

**Christchurch and East Dorset Partnership Core Strategy Examination
Position Statement**

MATTER: Policy VTSW2 – South of Howe Lane Education Allocation, Verwood

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Between the Local Planning Authority and Dorset County Council

6th September 2013

The Local Planning Authority (East Dorset District Council) and Dorset County Council (DCC), as Education Authority, confirm the following:

1. Education Allocation

The Christchurch and East Dorset Core Strategy (the Plan) at Policy VTSW2 identifies land south of Howe Lane, Verwood, to be developed for Secondary Level provision.

DCC, as Education Authority, have identified the need for additional school provision in Verwood to meet the needs of the town and its rural hinterland, and also to free up school places in Ferndown and Wimborne to provide for the growing number of schoolchildren in these areas.

The land allocated for this use is owned and controlled by DCC and includes land currently in educational use as an existing schools campus.

2. Springfield Distributor Road

The Highways Authority have identified that the Springfield Distributor Road will need to be completed to allow the schools expansion to take place. DCC have recently confirmed that funding has been allocated for this road improvement and work will commence in the near future to construct the Distributor Road.

This Statement has been agreed by the aforementioned parties.

Dated: 6th September 2013