

Future Secondary School Provision for Kirkliston and Queensferry Areas

GIVE US YOUR VIEWS

Queensferry High School does not have capacity to accommodate new housing developments in Queensferry.

Queensferry High School has capacity for 1,200 pupils. The school may exceed that capacity in 2025 and need to accommodate nearly 1,800 pupils by 2035.

We think possible solutions could be to:

- extend Queensferry High School to accommodate up to 1,800 pupils; or
- build a new secondary school in Kirkliston or West Edinburgh for pupils from Kirkliston.

We would like your views on what the best solution would be for your community.

We would also like to know if there are community services or facilities you think could be provided by a new building.

For more information and to give us your views visit:

www.edinburgh.gov.uk/kirkliston-queensferry

You can also email: schoolsreview@edinburgh.gov.uk

Or write to: West Edinburgh Learning Estate Strategy, 1.7 Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh, EH8 8DG

Get your views to us by 5pm on **Monday 16 January 2023**

What happens next?

We will be holding information events where you can also come and speak to us, find out more and give us your views:

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday 30 November	16:00 – 20:00	Queensferry High School
Monday 5 December	15:00 – 19:00	Kirkliston Primary School
Wednesday 7 December	11:00 – 17:00	Kirkliston Leisure Centre
Wednesday 14 December	13:00 – 19:00	Rosebery Hall

We will capture people's views and ideas in a report that we will share with you in February 2023.

The report will recommend next steps informed by the views and ideas we receive.

The report will be considered by Councillors at the Education, Children and Families Committee in March 2023.



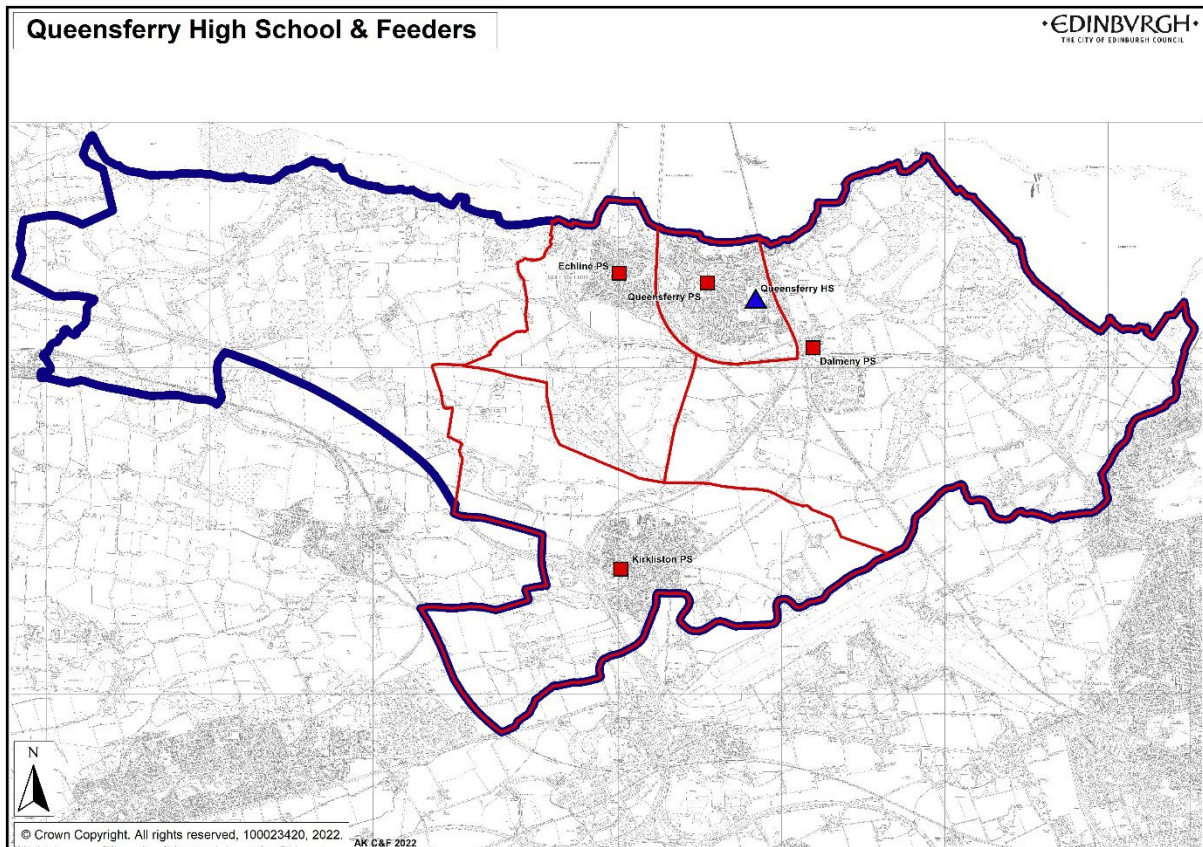
If people think that extending Queensferry High School is the best solution, then we will begin a new discussion with the community about what the design should include.

If people think that pupils from the Kirkliston area attending a new school would be the best solution, then we will continue our work with the Kirkliston community to develop this proposal further.

FURTHER INFORMATION

About Queensferry High School

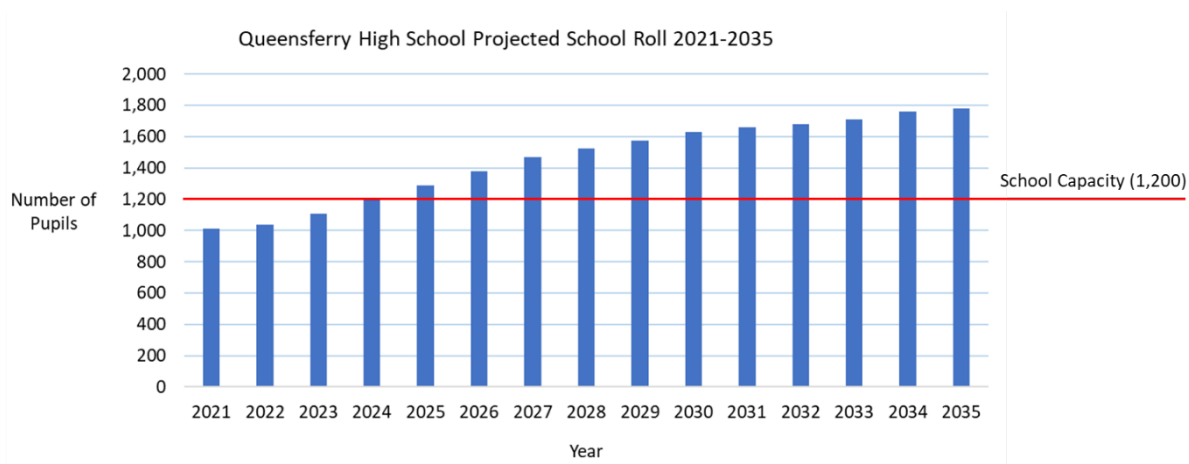
Queensferry High School moved into a new building in March 2020. The new building has capacity for 1,200 pupils. Children living in Queensferry High School's catchment area are eligible to attend the school. The school's catchment area includes the primary school catchments of Queensferry, Echline, Dalmeny and Kirkliston. The map below shows Queensferry High School's location, its catchment area and the primary schools that feed into it.



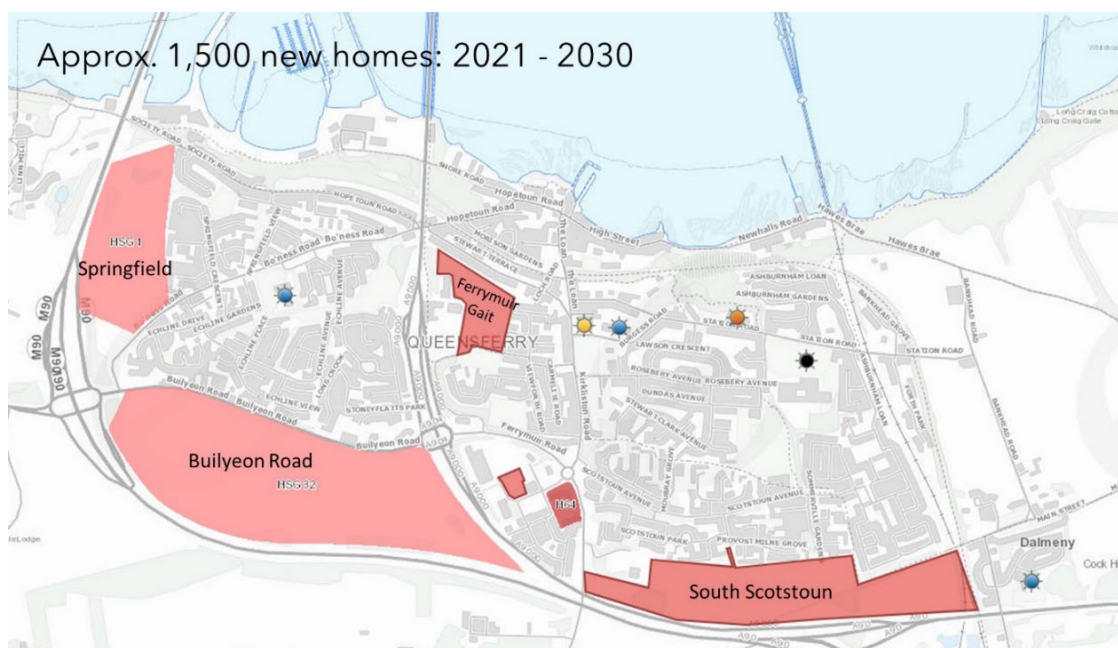
Roll Projections for Queensferry High School

In August 2022 Queensferry High School had a roll of 1,036 pupils. The graph below shows that the number of pupils attending Queensferry High School is projected to increase each year until

2035. It shows that the school's capacity of 1,200 pupils will be exceeded in 2025.



The increase in the number of pupils projected to attend Queensferry High School is due to new housing being built in the Queensferry area. The map below shows the major housing developments in Queensferry.



- You can find more information about many of the new housing developments in Queensferry in the [Council's Local Development Plan](#).
- You can find out more about the large Builyeon Road development on the [developer's own website](#).

EXTENDING QUEENSFERRY HIGH SCHOOL

Queensferry High School does not have capacity to accommodate new housing developments in Queensferry. One solution could be to extend Queensferry High School.

We would need to extend Queensferry High School from a capacity of 1,200 pupils to a capacity of 1,800 pupils. This would need around 6,000m² of additional floor space. The existing school has approximately 14,000m² of floor space.

Building an Extension

We can extend Queensferry High School by building additional accommodation and repurposing some of the existing spaces.

We would build new accommodation before we begin repurposing existing spaces. This would provide additional space while existing social spaces like the dining room and assembly spaces were extended.

The safety of pupils and staff during any construction work would be our priority. We would also want to limit any disruption. This is why we think the best way of creating additional accommodation may be to construct a new building next to the existing school. This would mean that the school could continue to operate as normal while construction took place.

Location for an Extension

Our initial thoughts are that a new 4 storey building could be constructed north of the existing school on the car park at the front.

We have also considered locating the new building south of the existing school on the tarmac area beside the pitches. However, we do not think this area is big enough.

The image below shows the space a new building might occupy.



This image does not show a final solution. We need to do more detailed work to be sure that a building could be constructed here. We would also need Planning permission.

If the community view is that extending Queensferry High School is the right solution then we will work with the community to prepare a full design.

Things to Consider

- Extending Queensferry High School would create places for all the pupils from the existing primary catchments, including the new housing developments currently planned and being built in Queensferry. The Council's draft new local development plan does not identify any new major housing developments in the Queensferry or Kirkliston areas. If Kirkliston or Queensferry were to grow in the future, then the suggested high school extension may not be sufficient.
- More people attending Queensferry High School might mean more traffic in the area. We would work with the community as we design the extension to reduce the impact of more traffic.

Our initial thoughts are that we could incorporate dedicated drop-off spaces for school buses into the plans.

- We estimate that an extension of Queensferry High School would not be complete until 2027 and so some temporary accommodation may be required for up to 2 years.

Opportunities

We would also like your ideas for how an extension of Queensferry High School could benefit the whole community. Tell us if there are services or facilities you think a new building could offer.

For example, could the community benefit from library services, the community centre, Police, After School Clubs, Council Customer Services, NHS services or another group or organisation being located at Queensferry High School? Are there any community needs that you think could be met from the new building?

A NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR KIRKLISTON PUPILS

Queensferry High School does not have capacity to accommodate new housing developments in Queensferry. One solution could be to build a new secondary school for pupils from Kirkliston.

We think there are two different secondary school options:

- a new secondary school in West Edinburgh; or
- a new secondary school in Kirkliston.

If the community view is that building a new school for pupils from the Kirkliston area would be the best solution, then the Council would continue to work with the Kirkliston community to further develop this proposal.

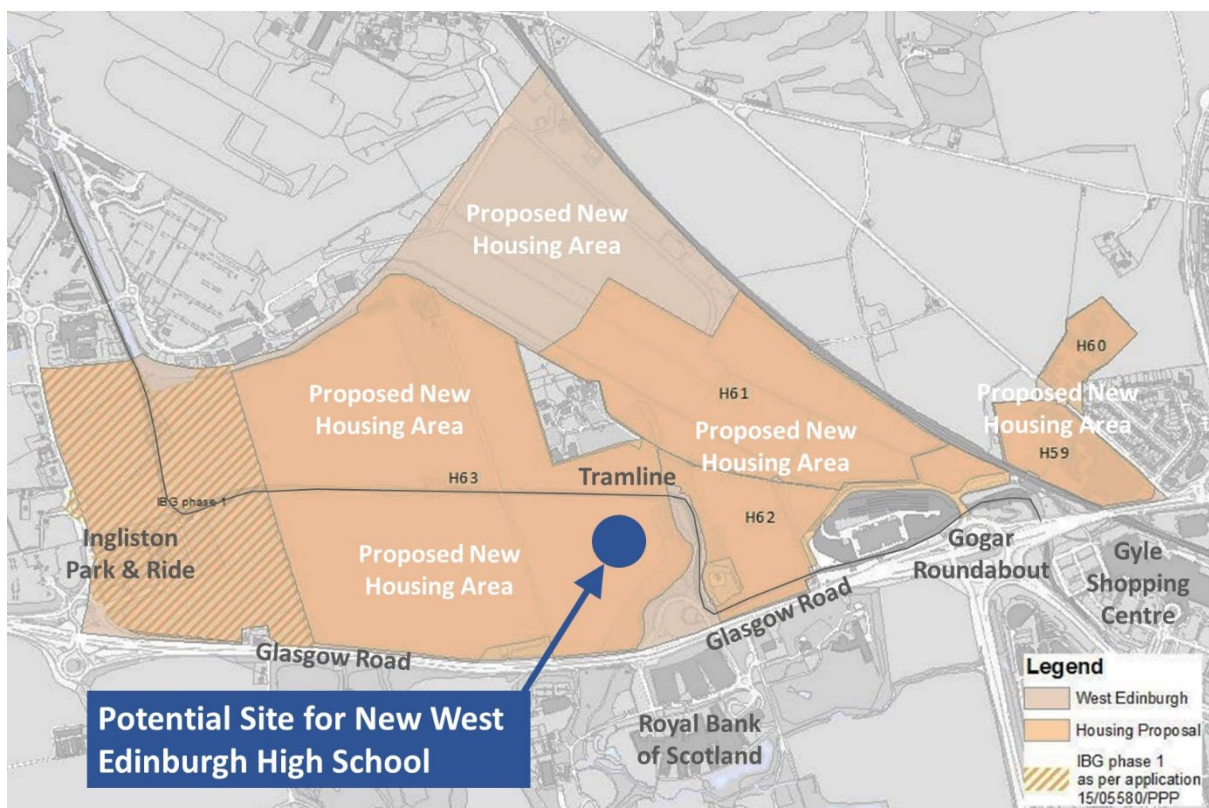
A New Secondary School in West Edinburgh

The Council is preparing a replacement Local Development Plan, entitled CityPlan 2030. A new secondary school will be required for pupils from the 11,000 new homes already approved and those proposed by CityPlan 2030 in West Edinburgh.

The size of the new school will depend on decisions we make about Kirkliston and also whether we decide to extend Craigmount High School. The new West Edinburgh High School could have capacity for between 1,400 and 2,200 pupils.

The way a new secondary school in West Edinburgh would look and the facilities it would offer would be the subject of a design and planning process involving Kirkliston and other affected communities. Everyone would have the opportunity to have their say.

The map below shows initial thoughts on the location of a new secondary school.



The plans to develop this area are in their very early stages. The proposed CityPlan 2030 has to be submitted to Scottish Ministers for their approval before it can be adopted. We do not know how long the approval process for CityPlan 2030 will take. This means that we cannot be sure when a new secondary school in west Edinburgh would open but estimate it could be between 2028 and 2033.

You can find more information about the proposed City Plan 2030 and development in West Edinburgh in the [Council's CityPlan 2030](#).

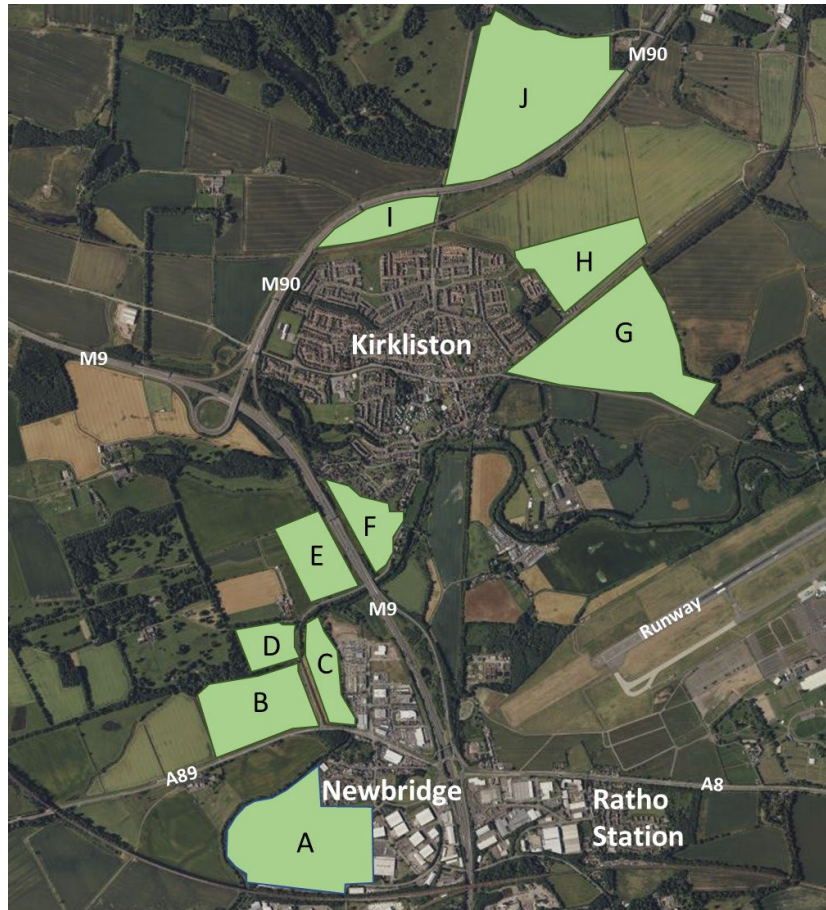
A New Secondary School in Kirkliston

We could build a new secondary school in Kirkliston. The new school's catchment area would include all of the Kirkliston area and have capacity for approximately 600 pupils.

The new school would be built so that it could be extended in the future. This could provide space to support future housing growth around Kirkliston and possibly Queensferry.

The way a new secondary school in Kirkliston would look and the facilities it would offer would be the subject of a design and planning process involving the Kirkliston community. Everyone would have the opportunity to have their say.

We have been in contact with landowners around Kirkliston to find out whether they would sell us some land for a new school. The land we have asked about is marked A-I in green on the map shown on the next page.



Buying the land for a new school in Kirkliston could take more than 2 years if landowners are not keen to sell it. This means that we cannot be sure when a new secondary school in Kirkliston would open but would estimate between 2028 and 2030.

Things to Consider

- A new secondary school in Kirkliston would have less pupils than Kirkliston Primary School. When the secondary school opened it is likely that Kirkliston Primary School would be its only feeder primary school.
- A new secondary school in Kirkliston or West Edinburgh would not be completed until at least 2028. This means it is possible that temporary accommodation would be required at Queensferry High School for at least 5 years.
- The CityPlan 2030 proposes new active travel routes between Maybury and Ratho Station. However, there are currently no

plans in place to improve transport links between Ratho Station and Kirkliston. If people think that pupils from Kirkliston attending a West Edinburgh High School is a good idea then we will work with the Community to look at what improvements could be made.

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We would also like your ideas for how a new secondary school in Kirkliston or West Edinburgh could benefit the whole community. Tell us if there are services or facilities you think a new building should offer.

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