

Communities Assessment Report
Appendix 2

KCC Communities
Development Contributions Assessment

Site Name	Huggens College College Road Northfleet Gravesend
Reference No.	GR20240402
District	Gravesham
Assessment Date	24/09/2024
Development Size	66
Non-Applicable Dwellings (under 56sqm GIA)	0

COMMUNITY LEARNING & SKILLS (CLS)

CLS generally operates from one central location per district owned by KCC. Many practical courses require resources (e.g., potter's wheels, kilns, stained glassing making equipment) that are not portable. Locations per district can be found on the Kent Adult Education website.

Provision of general courses (such as modern foreign languages, Maths, English and ESOL) are at capacity within these main centres. To increase capacity, CSL operates an outreach programme to bring services directly to communities: new developments will be required to contribute towards the cost of equipment and resources.

There is currently physical capacity within the hubs for specialist courses. However, increased enrolments will place additional demands on IT, learning technology and other equipment. New developments will also be expected to contribute towards this.

New adult participation from this development

4 clients

Contributions requested from this development

£34.21 per dwelling

66 dwellings from this proposal

£2,257.86

Contributions requested towards additional equipment and resources for Adult Education Centres and outreach provision serving the development.

LIBRARIES, REGISTRATIONS AND ARCHIVES (LRA)

New developments will place additional demands for both physical (hard copy) books and digital (eBooks/E-Audio) stock. The National Library Standard upper threshold recommends 1532 items per 1000 population; where stock levels are below this, contributions will be sought.

Library capacity has historically been based on Museums, Libraries and Archives (MLA) recommendation of 30sqm per 1,000 population – KCC does not currently meet this standard and has no plans to increase the number of libraries in Kent (the possible exception is the provision of new space on strategic sites/garden communities). In most cases, it will seek instead to meet the need generated by new growth by:

- Improving existing facilities
- Refits and reconfiguration
- Intensification of use

Library bookstock items per 1,000 population for Gravesham (Dec 2022)

915

Target: National Library Standard bookstock items per 1,000 population (upper threshold)

1,532

New borrowers from this development

19 borrowers

Contributions requested from this development

£62.63 per dwelling

66 dwellings from this proposal

£4,133.58

Towards additional resources, equipment and book stock (including reconfiguration of space) at local libraries serving the development, including Gravesend.

Net contributions requested for KCC Communities' Services

£6,391.44