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POLICY CONTEXT

The relevant policies that would apply to this proposal are taken from the Adopted LDF Core Strategy Development Plan Document (January 2010) and those policies 'saved' from the City of Southampton Local Plan Review (2006) as supported by the council's current list of approved Supplementary Planning Documents and Guidance.

CS Policy CS11 (An Educated City) encourages "the development of new inspirational, high quality education and related facilities which encourage community use of their facilities". The principle of intensifying the school site for education purposes is, in planning terms, welcomed and supported and will assist the City in meeting its growing special educational needs requirements. CS12 is also a consideration as not only are these children receiving education, but they also receive special medical care and support whilst attending the school.

CS Policy CS20 requires all non residential development with a floorspace of more than 500sq.m to achieve a rating of BREEAM 'Excellent' with some 15% reduction in carbon emissions through the use of decentralised and renewable/low carbon energy sources. It is noted that only 'Very Good' can be achieved through the available budget for this project wholly funded by the Government, but that a 25% reduction is to be achieved from renewable technologies.

The decision for Members is therefore one of balancing pressing educational need against tackling the effects of climate change.

Adopted LDF Core Strategy for City of Southampton (2010)

CS11   An educated city
CS12   A healthy city
CS13   Fundamentals of design
CS18   Transport: Reduce-manage-invest
CS19   Car and cycle parking
CS20   Tackling and adapting to climate change
CS22   Promoting biodiversity and protecting habitats
CS25   The delivery of infrastructure and developer contributions.

Saved City of Southampton Local Plan Review Policies (March 2006)

SDP1   General Principles
SDP4   Development Access
SDP5   Parking
SDP6   Urban Design Principles
SDP7   Context
SDP9   Scale, Massing and Appearance
SDP10   Safety and Security

SDP11   Accessibility and Movement
SDP12   Landscape and biodiversity
SDP13   Resource conservation
SDP14   Renewable Energy
SDP22   Contaminated land