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Dear Headteacher

This letter is being sent for the attention of the headteachers and school leaders of all maintained schools and academies in North Yorkshire to provide advice about:

- What action they should take if approached by either housing developers, or agents acting on their behalf; and
- The Council's approach to seeking, and investing, developer contributions towards educational facilities.

As you may be aware, a significant amount of activity is being undertaken in respect of the development of proposals for the development of new housing within North Yorkshire.

The Council is aware that some schools and academies have been contacted directly by housing developers or their agents about the potential need for the provision of new school places and / or investment in other facilities.

Please note that, if you are contacted for such a discussion then the developer / agent should be referred to the Council, via the address above or SchoolOrganisation@northyorks.gov.uk. Following receipt of any such enquiry, the Council will review the requirement for additional school places to be provided and, if they are, will seek a financial contribution from the developer as part of the planning application process.

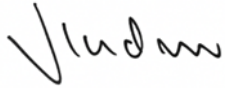
Please be assured that, where there are grounds for seeking financial contributions from developers, the Council seeks to maximise them for use in providing new school places, and / or investment in educational facilities.

When and where financial contributions are received from developers then they are held by the Council, often for a period of up to 10 years. The funding is prioritised for the provision of new places, although in some instances it can be used for investment in other facilities.

The Council will contact your school directly in the event that there are any proposals for investment in the provision of new school places at your school, or if and when developer contribution funding can be used for investment in any facilities.

I hope that this has clarified the position but should you require any further information then please contact the School Organisation and Transport team via SchoolOrganisation@northyorks.gov.uk.

Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Holden'.

Jon Holden
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