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1 Summary

- Only one of the three Primary schools in Cranleigh, Park Mead Primary, has the potential capacity, overall, to add classroom space for an extra year group to cater for primary age children from additional dwellings.
 - Cranleigh C of E Primary (two year groups) is full in its existing facilities but there is currently an application with Surrey County Council for a new, expanded primary school on Glebelands playing fields (decision expected September 2018).
 - Park Mead Primary can only take a third year group if there is investment in additional classroom space.
- Glebelands Secondary School which currently does not have a sixth form has available capacity to accommodate projected additional pupils. Surrey County Council has confirmed that there will be additional demand for Year 7 places rising from 2017 and reaching a peak in 2023.
- The sixth form provision at Godalming for Cranleigh students is operating near capacity but has an obligation to prioritise Waverley Federation students which includes Glebelands Cranleigh (so considered neutral for Cranleigh plan).

2 Key issues

- In May 2015 Surrey CC approved a plan to redevelop Cranleigh C of E Primary to land adjoining Glebelands School. This is immediately adjacent so no change in travel arrangements to school is envisaged. The school will place additional traffic and parking pressure on Rowlands Road and Parsonage Road, which is already extremely busy at school drop off and pick up times. No additional parking is currently being provided for the new school. The existing two school sites on Parsonage Lane and Church Lane are subject to a tandem application for 98 dwellings which will also involve additional traffic movements, the majority of which will inevitably use the High Street.
 - The new school project is for an increase in places 330 to 540 places, and there will also be 60 nursery places to include free early education for two-year-olds.
- Major housing development has been approved at Dunsfold Aerodrome which includes a two-form entry primary school.
 - The primary school at Dunsfold would feed Glebelands Secondary School.
- Private and State schools in and around Cranleigh are major employers with affordable housing and travel to work issues, generally this is only possible by the use of a private car.
 - Cranleigh teachers are increasingly located to West Sussex
- Additional evidence was not sought about nurseries/preschool (2015)
 - Government policy entitles 15 hours preschool to 3-year olds.
 - Cranleigh Nursery Schools have some capacity with one nursery school closing in 2018. Rudgwick, Bramley, Loxwood and Shamley Green nursery schools were full in 2015.
- The private sector schooling within Cranleigh catchment area is high compared with national average and Cranleigh School (Independent) is building new boarding houses with additional capacity.
- Surrey County Council (SCC) bus route funding and policy has an impact on Cranleigh's schools e.g. Chilworth to Glebelands route cancelled by SCC.

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3 Consulted to date; summary evidence (2015)

(updates requested August 2018)

- Park Mead Primary School Neil McAuliffe; Head (updated Sept 2018)
 - Foundation School with own admissions authority
 - Park Mead assessed as 'Good' by Ofsted in 2015
 - No current capacity issue; no bulge year
 - Two form entry at Reception (age 4 - 5)
 - Operates 5 minibuses; 40% arrive by car
 - Staff recruitment key constraint, competing with Guildford
 - Pupil Admission Numbers (PAN) 60 in Reception

- Cranleigh Primary School Mrs G Leadbetter-Simms, Headteacher
 - Split sites for upper and lower age groups
 - Cranleigh Primary assessed as "Good" by Ofsted March 2016
 - Facility constraints at capacity for full two cohort (60 pa) input
 - Bulge year passing through, current pressure on infants but will move through to 7-8 year olds
 - One year Reception supplemented in later years by feeders from Ewhurst, Bramley and Peaslake infants
 - Very poor fabric of current buildings; project with SCC for new school adjacent to Glebelands site
 - Currently 317 children on role out of PAN of 320.
 - Cranleigh East catchment is Surrey's 4th highest ward of deprivation.
 - 59/300 children are SEN; 12 statemented
 - Staff recruitment issues; NQT's living with parents

- St Cuthbert Mayne Catholic Primary School Mrs Natalie McCarthy; Head
 - St Cuthbert Mayne assessed by Ofsted as "Outstanding" June 2009
 - Smallest of the three primary schools in Cranleigh; operating at capacity in 2015, now has spare places (2018)
 - One class of 30 per year group
 - Own admissions policy
 - Tight for outdoor space and use some Glebelands facilities
 - Feeder School to St Peter's Catholic School (Secondary with Sixth Form) in Merrow, Guildford and to Glebelands Secondary School.

- Glebelands School Mr Russell Mitchell; Head
 - Assessed as "Good" by Ofsted January 2018
 - Loss of numbers in last 4 years (SCC cancelled bus from Tillingbourne feeder school)
 - Current 630 with capacity 900 (and PAN of 180 in any one year)
 - Working on additional 100 houses means 18 secondary age children therefore 40-50 overall (over 6 year groups) achieves PAN. On a simple even progression that is 15 years.
 - Glebelands can absorb housing growth in Cranleigh for 10-15 years but not Dunsfold Park also

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- Cranleigh School Martin Reader; Head (updated August 2018)
 - 1001 pupils (circa 500 boarders) in September 2018
 - 405 staff of whom some 100 live on site and around a further 200 live in Cranleigh. The balance live within a 30 minute drive of Cranleigh.
 - Infrastructure is considered to be reasonable bar the common problem of congested and poorly maintained roads in the vicinity of the School
 - The School is well advanced on the largest development in its history which includes circa 3,500m² GIA of additional classrooms (at both sites), two new boarding houses and additional sports facilities.
 - There are plans to build new houses within the School's grounds for staff.
 - The School is working with A2Dominion to release a parcel of land for development and, if approved, a significant proportion of the proceeds would be allocated to building and an all-weather artificial football pitch and running track on the lower pitches for joint use with local schools and the community.
- St Joseph's Specialist School and College; Carol Davey; Facilities manager (updated August 2018)
 - Rated as "Outstanding" by Ofsted December 2017
 - Approximately 77 students via 16 local authorities; over 250 staff who come from a very large catchment area as the school cannot recruit all staffing needs from the local area.
 - Infrastructure issues particularly water pressure which is a big issue and was exacerbated this Summer (2018) to the point that, at times, there was insufficient pressure to fill the school's main tanks. As a result of frequent power cuts on the overhead electricity supply in the past, the school has had to purchase, at substantial cost, and install its own standby electricity generator in 2010; the generator had to be of sufficient size and output to power the whole site. Power cuts can still be experienced at the Lodge at the end of the drive (residential unit for 2 students) which is outside of the reach of the generator. Due to a lack of broadband, the school has invested a huge amount into a dedicated lease line for broadband. The installation involved trenching and laying cable along a stretch of road approx. ½ mile long.
 - Transport issues around safety of access and speed on Amlets Lane still persist and work into highway safety is still ongoing with Surrey Highways department and various other representatives.
 - The school has received planning permission for a new Work skills and Enterprise Centre to replace an old timber frame prefabricated building which is no longer fit for purpose. The school will also be seeking planning permission for a new residential block with training facilities on the first floor in due course.
- Cranfold Confederation
 - The Cranfold Confederation consists of 12 local schools working together towards common goals:
 - To work in partnership as a group of schools
 - To share expertise, resources and facilities, with innovative training opportunities for staff and governors
 - To ensure a smooth transition between key stages, such as infant to junior, and junior to secondary
 - To support the most vulnerable children and families in our community to narrow the gap in attainment and well-being.

The twelve member schools are based in Cranleigh and the surrounding villages towards Guildford, and cover all phases.

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- Surrey County Council Kathy Beresford; School place commissioner
 - The “basic needs” requirement recently addressed with Wonersh and Shamley Green new junior school
 - Large housing development (4000 homes plus) of Dunsfold Park would trigger possible new primary or secondary school
- Ewhurst Infant School; Mr J Lamont; Chairman of Governors
 - One year group of 30 who progress 12 to Cranleigh Cof E Primary, 8 to Park Mead, 10 to Tillingbourne or independents
- Godalming Sixth Form College Emma Young; Principal
 - In 2010 the total enrolment was 1,750
 - Godalming College was granted Single Academy Trust status by the Secretary of State for Education on 1st January 2018.
 - Godalming operating at full capacity but confirms self – regulating commitment to prioritise Waverley Federation students from Glebelands if their numbers increase. This would automatically reduce places available to students from non-Federation or independent schools
- St Peter’s Catholic School, Merrow, Guildford Mr Toby Miller, Headteacher
 - From Year 7 to Sixth Form
 - February 2013 outstanding Ofsted report
 - 2018 total enrolment 1,112
 - Voluntary aided mixed school