
**ITEM 3a - 20/01065/FUL – Land At Barnes Wallis Way, Barnes Wallis Way,
Buckshaw Village**

The recommendation remains as per the original report

(1)No. further letter of objection has been received setting out the following issues:

- Data collected from local nurseries shows that current occupancy rates are between 70% and 80% suggesting that the number of childcare places significantly exceeds demand.
- The opening of further nurseries would weaken an already struggling sector.
- The Council recently approved a 150 place nursery at Strawberry Fields, which makes further nurseries even more unnecessary.

Officer comment: It is not the role of the planning system to manage competition in the market place.