

May 2017 report

Education & Young People Group for the Neighbourhood Plan

Since our last meeting we have received 2 reports, one in statistical form being A Childcare & Proficiency Profile for 2016. This shows an adequate number of place for 2, 3 and 4-year olds in the Swaffham Area but in the town itself, the number of places is barely sufficient & local verbal evidence states matters are now worse due to the introduction of further funding entitlement for 3 and 4-year olds. This situation needs urgent attention NOW to ensure the state of available places will adequate by the time our housing developments already in the pipeline become occupied, beginning in about 2 years' time.

The second report is the result of a project run by the Nicolas Hamond Academy enquiring of years 6 & 7 pupils (12 & 13-year olds) their vision of Swaffham in the Future. The result is an excellent, wide-ranging report with some aspects needing to be placed with other Working Groups contributing to our NP. The enthusiasm with which the pupils compiled their report is very evident and is a credit to them; it shows great motivation to be involved in the community. I have congratulated staff and pupils alike. Also in the report were questions to be posed within the Survey Monkey Questionnaire being sent out to all students.