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*Terry Douris*

**Re: Sites for New Schools in Hertsmere**

I am writing following our meeting last year, and more recent meetings I have had with your colleague Cllr David Williams and Hertsmere Borough Council's (HBC) Planning Department, regarding school places in Hertsmere.

As I know you are aware, HBC are currently updating their Local Plan, a process which will mean new land designated for housing development across the Borough over the coming years. It is crucial that if we build new homes that the character of the area is preserved and that they are matched by appropriate infrastructure, including good school places.

From my meetings I am glad to see that HBC and the County Council are in agreement over the need for significant new school capacity to meet the demand generated by new housing. However, I have been concerned to hear that little progress has been made towards identifying suitable sites for these new schools.

The purpose of this letter is therefore to request your attendance at a meeting with me and representatives from HBC's Planning Department to discuss this matter in more detail and help move forward the task of finding sites for new schools in Hertsmere.

I have asked my office to contact you in order to begin arranging a mutually convenient time at the earliest opportunity and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

*Best wishes*

**Oliver Dowden CBE MP**  
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*cc. Cllr Harvey Cohen, Hertsmere Borough Council*