

Consultation on Proposal to relocate Victoria Primary School to a new building in the Western Harbour and undertake catchment changes affecting Victoria Primary School, Trinity Primary School, Holy Cross RC Primary School, Trinity Academy and St Thomas of Aquin's RC High School

Summary Paper

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What is being proposed?

- The relocation of Victoria Primary School from its existing building to a new, larger building on a site in the Western Harbour.
- Catchment changes so that the area identified for significant housing development in North Leith which is currently in Trinity Primary School's catchment area is realigned with the new Victoria Primary School.
- A minor change to the catchment boundaries of Victoria Primary School, Holy Cross RC Primary School, Trinity Academy and St Thomas of Aquin's RC High School so that they include the sections of the Western Harbour area currently not contained within any catchment area.

The existing and proposed catchment areas have been included within this summary paper.

Where will the new Victoria Primary School be located?

The site for a new primary school was identified in the masterplan for the Western Harbour development agreed in 2003 with Forth Ports. The site is shown in the maps at the back of this paper. The new Victoria Primary School would be double stream (14 classes) with capacity for 420 primary pupils. However, it would be built in such a way that, if it were ever to be required, additional classrooms could be constructed on the school site.

Why do we need to replace the existing Victoria Primary School building?

Recent P1 intakes at Victoria Primary School have been high and are likely to increase as more housing is built in the Western Harbour. The school is small and does not have the classroom space or supporting facilities to accommodate this level of intake. It is projected that Victoria Primary School will breach its current capacity in 2018. In addition, proposed housing developments in Trinity Primary School's catchment area are projected to cause accommodation issues at Trinity Primary School. The new school building would be built so that it could address both these issues.

What will happen to the existing Victoria Primary School building?

If the proposal is approved it may be necessary for the existing Victoria Primary School building to be sold to provide funding for the new school building. However, the Council is investigating whether alternative uses of the Victoria Primary School building may be possible. The implications any alternative uses of the existing Victoria Primary School building may have for the proposals will be considered as part of the Outcomes of the Consultation report to the Council meeting in June 2017.

Why does the proposal include changes to the catchment area of Trinity Primary School?

Trinity Primary School is currently experiencing pressure for places from its existing catchment population and may need a small extension to meet this demand. However, Trinity Primary School does not have sufficient space on its existing site to also provide the additional accommodation which would be necessary to support the number of pupils projected to be generated by the significant housing developments proposed for North Leith. The catchment change proposed between Trinity Primary School and Victoria Primary School would mean that the proposed housing developments in the North Leith area of Trinity Primary School's catchment area are realigned with Victoria Primary School which could accommodate these new pupils within its new school building.

Why does the proposal include changes to the catchment areas of Holy Cross RC Primary School, Trinity Academy and St Thomas of Aquin's RC High School?

School catchment boundaries in the north of the city have not been changed for many years and do not extend far enough to incorporate the northern section of the Western Harbour development which, until recently, did not exist. While they are not officially within any catchment area, the pupils from the northern and eastern sections of the Western Harbour have been treated by the Council as being within the non-denominational catchment areas of Victoria Primary School and Trinity Academy and, for Roman Catholic provision, within the catchment areas of Holy Cross RC Primary School and St Thomas of Aquin's RC High School. The proposal would simply formalise this arrangement.

Who will the catchment changes affect?

The addresses of the properties which will be directly affected by the proposal are listed at the back of this summary paper.

There would be no mandatory transfer for pupils already attending another school. The catchment changes will only apply to new P1 pupils. However, younger siblings of pupils attending Trinity Primary School at the time the catchment change is implemented and who are resident in the part of Trinity Primary School proposed for

transfer to Victoria Primary School would be guaranteed a place at Trinity Primary School if they wished to take it. Further details of this policy are included in Section 4 of the full consultation paper.

When would the changes come into effect?

If the proposal is approved by the Council, the minor catchment changes affecting the area at the north of the Western Harbour would be effective from 1 November 2017.

The date from when the transfer of the North Leith area of Trinity Primary School's catchment area to Victoria Primary School would be effective is the November prior to Victoria's new school building opening, in time for the P1 and S1 registration process. Victoria's new school building is currently expected to be open in August 2020.

Why are we consulting?

We want to hear the views of anyone affected by the proposals. There is also 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.

How will I know if my views have been considered?

All comments made during the statutory consultation period will be recorded and represented in a final 'Outcomes of the Consultation Report' that we expect to be considered by Council in June 2017. The report will be published three weeks in advance of the Council meeting and parents of pupils attending affected schools and anyone who has responded to the consultation will be notified of its publication.

How can I find out more about the proposals or make my views heard?

If you want more information you can find the full consultation papers, along with background reports, maps, address lists and other supporting information at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/newvictoriaschool.

We have also organised two public meetings, as below:

Venue	Date	Time
Trinity Primary School	Tuesday 21 February 2017	6.30pm – 8.30pm
Victoria Primary School	Monday 27 February 2017	6.30pm – 8.30pm

Each meeting will open with a short presentation about the consultation and what is proposed, followed by a question and answer session. We will take a note of the meeting and all of the points made will be captured in the final 'Outcomes of the Consultation Report'. You can attend any meeting which suits you. Please telephone (0131) 469 3161 by Monday 6 February 2017 if you need translation services or childcare at the meeting.

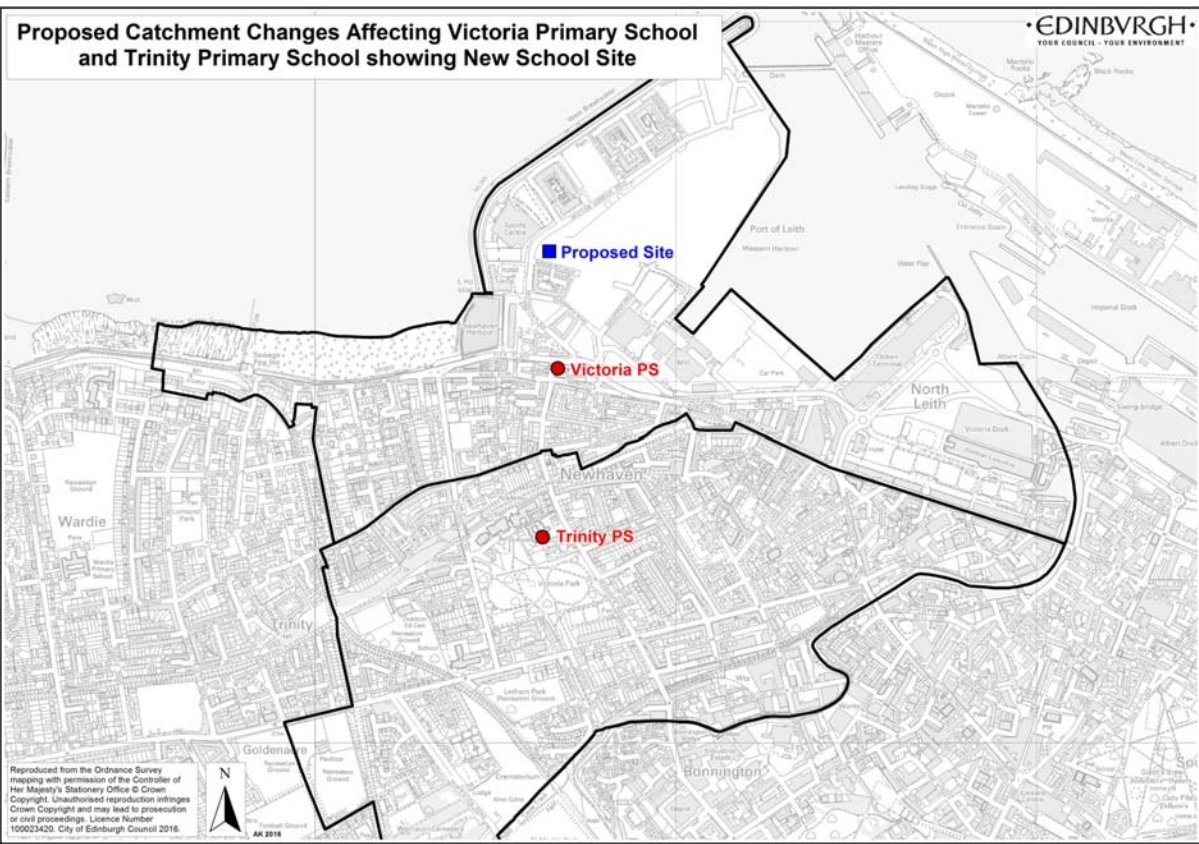
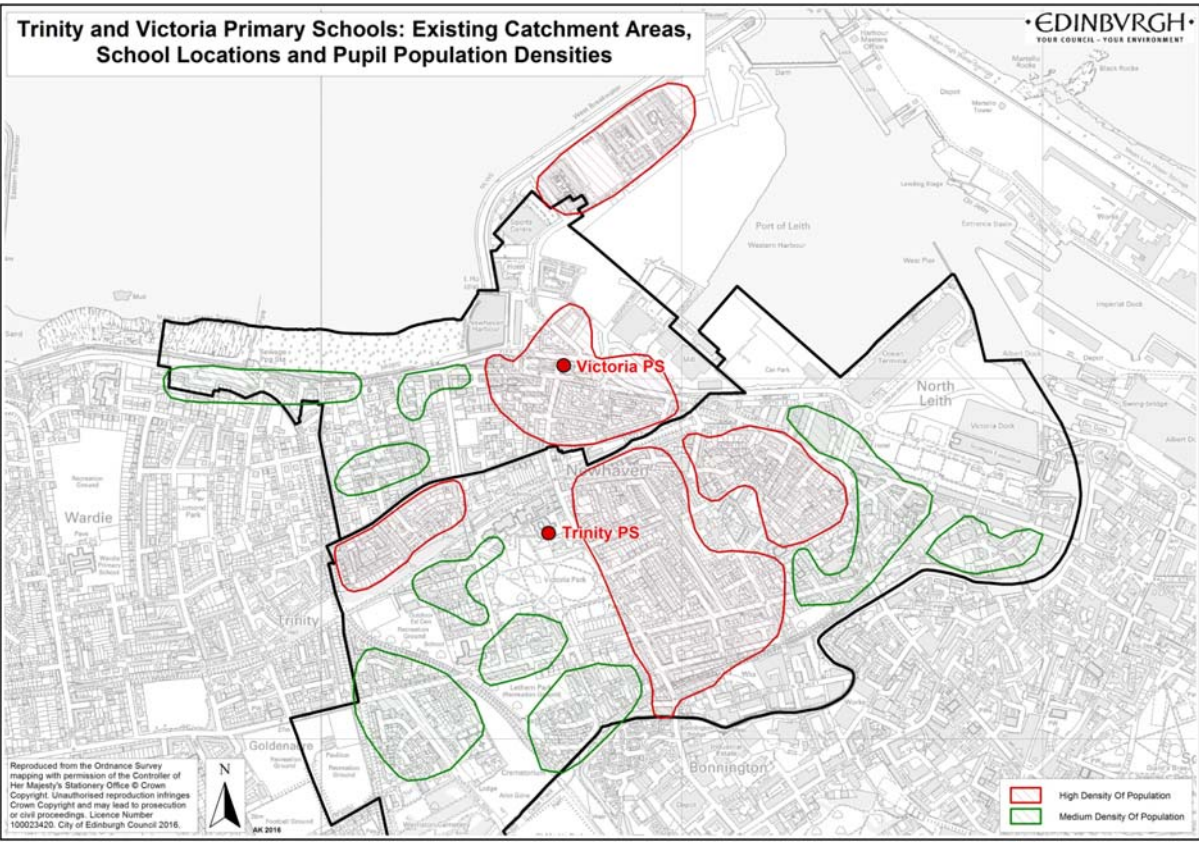
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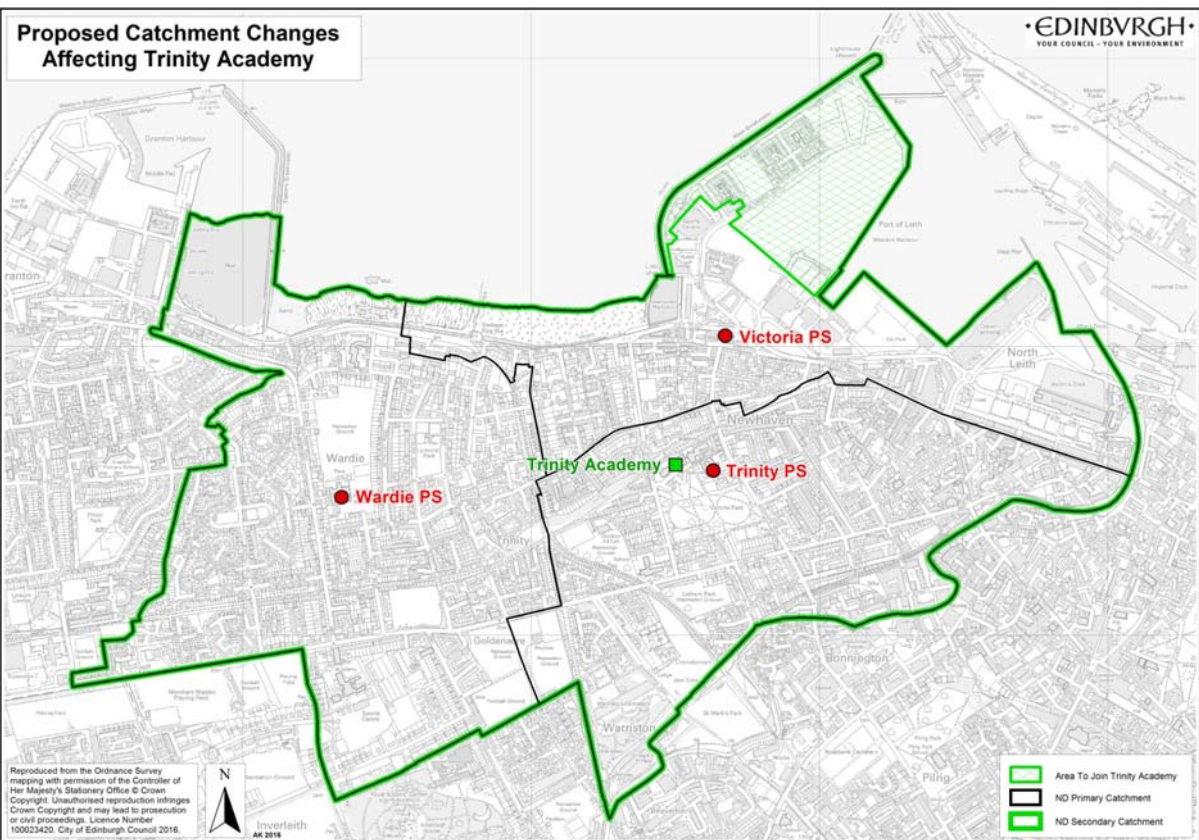
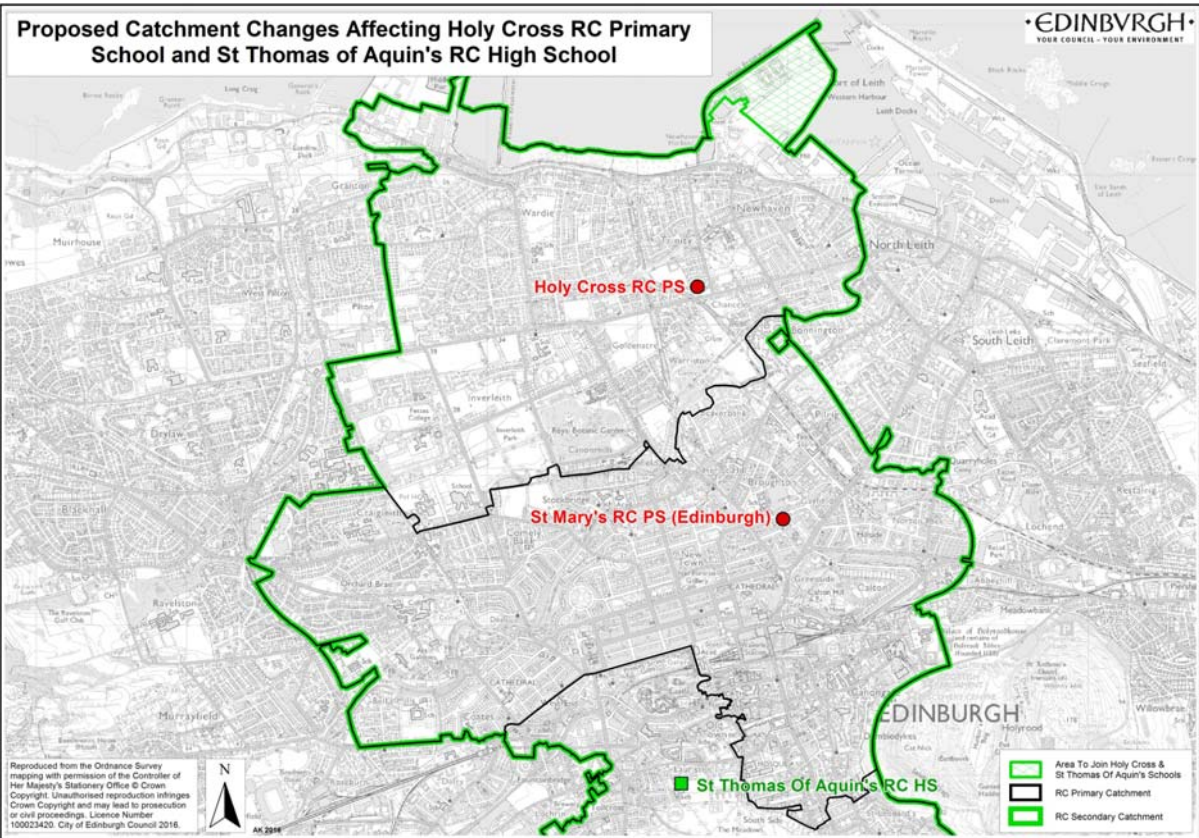
It would be helpful if you could take time to complete our short survey – you can find it easily online at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/newvictoriaschool. If you don't have internet access then you can view the full consultation paper at one of the affected schools, Leith Library, Central Library or the Council Offices at Waverley Court.

You can also email comments to us directly at new.victoriaschool@edinburgh.gov.uk or if you prefer they can be posted to:

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Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families
The City of Edinburgh Council
Waverley Court
Level 1:2
4 East Market Street
Edinburgh
EH8 8BG

All comments should arrive by 5pm on Friday 17 March 2017.





List of affected addresses

The addresses listed below are properties which were registered with the Council as at January 2016 and will be directly affected by the proposals. For confirmation of which catchment area will apply to properties not listed below please refer to the proposed catchment area maps in Appendices 4, 5 and 6 or email new.victoriaschool@edinburgh.gov.uk or call 0131 469 3161.

The first table below shows the addresses affected by the proposed transfer of a section of the Trinity Primary School catchment to Victoria Primary School. The second table shows all the addresses in the northern and eastern section of the Western Harbour affected by the establishment of catchment boundaries for non-denominational, Roman Catholic, primary and secondary school provision.

Proposed Transfer from Trinity Primary School to Victoria Primary School

Street	Properties
Commercial Street	67, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 92, 96, 98, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150
Dock Place	1A, 1C, 2, 3, 6, 11, 12, 12A, 14
Lindsay Road	195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200
North Leith Sands	1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25
Ocean Drive	100, 101, 102, 116, 118, 120
Portland Gardens	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9A
Portland Row	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8A, 8B, 8C
Rennie's Isle	1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21
Sandport	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17
Victoria Quay	1

Addresses in Western Harbour to be aligned with Victoria Primary School, Holy Cross RC Primary School, Trinity Academy and St Thomas of Aquin's RC High School

Street	Properties
Western Harbour Breakwater	1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11
Western Harbour Midway	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
Western Harbour Place	2, 4, 6
Western Harbour Terrace	2, 4, 6, 8, 10
Western Harbour View	1, 3, 5, 7, 9
Western Harbour Way	1, 3, 5



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