

To: Education Resources Sub- Committee	Subject: Buildings and Site Surplus to Educational Requirements at Cumbernauld Primary, Main Street, Cumbernauld
From: Director of Education	
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Summary

This report proposes the disposal of the buildings and site at Cumbernauld Primary School, Main Street, Cumbernauld

Recommendations

The education resources sub-committee is recommended:

1. to declare the buildings and site at Cumbernauld Primary School surplus to the requirements of the education department
2. to transfer responsibility for the assets to the housing and property services committee
3. to refer this report to the Policy & Resources (Property) sub committee



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NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Building and Site Surplus to Education Requirements at Cumbernauld Primary, Cumbernauld

Report by the Director of Education

1. Introduction

As part of the 2001/2002 capital programme, the education committee approved the construction of a new school to replace Cumbernauld Primary School. The department gave a commitment to consider if the school building could be put to further educational use such as early years provision subject to an investigation of need.

2. Background

The department undertook a feasibility study to establish if the building could be used for nursery provision. The hatted accommodation at the school could not be utilised as temporary planning permission expired in July 2003 and required that the huts be removed from site by July 2003. The school building requires major capital investment to rectify fabric deficiencies in roofing, windows, wiring and heating. Financial availability for such works is severely restricted and programming of the necessary works would be problematic.

The main school building requires extensive adaptations to make the building suitable for early years use in line with current legislation. The existing layout is not suitable for early years provision and a particular use for the areas not utilised for early years was difficult to quantify. External alterations would be difficult, as the building is located in a conservation area, therefore any external works would be subject to planning considerations.

The Scottish Executive guidance advises that local authorities provide early years provision in partnership with private and voluntary providers. The village is already served by a private nursery and any additional local authority provision would effect this nursery. A survey to establish the need for early years provision in the village did not highlight a need for further provision. Ongoing revenue considerations for the provision of the facility would be restricted as pupil numbers could not justify the establishment of a stand alone nursery facility.

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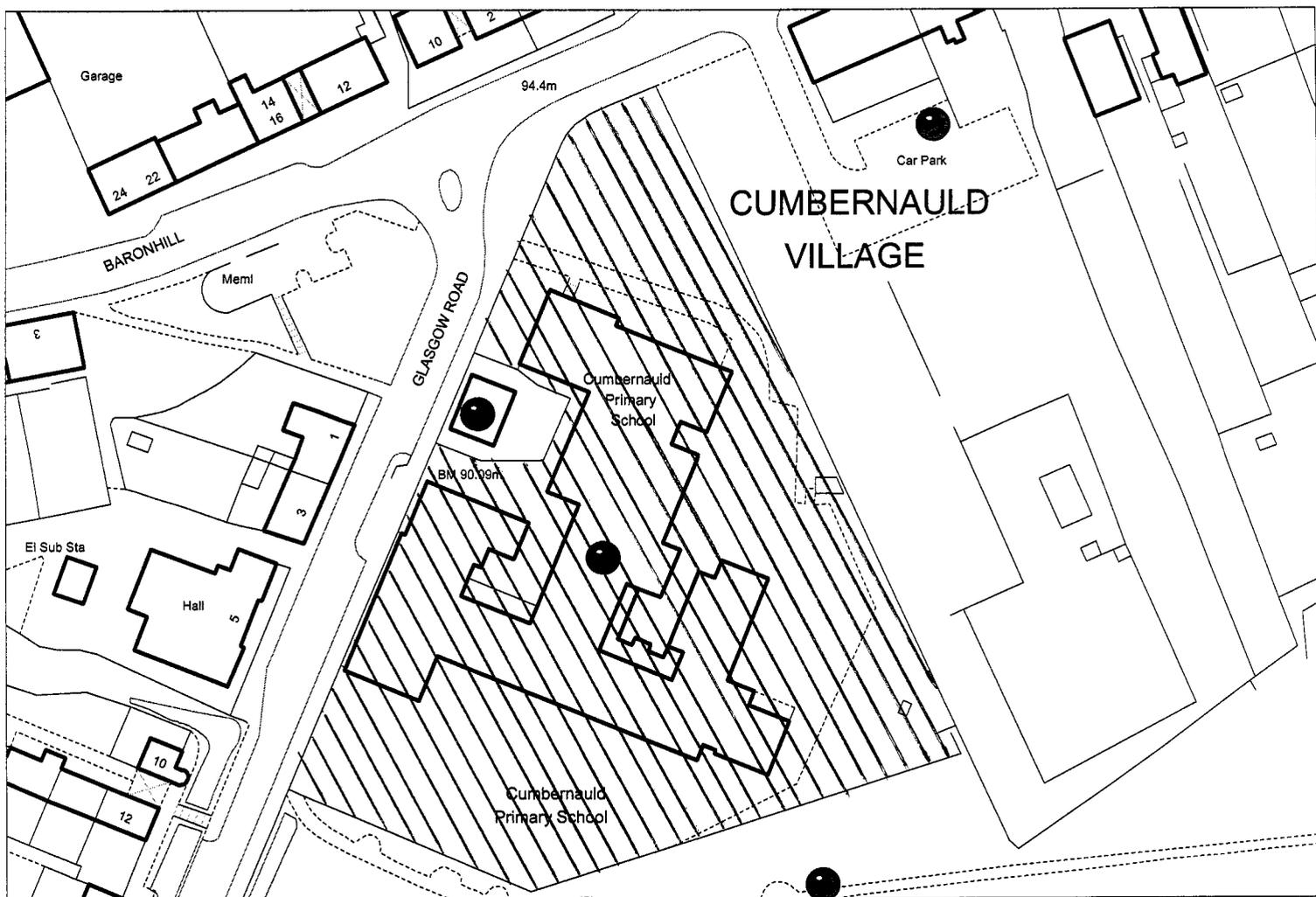
The department on reflection could not agree to establishing a stand alone nursery in the village due to both capital and revenue considerations. As stated, pupil numbers could not justify the capital costs of setting up such a facility and the department could not finance the ongoing revenue costs associated with the nursery.

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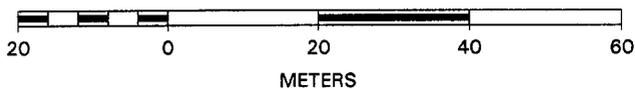
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Former Cumbernauld Primary



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Hatched area to be declared surplus to requirements