



Education Resources

Consultation Proposal Document

We are looking for your views on the

proposed catchment realignment of Newton Farm and Hallside Primary Schools, including altering the secondary school those pupils in the rezoned area would attend from Uddingston Grammar School to Cathkin High School.

Closing date for responses: **6 December 2021**

Virtual public meetings will be held on 9 November 2021 and 10 November 2021

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This document has been issued by South Lanarkshire Council for consultation under the terms of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.

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1 The proposal and consultation process

1.1 Proposal

South Lanarkshire Council is seeking views on the following proposal, namely: changing the catchment areas of Newton Farm Primary School and Hallside Primary School to balance pupil numbers more effectively within the two schools and to alter the secondary school those pupils in the rezoned area would attend from Uddingston Grammar School to Cathkin High School.

1.2 Decision to undertake the consultation: 22 September 2021

On 22 September 2021, the Executive Committee of South Lanarkshire Council (“the Council”) agreed that a statutory consultation with all stakeholders be undertaken on the proposal within this document.

1.3 Consultation on the proposal

Under the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, if a local authority proposes to alter the catchment area of a school or to vary the arrangements for the transfer of pupils from a primary school to a secondary school, it must undertake a statutory consultation with key stakeholders affected by the proposal. In this instance, the affected schools are Newton Farm Primary School, Hallside Primary School, Uddingston Grammar School and Cathkin High School.

The formal consultation on the proposal within this document will be undertaken under the terms of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 (“the Act”). The consultation period will start on Monday 25 October 2021 (with due notice of the proposal to the consultees listed in Appendix 1) and will end on 6 December 2021 (30 school days). Representations must be received by this date to be taken into account.

1.4 Virtual public meetings: 9 November 2021 and 10 November 2021

We will hold virtual public meetings on Tuesday 9 November 2021 between 6.00pm and 7.00pm and on Wednesday 10 November 2021 between 6.00pm and 7.00pm. The meeting will provide those in attendance with an opportunity to:

- Hear about the proposal
- Ask questions about the proposal
- Express views about the proposal.

A note will be taken of the views expressed during the public meeting and of any questions asked. In addition to the virtual public meeting, written representations will be able to be made during the consultation period.

Those wishing to attend the virtual meeting should contact 01698 452088 or email educationconsultations@southlanarkshire.gov.uk to register their intention to attend. Please do so by Friday 5 November 2021.

If you are unable to participate in this form of public meeting then please call 01698 452088 to discuss alternative options.

1.5 Education Scotland (formerly HM Inspectorate of Education, HMIE)

The Council will provide the proposal document to Education Scotland at the start of the consultation period. When the consultation period has ended, the Council will collate all the relevant written and online representations received during the consultation period and oral representations made at the public meeting. Thereafter, the following information will be provided to Education Scotland:

- A copy of relevant written representations made to the Council on the proposal (or summary of them if agreed with Education Scotland)

- A summary of oral representations made at the public meeting
- Other relevant documentation, so far as is practicable.

Education Scotland will prepare a report on the educational aspects of the proposal taking account of the above, and in so far that Education Scotland considers them relevant, any written representations made directly to them.

Education Scotland may also contact and visit the schools affected by the proposal. Education Scotland is required to send its report to the Council no later than 3 weeks (or longer if agreed with the Council) after having received the information from the Council.

1.6 Consultation report

After receiving Education Scotland's report, the Council will review the proposal taking account of relevant representations received during the consultation period, oral representations made during the public meeting and Education Scotland's report. The Council will then prepare and publish a consultation report which will include a recommendation on the proposal and make it available for inspection. The Council will inform any person who made relevant representations on the proposal of the publication of the report. The consultation report will be published 3 weeks before it is formally considered by the Council.

1.7 Inaccuracies or omissions

Where the Council is notified or discovers inaccuracies in or omissions from this proposal document, the Council will determine whether relevant information has been omitted or, if there has been an inaccuracy. Appropriate action will then be taken by the Council which may include issuing corrections, issuing a corrected proposal document or an extension of the consultation period. In any of these events all relevant consultees (and where applicable the notifier(s) of any omissions or inaccuracies) and Education Scotland will be advised of the appropriate action. Notifiers of any omissions or inaccuracies will also be given the opportunity to make representations if they disagree with the Council's determination of and any action on the matter, which may result in the Council making a further determination/decision on the matter.

1.8 Implementation date of the proposal

If the proposal is approved, the catchment change would be effective from August 2022. Section 4.4 gives further details on arrangements.

2 Background to the proposal

The current catchment areas for Newton Farm Primary and Hallside Primary are shown on Appendix 2. These catchment areas came into effect when the new Newton Farm Primary school opened in August 2017.

Appendix 2 also shows the two areas proposed to be realigned to Hallside Primary School from Newton Farm Primary School.

The table below outlines the projected rolls should the proposed changes be approved.

| | Newton Farm | Hallside |
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| Classrooms – Aug 2022 (incl 7 class extension) | 21 | 16 |
| Capacity (assuming average 30 pupils per class) | 630 | 480 |
| Estimate pupil roll 2025 | 666 | 342 |
| Estimate pupil roll 2028 | 601 | 484 |

2.1 Newton Farm Primary School

Newton Farm Primary School has 14 Classrooms and a 65 place Nursery (ages 2-5 years). With this accommodation (assuming an average of 30 pupils per class), the school could accommodate 420 pupils.

The current roll is 556 and this is being managed by the use of 4 mobile teaching units together with other spaces in the school pending completion of the 7-classroom extension in summer 2022.

The 7 classroom extension will increase the capacity at Newton Farm Primary school to 21 classrooms and (assuming an average of 30 pupils per class), to 630 pupils.

2.2 Hallside Primary School

Hallside Primary School can currently accommodate 16 classrooms, and (assuming an average of 30 pupils per class), the school could accommodate 480 pupils.

The current roll (August 2021) is 262. Trends based on the average of the last three years' P1 intake figures suggest the roll will be 254 in August 2023.

2.3 Developer contributions

Any Developer Contributions expected, should all known housing developments go ahead, can assist in any works necessary to accommodate the projected pupil roll in Uddingston Grammar School. A feasibility study has begun to establish required works and indicative costs.

Similarly, Cathkin High School has developer contributions available to assist in effectively managing the projected increase in roll, as a result of any catchment change, and any future works required.

3 Proposals

3.1 Catchment realignment of Newton Farm Primary School to Hallside Primary School

There are two areas proposed to be realigned and this is highlighted in Appendix 2 of this document:

Affected streets within the Westburn area:

Please refer to the area outlined in red in the map within Appendix 2. This includes the following streets of:

Arrol Wynd, Colville Close, Cornfield Court, Dalziel Close, Dalziel Crescent, Dalziel Gait, Dalziel Grove, Dalziel Path, Dalziel Way, Dunlop Street, Eastwood View, Findlay Terrace, Greenwood Avenue, Henderson Avenue, Lockhart Avenue, Lockhart Drive, McKenzie Gate, McIver Street, Mitchell Avenue, Newton Avenue – numbers 2-82, Newton Court, Northbank Avenue, Northbank Street, Redpath Drive, Riverside Place, Westburn Avenue, Westburn Road - numbers 100-227, Westfarm Avenue, Westfarm Court, Westfarm Crescent, Westfarm Drive, Westfarm Gait, Westfarm Grove, Westfarm Lane, Westfarm Wynd

Affected developments within the Community Growth area – site 2I, 2J, 2K and 2L:

Please refer to Appendix 2 of this document and the area outlined in black. This area includes currently occupied houses on Lapwing Drive and Greylag Place and future streets within the entire development site of 2I, 2J, 2K and 2L.

3.2 Alteration of the Secondary school attended by the pupils who fall within the area of catchment proposed to be realigned.

Newton Farm Primary school is associated with Uddingston Grammar School and Hallside Primary School is associated with Cathkin High School.

Under this proposal, the areas of the catchment that are proposed to be rezoned from Newton Farm Primary School to Hallside Primary School would therefore have Cathkin High School as their catchment secondary school. Newton Farm Primary School will remain as an associated primary school of Uddingston Grammar.

4 General/Other Implications

4.1 The intended effective date of any revised catchment realignment would be from the school session starting in August 2022.

4.2 As part of the statutory consultation process, a virtual public meeting will be held to fully engage with the local community on this proposal.

4.3 Any entitlement to mainstream school transport will be in line with existing policy of living more than 1 mile from the catchment primary and more than 2 miles from the catchment secondary.

4.4 For those residing in the proposed rezoned area:

- Any current catchment child attending Newton Farm Primary School during school session 21/22 and living in the proposed rezoned area for Hallside Primary School will have the right to remain at Newton Farm Primary School.
- These pupils will then be offered the option of attending either Uddingston Grammar School or Cathkin High School regardless of any catchment change. The option to transition to Uddingston Grammar School would end with the P7s in session 2027/28.
- Thereafter, any further younger siblings enrolling in P1 in respect of school sessions August 2022 through to August 2027 will have the option to enrol at Newton Farm Primary School and have right to attend Uddingston Grammar School.

- Existing transport arrangements will continue.

5 Educational benefits - assessment of the likely effects of the proposal

5.1 Education

The main educational benefit from the proposal is that it would assist with capacity pressures at Newton Farm Primary School and make better use of the underutilised capacity at Hallside Primary School. In terms of secondary provision, the potential for physical building works where required will assist in managing any pupil roll change. There is parental choice in that the option remains for existing pupils not to be affected and that siblings can continue to attend the same school. (Please refer to paragraph 4.4)

Within this proposal, the Council remains committed to ensuring that our schools provide high quality learning experiences which create a fertile environment for children and young people to flourish. Our school leaders strive for excellence, are empowered to build their school community around the needs of their learners and are encouraged to engage with all stakeholders to understand what makes them unique.

5.2 Staff

It is not anticipated that this proposal would have a significant impact either negatively or beneficially on any members of staff in either of the affected primary schools.

6 Assessing the impact on the local community affected by this proposal

- 6.1** Given the assurances in section 4.4 above with regards the right of pupils to remain and the ability to follow siblings, it is therefore anticipated that there will be no negative impact on the local community.

7 Employee implications

- 7.1** Employee resources at each school would continue to be provided by means of existing staffing protocols and agreed management structures.

8 Financial implications

- 8.1** It is anticipated that there will be no additional revenue financial implications as a result of the proposal. Developer contributions expected, should all known housing developments go ahead, can assist in any works necessary.

9 Responding to the proposal

Interested parties are invited to respond to the proposal using the following methods:
Written or electronic submissions on the proposal using the response form in this document no later than 6 December 2021 to:

South Lanarkshire Council
Education Resources (Central Support Team)
Newton Farm/Hallside - Consultation Response
Freepost SC05520
Hamilton, ML3 0BR
educationconsultations@southlanarkshire.gov.uk

Online submissions on the proposal should be made using the following link:
<https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=163221060442>

Please note that responses must be submitted to the address stated above and must be received by this date in order for them to be taken into account.

10 Appendices

Appendix 1

Distribution list and how to access a copy of the proposal document

Notification of the proposals will be provided to the following consultees:

- The Parent Council or Combined Parent Council of affected schools;
- The parents of pupils at affected schools;
- The parents of any children expected to attend either primary school within 2 years of the publication of this proposal document – to this end, notification has been given to parents of nursery children at Newton Farm Primary nursery classes;
- The parents of any children expected to attend either secondary school within 2 years of the publication of this proposal document – to this end, notification has been given to parents of pupils attending the associated primary schools of Uddingston Grammar and Cathkin High;
- The pupils at any affected school;
- All South Lanarkshire Council employees at the affected schools;
- Trade union representatives;
- Community Councils within the affected locality;
- All relevant users of the affected primary schools;
- South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partners.

A copy of this proposal document will be made available to:

- All Elected Members of South Lanarkshire Council;
- South Lanarkshire Youth Council;
- Education Scotland (formerly Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education, HMIE);
- The Constituency MSP of the affected schools;
- List MSP for the area of the affected schools;
- The MP of the affected schools;
- Area Commander, Chief Inspector for Lanarkshire Division of Police Scotland;
- Chief Executive, NHS Lanarkshire;
- Chief Executive, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport;
- Area Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Services;
- Care Inspectorate.
- Church representative

The steps listed below have also been taken to ensure that the proposal document is widely available:

Notice of the proposal and of publication of this proposal document has been placed within the Rutherglen Reformer and Hamilton Advertiser;

All affected schools will promote this consultation through existing communication routes (school newsletters, school website etc);

The proposal document has also been published on the South Lanarkshire Council website:

www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/directory/47/consultations;

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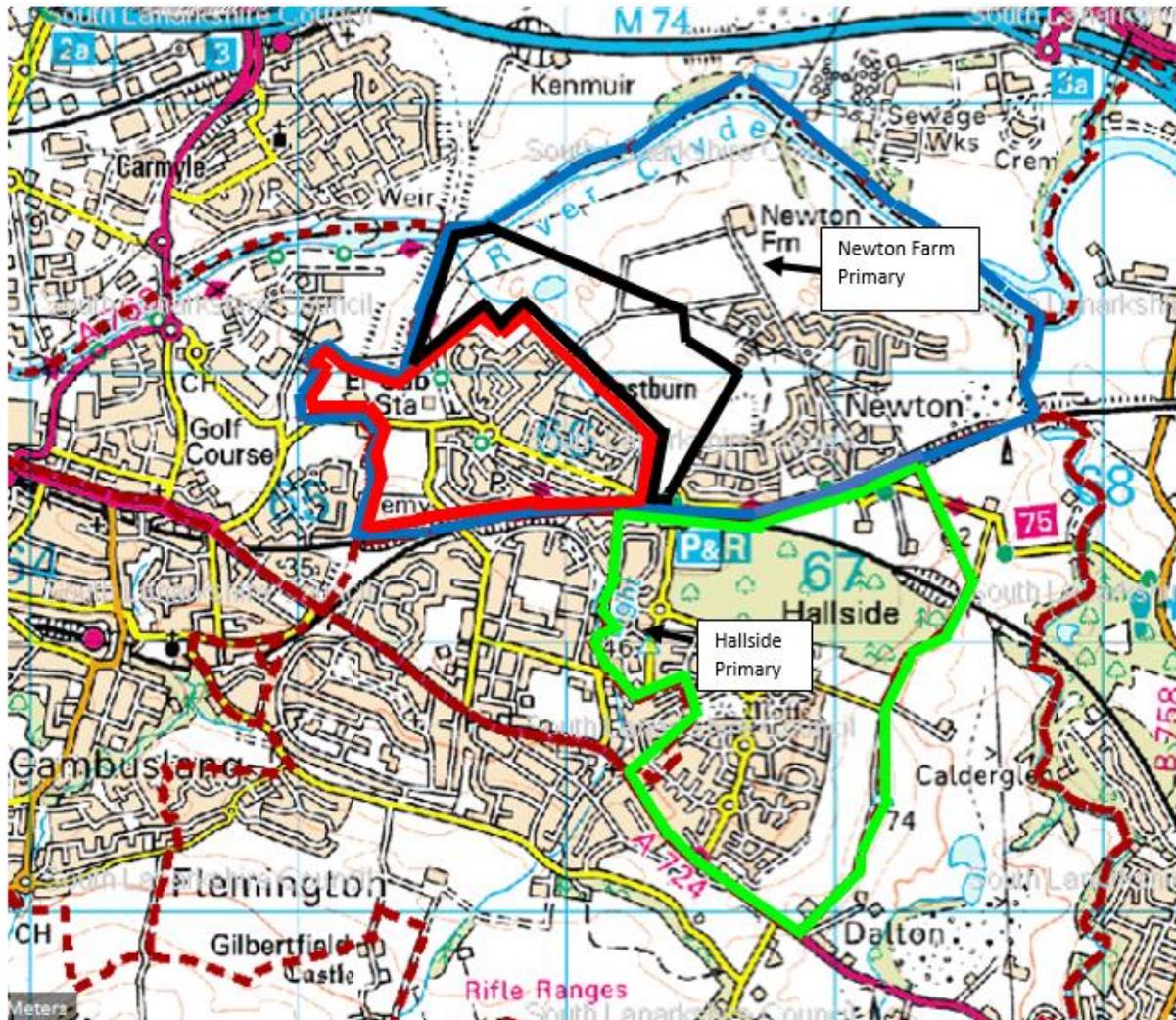
The proposal document will also be available at the following locations:

Council Offices, Education Resources, Almada Street, Hamilton, ML3 0AA. Phone 0303 123 1023

All libraries in South Lanarkshire

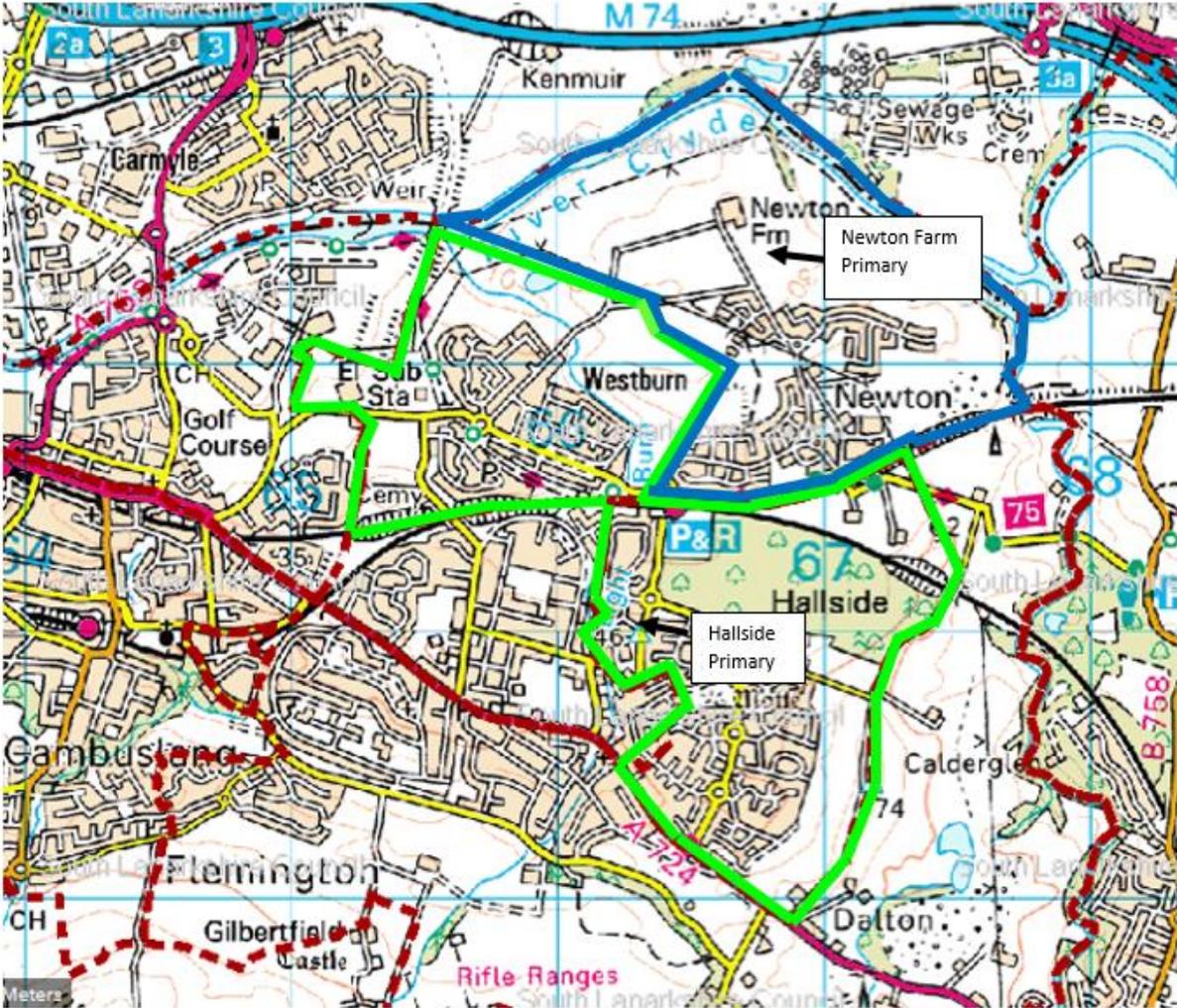
The establishments affected by the proposal

Appendix 2 - Newton Farm Primary School and Hallside Primary School existing catchment areas, Westburn area and Newton CGA I,J,K and L



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|  | Newton Farm PS Catchment Area |
|  | Hallside PS Catchment Area |
|  | Westburn Area |
|  | Newton CGA developments 2I, J, K and L |

Appendix 3 – Proposed new catchment areas for Newton Farm Primary School and Hallside Primary School



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|  | Newton Farm PS Catchment Area |
|  | Hallside PS Catchment Area |