

Consultation on the Proposal to relocate St Catherine's Roman Catholic Primary School to a new site on Captains Road

Summary Paper

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What is being proposed?

The relocation of St Catherine's RC Primary School to a new building on the South East Locality Office site on Captain's Road.

Where will the new St Catherine's RC primary school and nursery be located?

It is proposed that St Catherine's RC Primary School is rebuilt on the South East Locality Office site on Captain's Road. This site is located on the north side of Captains Road next to Gracemount Leisure centre.

The map in Appendix 1 shows the proposed school location.

Why do we need a new primary school for St Catherine's?

Investigations in the summer of 2018 considering how best to upgrade St Catherine's RC primary school concluded that the building needed to be replaced rather than upgraded.

The existing building has 7 classrooms. We will build the new school with 11 classrooms to accommodate pupils being generated by new housing developments.

What are the implications for existing secondary schools?

There will be no change to existing secondary school arrangements. St Catherine's will continue to feed to Holy Rood RC High School.

Who will the changes affect?

The catchment area will not change. Addresses within the catchment area will continue to be served by St Catherine's RC Primary School in its new location.

When would the changes come into effect?

If the proposal is approved by the Council, the new school could open in August 2027 at the earliest.

Why are we consulting?

We want to hear the views of anyone affected by the proposal. 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 January 2024. 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 proposal or make my views heard?

If you want more information you can find the full consultation paper and other supporting information at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/newstcatherines.

We have also organised a public meeting which anyone can attend, as below:

Venue	Date	Time
St Catherine's RC Primary School	Thursday, 12 October 2023	6.30pm – 8.30pm

The 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'.

Please email newstcatherines@edinburgh.gov.uk by Friday 6 October 2023 if you need translation services at the meeting.

Give us your views by 5pm on Tuesday, 31 October 2023.

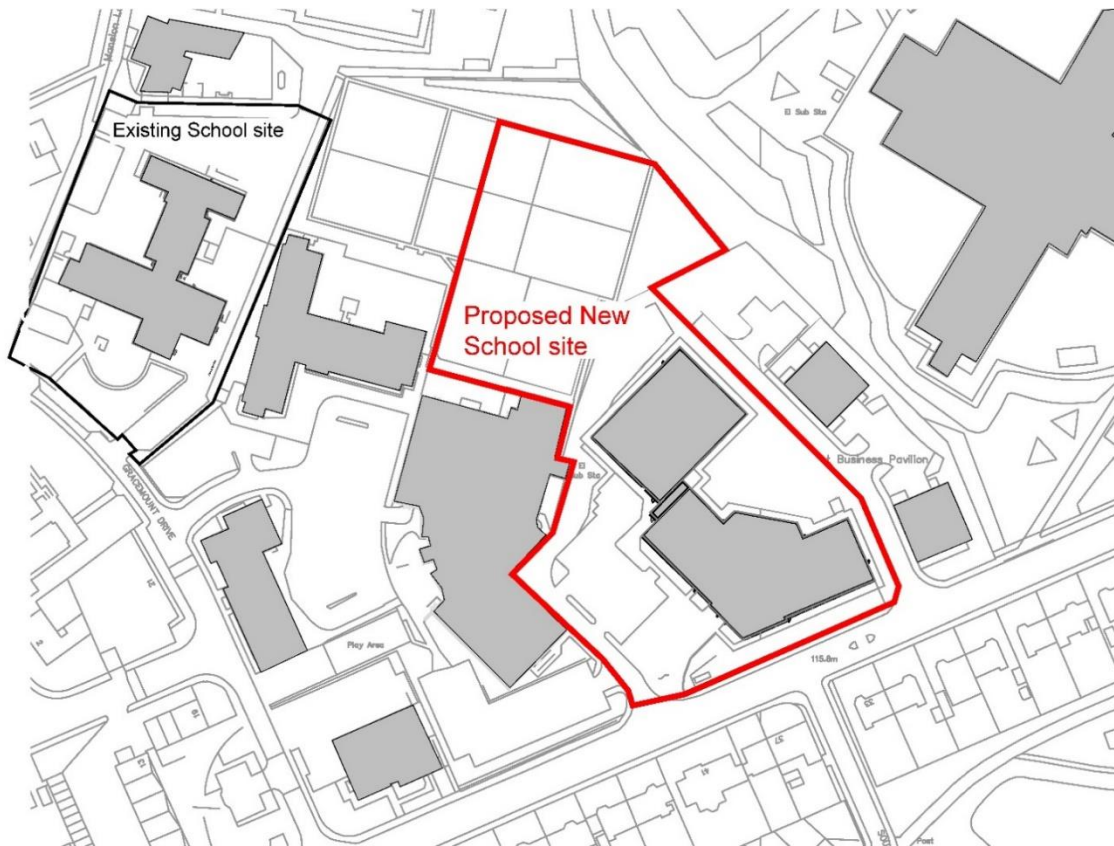
It would be helpful if you could take time to complete our short survey – you can find it easily online at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/newstcatherines. If you don't have internet access then you can view the full consultation paper at the South East Locality Office Library or St Catherine's RC Primary School.

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

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All comments should arrive by Tuesday 31 October 2023.

APPENDIX 1: Existing & Proposed School Sites



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