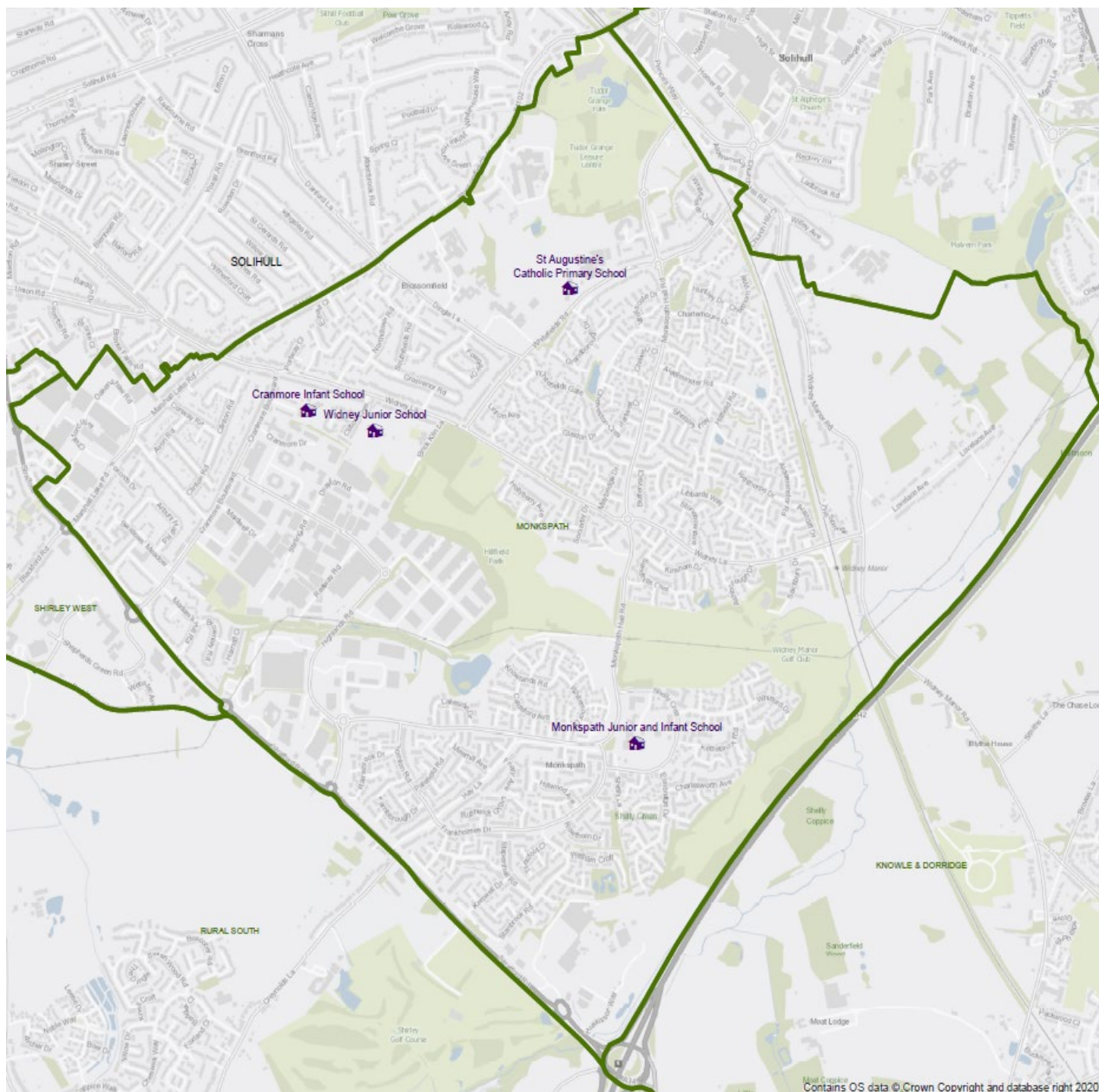
Strategic Housing Sites

No strategic housing sites are planned for this planning area. Windfall housing sites will be closely monitored.

Issues and challenges

- Reception intake forecast to fall from September 2025 – review level of reception places with schools.

Monkspath Planning Area



January 2024 Pupil Census

Monkspath Planning Area	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Cranmore Infant	51	60	58					169
Monkspath J & I School	84	90	90	90	90	90	90	624
St Augustine's RC Primary School	29	29	30	32	32	32	33	217
Widney Junior School				67	95	66	99	327
Planning Area Total	164	179	178	189	217	188	222	1337

Places	Empty Places
180	7%
630	1%
210	-3%
300	-8%
1320	-1%

Planning Area Forecasts

Forecast Year	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
24/25	168	164	179	186	221	221	188	1327
25/26	162	173	165	183	186	221	221	1311
26/27	147	167	174	169	183	186	222	1248
27/28	135	151	168	178	169	183	187	1171
28/29	135	139	152	172	178	169	184	1129

Places 24/25	180	180	180	180	210	210	180	1320
Surplus Places 24/25	7%	9%	1%	-3%	-5%	-5%	-4%	-1%

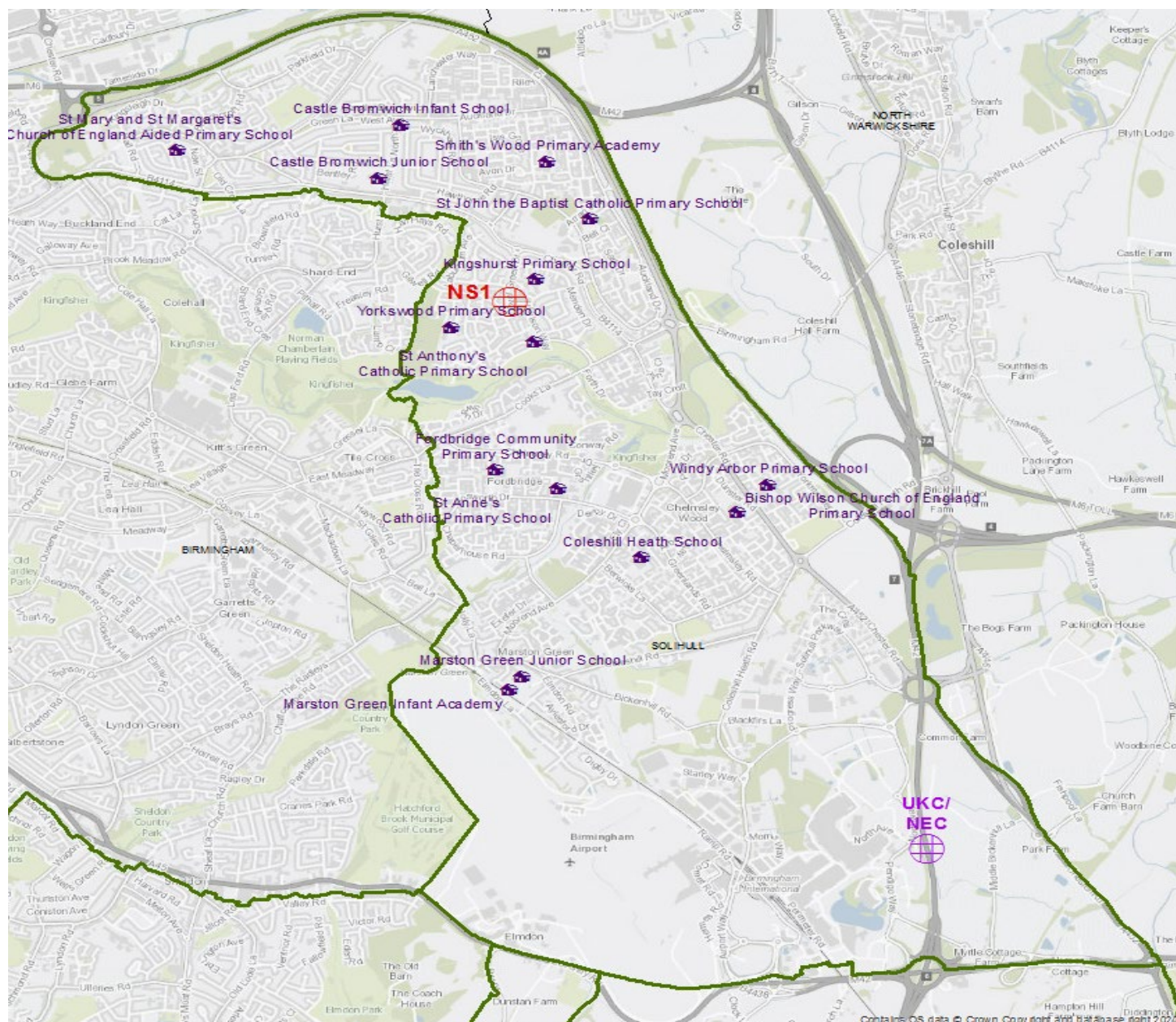
Strategic Housing Sites

No strategic housing sites are planned for this planning area. Windfall housing sites will be closely monitored.

Issues and challenges

- Bulge Classes operating in Key Stage 2 at Widney Junior School supporting in-year admissions.
- Reception intake forecast to fall from September 2026 – review level of reception places with schools.

North Solihull Planning Area



January 2024 Pupil Census

North Solihull Planning Area	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Places	Empty Places
Bishop Wilson C of E Primary	46	53	60	54	60	58	55	386	420	9%
Castle Bromwich Infant	120	119	120					359	360	0%
Castle Bromwich Junior				114	115	120	120	469	480	2%
Coleshill Heath Primary	58	70	60	76	59	90	59	472	510	7%
Fordbridge Primary	73	60	88	59	86	58	84	508	540	6%
Kingshurst Primary	49	50	62	75	76	60	73	445	510	13%
Marston Green Infant School	91	85	90					266	270	2%
Marston Green Junior School				90	85	90	84	349	360	3%

Smith's Wood Primary	60	59	59	59	60	60	60	417	420	1%
St Anne's RC Primary School	60	60	59	59	60	59	59	416	420	1%
St Anthony's RC Primary School	30	30	30	30	30	30	29	209	210	0%
St John The Baptist RC Primary School	21	21	29	30	28	30	27	186	210	13%
St Mary And St Margaret's C of E Primary School	30	30	27	30	30	30	30	207	210	1%
Windy Arbor Primary	52	59	59	56	53	59	57	395	420	6%
Yorkwood Primary School	49	55	53	58	52	59	59	385	420	9%
Planning Area Total	739	751	796	790	794	803	796	5469	5760	5%

Planning Area Forecasts

Forecast Year	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
24/25	740	732	752	794	791	795	791	5394
25/26	705	733	732	750	795	792	783	5289
26/27	733	698	733	731	751	796	780	5221
27/28	721	726	699	732	731	752	784	5143
28/29	721	714	726	697	732	732	740	5063

Places 24/25	780	810	810	840	810	810	840	5700
Surplus Places 24/25	5%	10%	7%	5%	2%	2%	6%	5%

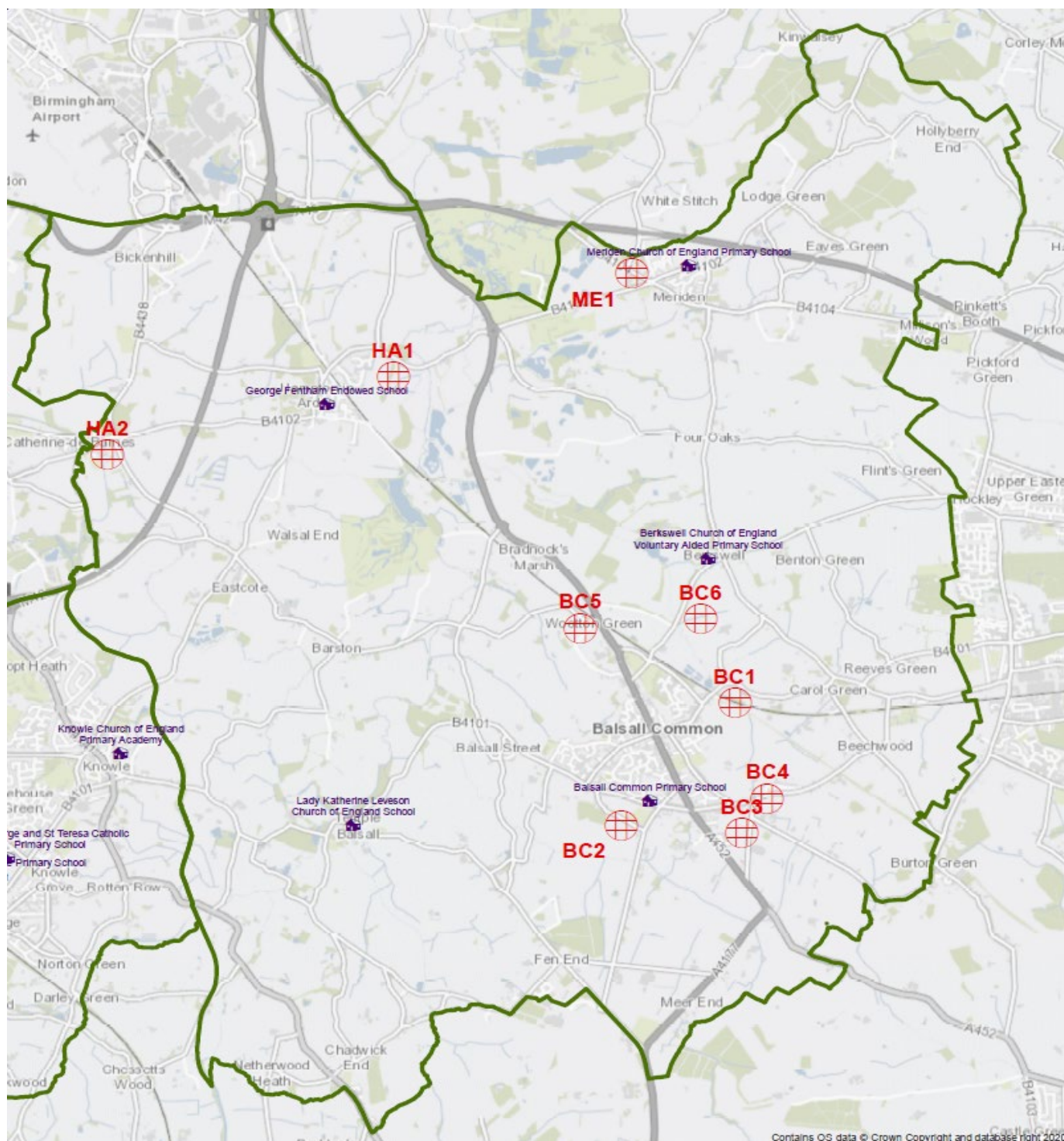
Strategic Housing Sites

Site	Location	Proposed dwellings	Planning application status
UKC	UK Central/NEC	1600	Long-term strategic sites. More dwellings planned post the draft local plan period potentially 4,000 total
NS1	Kingshurst Village Centre	75	Net additional dwellings 45 – application approved
Total		1675	

Issues and challenges

- 2 FE reception places removed from September 2024.
- Ongoing forecast surplus places at Reception – review level of reception places with schools.
- Monitor housing development in draft Local Plan around UK Central and NEC which are long term strategic sites. Will require at least one new primary school depending on the size of the overall development.

Rural East Planning Area



January 2024 Pupil Census

Rural East Planning Area	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Places	Empty Places
Balsall Common Primary	80	90	89	90	88	90	89	616	630	2%
Berkswell C of E VA Primary	30	30	30	30	32	30	30	212	210	-1%
George Fentham Endowed School	29	30	29	26	28	25	29	196	210	7%
Lady Katherine Leveson C of E Primary	16	14	16	27	26	25	30	154	196	21%
Meriden C of E Primary School	25	18	26	27	29	30	26	181	210	16%
Planning Area Total	180	182	190	200	203	200	204	1359	1456	7%

Planning Area Forecasts

Forecast Year	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
24/25	192	185	185	193	201	205	202	1364
25/26	175	188	188	188	194	204	208	1345
26/27	159	180	201	191	189	197	206	1323
27/28	158	164	183	204	192	191	199	1291
28/29	158	163	166	186	205	195	194	1266

Places 24/25	208	208	208	208	208	208	208	1456
Surplus Places 24/25	8%	11%	11%	7%	3%	1%	3%	6%

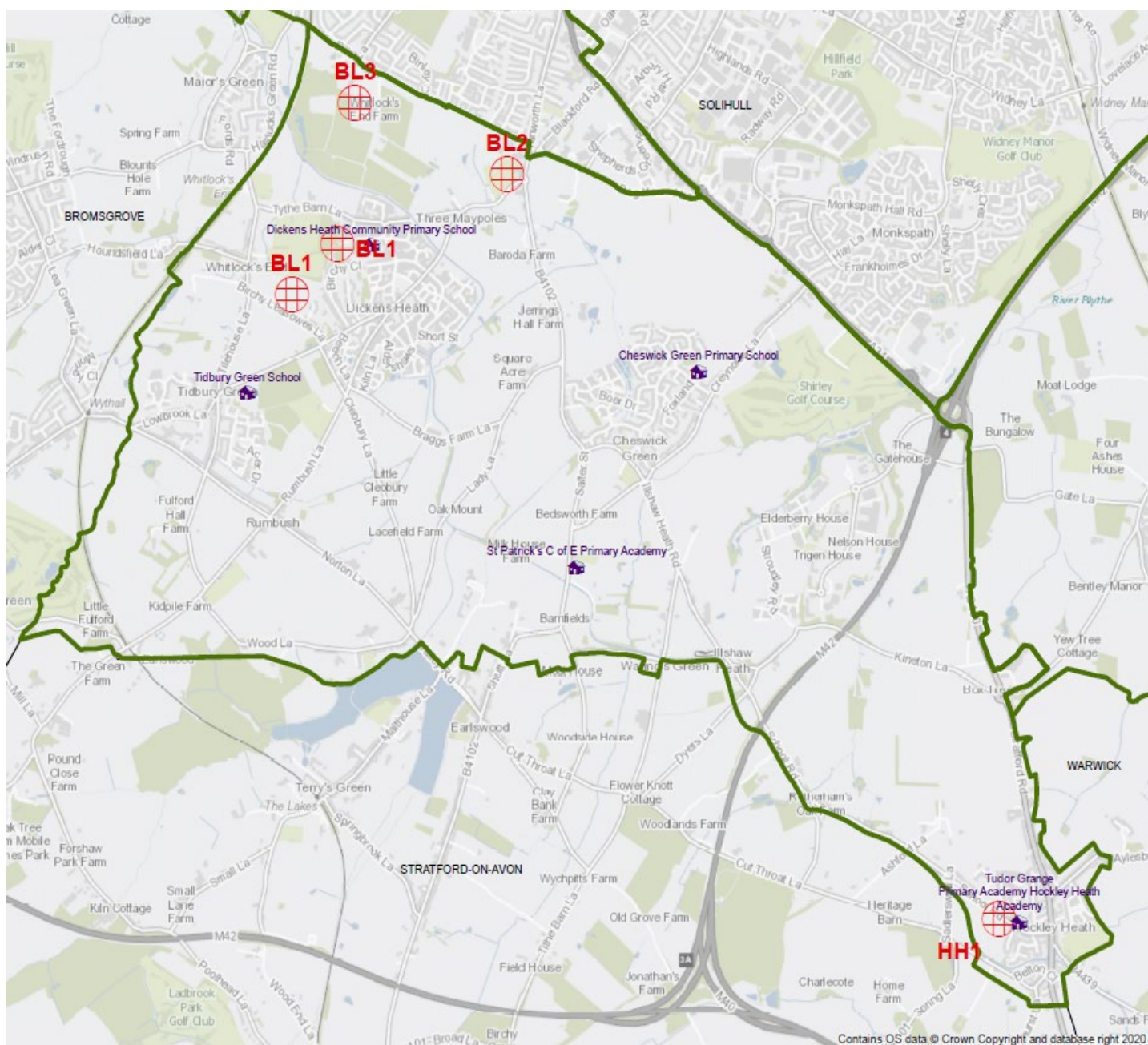
Strategic Housing Sites

Site	Location	Proposed dwellings	Planning Application Status
BC1	Station Road Balsall Common	1124	Planning application submitted
BC2	Frog Lane Balsall Common	110	Outline application submitted
BC3	Windmill Lane/Kenilworth Road	120	Pre-application submitted
BC4	Pheasant Oak Farm	268	Two planning applications submitted
BC5	Trevallion Stud	310	Pre-application submitted for phase 1 226 dwellings. Phase 2 potentially 70 dwellings
BC6	Lavendar Hall Farm	90	Pre-application submitted for 100 dwellings
HA1	Meriden Road Hampton in Arden	100	Planning application submitted for 26 dwellings part of site. Pre-application submitted for 126 dwellings majority of site.
HA2	Oak Farm Catherine de Barnes	95	Planning application submitted
ME1	West of Meriden	85	Planning application for 75 dwellings approved May 2024
Total		2,302	

Issues and challenges

- Rural planning area with small rural schools.
- Rising levels of empty reception places forecast from September 2026
- Significant housing development planned for circa 2,300 dwellings. New 2 FE primary school proposed to meet additional pupil yield in Balsall Common.
- Need to monitor developments at Hampton in Arden and Meriden as small rural schools and potential short term impact from in-year admissions.

Rural South Planning Area



January 2024 Pupil Census

Rural South Planning Area	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Cheswick Green Primary School	39	32	32	33	32	32	31	231
Dickens Heath Community School	60	60	60	60	58	60	60	418
Tudor Grange Primary - Hockley Heath	20	28	26	30	30	28	30	192
St Patrick's C.E. J & I Academy	30	30	29	29	27	33	31	209
Tidbury Green Primary School	60	59	59	60	59	60	60	417
Planning Area Total	209	209	206	212	206	213	212	1467

Places	Empty Places
240	4%
420	0%
210	9%
210	0%
420	1%
1500	2%

Planning Area Forecasts

Forecast Year	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
24/25	200	217	212	210	216	208	219	1484
25/26	222	208	220	217	214	219	215	1515
26/27	225	230	211	225	221	217	225	1555
27/28	227	234	234	215	230	224	224	1587
28/29	227	236	237	239	220	232	230	1622

Places 24/25	240	240	210	210	210	210	210	1530
Surplus Places 24/25	17%	10%	-1%	0%	-3%	1%	-4%	3%

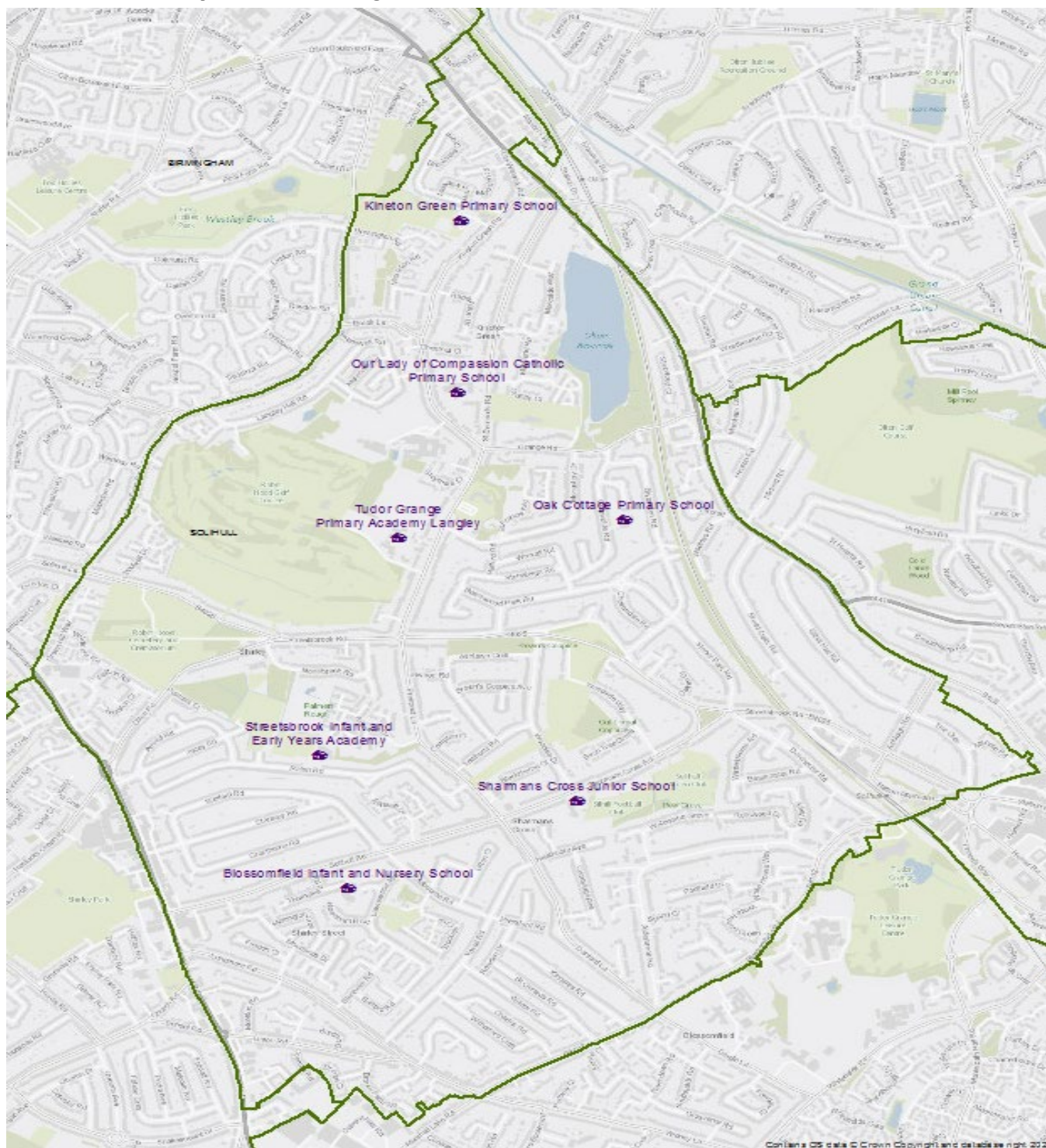
Strategic Housing Sites

Site	Location	Proposed dwellings	Planning Application Status
BL1	West of Dickens Heath	540	Two planning applications submitted
BL2	South of Dog Kennel Lane	1,250	Planning application submitted for 550 dwellings and pre-application submitted for 732 dwellings
BL3	Whitlocks End Farm	450	Pre-application submitted
HH1	School Road Hockley Heath	100	Pre-application submitted
Total		2,340	

Issues and challenges

- Recent school expansion at Cheswick Green Primary School to meet future demand from Blythe Valley housing development. School growing from reception upwards over the next 5 years.
- Significant housing sites for circa 2,300 dwellings. New 2 FE primary school proposed to meet additional pupil yield to be timed to meet new demand. Need to monitor impact on existing schools in Rural South and Shirley West planning areas.

Shirley East Planning Area



January 2024 Pupil Census

Shirley East Planning Area	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Empty Places	Empty Places
Blossomfield Infant & Nursery	89	90	90					269	270	0%
Kineton Green Primary	30	28	30	30	27	29	30	204	210	3%
Tudor Grange Academy - Langley	57	52	59	89	60	60	60	437	420	-4%
Oak Cottage Primary School	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	210	210	0%
Our Lady of Compassion RC Primary School	42	39	44	46	43	46	46	306	315	3%
Sharmans Cross Junior School				120	90	119	90	419	420	0%
Streetsbrook Infant & Nursery School	60	60	60					180	180	0%
Planning Area Total	308	299	313	315	250	284	256	2025	2025	0%

Planning Area Forecasts

Forecast Year	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
24/25	277	310	305	253	314	250	285	1994
25/26	278	279	316	279	252	315	252	1970
26/27	285	280	284	255	279	253	316	1950
27/28	280	287	285	255	254	279	254	1893
28/29	280	282	292	255	254	255	280	1898

Places 24/25	285	315	315	255	315	255	285	2025
Surplus Places 24/25	3%	2%	3%	1%	0%	2%	0%	2%

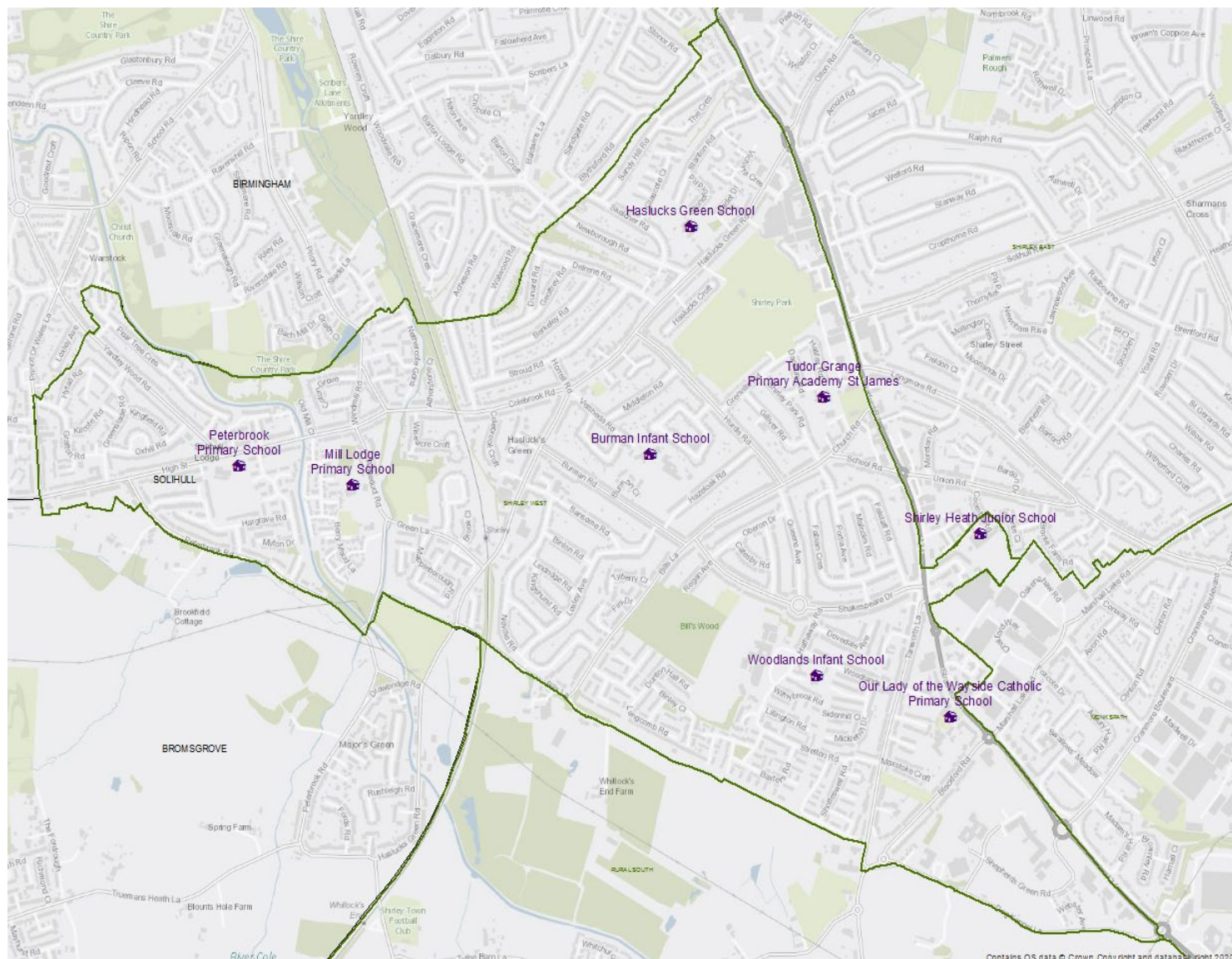
Strategic Housing Sites

No strategic housing sites are planned for this planning area. Windfall housing sites will be closely monitored.

Issues and challenges

- Falling rolls at reception from September 2024. 1FE reduction at reception agreed from September 2024.
- Bulge class moving through Tudor Grange Primary – Langley.
- Need to review Year 3 places at lower numbers feed through.

Shirley West Planning Area



January 2024 Pupil Census

	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Places	Empty Places
Burman Infant	59	59	60					178	180	1%
Haslucks Green Junior				60	60	59	60	239	240	0%
Mill Lodge Primary School	30	30	30	30	30	31	30	211	210	0%
Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Primary School	60	60	58	63	61	62	64	428	420	-2%
Peterbrook Primary School	49	46	47	59	56	57	58	372	420	11%
Shirley Heath Junior School				90	120	90	119	419	420	0%
Tudor Grange Academy – St James	31	30	30	30	30	31	30	212	210	-1%
Woodlands Infant School	60	58	58					176	180	2%
Planning Area Total	289	283	283	332	357	330	361	2235	2280	2%

Planning Area Forecasts

Forecast Year	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
24/25	277	301	286	345	337	354	331	2231
25/26	278	289	304	315	350	335	355	2226
26/27	285	290	291	340	320	348	336	2209
27/28	280	297	292	315	346	317	349	2196
28/29	280	292	299	315	320	343	318	2168

Places 24/25	300	300	300	360	330	360	330	2280
Surplus Places 24/25	8%	0%	5%	4%	-2%	2%	0%	2%

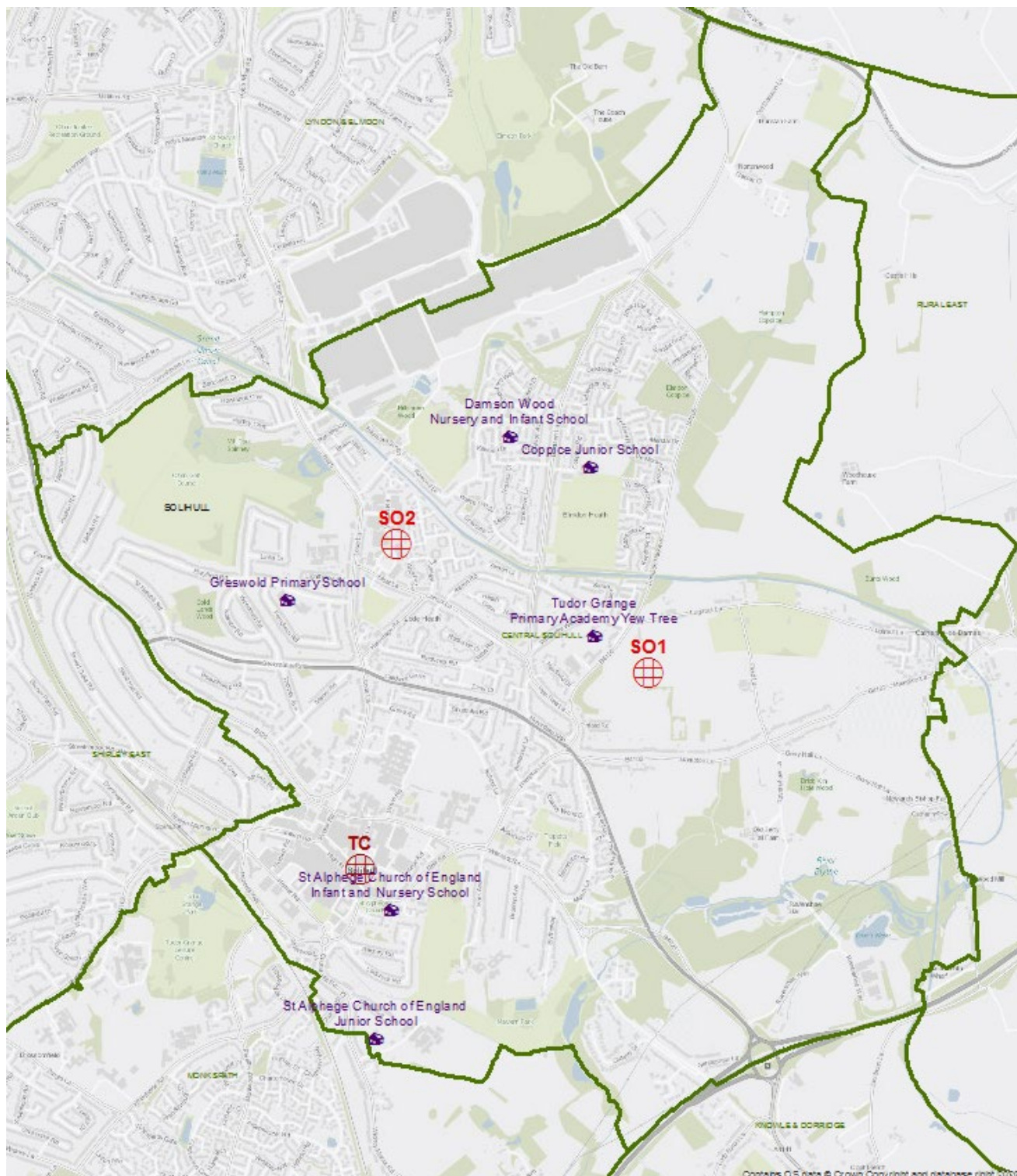
Strategic Housing Sites

No strategic housing sites are planned for this planning area. Windfall housing sites will be closely monitored.

Issues and challenges

- Falling rolls at reception from September 2024 so need to review places with schools. Surplus places spread across a number of schools.
- The impact of housing development in the neighbouring Rural South Planning area will need to be consider and the impact of the development of a new primary school in that planning area monitored.

Solihull Central Planning Area



January 2024 Pupil Census

Solihull Central	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Places	Empty Places
Coppice Junior				60	47	74	60	241	270	11%
Damson Wood Nursery & Infant	30	42	43					115	180	36%
Greswold Primary School	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	630	630	0%
St Alphege C of E Infant & Nursery School	57	75	69					201	225	11%
St Alphege C of E Junior School				68	70	68	69	275	280	2%
Tudor Grange Academy Yew Tree	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	210	210	0%
Planning Area Total	207	237	232	248	237	262	249	1672	1795	7%

Planning Area Forecasts

Forecast Year	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
24/25	199	211	237	228	247	242	269	1633
25/26	198	203	211	241	227	252	248	1580
26/27	204	202	203	214	240	232	259	1553
27/28	200	208	202	206	213	245	238	1511
28/29	200	204	208	205	205	218	251	1490
Places 24/25	255	255	255	250	250	250	250	1765
Surplus Places 24/25	22%	17%	7%	9%	1%	3%	-8%	7%

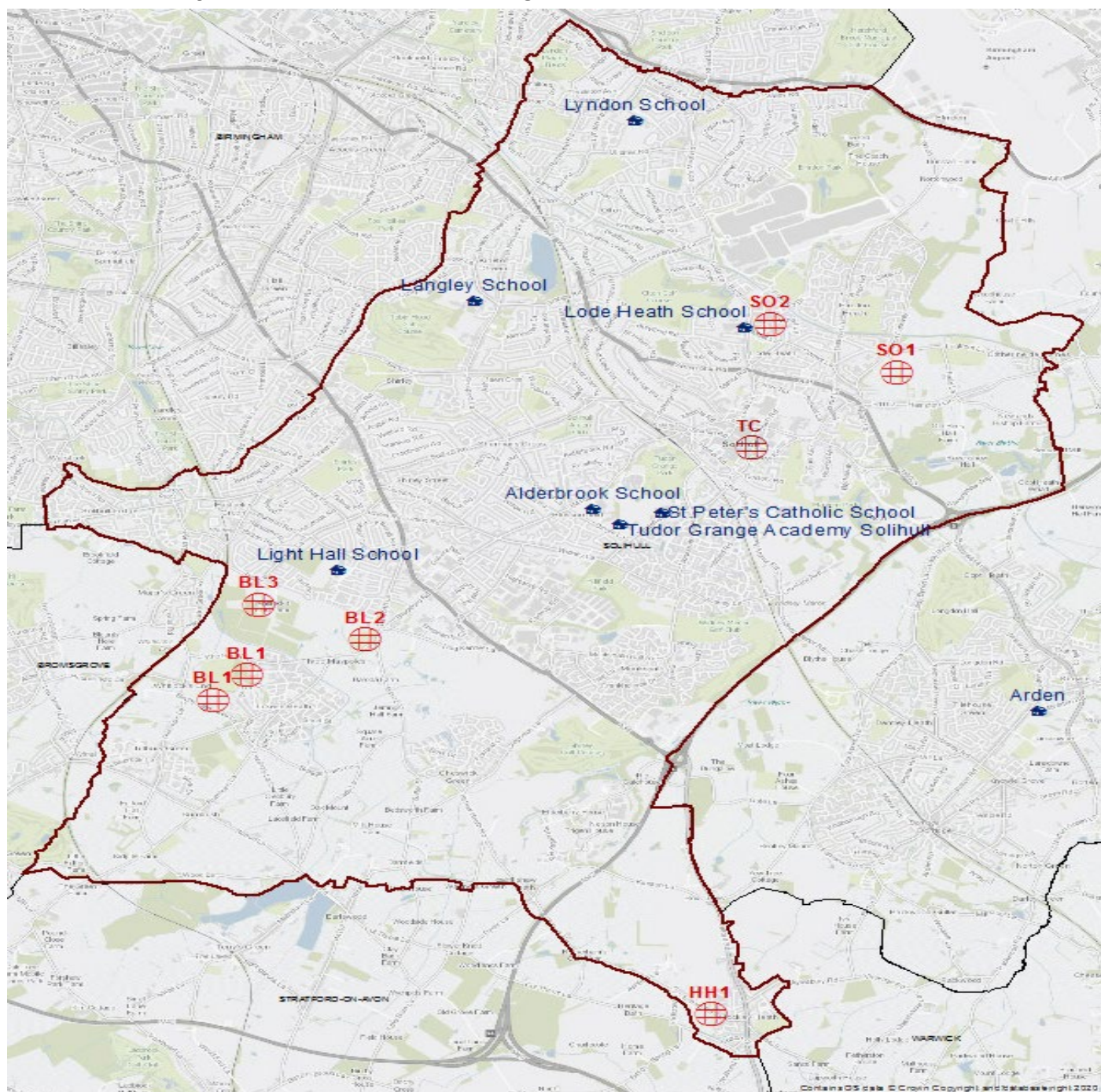
Strategic Housing Sites

Site	Location	Proposed Dwellings	Planning Application Status
SO1	East of Solihull	770	Planning application for small part of site submitted
SO2	Moat Lane	99	Long term site no application
TC	Town Centre redevelopment	1,330	Pre-application submitted
Total		2,199	

Issues and challenges

- Falling rolls impacting on reception intakes. Damson Wood Infant and St Alphege Infant Schools will reduce their reception intake from September 2025 reducing reception places to 210. This will reduce the forecast surplus place levels at reception in September 2025 to 6%.
- The impact of falling rolls on separate infant and junior school will need to be considered and discussions held with academy trusts where appropriate.
- Bulge class working through Coppice Junior School.
- Significant housing is planned for this area within the withdraw Solihull Local Plan (2020) with circa 1,300 dwellings planned for Solihull Town Centre and 869 dwellings planned across two other sites. The pupil yield from these developments should support pupil numbers in this planning area in the medium to long term depending on the mix of housing in the Town Centre.

Secondary Central and West Planning Area



January 2024 Pupil Census

Central & West Planning Area	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total	Physical Capacity	% surplus
Alderbrook School	278	287	279	255	247	132	131	1609	1650	2.48%
Langley School	206	201	194	203	199			1003	981	-2.24%
Light Hall School	200	195	177	242	244			1058	1250	15.36%
Lode Heath School	240	240	237	225	222			1164	1134	-2.65%
Lyndon School	241	243	227	252	202			1165	1380	15.58%
St Peter's RC School	230	207	209	208	208	135	118	1315	1207	-8.95%
Tudor Grange Solihull	280	281	280	279	276	152	154	1702	1650	-3.15%
Planning Area Total	1675	1654	1603	1664	1598	419	403	9016	9252	2.55%

Planning Area Forecasts

Forecast Year	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total
2024/25	1666	1675	1595	1581	1646	409	411	8982
2025/26	1695	1666	1666	1573	1564	481	401	9046
2026/27	1661	1695	1657	1644	1556	490	472	9174
2027/28	1720	1661	1686	1635	1626	511	480	9319
2028/29	1641	1720	1652	1663	1617	523	501	9318
2029/30	1641	1641	1711	1630	1645	522	513	9303
2030/31	1641	1641	1632	1688	1612	522	512	9248

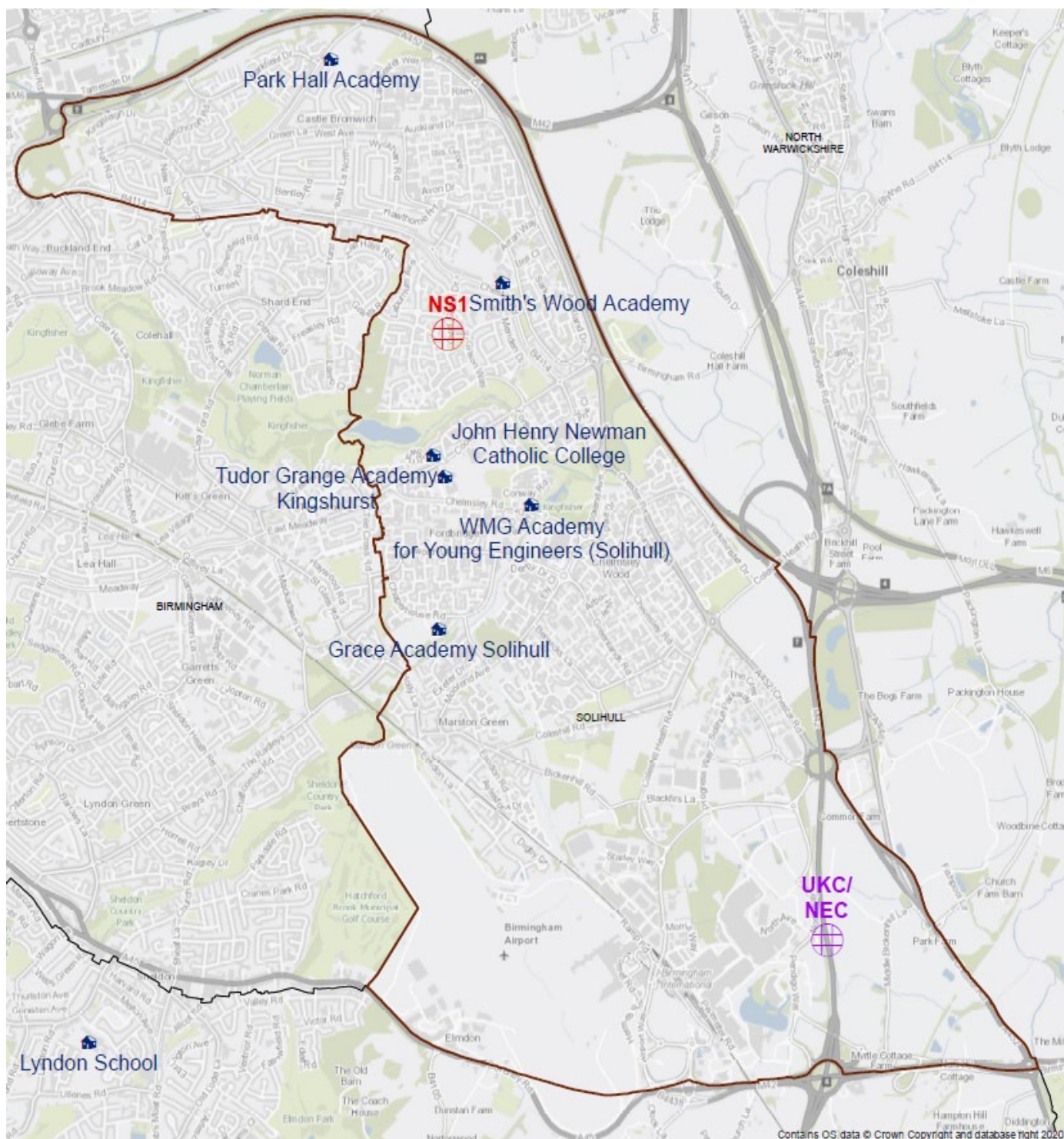
Strategic Housing Sites

Site	Location	Proposed Dwellings	Planning Application Status
BL1	West of Dickens Heath	540	Two planning applications submitted
BL2	South of Dog Kennel Lane	1,250	Planning application submitted for 550 dwellings and pre-application submitted for 732 dwellings
BL3	Whitlocks End Farm	450	Pre-application submitted
HH1	School Road Hockley Heath	100	Pre-application submitted
SO1	East of Solihull	770	Planning application for small part of site submitted
SO2	Moat Lane	99	Long term site no application
TC	Town Centre redevelopment	1,330	Pre-application submitted
Total		4,539	

Issues and Challenges

- Increase in-year admissions at Key Stage 2 is putting pressure on Year 7 admissions up to 2027.
- Programme of bulge classes agreed with schools to operate in Year 7 up to 2027 to meet increase in demand.
- Capital work programme underway to provide some minor alterations to support bulge class delivery where necessary.
- Year 7 numbers forecast to drop from September 2028 as lower primary numbers feed into secondary schools.
- 25% of children on roll in this planning area live outside of Solihull.
- New post 16 department opening at Light Hall School from September 2024 which will utilise spare capacity released due to a published admission number reduction.
- Will need to consider the impact of strategic housing sites on the level of secondary school places. Circa 4,500 dwellings planned across a number of schools. Demand for places will need to be carefully monitored as housing sites come forward possible school expansion required.

Secondary North Planning Area



January 2024 Pupil Census

Secondary North Planning Area	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total
Grace Academy Solihull	180	174	172	155	143	29	26	879
John Henry Newman Catholic College	240	236	237	237	215	67	74	1306
Park Hall Academy	240	238	231	209	199	80	72	1269
Smith's Wood Academy	170	162	147	157	145	0	0	781
Tudor Grange Kingshurst	247	234	235	204	198	40	40	1198
WMG Academy Solihull				134	142	78	97	451
Planning Area Total	1077	1044	1022	1096	1042	294	309	5884

Physical Capacity	% surplus
1100	20%
1400	7%
1400	9%
1400	44%
1550	23%
640	30%
7490	21%

Planning Area Forecast

Forecast Year	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total
2024/25	1060	1052	1022	1043	1067	332	255	5830
2025/26	1085	1036	1030	1042	1015	340	287	5835
2026/27	1090	1060	1014	1051	1015	323	294	5846
2027/28	1110	1065	1037	1034	1023	323	280	5872
2028/29	1100	1085	1042	1059	1007	326	280	5897
2029/30	1090	1075	1061	1064	1030	320	282	5923
2030/31	1090	1065	1052	1083	1035	328	277	5931

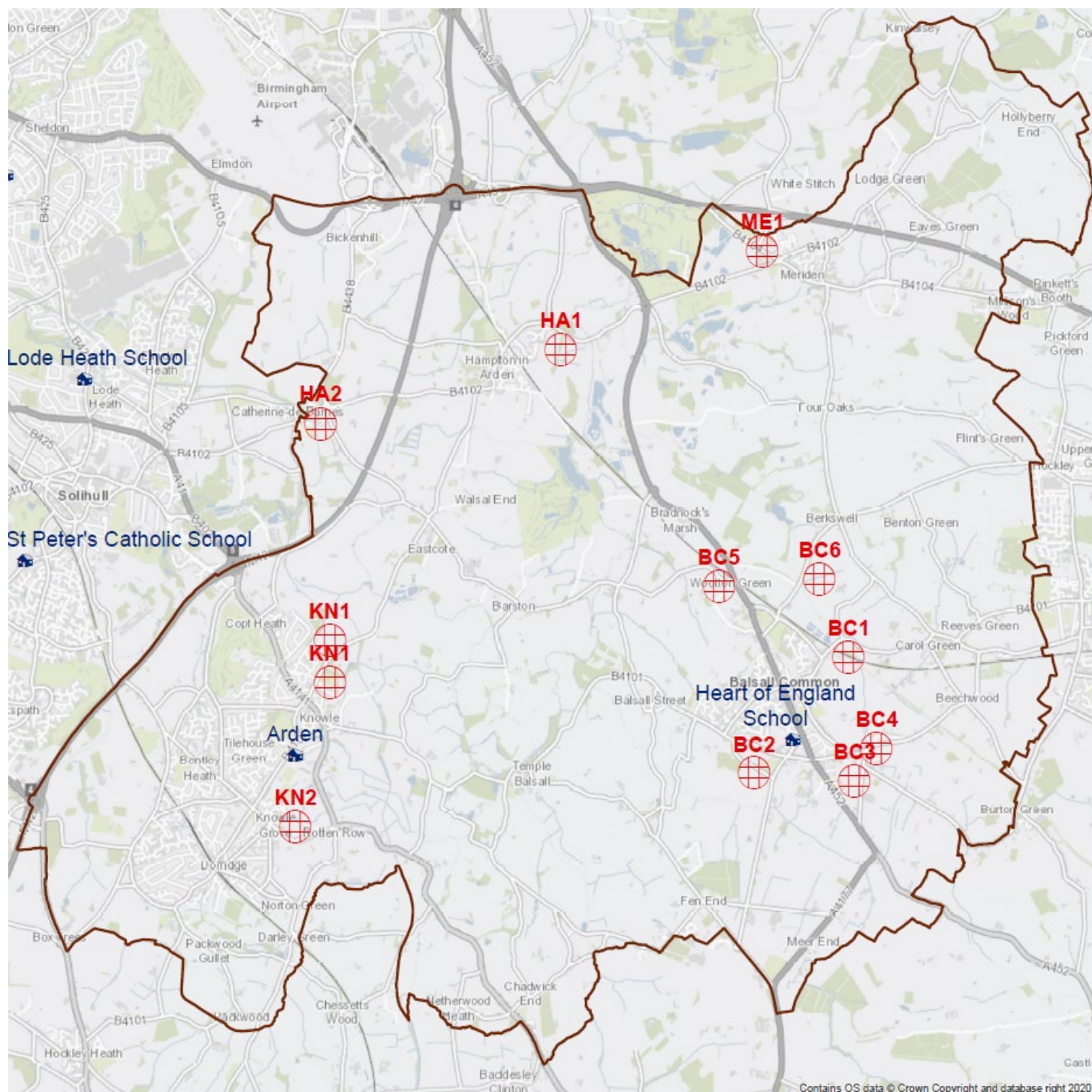
Strategic Housing Sites

Site	Location	Proposed dwellings	Planning application status
UKC	UK Central/NEC	1,600	Long-term strategic sites. More dwellings planned post the draft local plan period potentially 4,000 total
NS1	Kingshurst Village Centre	75	Net additional dwellings 45 – application approved
Total		1,675	

Issues and Challenges

- Although the data shows spare capacity across a number of schools, the number of places available relates to how a school is organised rather than its physical capacity. There is ongoing pressure on in-year admissions and the Council will continue to work with schools in this planning area to add places when and where this becomes necessary.
- Housing across the UK Central development will need to be carefully monitored. This site may require a new secondary school in the longer term depending on the scale of the overall development and the size and nature of the dwellings proposed. Travel to existing school places will be a key issue.

Secondary Rural East Planning Area



January 2024 Pupil Census

Secondary Rural East Planning Area	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total	Physical Capacity	% surplus
Arden Academy	305	306	306	298	303	149	153	1820	1850	2%
Heart of England School	226	229	210	214	194	72	87	1232	1375	10%
Planning Area Total	531	535	516	512	497	221	240	3052	3225	5%

Planning Area Forecast

Forecast Year	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total
2024/25	545	544	528	501	506	236	214	3074
2025/26	520	538	545	513	495	240	229	3080
2026/27	520	513	539	529	506	235	233	3076
2027/28	535	513	514	524	522	241	228	3077
2028/29	525	528	514	500	517	248	233	3065
2029/30	540	518	529	500	493	246	240	3066
2030/31	540	533	519	514	493	234	238	3047

Strategic Housing Sites

Site	Location	Proposed Dwellings	Application Status
KN1	Hampton Road	200	Pre-application
KN2	South of Knowle	855	Planning app in for part of site 450 dwellings and pre-application in for 235 dwellings
BC1	Station Road Balsall Common	1124	Planning application submitted
BC2	Frog Lane Balsall Common	110	Outline application submitted
BC3	Windmill Lane/Kenilworth Road	120	Pre-application submitted
BC4	Pheasant Oak Farm	268	Two planning applications submitted
BC5	Trevallion Stud	310	Pre-application submitted for phase 1 226 dwellings. Phase 2 potentially 70 dwellings
BC6	Lavendar Hall Farm	90	Pre-application submitted for 100 dwellings
HA1	Meriden Road Hampton in Arden	100	Planning application submitted for 26 dwellings part of site. Pre-application submitted for 126 dwellings majority of site.
HA2	Oak Farm Catherine de Barnes	95	Planning application submitted
ME1	West of Meriden	85	Planning application for 75 dwellings approved May 2024
	Total	3,357	

Issues and Challenges

- Planning area contains strategic sites identified within the withdrawn Solihull Local Plan (2020). Heart of England School has been identified for expansion to meet the additional demand created by over 2,000 dwellings within its catchment area.
- 1,000 dwellings proposed with Arden catchment area. Arden has already expanded by 2 FE (300 places) and will be able to accommodate the additional demand this development creates. Arden has been identified for a rebuild under the Governments School Rebuilding Programme.
- In-year admissions from housing developments will always create pressure on places as schools fill at Year 7.

