

## **Proposal to Realign the Catchment Areas of Clovenstone Primary School, Sighthill Primary School and Wester Hailes Education Centre to Accommodate the Proposed Edinburgh Park and Curriemuirend Development Sites**

Affecting Currie Primary School, Gylemuir Primary School, Broomhouse Primary School, Sighthill Primary School, Juniper Green Primary School, Clovenstone Primary School, Forrester High School, Wester Hailes Education Centre, Currie High School

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## **1 Introduction and Summary of Proposal**

### **Summary**

- 1.1 This paper proposes that the catchment areas of Clovenstone Primary School, Sighthill Primary School and Wester Hailes Education Centre be extended to

incorporate two potential housing development sites allocated in the Local Development Plan (LDP) at Edinburgh Park and Curriemuirend.

- 1.2 This proposal requires that the catchment boundaries of Currie Primary School, Gylemuir Primary School, Broomhouse Primary School, Juniper Green Primary School, Sighthill Primary School, Forrester High School, Wester Hailes Education Centre and Currie High School be realigned.
- 1.3 The impact of these proposals on all schools affected is minor and there are no residential addresses currently registered in the areas affected. The areas concerned are all currently non-residential.
- 1.4 The proposed catchment areas are set out in Appendix 1(a) and 1(b). The existing catchment areas are shown in Appendix 2(a) and 2(b).
- 1.5 This paper does not propose any changes to the Roman Catholic Primary or Roman Catholic Secondary school catchment areas and there are no implications for the provision of Gaelic Medium Education.

### **Edinburgh Park**

- 1.6 To the north of Wester Hailes the changes proposed would result in the Edinburgh Park area of Currie Primary School's catchment and a very small section of Gylemuir Primary School's catchment together with the geographically large but unpopulated Bankhead area of Broomhouse Primary School's catchment being realigned with Sighthill Primary School.
- 1.7 At secondary level this would mean that the Edinburgh Park area of Currie High School's catchment and a geographically large but unpopulated area of Forrester High School's catchment would be realigned with Wester Hailes Education Centre.

### **Curriemuirend**

- 1.8 To the south of Wester Hailes the catchment changes proposed would result in Curriemuirend Park which is currently in Juniper Green Primary School and Currie High School's catchment areas being realigned with Clovenstone Primary School and Wester Hailes Education Centre.

### **The Consultation**

- 1.9 This consultation paper sets out the rationale for, and implications of, the proposal which will address existing geographic catchment anomalies in West Edinburgh and ensure that demand from future housing developments is distributed across schools with the capacity to support further growth. The paper also sets out the consultation process and the means and timescales for making representations.
- 1.10 As no existing residential addresses are affected by these proposals, should they be approved by the Council, the catchment changes would be implemented 3 weeks after the decision to approve them is made.
- 1.11 Comments on the proposal should be submitted by no later than close of business on Monday 7 October 2019. A response questionnaire is provided for this purpose which respondents are encouraged to use, details are included in

Appendix 5. The questionnaire can be completed online via the Council website [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/edinburghpark](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/edinburghpark). Responses can also be submitted by email or post to the addresses set out in Section 9 of this paper.

1.12 A public meeting in relation to these proposals will be held as follows, further details of which are provided in Section 11 of this paper:

Venue	Date	Time
Wester Hailes Education Centre	Thursday, 19 September 2019	6.30pm – 8.30pm

## 2 Details of Proposal

### Background and Context

2.1 The Council's [Local Development Plan](#) (LDP) identifies Edinburgh Park and Curriemuirend as sites appropriate for mixed use or residential development. Table 1 below outlines the estimated number of new homes these sites could represent.

**Table 1: Edinburgh Park and Curriemuirend New Homes**

LDP Housing Site	Estimated Number of New Homes
Edinburgh Park	450 - 700
Curriemuirend	150 - 180

2.2 Despite being located more than 4 miles away and on the opposite side of the M8, the majority of the Edinburgh Park development site is currently within the catchment areas of Currie Primary School and Currie High School. A small section is within Gylemuir Primary School and Forrester High School's catchment areas. Both Currie Primary School and Gylemuir Primary School are experiencing rising rolls and have been extended in recent years to accommodate demand from their catchment areas. Currie Primary School's catchment area has recently been reduced in size to avoid the need to further extend the school and make more effective use of capacity within neighbouring schools.

2.3 While they are both LDP sites, neither Edinburgh Park nor Curriemuirend has received approval for development. Should these sites be developed in the future as Currie High School is due to be rebuilt and extended as part of the Council's Wave4 programme it would have capacity to support this growth. However, aside from making sense geographically, it is considered that making better use of the capacity available in Wester Hailes Education Centre would be a more efficient solution should demand for places arise from any future developments in these areas.

2.4 The proposal within this paper will directly affect Currie Primary School, Gylemuir Primary School, Broomhouse Primary School, Juniper Green Primary School, Sighthill Primary School, Forrester High School, Wester Hailes

Education Centre and Currie High School. The existing catchment areas of these schools are included within Appendix 2(a) and 2(b).

### **Edinburgh Park Proposal: Implications for Primary Schools**

- 2.5 The majority of the proposed Edinburgh Park housing development is currently within the catchment area of Currie Primary School and under these proposals would be realigned with Sighthill Primary School.
- 2.6 The realignment of the Edinburgh Park area with Sighthill Primary School also requires that a section of Broomhouse Primary School's catchment area be realigned with Sighthill Primary School. The area concerned is Bankhead which, although geographically large, contains only commercial and industrial properties. The realignment of this area would therefore have no capacity or growth issues for the schools concerned.

#### *Currie Primary School*

- 2.7 The Edinburgh Park development is within the catchment area of Currie Primary School. The number of flats and houses in this development is yet to be determined, however, assuming it were to be a 700 flat development it could represent approximately an additional 11 pupils per stage at Currie Primary School.
- 2.8 The roll at Currie Primary School in 2018 was 484 primary pupils, rising from 389 in 2014. The capacity of the school is currently 546 following completion of a 4 classroom extension in August 2018. A catchment change approved by Council in May 2019 will reduce the P1 intake so that eventually the overall roll at Currie Primary School should remain consistent with the available capacity. Projections suggest the catchment change will result in a roll of 543 by 2024
- 2.9 While it would be possible to increase the number of classrooms at Currie Primary School, to do so would place pressure on support spaces such as the dining hall and PE facilities. This was part of the rationale for the previous catchment change proposals.
- 2.10 Projections do not currently account for the further accommodation pressures that could arise at Currie Primary School if the housing development at the southern part of the 'East of Milburn Tower' progresses. A small section of this development falls within Currie Primary School's catchment area. A separate statutory consultation to include the entire 'East of Milburn Tower' site within the catchment of a new primary school will be undertaken at the appropriate time.

#### *Sighthill Primary School*

- 2.11 The roll at Sighthill Primary School has increased from 161 primary pupils in 2009 to an estimated 247 pupils in 2019. The school has a capacity of 11 classes (294 pupils). The projected P1 intake in August 2019 is 39 pupils and in August 2019 the school will operate at its capacity of 11 classes. However, projections, based on births from five years prior and data for known housing development, suggest that Sighthill Primary School's roll may fall to around 200 pupils in the short-medium term from its current peak. Accordingly, it is likely that the addition of a further 11 pupils per stage that the Edinburgh Park

development would represent could be accommodated at Sighthill Primary School.

- 2.12 Should a drop in the roll not occur as projections suggest, Sighthill Primary School's grounds, existing layout and supporting spaces provide good opportunities for expansion in future years should that ultimately be necessary.

*Broomhouse Primary School*

- 2.13 Under the proposals set out in this consultation paper while the area removed from Broomhouse's catchment area is large, it is made up of the commercial and industrial Bankhead area which has no residential addresses and there are no known proposals that would change this. Accordingly, Broomhouse's catchment population is expected to remain unchanged as a result of these proposals.

*Gylemuir Primary School*

- 2.14 Map 1(a) illustrates that the area of Gylemuir Primary School affected by these proposals is very small and is currently undeveloped. The impact this small area would have on capacity and projections of the schools concerned is negligible. However, it is included within the scope of these proposals to ensure that the full extent of the new development area is captured.

**Curriemuirend Proposal: Implications for Primary Schools**

- 2.15 The proposed Curriemuirend housing development site is currently within the catchment area of Juniper Green Primary School and under these proposals would be realigned with Clovenstone Primary School.
- 2.16 The Curriemuirend site is currently a park and is therefore entirely non-residential. No existing addresses would be affected by this proposal.

*Juniper Green Primary School*

- 2.17 The roll at Juniper Green Primary School has remained reasonably consistent around 400 primary pupils since 2010. Projections, based on births from five years prior and data for known housing development, indicate that Juniper Green Primary School's roll will remain consistent in the short-medium term around its current level. However, while the number of additional pupils generated by a development of the Curriemuirend site is likely to be relatively low it could be sufficient to cause Juniper Green to exceed its capacity.
- 2.18 This is because the additional P1 pupils generated by the development of the Curriemuirend site may cause regular P1 intakes to exceed 60 pupils which could create a requirement for additional class space in the long-term. Within a restricted school site the provision of additional accommodation would be challenging to deliver.

*Clovenstone Primary School*

- 2.19 The roll at Clovenstone Primary School has increased from 201 primary pupils to 232 pupils between 2014 and 2018. The school has 15 classes.

2.20 Projections, based on births from five years prior and data for known housing development, indicate that the projected P1 intake for Clovenstone Primary School will remain consistent at around 25 pupils for the next 10 years. This means that the overall school roll is projected to fall to around 175 pupils by 2025. Accordingly, Clovenstone Primary School is projected to have sufficient capacity to accommodate additional demand in future years.

### **Edinburgh Park and Curriemuirend Proposals: Implications for Secondary Schools**

2.21 The full proposed Curriemuirend development site and the majority of the Edinburgh Park development area are within the catchment of a single secondary school: Currie High School. Under these proposals Edinburgh Park and Curriemuirend would be realigned with Wester Hailes Education Centre. This will also require the realignment of the Bankhead area of Forrester High School's catchment with Wester Hailes Education Centre.

#### *Currie High School*

2.22 The roll at Currie High School in 2018 was 714 pupils. The capacity of the school is currently 900 pupils. Following a recent catchment boundary realignment with Balerno High School, projections suggest that Currie High School will be able to accommodate its projected demand within the 1,000-pupil capacity it will be rebuilt too under the Council's Wave4 project.

2.23 However, at Secondary level, the principle rationale for proposing that the Edinburgh Park and Curriemuirend sites are realigned from Currie High School to Wester Hailes Education Centre are not related to capacity issues at Currie High School. The proposals are put forward to promote growth in the roll at Wester Hailes Education Centre and to improve access from these development sites to school provision.

#### *Wester Hailes Education Centre*

2.24 The roll at Wester Hailes Education Centre in 2018 was 326 pupils. The capacity of the school is currently 750 pupils. Projections suggest that Wester Hailes roll will not increase beyond 421 pupils in the next 5 years. Accordingly, there is significant spare capacity available at this school.

#### *Forrester High School*

2.25 While the area removed from Forrester High School's catchment area under these proposals is geographically large, it is made up of the commercial and industrial Bankhead area which has no residential addresses and there are no known proposals that would change this. A very small area of the proposed Edinburgh Park development is within Forrester High School's existing catchment area, however, the impact this small area would have on capacity and projections of the school is negligible. Accordingly, Forrester High School's catchment population is expected to remain unchanged as a result of these proposals.

### **3 Access and Travel Routes**

#### **Summary**

- 3.1 In addition to providing more equitable distribution of future growth to areas with the capacity to support it, the principle benefit arising from these proposals is an improvement in the access to schools it will afford future populations potentially generated from the Edinburgh Park and Curriemuirend sites.

#### **Edinburgh Park**

- 3.2 The potential development site within Edinburgh Park is at minimum approximately a 3.0 mile walk from Currie Primary School and approximately a 3.4 mile walk from Currie High School. This route would require that pupils walk along Calder Road and cross the Calder Road/City Bypass roundabout before walking along the A71. A safer route via Sighthill and Baberton is 3.8 miles. Public transport links between Edinburgh Park and the Currie area are poor. Accordingly, it is assumed that, should these proposals not be implemented, pupils from the Edinburgh Park area will either make placing requests to other schools or travel by car.
- 3.3 The walk from Edinburgh Park to Sighthill Primary School and Wester Hailes Education Centre is approximately 1.4 miles and 1.6 miles respectively. The number 36 Lothian bus currently passes the Edinburgh Park site and stops at Bankhead Loan. The Sighthill area can then be accessed via the footpaths under the Bankhead Roundabout. This would considerably reduce the travel time to Sighthill Primary School and Wester Hailes Education Centre and avoid the need to walk through the Bankhead area.

#### **Curriemuirend**

- 3.4 The potential development site at Curriemuirend is approximately a 0.6 mile walk from Juniper Green Primary School (via the Clovenstone Roundabout) and is approximately a 2.4 mile walk from Currie High School (via Lanark Road). This compares with 0.2 miles from Clovenstone Primary School (via the underpass to Clovenstone Drive) and 1.0 miles from Wester Hailes Education Centre (via Hailesland Road and Murrayburn Drive).

### **4 Educational Benefits**

- 4.1 The proposal themselves do not give rise directly to quantifiable educational benefits. No existing pupils or their siblings are affected by these proposals.
- 4.2 The benefits arising from these proposals are those associated with efficient management of the school estate. They seek to ensure that all schools have a viable and sustainable pupil roll and that effective teacher staffing levels are maintained, led by a range of promoted teaching staff and that children will be able to learn within a variety of peer group opportunities.

- 4.3 They promote active travel by reducing travel distances to the schools serving the Edinburgh Park and Curriemuirend development sites. This will provide greater opportunities for the educational, environmental and health and wellbeing benefits arising from active travel to be realised.
- 4.4 They provide those purchasing homes within any future developments in the areas concerned with certainty over the catchment areas their property will be located in.
- 4.5 As there are no changes proposed or planned to the general use of the buildings or facilities at any of the potentially affected schools there would be no detriment to other users of the schools either current or future.

## **5 Financial Considerations**

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from these proposals.
- 5.2 However, an effectively managed estate will minimise surplus space and reduce revenue costs. It will ensure that demand for school places can be better accommodated within the existing estate and reduce the potential requirement to invest in the reorganisation or expansion of facilities in future years.

## **6 Consultation Process**

- 6.1 The Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, as amended by the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014, sets out the statutory consultation requirements for:
- The establishment of a new school;
  - The relocation of a stage of education;
  - Changes to existing admission arrangements (such as catchment change); and
  - The closure of a stage of education.
- 6.2 The prescribed consultees vary for each of the above. Although a closure is not proposed, the requirements for a closure encompass all the necessary consultees and it is this process that will be followed to ensure full compliance with all the requirements of the Act. Accordingly, consultees will be as follows (where relevant):
- the Parent Council of any affected school;
  - the parents of the pupils at any affected school;
  - the parents of any children expected to attend any affected school within two years of the date of publication of the proposal paper;
  - the pupils at any affected school (in so far as the education authority considers them to be of a suitable age and maturity);

- the staff (teaching and other) at any affected school;
- any trade union which appears to the education authority to be representative of the staff (teaching and other) at any affected school;
- the community councils (if any);
- the Roman Catholic Church;
- any other education authority that the education authority considers relevant;
- any other users of any affected school that the education authority considers relevant.

6.3 The extent of the consultation with pupils at the affected schools and the appropriate means of engaging with those pupils will be discussed in detail with each school's management team.

6.4 The consultation period will run for a 6-week period from Monday 26 August 2019 to Monday 7 October 2019 and the paper will be made available electronically and in paper format and copies will be available for inspection at the Council Offices at Waverley Court at Wester Hailes Library and at the schools affected by the proposals.

6.5 A public meeting will be held in respect of the proposal at Wester Hailes Education Centre which will give interested parties a more formal opportunity to express their views. Representatives of the Council will be present at the meeting to outline the proposals, assist discussions and answer questions. A record of each public meeting will be taken by the Council.

Venue	Date	Time
Wester Hailes Education Centre	Thursday, 19 September 2019	6.30pm – 8.30pm

6.6 All comments received will be recorded and represented in the final report regarding the outcomes of the consultation, along with the Council's response to those comments. Individual responses will not be provided to submissions made during the consultation.

6.7 The Council website will contain information on the consultation and this will be updated as necessary [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/edinburghpark](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/edinburghpark).

6.8 Respondents are encouraged to use the response questionnaire which has been produced and is provided in Appendix 3. The response questionnaire can be completed online at [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/edinburghpark](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/edinburghpark). Responses can also be e-mailed directly to [edinburghpark@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:edinburghpark@edinburgh.gov.uk) or posted to the following address:

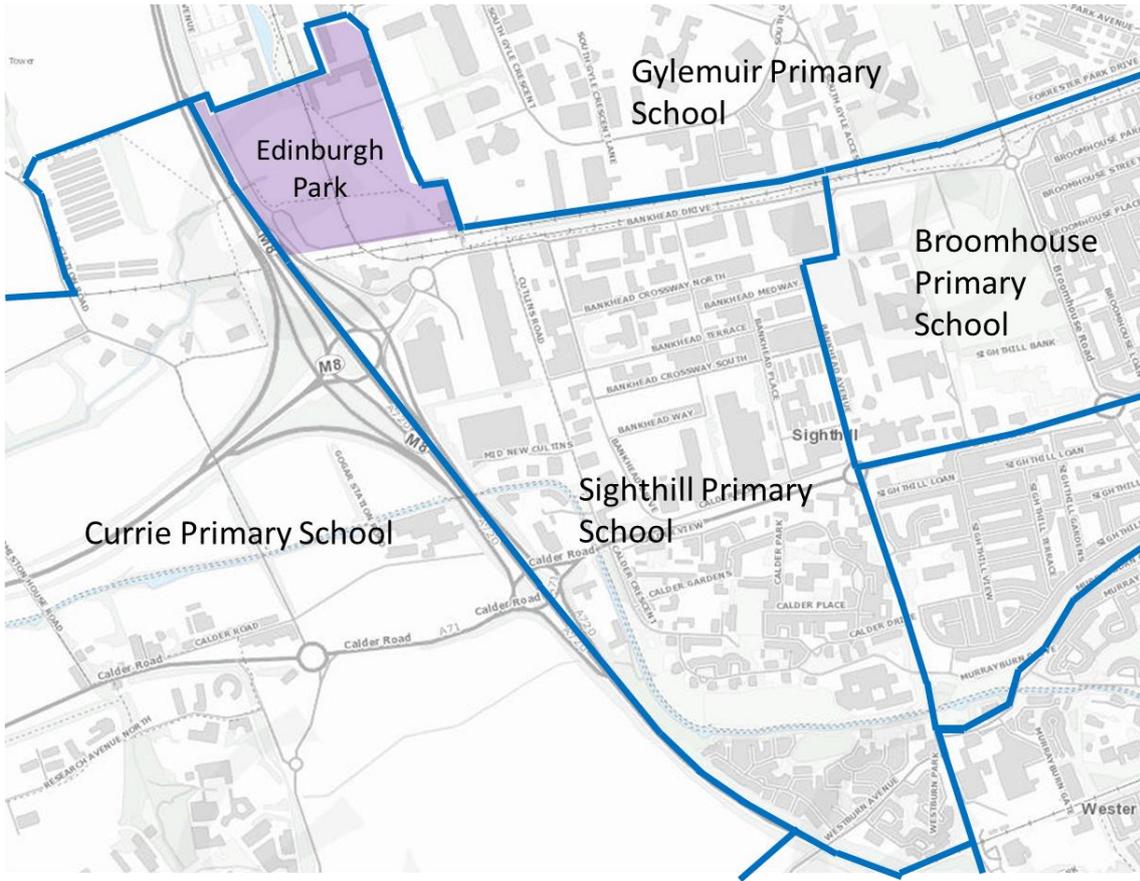
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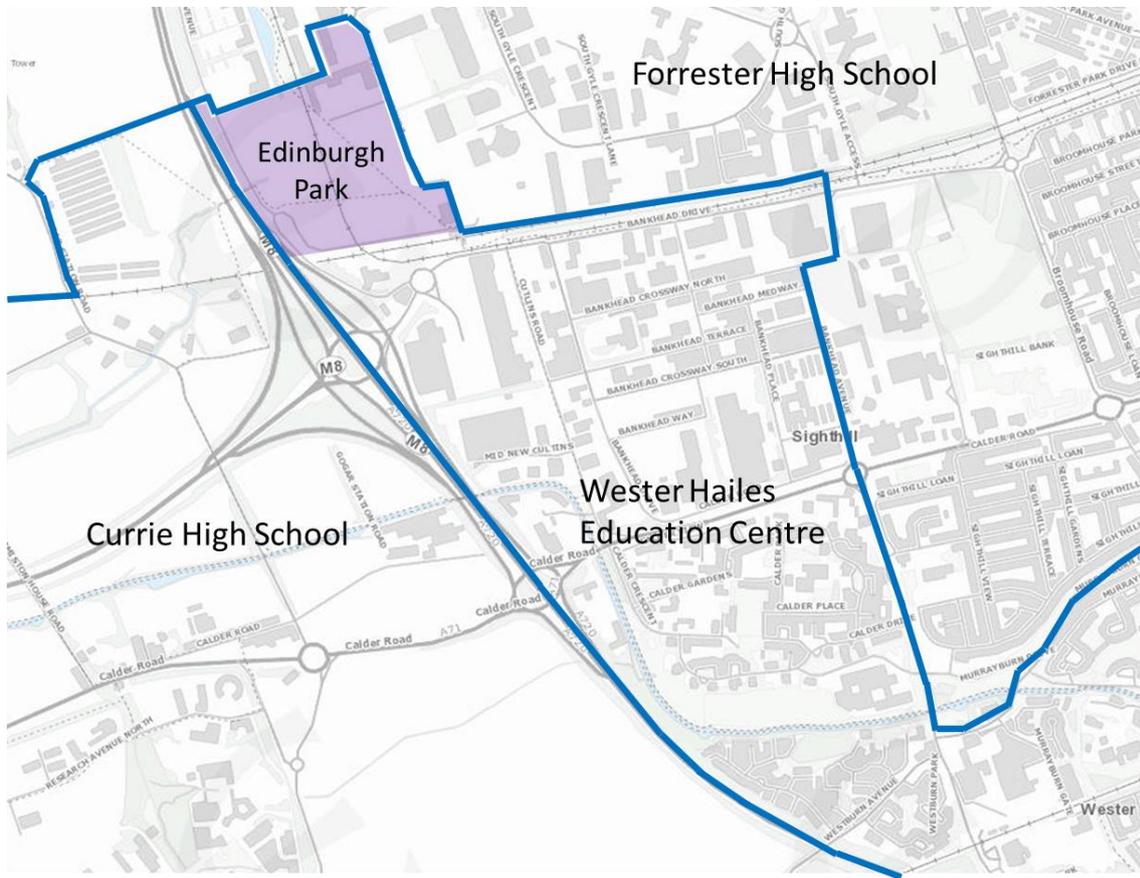
- 6.9 All responses, whether by letter, e-mail or using the online questionnaire should be received by no later than close of business on Monday 7 October 2019.
- 6.10 Once the public consultation phase finishes, details of the representations received will be issued to Education Scotland for their consideration of the educational effects of the proposals. Education Scotland will issue a report on their findings which will be included in the final Council report on the consultation.
- 6.11 Following the conclusion of the consultation period and after consideration of the representations received and the views of Education Scotland on the educational benefits of the proposal, a report on the Outcomes of the Consultation will be presented to the Council for consideration. The report will be made publicly available and notification will be given to those individuals or groups that have made representations during the consultation period. The report will include a summary of written representations received during the consultation period and representations made at the public meeting along with the Council response to representations made and also to any issues raised by Education Scotland.
- 6.12 It is anticipated that the consultation report, setting out recommendations, will be presented to a Meeting of the Council in March 2020. The report will be published three weeks in advance of the Council meeting.

# APPENDIX 1(a) – Edinburgh Park Proposed School Catchment Areas – Primary and Secondary

## Edinburgh Park Proposed Primary Catchment Areas

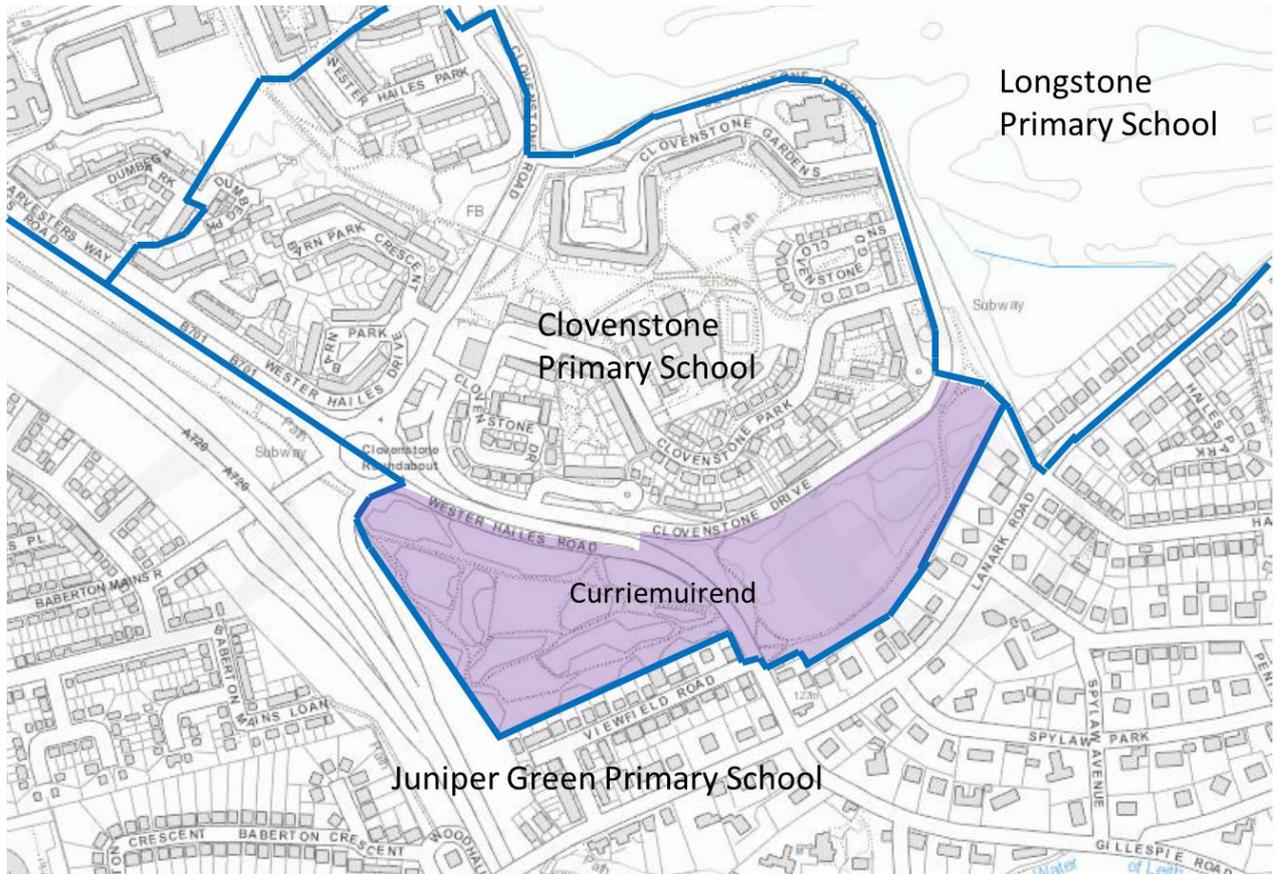


## Edinburgh Park Proposed Secondary Catchment Areas

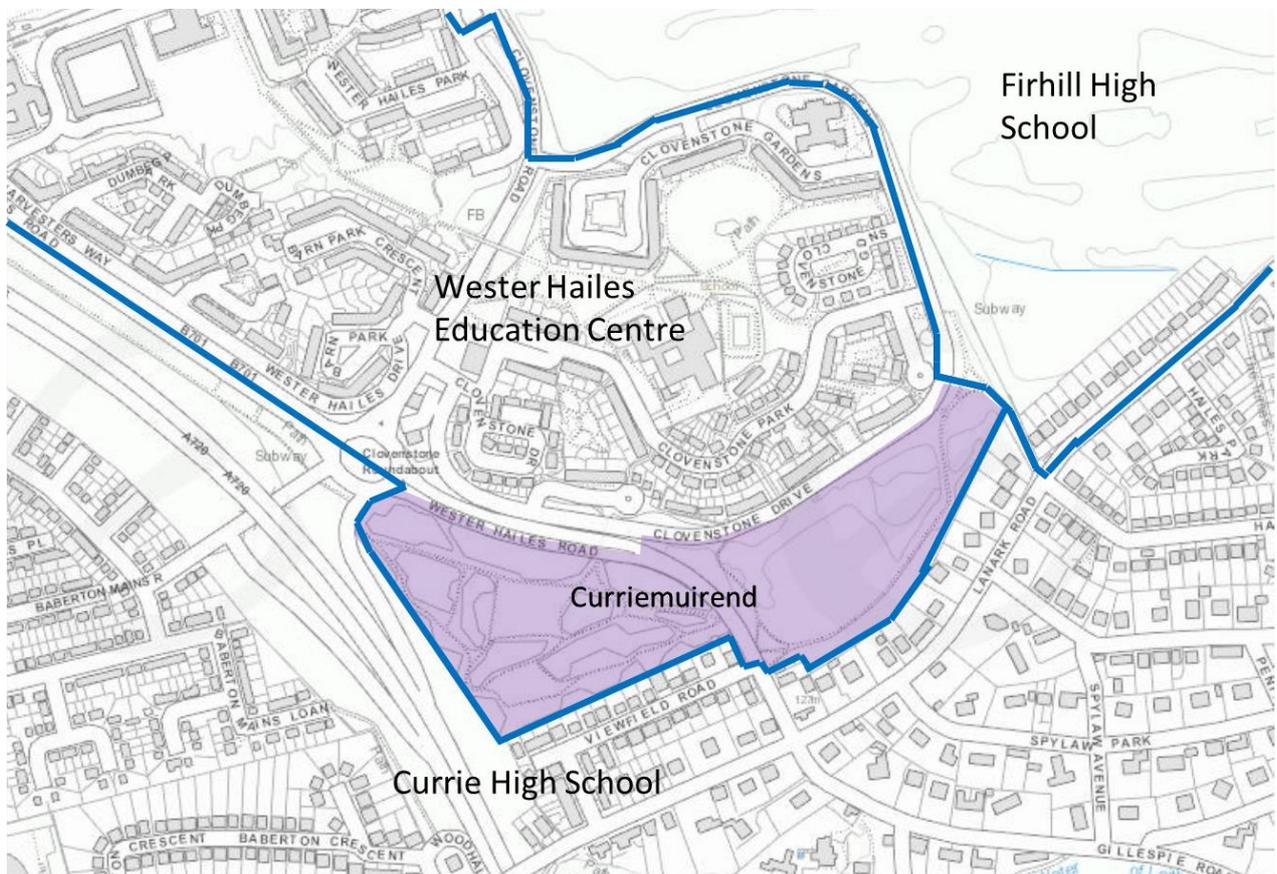


# APPENDIX 1(b) – Curriemuirend Proposed School Catchment Areas – Primary and Secondary

## Curriemuirend Proposed Primary Catchment Areas

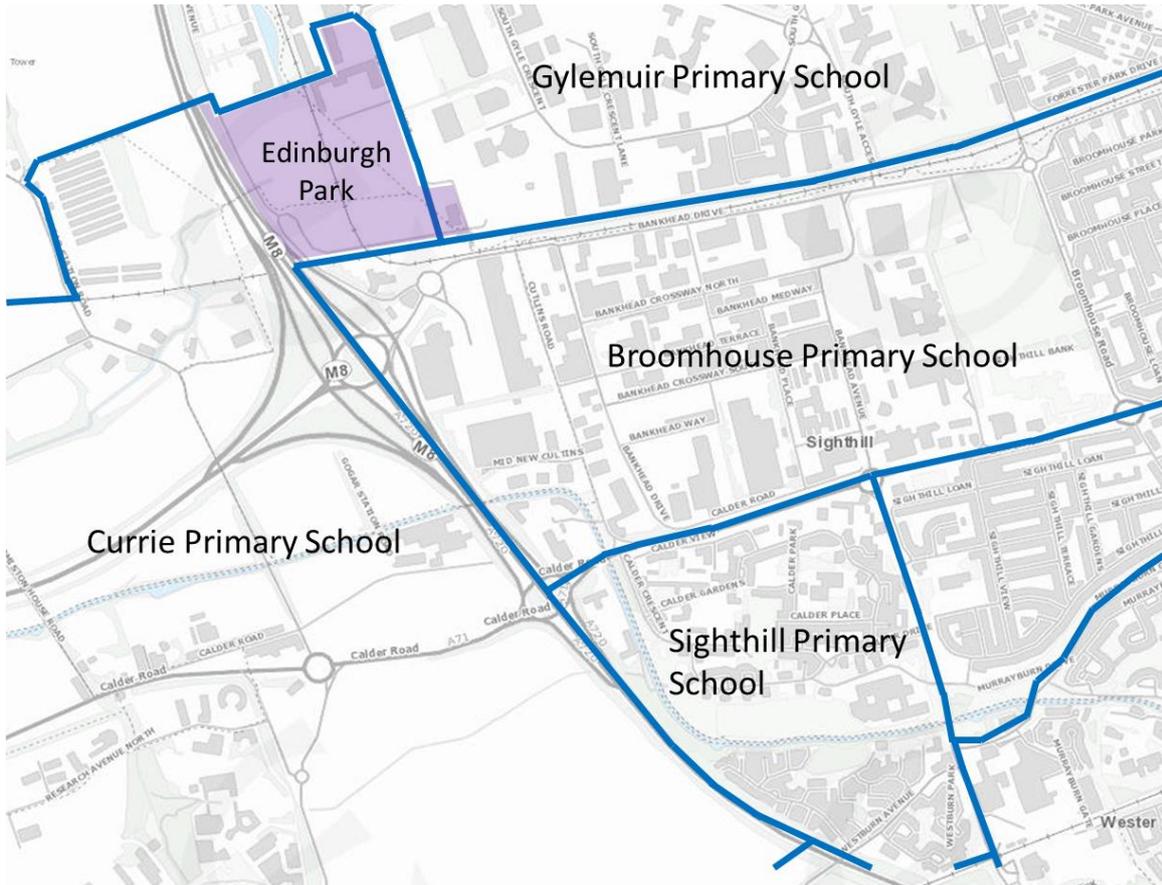


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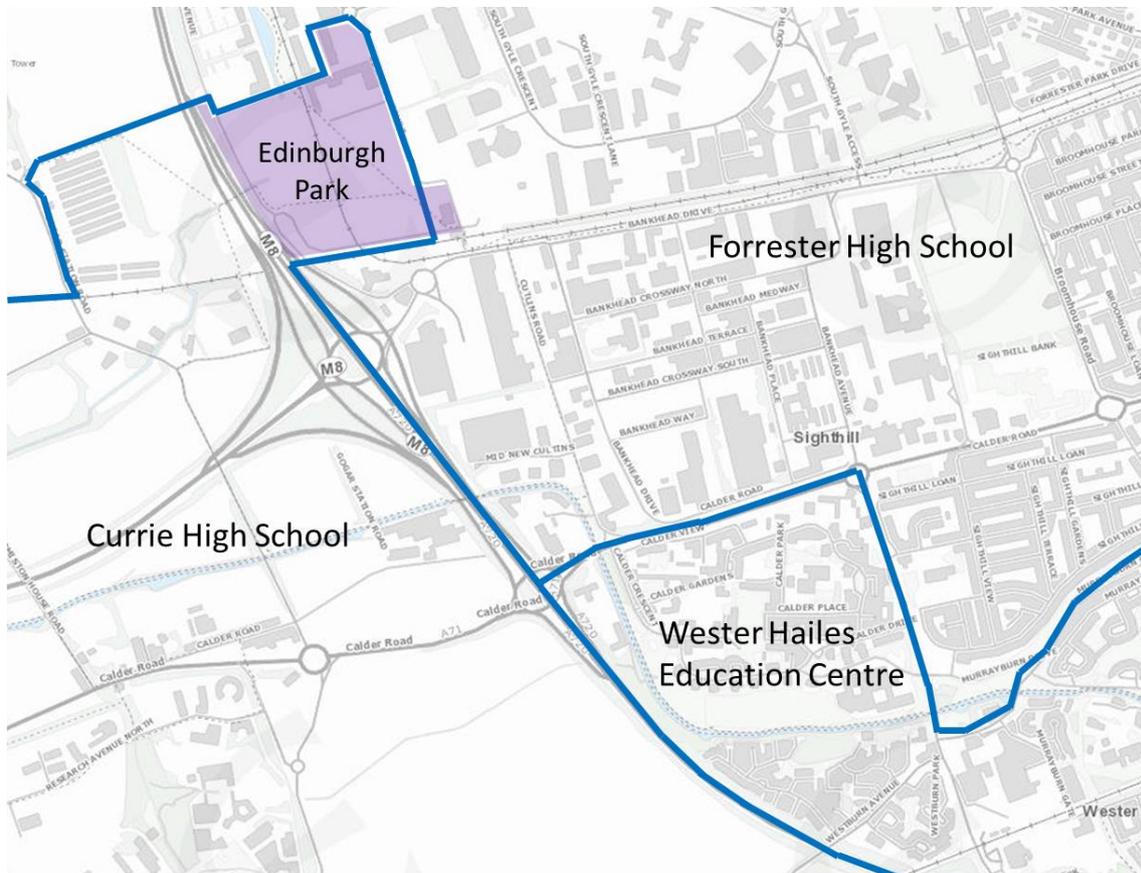


# APPENDIX 2(a) – Edinburgh Park Existing School Catchment Areas – Primary and Secondary

## Edinburgh Park Existing Primary Catchment Areas

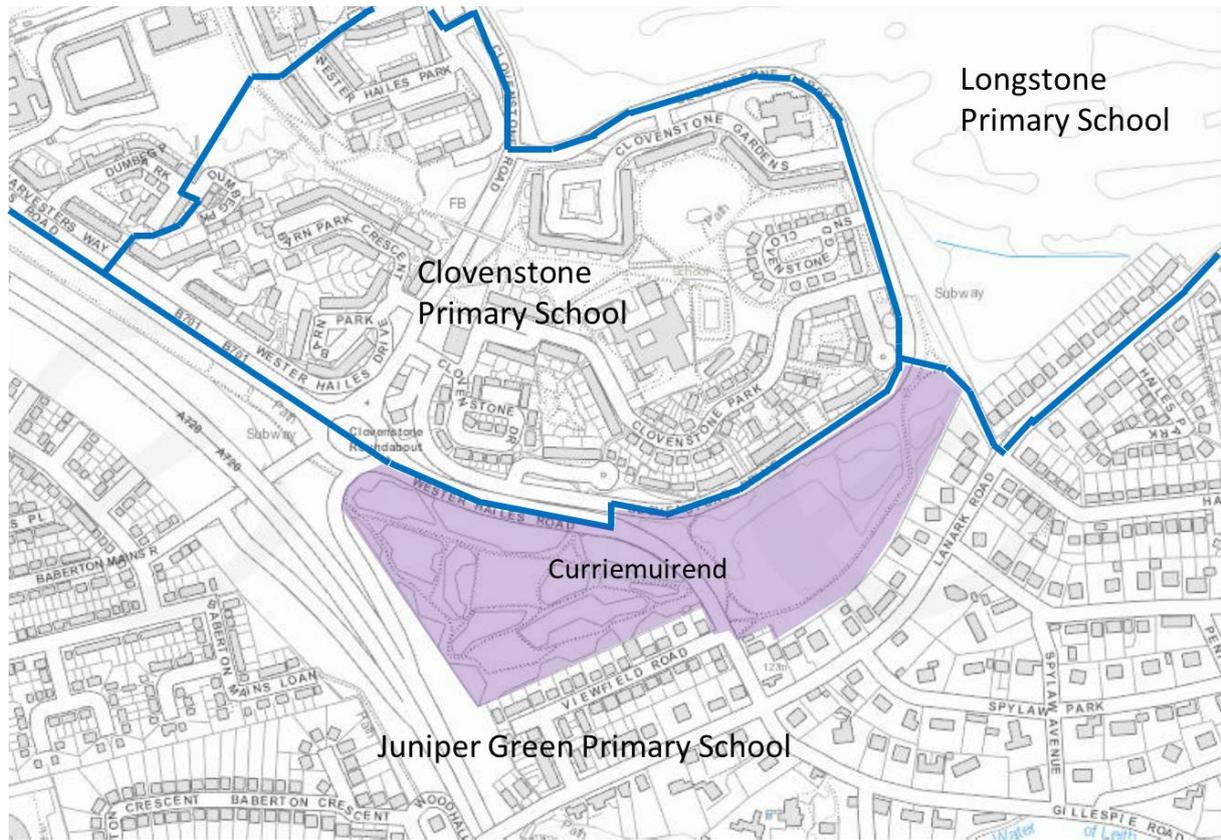


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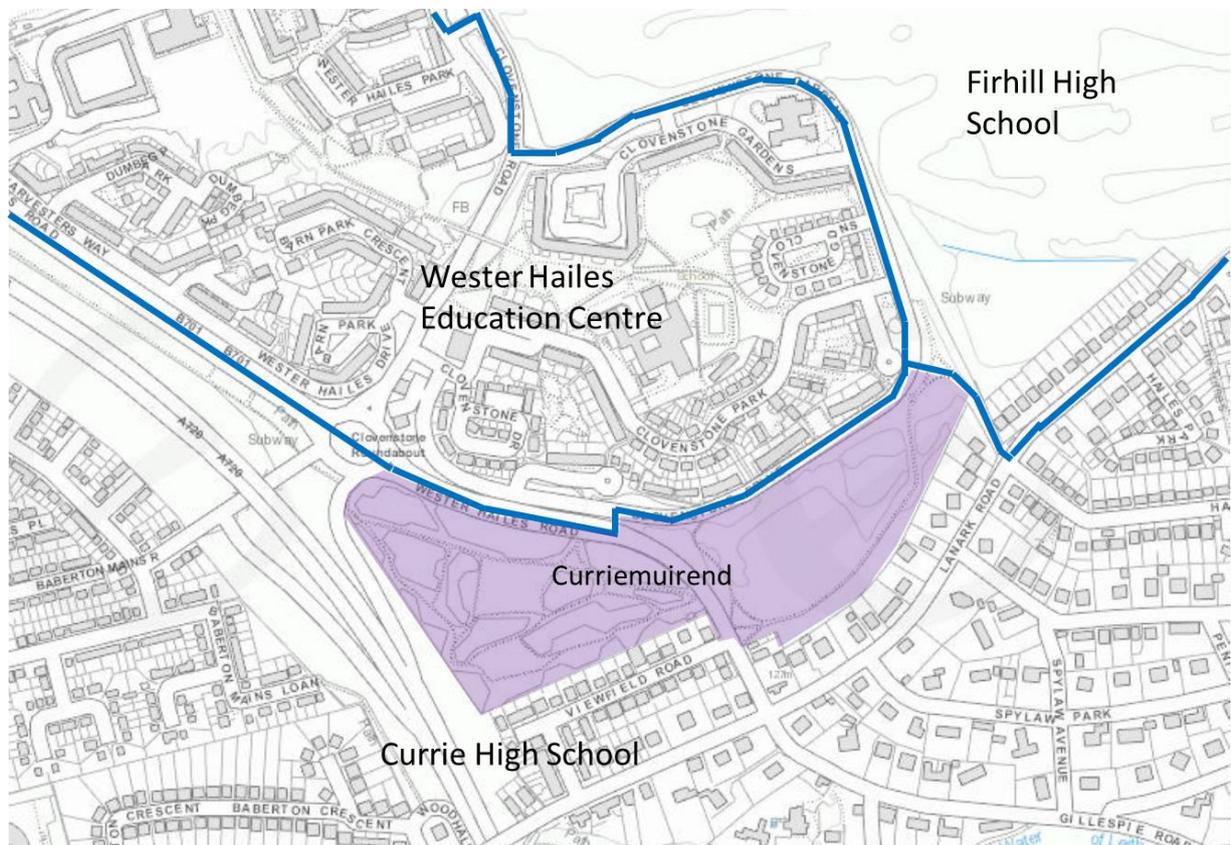


# APPENDIX 2(b) – Curriemuirend Existing School Catchment Areas – Primary and Secondary

## Curriemuirend Existing Primary Catchment Areas



## Curriemuirend Existing Secondary Catchment Areas



## **APPENDIX 3 – Response Questionnaire**

### **Statutory Consultation proposing to Realign the Catchment Areas of Clovenstone Primary School, Sighthill Primary School and Wester Hailes Education Centre to Accommodate the Proposed Edinburgh Park and Curriemuirend Development Sites**

#### Introduction

The Council is undertaking a statutory consultation proposing that the catchment areas of Clovenstone Primary School, Sighthill Primary School and Wester Hailes Education Centre be extended to incorporate two potential housing development sites allocated in the Local Development Plan (LDP) at Edinburgh Park and Curriemuirend.

The proposal would require that the catchment boundaries of Currie Primary School, Gylemuir Primary School, Broomhouse Primary School, Juniper Green Primary School, Sighthill Primary School, Forrester High School, Wester Hailes Education Centre and Currie High School be realigned.

The impact of these proposals on all schools affected is minor and there are no residential addresses currently registered in the areas affected. The areas concerned are all currently non-residential.

The full details of the proposal are available in the statutory consultation paper which you should read before completing this questionnaire. The statutory consultation paper is available online at [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/edinburghpark](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/edinburghpark) and copies are available in the affected schools and local libraries.

#### Why we are consulting?

The Council has a legal obligation to carry out a statutory consultation under the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 as amended by the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014. The proposal put forward will have implications for families and we want to hear the views of anyone affected. All comments made during the statutory consultation period will be recorded and represented in a final report anticipated to be considered by Council in March 2020.

This questionnaire should be completed and returned by no later than 5pm on Monday 7 October 2019. All personal information in the questionnaire is for internal use only and will not be made public however the responses to questions 6 and 7 may be reflected either in whole, or in part, in the report to Council but on an anonymised basis. The questionnaire can be completed online at the following link [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/edinburghpark](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/edinburghpark) or can be completed in the following pages and returned to the following address:

Alastair Gaw  
Executive Director of Communities and Families  
City of Edinburgh Council  
Council Headquarters  
Waverley Court  
Level 1:2, 4 East Market Street  
Edinburgh EH8 8BG

Responses can also be made in writing to the address above or by e-mail to the following address [edinburghpark@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:edinburghpark@edinburgh.gov.uk).

**Question 1**

What is your name?

Name

**Question 2**

What is your email address? (Optional)

Email

**Question 3**

What is your postcode?

Postcode

**Question 4**

What is your main interest in the consultation?

*Please select (tick) all items that apply:*

- Parent/Carer of school child
- Parent/Carer of school child with younger sibling/s
- Parent/Carer of pre-school child
- School Staff
- Pupil
- Local resident
- Local organisation
- Other

If you are answering on behalf of an organisation, or for other reasons, please explain below.

**Question 5**

Do you have a child or children in a nursery or school at the moment?  
*Please select (tick) only one item.*

Yes  No

If yes, please tell us the name(s) of their school or nursery classes.

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| <input type="radio"/> Currie High School             | <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify below)                      |

**Question 6**

Do you support the proposal as detailed in the statutory consultation paper?  
*Please select (tick) only one item.*

Yes  No

If you do not support the proposal, please give your reasons below:

**Question 7**

Do you have any other comments or suggestions?

Comments or suggestions can also be emailed to [edinburghpark@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:edinburghpark@edinburgh.gov.uk)



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