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Dear Parent/Carer

PROPOSAL TO VARY THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSFER OF PUPILS AT KIRK O'SHOTTS PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM CALDERVALE HIGH SCHOOL TO CALDERHEAD HIGH SCHOOL BY CHANGING THE CATCHMENT AREAS OF CALDERHEAD HIGH SCHOOL AND CALDERVALE HIGH SCHOOL

I write to inform you that the Education Committee of North Lanarkshire Council has agreed to conduct a statutory consultation on a proposal to vary the arrangements for the transfer of pupils at Kirk O'Shotts Primary School from Caldervale High School to Calderhead High School by changing the catchment areas of Calderhead High School and Caldervale High School

The catchment area of Kirk O' Shotts Primary school includes the semi-rural village of Salsburgh and surrounding greenbelt farmland. The closest major towns to the village are Shotts to the South East and Airdrie to the North West.

The distance from Kirk O' Shotts Primary School to Caldervale High School is approximately 4.5 miles. The distance from Kirk O' Shotts Primary School to Calderhead High School is approximately 3.5 miles. The proposal will change the arrangements for the transfer of pupils from Kirk O'Shotts Primary School to Calderhead High School in Shotts instead of Caldervale High School in Airdrie and to re-align the catchment areas of the two high schools. This will see primary school pupils in the area transfer to non-denominational provision in the town closer to the village and with which the Kirk O'Shotts area has close associations.

The specific proposals are:

To change the aligned secondary school in relation to the transfer of pupils from Kirk O'Shotts Primary School. This would discontinue the transfer of pupils to Caldervale High School and introduce automatic transfer to Calderhead High School from August 2018.

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To alter the catchment area for Calderhead High School to include the catchment area for Kirk O' Shotts Primary School from August 2018.

To alter the catchment area for Caldervale High School to remove the catchment area for Kirk O' Shotts Primary School from August 2018.

The rationale behind this proposal is the geographical association of the Kirk O' Shotts Primary School catchment area to the Wishaw Local Area. Wishaw is located in the south area of North Lanarkshire. Currently, the school is aligned with the Airdrie Local Area. Airdrie is located within the central area of North Lanarkshire. If implemented, the proposal will meet the aspiration of the community of Kirk O'Shotts for alignment of the primary school with Calderhead High School.

The appendices at the end of this consultation paper include maps showing current and proposed catchment areas for each of the high schools.

Full details of the proposals, in the form of a statutory consultative document, are attached. Further copies can be obtained, if required, from this office, the schools affected, local libraries and the council website. A public meeting will be held in Kirk O'Shotts Primary School to allow for further discussion of the proposal, arrangements as follows:

Kirk O'Shotts Primary School at 7pm on Tuesday 23rd January 2018.

Written representations on the proposals should be made to School Consultation , Kirk O'Shotts Rezoning from Caldervale to Calderhead, Education, Youth and Communities, Municipal Buildings, Kildonan Street, Coatbridge, ML5 3BT **on or before Friday 23rd February 2018.**

Alternatively, comments can be submitted by e-mail to:
kirkoshottsconsultation@northlan.gov.uk

The consultation document can also be viewed online at
<http://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=1164>

A report on the consultation will be made available at the above location in Spring 2018, date to be advised.

Yours faithfully



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