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To Whom it May Concern,

Planning Application No: 22/35765/FUL – Former University Halls of Residence, Stafford Education and Enterprise Park, Weston Road, Stafford

In response to the above planning application the School Organisation Team has the following comments:

The planning application is for 481 bedspaces to be provided including 171 bed spaces for Initial Accommodation (IA) and 310 bed spaces for Dispersed Accommodation (DA).

We understand that Initial Accommodation is typically shorter term accommodation usually for 3-4 weeks whilst longer term accommodation can be arranged. Dispersed Accommodation is longer-term although still temporary and Asylum Seekers will normally remain in this accommodation until their asylum claim has been fully determined.

We note that the Design and Access Statement says:

“The IA facilities are the only part of the site where families stay and the support services they will need (education and health) during their short stay within the facility, typically four weeks, are delivered independently and therefore do not require any support from the Local Authority infrastructure.” (page 17, paragraph 6.5)

And

“The DA would only be used to accommodate single males or single females. No families will be accommodated resulting in no impact on school places within the local area. During their stay within IA, children are not permitted to attend school.” (page 17, paragraph 6.7)

The closest schools to the proposed development are Weston Road Academy for secondary provision, and Veritas Primary Academy for primary school provision and both schools are projected to remain full for the foreseeable future.

On the basis that the Design & Access Statement states that **education provision is being provided on-site by Serco** for families being accommodated in the IA facilities and that the **children are not permitted to attend school** we consider that there would be no impact on local school places. Furthermore no families will be accommodated in the DA accommodation.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us, by e-mail, at the address given below.

Regards,



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