

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Education and Children's Services
DATE	26 January 2017
DIRECTOR	Gayle Gorman
TITLE OF REPORT	Statutory Consultation – Consultation Reports on the proposals to remove an area of dual school zoning for Fernielea School and Hazlehead School, and to make changes to the primary and secondary school zones in the vicinity of a new housing development at Maidencraig in Aberdeen.
REPORT NUMBER:	ESC/17/003
CHECKLIST:	Yes

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To report to Committee on the outcome of recent statutory consultations on the proposals to remove an area of dual school zoning for Fernielea School and Hazlehead School, and to make changes to the primary and secondary school zones in the vicinity of a new housing development at Maidencraig in Aberdeen.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) It is recommended that the Committee agrees to implement the following proposals:

For the Fernielea School and Hazlehead School rezoning proposal:

- To remove an area of dual school zoning for Fernielea School and Hazlehead School, and to include this area within the zone for Hazlehead School only, from 1 August 2017.

For the Maidencraig rezoning proposal:

- To adjust the school zone boundaries for Fernielea School, Kingswells School, Hazlehead Academy and the new Countesswells secondary school, to accommodate the new housing development at Maidencraig, with effect from 1st August 2017.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no cost implications for the changes to these school zones.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Legal – The public consultations have complied with the requirements of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 and the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014. As these proposals do not refer to the proposed closure of any school in either consultation exercise, any decision to implement them by this Committee cannot be called in by Scottish Ministers.

Resources – Officer time and expenditure associated with these consultation exercises has been met from existing service budgets.

Personnel – Implementation of the recommendations will not result in any significant personnel implications.

Health and safety – There are no implications or risks related to this report.

Policy – there are no policy implications or risks related to this report.

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

5.1 School Reorganisation Proposals

These proposals contribute to a widespread programme to manage the school estate across the city arising from both the review of secondary schools and primary schools which were previously reported to Committee on 28 October 2010 and 7 February 2013.

The statutory consultations were carried out as result of an instruction from Education, Culture and Sport on 7 February, 2013.

5.2 Educational Implications

The Education Authority has a programme to ensure the provision of an affordable and suitable education service for all its pupils. Implementation of these proposals will assist in the delivery of these objectives, thereby meeting the Council's statutory obligations as set out in the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (as amended).

5.3 Statutory Consultation Feedback

The Consultation Report and associated maps for the proposed changes to the school zone boundaries for Fernielea School and Hazlehead School can be found at Appendix 1 of this report, and Appendix 2 contains the Consultation Report and associated maps for the proposed changes to the school zones in the vicinity of the Maidenraig housing development.

The following sections provide a synopsis of the written submissions, public consultation meetings and the reports from Education Scotland, and the Service's response to these.

5.3.1 Fernielea School and Hazlehead School Rezoning Proposals

(a) Methodology

All requirements of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 as amended were met in full.

(b) Feedback from Stakeholders and Education Scotland

There was a very low response to this consultation. A public consultation event was held on 21 September 2016 to discuss the proposals, and the event was not attended by any members of the public.

No written comments were received in response to the consultation.

In its report on the proposal, Education Scotland noted that there would be clear educational benefits if the proposed changes to the school zones for Fernielea and Hazlehead Schools are implemented, as this would allow children to attend the school which is geographically closest to their home, helping the schools to maintain a clear and distinct association with their communities.

The report also highlighted that accepting the proposal would remove ambiguity in relation to the school catchment areas in this part of Aberdeen.

(c) Overall View of the Proposal

Officers were satisfied that no comments had been received which would have caused them to review the merits of the proposals to remove an area of dual school zoning for Fernielea School and Hazlehead School, and to include this area within the zone for Hazlehead School only, from 1 August 2017.

During the course of the public consultation a minor error was discovered in the consultation proposal document, where the streets contained within the current dual zone area were listed. This list included Fernielea Road, which is only partially contained within the dual zone area. The document did not make it clear that only the southern section of Fernielea Road falls within the dual zone area, and so it is only this section which would be affected by the proposed changes.

However, the maps illustrating the proposed changes to the school zone boundaries, which were included within the consultation proposal document, clearly show that only the southern section of Fernielea Road would be rezoned to Hazlehead School, and that the northern section of the road would remain within the Fernielea School zone.

Given that the maps correctly showed the dual zone area and the streets and parts of streets which would be affected by the proposals, it was not

considered necessary to review the merits of the proposals as a result of this minor error in the text of the proposal document.

Consequently it is recommended that Councillors approve the original proposals, which are set out in the consultation report and illustrated in the associated maps at Appendix 1.

5.3.2 Maidencraig Rezoning Proposals

(a) Methodology

The consultation met of all the requirements of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 as amended.

(b) Feedback from Stakeholders and Education Scotland

There was a low response to this consultation. A public consultation event was held on 22 September 2016 to discuss the proposals, and the event was not attended by any members of the public.

One written comment was received in response to the consultation. This was submitted by email from Kingswells School's Parent Council, who expressed support for the proposal. A copy of this email is provided at Appendix 3.

In its report on the proposal, Education Scotland noted that the proposal if accepted would offer educational benefits to the children and young people who may reside in the areas of land covered by the proposal.

The Education Scotland report also highlighted that accepting the proposal would address issues of providing safe walking routes to school, as children living in the affected area would no longer be required to cross the busy A944 Langstracht road in order to walk to school.

Finally the report suggested that the Council should clarify any arrangements it has in place for the younger siblings of any children living in the areas of land affected by the proposal at the time of implementation.

The Council's response to this request for clarification is included in the Consultation Report at Appendix 2.

(c) Overall View of the Proposal

Officers were satisfied that no comments had been received which would have caused them to review the merits of the proposals to adjust the school zone boundaries in the vicinity of the Maidencraig development, from 1 August 2017.

Consequently it is recommended that Councillors approve the original proposals, which are set out in the consultation report and illustrated in the associated maps at Appendix 2.

6. IMPACT

6.1 Improving Customer Experience

The implementation of the rezoning proposals for the schools concerned will help to ensure sustainable and manageable pupil rolls in these areas of the city, which in turn will help to ensure that pupils attending the schools have access to high quality learning and teaching. It will also help to ensure that pupils living in the affected areas have access to safe walking routes to school.

6.2 Improving Staff Experience

Implementation of the proposals will allow school staff to plan for children's learning more effectively.

6.3 Corporate

Aberdeen the Smarter City

- (i) We will enhance the physical and emotional wellbeing of all our citizens by offering support and activities which promote independence, resilience, confidence and self-esteem.
- (ii) Working with our third, public and private sector partners, we will provide opportunities for lifelong learning which will develop knowledge, skills and attributes of our citizens to enable them to meet the changing demands of the 21st Century.
- (iii) Again, working with partners, we will create a City of Learning which will empower individuals to fulfil their potential and contribute to the economic, social and cultural wellbeing of our communities.
- (iv) We will aim to have a workforce across the city which has the skills and knowledge to sustain, grow and diversify the city economy.

6.4 Public

A full Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment has been submitted for this report.

7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

There is not expected to be a significant operational risk arising from the implementation of the proposals. Having followed all applicable legislation, the Council will be perceived as having taken account of the result of the consultation process.

If the proposals are not accepted, a road safety risk would arise for children who may be living within the Maidencraig housing development in future, given that those children zoned to Kingswells School or the new Countesswells secondary school would be required to cross the A944 Langstracht road in order to travel to school. Accepting the proposals would remove this risk, as these children would instead be zoned to Fernielea School and Hazlehead Academy, and would therefore not be required to cross the A944 in order to travel to school.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix 1 Consultation Report on the proposals to remove an area of dual school zoning for Fernielea School and Hazlehead School, from 1 August 2017

Appendix 2 Consultation Report on the proposals to make changes to the primary and secondary school zones in the vicinity of the new housing development at Maidencraig in Aberdeen, from 1 August 2017

Appendix 3 Email received from Kingswells School's Parent Council, providing feedback on the Maidencraig rezoning proposals

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Appendix 1



CONSULTATION REPORT Fernielea School and Hazlehead School Dual Zone

This Consultation Report has been compiled in response to the recent public consultation on the proposal to remove an area of dual school zoning for Fernielea School and Hazlehead School in Aberdeen. The document summarises the responses received on the proposal set out below and Aberdeen City Council's response to the verbal and written comments submitted by interested parties, in compliance with the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 and the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.

Proposal:

To remove an area of dual school zoning for Fernielea School and Hazlehead School, and to include this area within the zone for Hazlehead School only, from 1 August 2017.

Maps illustrating the proposed changes to the above school zone boundaries are included at Annex A of this report.

1. METHODOLOGY

This consultation was conducted in accordance with the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 and the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014. All requirements of the legislation have been met.

2. INVOLVEMENT OF STAKEHOLDERS

2.1 Public Event

A public consultation event was held on 21 September 2016 to discuss the proposals. The event took place at Hazlehead School commencing at 7.00pm. The event was not attended by any members of the public.

2.2 Comments Received

No written comments were received in response to this consultation.

2.3 Education Scotland Report

An essential element of the statutory consultation process is the involvement of Education Scotland, whose report is provided as Annex B of this Consultation Report.

In its report, Education Scotland noted that there would be clear educational benefits if the proposed changes to the school zones for Fernielea and Hazlehead Schools are implemented, as this would allow children to attend the school which is geographically closest to their home, helping the schools to maintain a clear and distinct association with their communities.

The report also highlighted that accepting the proposal would remove ambiguity in relation to the school catchment areas in this part of Aberdeen.

3. COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 9(1) OF THE SCHOOLS (CONSULTATION) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 AND CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSALS

Following the conclusion of the consultation period, Section 9(1) of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, requires the Council to review the relevant proposal, having had regard to any written representations that have been received by it during the consultation period, any oral representations made to it at the public meeting held on 21 September, and Education Scotland's report.

In terms of Section 10(2) (e) of the said Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, the Consultation Report is required to contain a statement explaining how the Council complied with its duty under the above Section 9(1) of the Act.

With relation to Section 9(1) of the 2010 Act and having considered all of the information received during the consultation process, officers are satisfied that no comments have been received which would have caused them to review the merits of the proposals to remove an area of dual school zoning for Fernielea School and

Hazlehead School, and to include this area within the zone for Hazlehead School only, from 1 August 2017.

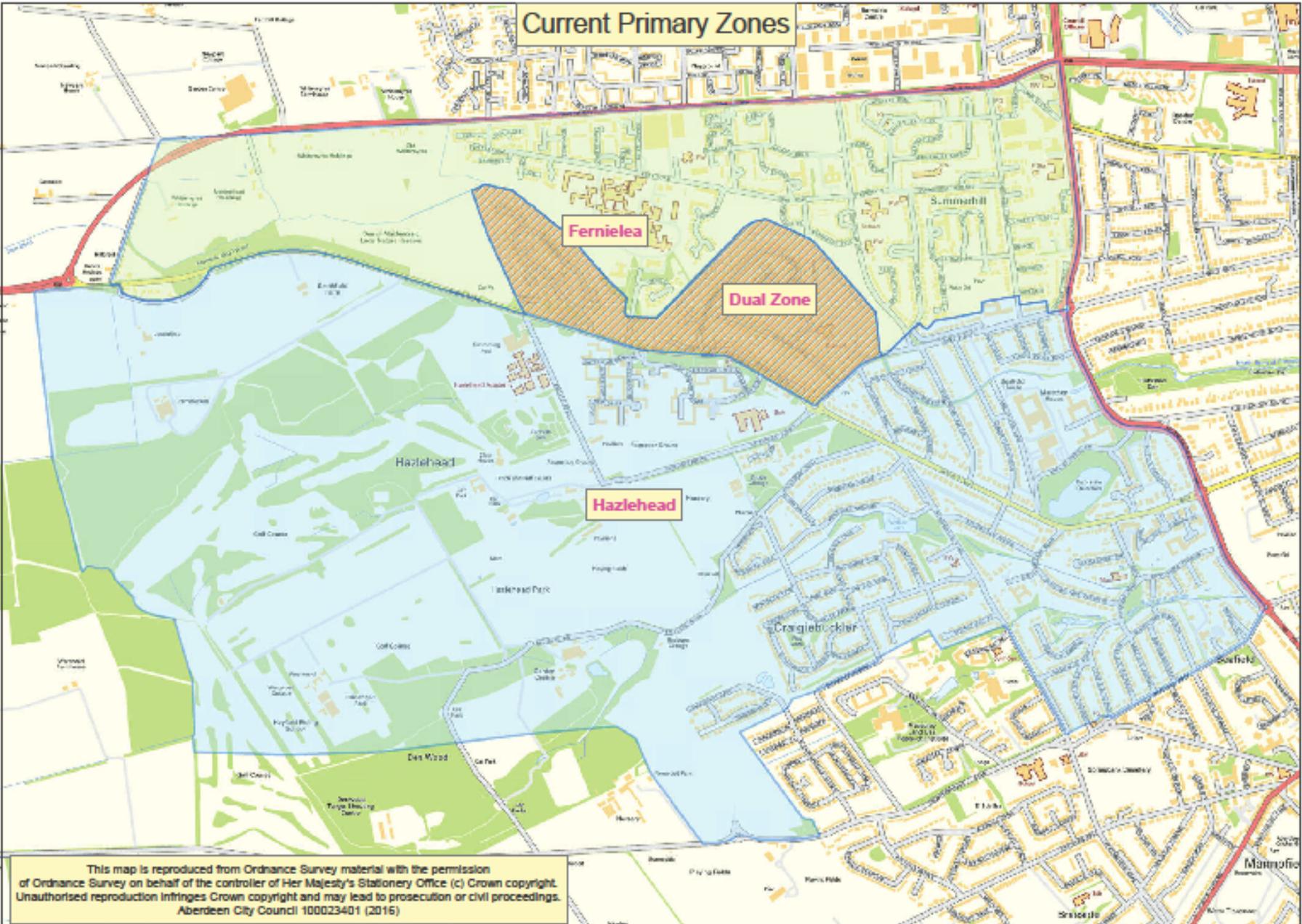
4. RECOMMENDATION

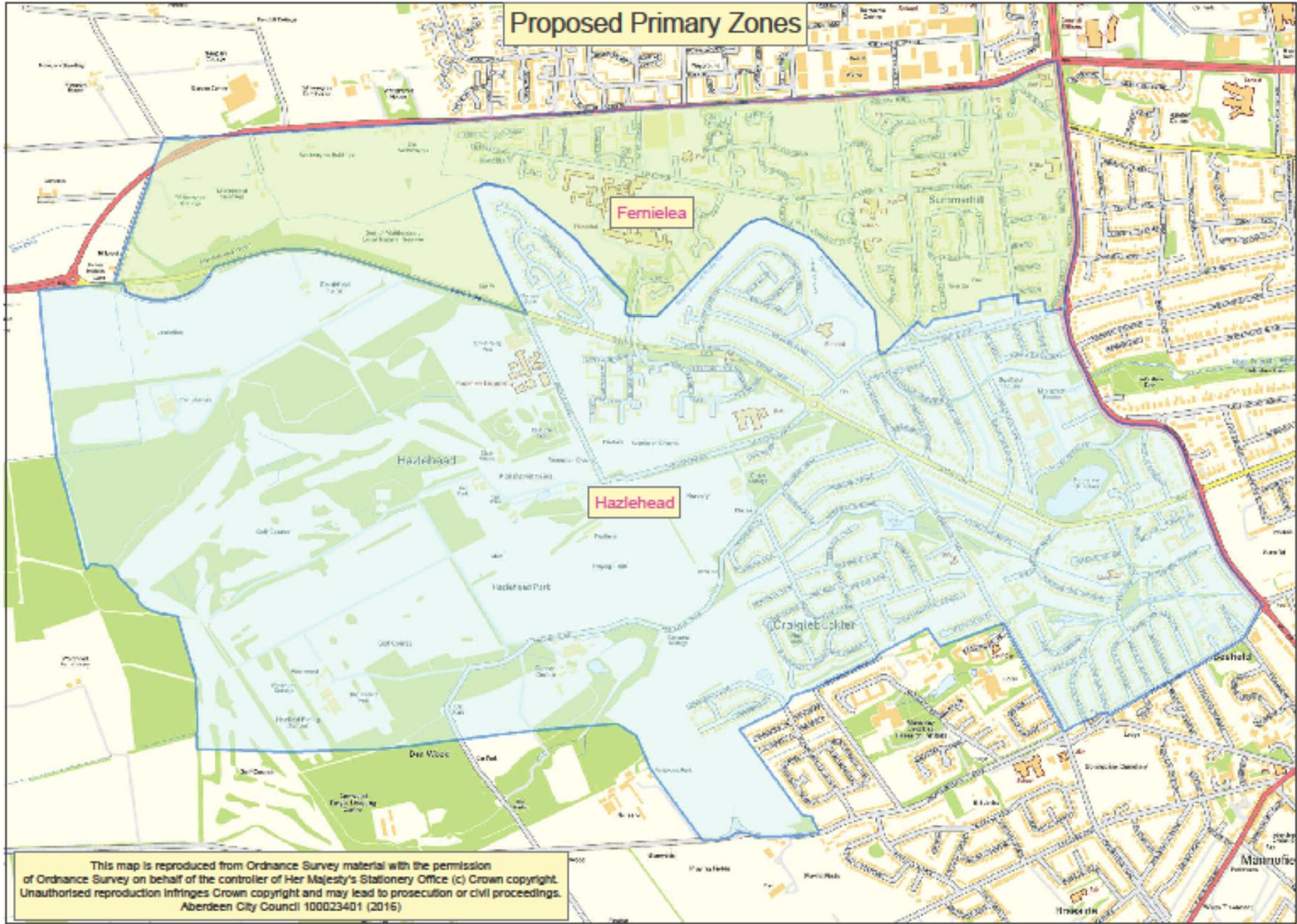
It is recommended that the Education and Children's Services Committee agrees to implement the proposal to:

Remove an area of dual school zoning for Fernielea School and Hazlehead School, and to include this area within the zone for Hazlehead School only, from 1 August 2017.

Gayle Gorman
Director of Education and Children's Services
January 2017

Fernielea School and Hazlehead School Dual Zone: Proposed Changes





REPORT FROM EDUCATION SCOTLAND

Report by Education Scotland addressing educational aspects of the proposal by Aberdeen City Council to remove an area of dual zoning for Fernielea School and Hazlehead School and to include this area within the zone for Hazlehead School only, from 1 August 2017.

1. Introduction

1.1 This report from Education Scotland has been prepared by HM Inspectors in accordance with the terms of the *Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010* and the amendments contained in the *Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014*. The purpose of the report is to provide an independent and impartial consideration of Aberdeen City Council's proposal to remove an area of dual zoning for Fernielea School and Hazlehead School and to include this area within the zone for Hazlehead School only, from 1 August 2017. Section 2 of the report sets out brief details of the consultation process. Section 3 of the report sets out HM Inspectors' consideration of the educational aspects of the proposal, including significant views expressed by consultees. Section 4 summarises HM Inspectors' overall view of the proposal. Upon receipt of this report, the Act requires the council to consider it and then prepare its final consultation report. The council's final consultation report should include a copy of this report and must contain an explanation of how, in finalising the proposal, it has reviewed the initial proposal, including a summary of points raised during the consultation process and the council's response to them. The council has to publish its final consultation report three weeks before it takes its final decision. Where a council is proposing to close a school, it needs to follow all legislative obligations set out in the 2010 Act, including notifying Ministers within six working days of making its final decision and explaining to consultees the opportunity they have to make representations to Ministers.

1.2 HM Inspectors considered:

- the likely effects of the proposal for children and young people of the schools and children likely to become pupils within two years of the date of publication of the proposal paper;
- any other likely effects of the proposal;
- how the council intends to minimise or avoid any adverse effects that may arise from the proposal; and
- the educational benefits the council believes will result from implementation of the proposal, and the council's reasons for coming to these beliefs.

1.3 In preparing this report, HM Inspectors undertook the following activities:

- consideration of all relevant documentation provided by the council in relation to the proposal, specifically the educational benefits statement and related consultation documents; and

- visits to the site of Fernielea School and Hazlehead School, including discussion with relevant consultees.

2. Consultation Process

2.1 Aberdeen City Council undertook the consultation on its proposal with reference to the *Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010* and the amendments in the *Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014*.

2.2 The statutory consultation period ran from 22 August 2016 to 7 October 2016. The proposal document was issued to appropriate stakeholders and copies were also made available at a range of locations in the vicinity of the schools affected. It was also made available on the Aberdeen City Council website and offered in a range of languages on request. A public meeting was held at 7 pm on 21 September 2016 at Hazlehead School. No members of the public attended this meeting. Stakeholders were invited to respond to the consultation by completing and sending in a form attached to the proposal, by writing to the council or by sending an email. No responses were received to the consultation.

3. Educational Aspects of Proposal

3.1 The council justifiably considers that school rolls will be sustainable and viable in this area if the proposal is implemented, and that this will ensure that effective teacher staffing levels are maintained. This will have clear educational benefit for the children at both schools involved.

3.2 There is significant educational benefit in allowing children to attend the school which is geographically closest to their home, helping the schools to maintain a clear and distinct association with their local communities. These communities will be better defined if the proposal is implemented.

3.3 Children, young people and staff at Fernielea School and Hazlehead School are in favour of the proposal and do not find any aspect of it controversial. They are reassured that children who live in the dual zone will still be able to attend Fernielea School, and that their siblings will be able to join them, keeping families together. They also approve of the clarity which will result from the removal of the dual zone.

4. Summary

This proposal has clear educational benefits which are accepted and endorsed by stakeholders. It will remove ambiguity in relation to catchment areas and will clarify the communities served by each of the schools.

**HM Inspectors
Education Scotland
October 2016**

Appendix 2



CONSULTATION REPORT Maidencraig Rezoning

This Consultation Report has been compiled in response to the recent public consultation on the proposal to make changes to the primary and secondary school zones in the vicinity of a new housing development at Maidencraig in Aberdeen. The document summarises the responses received on the proposals set out below and Aberdeen City Council's response to the verbal and written comments submitted by interested parties, in compliance with the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 and the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.

Proposal:

To adjust the school zone boundaries for Fernielea School, Kingswells School, Hazlehead Academy and the new Countesswells secondary school, to accommodate the new housing development at Maidencraig, with effect from 1st August 2017.

Maps illustrating the proposed changes to the above school zone boundaries are included at Annex A of this report.

1. METHODOLOGY

This consultation was conducted in accordance with the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 and the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014. All requirements of the legislation have been met.

2. INVOLVEMENT OF STAKEHOLDERS

2.1 Public Event

A public consultation event was held on 22 September 2016 to discuss the proposals. The event took place at Hazlehead Academy commencing at 7.00pm. The event was not attended by any members of the public.

2.2 Comments Received

One written comment was received in response to this consultation. This was submitted by email from Kingswells School's Parent Council, who expressed support for the proposal to rezone an area of the new Maidenraig housing development from Kingswells School to Fernielea School.

In its response the Parent Council agreed that it would not make sense to send any children from the Maidenraig development to Kingswells, for the following reasons:

- 1. Peer groups and friendships*
- 2. The capacity issues currently experienced at Kingswells*
- 3. Lack of a safe route to Kingswells school from the Maidenraig development.*

No other written responses to the consultation were received.

2.3 Education Scotland Report

An essential element of the statutory consultation process is the involvement of Education Scotland whose report is provided as Annex B of this Consultation Report.

In its report, Education Scotland noted that the proposal if accepted would offer educational benefits to the children and young people who may reside in the areas of land covered by the proposal. It noted that if the proposal is accepted, all children in the proposed Maidenraig south-east development would be entitled to attend Fernielea School and Hazlehead Academy, and that this has the potential to enable the housing development to establish its own sense of community. This would help the children and young people in this area to settle confidently into their new schools.

The Education Scotland report also highlighted that accepting the proposal would address issues of providing safe walking routes to school, as children living in the affected area would no longer be required to cross the busy A944 Langstracht road in order to walk to school.

Finally the report suggested that the Council should clarify any arrangements it has in place for the younger siblings of any children living in the areas of land affected by the proposal at the time of implementation.

3. THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO ISSUES RAISED DURING THE CONSULTATION PERIOD AND CONTAINED WITHIN THE EDUCATION SCOTLAND REPORT

The Education Scotland report suggested that the Council should clarify its arrangements for children who may be living in the affected areas at the time of implementation of the proposals. The Council's response to this is as follows:

- Should there be any children living in the small area of land affected by the proposals, who are already attending Kingswells School or Bucksburn Academy prior to the changes being implemented, then these children would be entitled to remain at Kingswells School or Bucksburn Academy. They would not be expected to move schools as a result of these changes.
- Should there be any children living in the small area of land affected by the proposals who have not yet reached primary school age when the changes are implemented, and who when they reach primary school age have older siblings already attending Kingswells School, then these children would be entitled to also attend Kingswells School, in order to keep family groups together.
- Similarly, should there be any children living in the small area of land affected by the proposals who have not yet reached secondary school age when the changes are implemented, and who when they reach secondary school age have older siblings already attending Bucksburn Academy, then these children would be entitled to also attend Bucksburn Academy, in order to keep family groups together.

No other issues were raised during the consultation period or within the Education Scotland report.

4. COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 9(1) OF THE SCHOOLS (CONSULTATION) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 AND CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSALS

Following the conclusion of the consultation period, Section 9(1) of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, requires the Council to review the relevant proposal, having had regard to any written representations that have been received by it during the consultation period, any oral representations made to it at the public meeting held on 22 September, and Education Scotland's report.

In terms of Section 10(2) (e) of the said Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, the Consultation Report is required to contain a statement explaining how the Council complied with its duty under the above Section 9(1) of the Act.

With relation to Section 9(1) of the 2010 Act and having considered all of the information received during the consultation process, officers are satisfied that no comments have been received which would have caused them to review the merits of the proposals to make changes to the primary and secondary school zones in the vicinity of the new housing development at Maidencraig in Aberdeen.

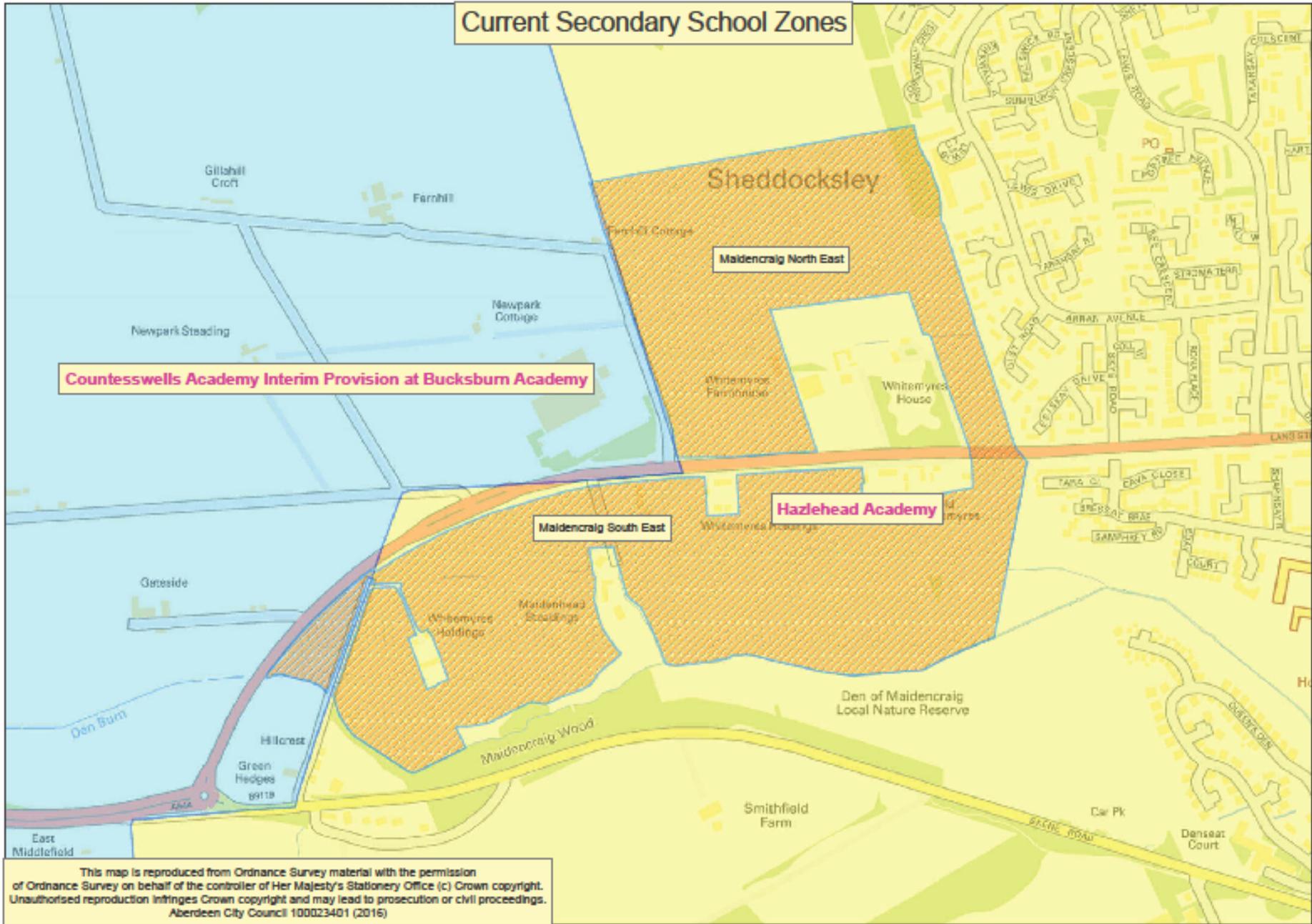
5. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Education and Children's Services Committee agrees to implement the proposal to:

Adjust the school zone boundaries for Fernielea School, Kingswells School, Hazlehead Academy and the new Countesswells secondary school, to accommodate the new housing development at Maidencraig, with effect from 1st August 2017.

Gayle Gorman
Director of Education and Children's Services
January 2017

Current Secondary School Zones



Countesswells Academy Interim Provision at Bucksburn Academy

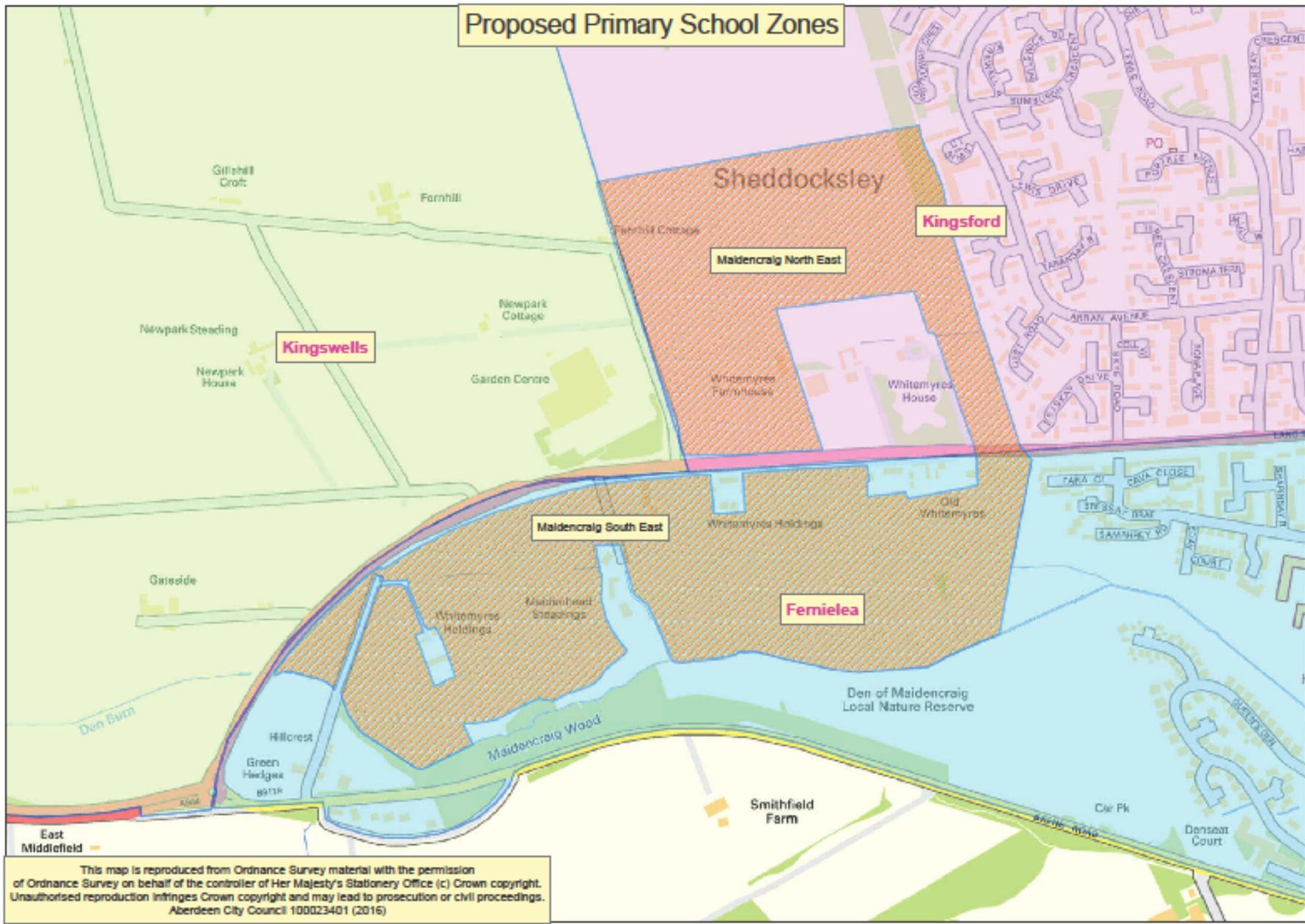
Hazlehead Academy

Maiden Craig South East

Maiden Craig North East

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Proposed Primary School Zones



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Proposed Secondary School Zones

Countesswells Secondary Zone A. Interim Provision at Bucksburn Academy

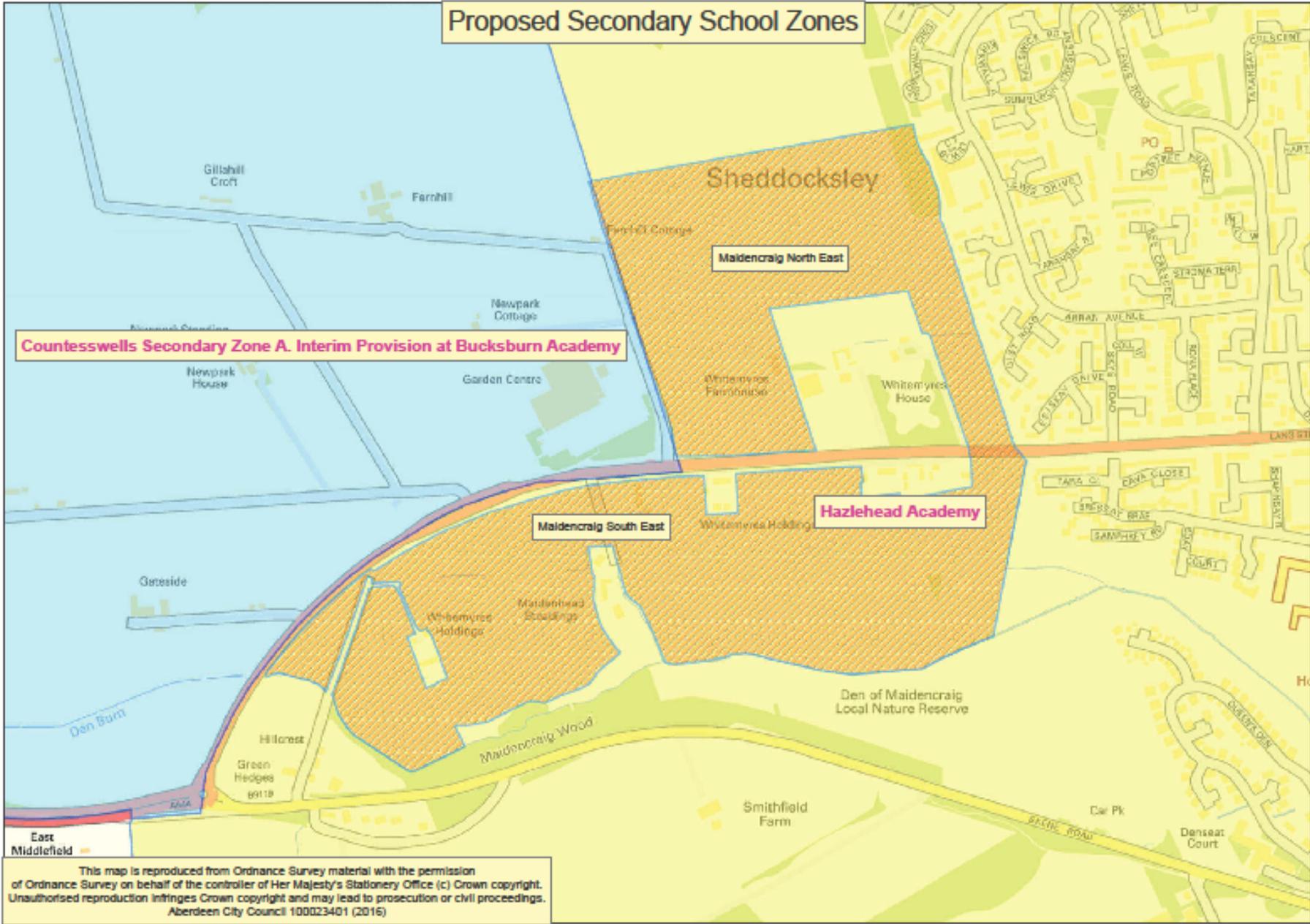
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REPORT FROM EDUCATION SCOTLAND

Report by Education Scotland addressing educational aspects of the proposal by Aberdeen City Council to adjust the school zone boundaries for Fernielea School, Kingswells School, Hazlehead Academy and the new secondary school being planned at Countesswells.

1. Introduction

1.1 This report from Education Scotland has been prepared by HM Inspectors in accordance with the terms of the *Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010* and the amendments contained in the *Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014*. The purpose of the report is to provide an independent and impartial consideration of Aberdeen City Council's proposal to adjust the school zone boundaries for Fernielea School, Kingswells School, Hazlehead Academy and the new secondary school being planned at Countesswells. Section 2 of the report sets out brief details of the consultation process. Section 3 of the report sets out HM Inspectors' consideration of the educational aspects of the proposal, including significant views expressed by consultees. Section 4 summarises HM Inspectors' overall view of the proposal. Upon receipt of this report, the Act requires the council to consider it and then prepare its final consultation report. The council's final consultation report should include a copy of this report and must contain an explanation of how, in finalising the proposal, it has reviewed the initial proposal, including a summary of points raised during the consultation process and the council's response to them. The council has to publish its final consultation report three weeks before it takes its final decision. Where a council is proposing to close a school, it needs to follow all legislative obligations set out in the 2010 Act, including notifying Ministers within six working days of making its final decision and explaining to consultees the opportunity they have to make representations to Ministers.

1.2 HM Inspectors considered:

- the likely effects of the proposal for children and young people of the schools; any other users; children likely to become pupils within two years of the date of publication of the proposal paper; and other children and young people in the council area;
- any other likely effects of the proposal;
- how the council intends to minimise or avoid any adverse effects that may arise from the proposal; and
- the educational benefits the council believes will result from implementation of the proposal, and the council's reasons for coming to these beliefs.

1.3 In preparing this report, HM Inspectors undertook the following activities:

- consideration of all relevant documentation provided by the council in relation to the proposal, specifically the educational benefits statement and related consultation documents, written and oral submissions from parents and others; and

- visits to the sites of Fernielea School, Kingswells School, Bucksburn Academy and Hazlehead Academy, including discussion with relevant consultees.

2. Consultation Process

2.1 Aberdeen City Council undertook the consultation on its proposal with reference to the *Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010* and the amendments in the *Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014*.

2.2 The consultation process ran from 22 August 2016 to 7 October 2016. During this period the council held a public meeting at Hazlehead Academy. Statutory consultees, including Parent Councils of each of the schools involved, were informed of the consultation in writing. Consultation documentation was published on the Aberdeen City Council website and copies were available for public consultation at several venues in the city during the consultation period, including the schools concerned and public libraries. A proforma and an email address were made available for submissions. The council received one email submission which supported its proposal. No one attended the public meeting.

3. Educational Aspects of Proposal

3.1 This proposal involves very minor changes to the zone boundaries of the four schools involved and only a very small number of pupils are likely to be affected. The proposal would mean that any pupils who may reside in the small areas of land covered by the proposed changes would now no longer require to cross the busy A944 Langstracht road in order to walk to school. The proposal also means that all children in the proposed Maidencraig south-east development would be entitled to attend Fernielea School and Hazlehead Academy. This has the potential to enable the Maidencraig south-east area to develop its own sense of community and to help children and young people in this area to settle confidently into their new schools. The proposal will lead to very minor changes to the school rolls of the affected schools. It offers educational benefits to those children and young people who may reside in the areas covered by the proposal.

3.2 All parents, pupils and staff who met with HM Inspectors support the proposal. Although the proposal is likely to affect a very small number of learners, there is widespread agreement that the small changes to the zone boundaries make good sense.

4. Summary

Aberdeen City Council's proposal to make the very minor changes to the zone boundaries of the four schools identified in its proposal has clear educational benefits. Although only a very small number of children or young people are likely to be directly affected, the proposal addresses issues of providing a safe walking route to school and is likely to help promote the new Maidencraig housing development's own sense of identity. All stakeholders who met with HM Inspectors agree with the proposal. In taking its proposal forward, the council should clarify any arrangements which it may have in place for the younger siblings of any children who reside in the small areas of land affected by the proposal at the time of implementation.

**HM Inspectors
Education Scotland
October 2016**

Appendix 3

Maidencraig Rezoning

Email Submission

14/09/16 – Comment

Dear School Estates Team

I am writing to you on behalf of Kingswells Parent Council to advise you of our views on the current consultation regarding the rezoning of the Maidencraig area.

Having looked at the proposed changes to the school zones we would be delighted to support your proposals. This decision has been reached on the basis of the welfare of children living in the Maidencraig development in that it makes no sense to send any children from the development to Kingswells for the following reasons:

1. Peer groups and friendships
2. The capacity issues currently experienced at Kingswells
3. Lack of a safe route to Kingswells school from the Maidencraig development.

Should you have any queries regarding our standing on this consultation then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kindest Regards

Chair, Kingswells PC
