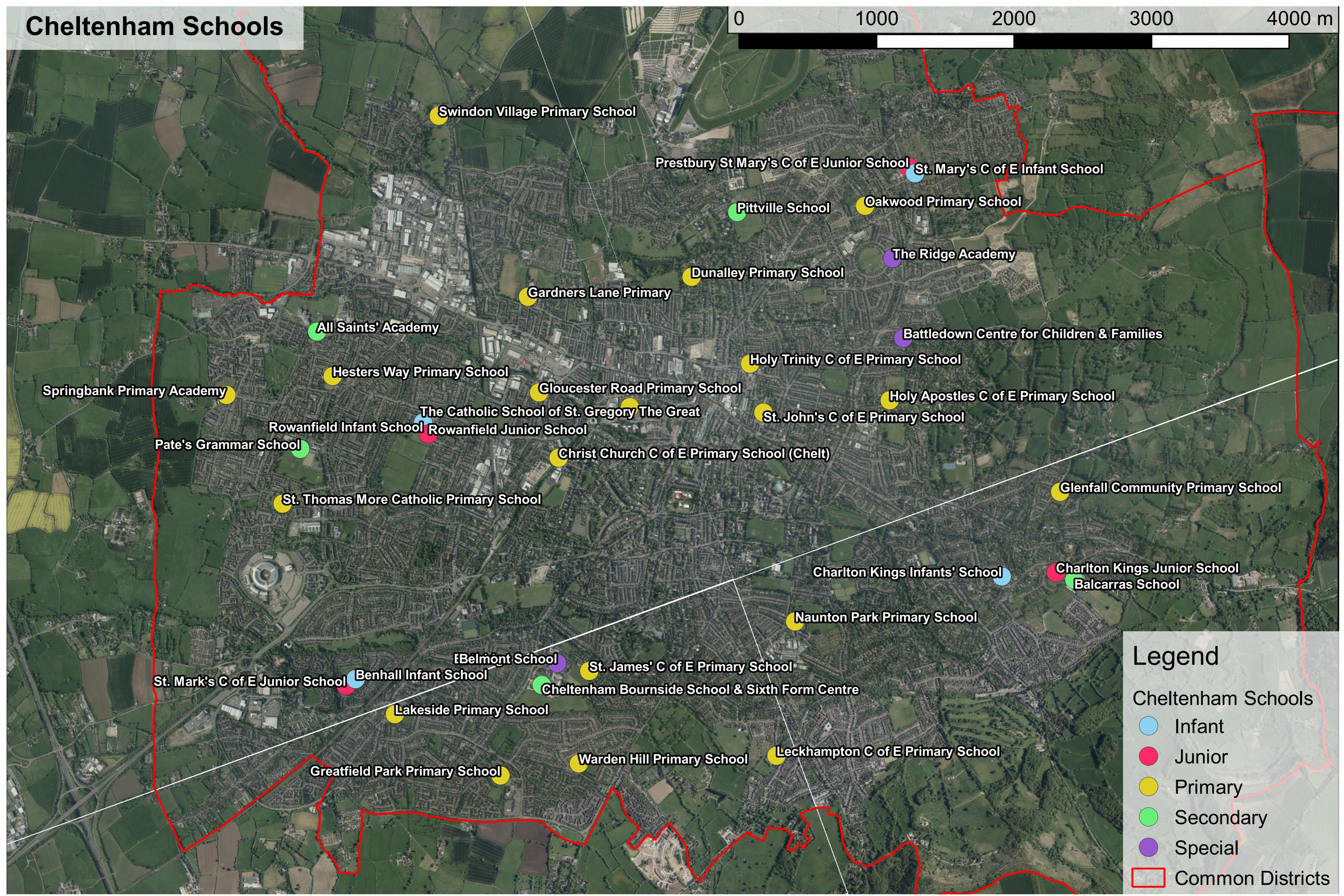


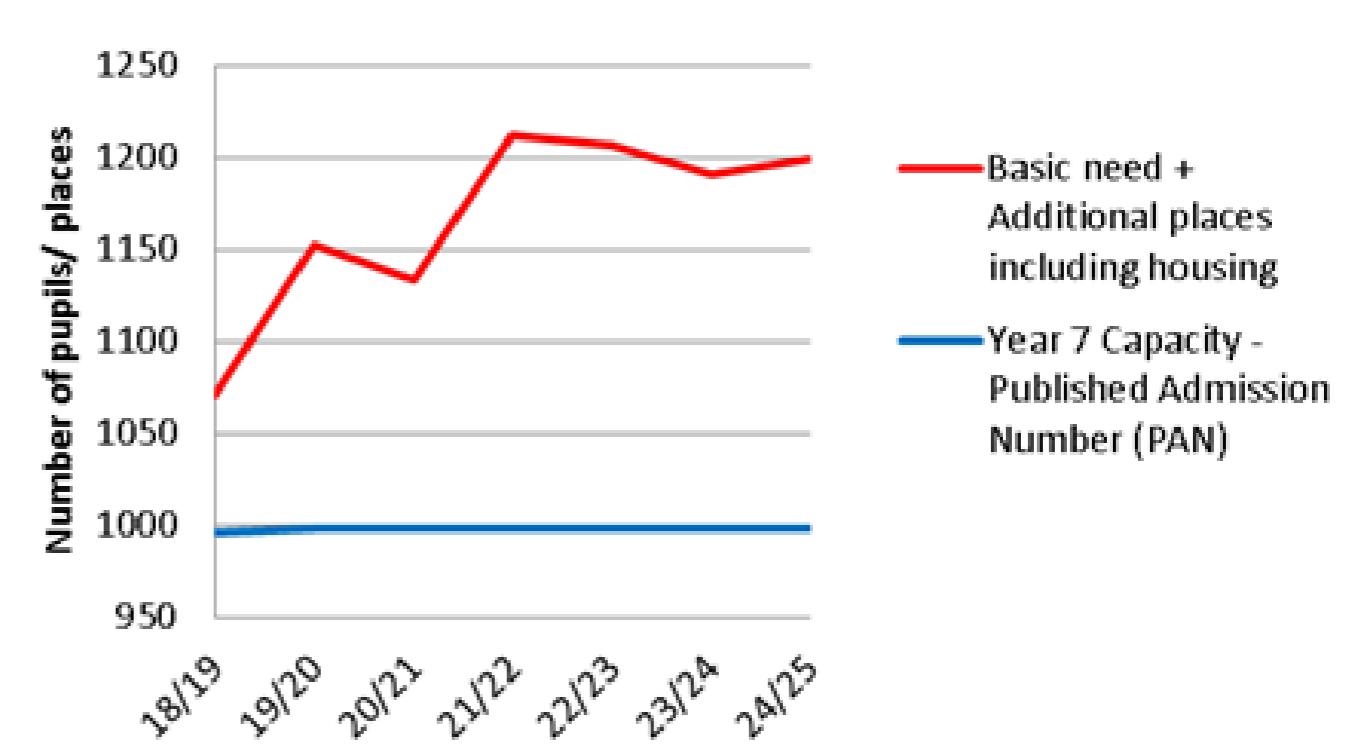
1.0 JUSTIFICATION



WHY DO WE NEED A NEW SCHOOL?

- The forecasts have shown that the school age population is rising and that there is a continuing need to increase the number of places in Cheltenham primary and secondary schools.
- In order to meet this increase, GCC has worked with existing schools in Cheltenham in order to use their surplus capacity and add new places to existing local schools. It is not possible to expand these schools indefinitely.
- The current timescale for opening the new school is September 2021 (subject to planning consent) and the school will open to new Year 7 students only. The school is not expected to take children in other year groups at that time and will take a new cohort of Year 7 children each September.
- There is a proven need for the new secondary school and if nothing was done, there would be a shortfall of 150 places by 2021, a figure that would continue to grow.

CHELTENHAM PUPIL NUMBERS FORECAST GRAPH



WHY THIS SITE?

- The area was subject to independent analysis which identifies the site as the sequential preferred option to serve the required catchment area.
- GCC investigated whether an alternative site/s could be subject to Compulsory Purchase (CPO) however legal advice confirms that CPO is not an acquisition power available in this case.
- The land is not subject to any restrictive statutory or non-statutory land use designation which could restrict development. It is not within the statutory Green Belt, Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) or conservation area.
- The site is proximate to the proposed school catchment.
- The site is not subject to flooding and is not high quality agricultural land.
- Alternative sites would require building upon the Green Belt and/or AONB.

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