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Dear

### **Expansion of Primary School Places in Whittlesey**

Thank you for your letter dated 14 January to Councillor Joan Whitehead. I am responding on her behalf as the lead officer for 0-19 Place Planning in Fenland.

In the autumn term 2015, the Council undertook a review of early years and primary school places in Whittlesey in light of the increasing pressure on pre-school places and reception intakes in local primary schools and the future housing development planned in the town.

The review considered a number of options for future primary school provision. It came to the conclusion that the preferred option for the initial expansion of places is to expand New Road from 120 to 210 places. This option was supported by the Whittlesey Learning Trust and the other schools in the town. At this stage, the demographic evidence was not sufficient to justify any further expansion, although the situation will be kept under review.

I trust that this addresses your query. Please contact me if you wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "I. Trafford".

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**Cc:** Councillor Joan Whitehead, Chair of Children & Young People Committee

