

12 PLANNING POLICY

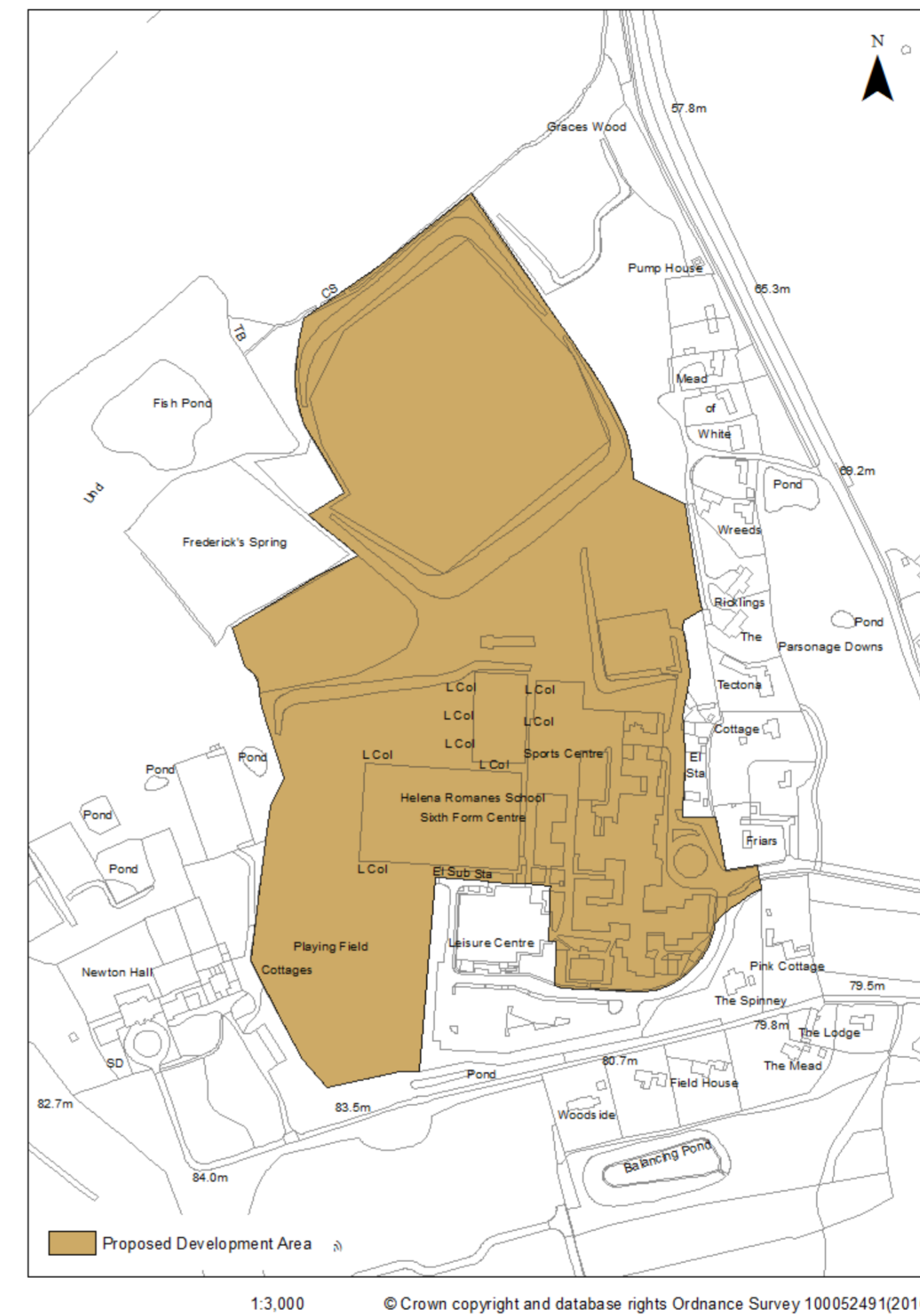
WHAT DOES PLANNING POLICY SAY ABOUT THE SITES?

The development plan covering both sites is the Adopted Uttlesford Local Plan (2005) and the Great Dunmow Neighbourhood Plan (2016). The adopted Uttlesford Local Plan was produced over 15 years ago (before the need arose for a new secondary school, or additional primary school). Therefore it does not allocate either the existing school or proposed new school sites for development.

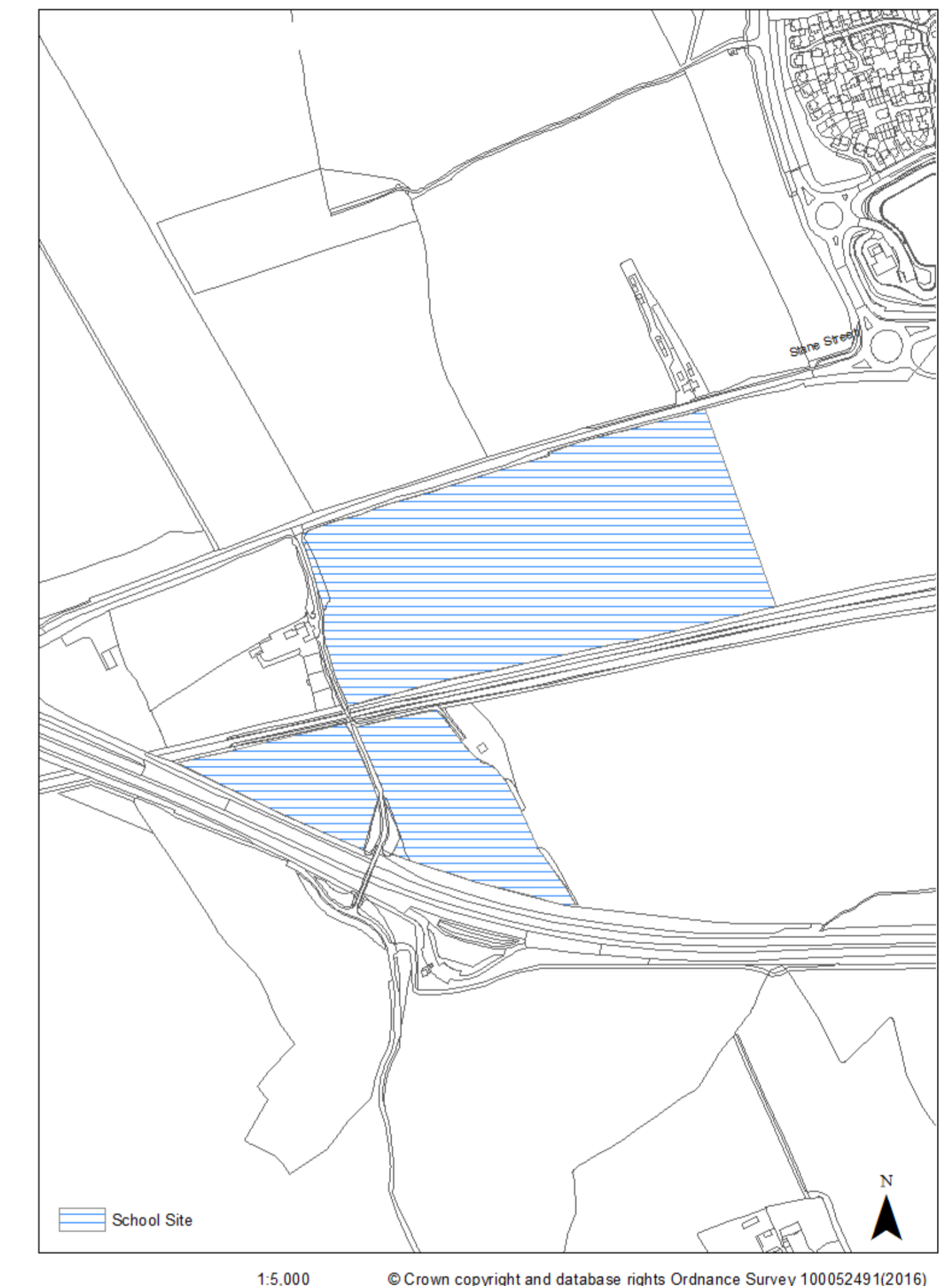
However, the Neighbourhood Plan (which is more recent) recognises the future capacity issues of Helena Romanes School. Through Policy HE12 of their plan, it supports applications for new sites or extensions to the existing school site on the land south of Stortford Road, Great Dunmow as presented in this consultation. The existing Helena Romanes School site is also proposed for residential redevelopment in the event that the school wishes to relocate to a new site under Policy DS2. Please see our FAQs for more details.

Uttlesford District Council was previously working on a new Local Plan, but this draft Plan has been withdrawn. Although it is therefore no longer to be taken into account when determining planning applications, it does show the District Council's intentions in relation to these sites. The withdrawn draft Local Plan identified the land adjacent to Buttley's Green to the south of Stortford Road for the new secondary school. It also identified the Helena Romanes School site as a strategic allocation for approximately 150 dwellings, to part fund the new secondary school.

Uttlesford District Council and Essex County Council will have regard to the above planning policy context when determining these proposals along with the immediate need for these facilities and no suitable immediately available alternative sites to meet these current requirements.



The Existing HRS Site (Fig 17 Of The Neighbourhood Plan)



The proposed new HRS site (Fig 19 of the Neighbourhood Plan)