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Variable	Possible Impact
The Radcliffe School Ofsted judgement	<p><u>If judgement does not improve:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the expansion occurs but the school doesn't improve, more children may be required to access provision which has been judged 'Requires Improvement'. • The investment in additional places may also be wasted if parental preference for the school is low and places do not fill. • Places may also be wasted if the Governing Board (as the admissions authority) does not release the additional places due to possible impact on the school's improvement journey. <p><u>If judgement improves:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement in school's Ofsted judgement will likely mean that more pupils will want to access the school, and there will not be enough places available.
Popularity of the new WEA secondary school, and where children may be attracted from	<p><u>New WEA School is popular:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brand new schools are usually very popular with parents. The new school will be located in close proximity to many families that live in catchment for The Radcliffe School, and as such they may have a greater chance of accessing available places which aren't filled by children from the WEA catchment area. <p><u>New WEA school is not popular:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the new school is not popular and does not attract families from outside the catchment area, then there will be insufficient places available to meet parental preference.
Speed of house building / sales and 'pupil yields' across the borough, but particularly in the WEA	<p>Current house building projections for the WEA show there will be a need to secure a new school by 2020 to ensure the children can access a local school place. To provide a rich and viable curriculum it is expected that the new school will have to initially open more places than are required for the local catchment area.</p> <p><u>If housebuilding / sales occur more slowly:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If as often happens, there are delays to the housebuilding programme, there will be even more surplus places available, which will further decrease the need to secure additional places at The Radcliffe School. <p><u>If housebuilding / sales occur more quickly</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the houses are delivered more quickly than the current build programme there will be fewer surplus places available for 'out catchment' children to access which will increase the pressure for local school places.

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<p>Changes in 'pupil yield' from new housing across the borough, particularly from the WEA.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For planning purposes, MKC must project the number of pupils per year group that will move into in a new estate, based on the number of number of houses that are expected to be built. These projections have been developed over many years and are based on actual data from local housing developments, although they are still only projections. <p><u>If more children move into the area that will require a secondary school place in the next few years:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be fewer surplus places available in the new WEA school for 'out catchment' children. This is likely to increase the pressure for school places at The Radcliffe School in the short term. <p><u>If fewer children move in that will require a secondary school place in the next few years:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be a larger surplus of places available in the new WEA school for 'out catchment' children. This is likely to further reduce the need for additional places at The Radcliffe School in the short term.
<p>New provider of WEA secondary opening more places than required</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In accordance with national legislation, the new school will be an academy selected by the Regional Schools Commissioner. MKC officers will seek to work with the provider of the new school to ensure the number of places initially available is sufficient to ensure a viable and rich curriculum; however, there is a possibility that the new provider may seek to fill the school from the start. If this occurs, there will be no need for the additional places at The Radcliffe School in the short to medium term.
<p>Delays to delivery of the new WEA Secondary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new WEA secondary school is due to be delivered in readiness for September 2020. If it is delayed, there will no longer be a projected surplus of places in this area for 'out catchment' children to access. Furthermore, the children living within the WEA will require alternative school places to be available at local schools. This will add significant pressure to the need for additional places at The Radcliffe School.

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<p>Change of quality / popularity of other schools</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In order to ensure our statutory duty to secure sufficient school places, to account for children moving into the area, and support parental choice, there must be a small surplus of school places across the school system in each year group. As a result of parental preference and the close proximity of the schools, these vacancies typically concentrate in the least popular schools. Whilst The Radcliffe School is relatively popular and currently full, this could quickly change and could result in the additional accommodation at The Radcliffe not being used.
<p>All secondary schools in MK are responsible for their own admissions and could decide to admit over PAN (including untapped resource at Stantonbury Campus / Sir Herbert Leon).</p>	<p>Based on the current Published Admission Numbers (PAN) for each secondary school in Milton Keynes we currently project a borough wide shortfall of secondary school places by 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some schools may have capacity admit children in excess of the PAN for a few years even if they don't have capacity to do this permanently. As all secondary schools in Milton Keynes are responsible for their own admissions, the Governing Boards may decide to admit temporarily over PAN for a couple of years. If this were to happen the additional places at The Radcliffe School may not be used. Similarly, in some instances, the PAN for the school has been set by the governing board at level lower than the number the school could actually accommodate within the building. This usually occurs where there has been low parental demand for the schools, and the governing boards have sought to reduce vacant capacity in order to help control and manage the viability and effectiveness of the school. If the quality and popularity of these schools changes, it is likely that the governing boards will seek to admit more pupils. This would mean there could suddenly be more places available across the school system and parents would have greater choice of where to access. If this were to happen the additional places at The Radcliffe School may not be used.
<p>Ability for children to continue to access schools outside of the borough (local / across the borough)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently a significant number of secondary school children choose to access schools outside of the borough. MKC projections for pupil demand are based on this trend continuing at a similar level. A change in parental preference or the ability for our children to continue to do this would have a significant impact on our school place planning projections, meaning that we would either need significantly more school places, or less. This means there is a further risk that the additional places at The Radcliffe School would not be used.