

EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND PEOPLE SERVICES

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This proposal also has implications for:

- Wallyford Primary School

In accordance with the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, East Lothian Council wants to hear your views on the proposal to alter the catchment areas of Pinkie St Peter's Primary School and Wallyford Primary School. The proposed changes to catchment areas, if approved, would take immediate effect.

Within this Proposal Document you will find information about the proposal, the reasons behind it, their likely impact and how you can tell us what you think about them.

There is also a short questionnaire at the end of this document that we are inviting as many people affected as possible to complete and return. Your opinions are important given the change to school provision being proposed in the Pinkie St Peter's Primary School and Wallyford Primary School catchment areas.

The Council is keen to receive comment on the proposal to alter the catchment areas of Pinkie St Peter's Primary School and Wallyford Primary School.

East Lothian Council would like to thank you in advance for your help and co-operation as your views are extremely important to us.

We would like to be as open as possible with the results of this consultation so please note that your response will be anonymised and made public at the end of the consultation period. You may wish to ensure that you do not give any identifying details in your response. If you don't wish your response to be made public, you can specify this in the questionnaire and within any written response.

DISTRIBUTION

A copy of this document, and an information leaflet, are available on the East Lothian Council Consultation Hub:

<http://www.eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/education/pinkiewallyford-catchment>

Paper copies of the information leaflet will be available at:

- Pinkie St Peter's Primary School
- Wallyford Primary School
- Wallyford Community Centre
- Wallyford Library
- Musselburgh Library
- Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre
- Brunton Hall, Musselburgh
- Musselburgh Primary Care Centre
- Almond Park Nursery
- First Step Community Nursery
- Fisherrow Community Nursery
- Honest Toun Nursery
- Links Nursery
- Loretto Private Nursery
- Musselburgh Private Nursery
- Olivebank Child and Family Centre, and
- John Muir House, Haddington.

Paper copies of the consultation document, including the questionnaire, will also be available at:

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Versions of this document can be supplied in Braille, large print, audiotape or in your own language. Please phone the Public Information Officer on 01620 827199.

To be taken into consideration, responses to the consultation must be received by **Tuesday 20th December 2016**. These can be made electronically through the online consultation questionnaire on East Lothian Council's Consultation Hub at:

<http://www.eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/education/pinkiewallyford-catchment>

Written responses can be returned to Pinkie St Peters and Wallyford Consultation, East Lothian Council, Resources and People Services, John Muir House, Haddington, EH41 3HA.

You can also deposit your written response in one of the collection boxes at the following locations from **Tuesday 8th November 2016** until **Tuesday 20th December 2016**:

- Pinkie St Peter's Primary School
- Wallyford Primary School
- Wallyford Community Centre
- Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre
- Brunton Hall, Musselburgh and
- John Muir House, Haddington

The affected consultees are:

- The Parent Councils of Pinkie St Peter's Primary School and Wallyford Primary School
- The parents of pupils at Pinkie St Peter's Primary School and Wallyford Primary School
- The parents of any children expected to attend Pinkie St Peter's Primary School and Wallyford Primary School within two years of the date of publication of the proposal paper
- The pupils at Pinkie St Peter's Primary School and Wallyford Primary School
- The staff at Pinkie St Peter's Primary School and Wallyford Primary School
- Musselburgh Area Partnership

- Wallyford Community Council
- Musselburgh & Inveresk Community Council

SUMMARY OF PROCESS FOR THIS PROPOSAL DOCUMENT

Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010

1. The Council has a number of statutory duties relating to the provision of education in its area including the statutory consultation that must be undertaken when proposing a permanent change to any of their schools, including nursery schools, such as closure, relocation or change of catchment area. The Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 principle purpose is:

“... to provide strong, accountable statutory consultation practices and procedures that local authorities must apply to their handling of all proposals for school closures and other major changes to schools.”

2. This Proposal Document has been prepared in accordance with the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, having regard to the statutory guidance published by the Scottish Government on 14th May 2015, both of which are available for reference at the following websites:

Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2010/2/contents>
Statutory Guidance (14th May 2015): <http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2015/05/4615>

3. The process for consultation, summarised in this section, details how the Council is undertaking this consultation.

Consideration by Council

4. This Proposal Document has been issued as a result of a decision by East Lothian Council on 24th February 2015 that the Council can undertake consultations regarding the school estate (schools, catchment areas, location) relating to the Local Development Plan (LDP) and to report back to Council on the outcomes of any such consultations in order that Council can make a decision on any proposed changes. This document has been developed with reference to East Lothian Council’s vision for education and additionally has been shaped with reference to the 2016 LDP.

Proposal Document issued to consultees and published on East Lothian Council's website

5. An information leaflet setting out details about the proposal and consultation meetings will be issued to the consultees listed on pages 3 to 4. Advice on where the complete Proposal Document can be obtained will be included and will be published on East Lothian Council's Consultation Hub:
<http://www.eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/education/pinkiewallyford-catchment>
6. If requested, copies of the proposal will also be made available in alternative formats or translated for readers whose first language is not English.
7. A "Frequently Asked Questions" document has also been prepared which is also available on East Lothian Council's Consultation Hub:
<http://www.eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/education/pinkiewallyford-catchment>

Publication of advertisement in local newspapers

8. An advertisement will be placed in the local newspaper on **10th November 2016** and **24th November 2016**. A pre-announcement will also be made on the Council's website and social media posts on the **7th November 2016**. In addition, there may be announcements related to the Proposal process on East Lothian Council's website, Facebook page and Twitter feeds.

Length of Consultation period

9. The consultation period will commence on **Tuesday 8th November 2016** and last until close of business on **Tuesday 20th December 2016**, being a period of six weeks, which also includes the minimum 30 school days.

Format of Public meetings

10. A public meeting will be held at **Brunton Hall on Wednesday 7th December 2016 at 7pm**, the details of which are set out below in paragraphs 17-21.

Involvement of Education Scotland

11. When the Proposal Document is published, a copy will be sent to Education Scotland by East Lothian Council. Education Scotland will also receive a copy of any relevant written representations that are received by the Council from any person during the consultation period or, if Education Scotland agree, a summary of them. Additionally, Education Scotland will receive a summary of any oral representations made to the

Council at the public meetings and drop in sessions that will be held and, as available, a copy of any other relevant documentation.

12. Education Scotland require three weeks within which to prepare a report on the educational aspects of the proposal after the Council has sent them all representations and documents mentioned above. The three-week period will not start until after the consultation period has ended. In preparing their report, Education Scotland may visit the affected schools and make such reasonable enquiries of such people there as they consider appropriate.

Preparation of Consultation Report

13. The Council will review the proposal having regard to the Education Scotland report, written representations that it has received and oral representations made to it by any person at the public meeting and drop in session. It will then prepare a final Consultation Report. The Consultation Report will be published in electronic and printed formats and will be advertised in the local newspapers. It will be available on the Council website and from Council Headquarters (John Muir House), public libraries in the vicinity of the affected schools, and the affected schools. Anyone who made written representations during the consultation period will also be informed about the report. The Consultation Report will include a record of the total number of written representations made during the consultation period, a summary of the written representations, a summary of the oral representations made at the public meetings and drop in sessions, the Council's response to the Education Scotland Report as well as any written or oral representations it has received, together with a copy of the Education Scotland Report and any other relevant information. It will also set out the actions the Council has taken to address any alleged inaccuracies and omissions notified to it. The Consultation Report will also contain a statement explaining how it complied with the requirement to review the proposal in light of the Education Scotland Report and representations (both written and oral) that it had received. The Consultation Report will be published and be available for further consideration for a period of 3 weeks.

Decision

14. The Consultation Report together with any other relevant documentation will be considered after the end of the 3-week period, by the Council who will come to a final decision on this matter.

Scottish Ministers Call-in

15. This proposal does not concern a school closure and as such does not require the Council to notify Scottish Ministers after the Council takes its final decision.

Note on Corrections

16. If any inaccuracy or omission is discovered in this Proposal Document either by the Council or any person, the Council will determine if relevant information has been omitted or, there has been an inaccuracy. It may then take appropriate action which may include the issue of a correction or the reissuing of the Proposal paper or the revision of the timescale for the consultation period if appropriate. In that event, relevant consultees and Education Scotland will be advised. The person, or persons, who have raised concerns, will receive an individual response to their submission.

Public Meeting and drop in session

17. A formal public meeting will be held to discuss the proposal. Anyone wishing to attend the public meeting is invited to do so. The public meeting, which will be convened by East Lothian Council will be addressed by the Head of Education, and other senior officers of the Council, and chaired by an independent person.

18. The public meeting will be an opportunity to:

- Hear more about the proposal
- Ask questions about the proposal
- Have your views minuted so that they can be taken into account as part of the consultation process.

19. The public meeting will be held in **Brunton Hall on Wednesday 7th December 2016 at 7pm.**

20. A drop in session will be held on **Thursday 17th November 2016 at Pinkie St Peter's Primary School from 12.00pm to 5.00pm.**

21. A minute will be taken at the public meeting of comments, questions and officer responses. A summary of the points raised will be published on the Council website, and a copy will be made available on request. These notes will also be forwarded to Education Scotland along with all other submissions and comments that are received by the Council during the consultation process as explained above.

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This proposal also has implications for:

- Wallyford Primary School

This proposal document is therefore issued with the intention of seeking views on one issue:

- To alter Pinkie St Peter's Primary School catchment area to include the whole of the land at Levenhall site (MH8) and remove the area of land affected from the revised Wallyford Primary School catchment area, approved by Council on 25th October 2016.

Proposal for consultation

Introduction

22. East Lothian Council is committed to raising educational attainment and ensuring that all children and young people have the best opportunities in life. It is believed that this proposal is the most reasonable, viable and appropriate course of action open to it in providing primary education and early learning & childcare provision for the proposed housing development at Levenhall (MH8). The reasons for the Council coming to this view and consulting on this proposal are set out in this proposal paper.
23. The Strategic Development Plan (SDP) for South East Scotland was approved by Scottish Ministers in June 2013. The SDP with its Supplementary Guidance on Housing Land requires the LDP to ensure sufficient housing land is available to deliver 10,050 homes during the period 2009 – 2024 with 6,250 of those homes capable of being delivered across East Lothian in the period to 2019.
24. In order to accommodate these strategic development requirements for East Lothian, East Lothian Council approved a Proposed LDP 2016 for representation on 6th September 2016. The Proposed LDP sets out East Lothian Council's proposed spatial strategy for East Lothian. As part of this, the land at Levenhall (MH8) is one of the main development proposals in the Musselburgh Cluster which is proposed to be allocated for a housing development of circa 65 homes.
25. Significant additional education capacity at primary and secondary level will be needed to support all of the new housing development proposed in the Musselburgh cluster. The Council must ensure provision is and can be made for the education of children in its area, and therefore wants to align the future provision of additional education capacity with its proposed development strategy for the area.
26. The Council must consult on certain changes in arrangements for educating children in its area before it can commit to delivering them including, if required, to make proposed development sites effective. The LDP must be complemented by an educational solution that meets the increase in projected pupil numbers that will be generated from the new housing development. The proposed housing development at Levenhall (MH8) identified in the 2016 Proposed LDP currently falls across both the Pinkie St Peter's Primary School and Wallyford Primary School catchment areas and will require the proposed revision to the catchment areas in order for such development to be delivered.
27. On 24th February 2015, approval was given by East Lothian Council to undertake consultations relating to the school estate (i.e. schools, catchment areas, locations) as necessary to support the emerging LDP, where there is likely to be a need for new or re-

provisioned facilities, without further reference to or approval by Council; and to report back to Council on the outcomes of such consultations in order that the Council can make a decision on any proposed changes.

28. A greater proportion of the proposed Levenhall site (MH8) sits within the existing Pinkie St Peter's Primary School catchment area than within the Wallyford Primary School catchment area. The Levenhall site (MH8) is also located closer to Pinkie St Peter's Primary School than Wallyford Primary School. Therefore, it is proposed to alter the catchment area of Pinkie St Peter's Primary School around the whole of the site boundary of the proposed Levenhall allocation (MH8), identified by the dotted line (---) on Map 1.

29. To accommodate the projected pupil population from the whole of the Levenhall site (MH8), the Council proposes to provide education capacity as follows:

- Additional eligible pre-school and primary school capacity will be provided at Pinkie St Peter's Primary School, in accordance with the Council's proposed strategy for the delivery of additional pre-school and primary school education capacity in the Musselburgh area;
- Additional secondary school capacity will be provided at the proposed new secondary education provision, in accordance with the Council's proposed strategy for the delivery of additional secondary school education capacity in the Musselburgh area.

30. The proposed revised catchment area for Pinkie St Peter's Primary School will directly affect the following school and is considered in this Proposal Document:

- Wallyford Primary School

31. The factors which have been considered in the development of this Proposal Document are:

- The need to address early learning & childcare and primary education provision for the Levenhall area (MH8) and create a sustainable school estate for future generations; and
- The increasing pupil populations in the Pinkie St Peter's Primary School and Wallyford Primary School catchment areas.

General Population Data and School Pupil Rolls

32. There is significant house building proposed for both the Pinkie St Peter's Primary School and Wallyford Primary School catchment areas. To provide early learning & childcare and primary education provision required to accommodate pupils who will eventually live in planned housing developments in the land at Levenhall (MH8) we are proposing to alter the existing catchment area associated with Pinkie St Peter's Primary School to include the whole of this proposed housing site, and include the area referenced as "C" on Maps 1, 2 and 3, which currently lies in the Wallyford Primary School catchment area and remove that area of land from the Wallyford Primary School catchment area.

33. Implementation of the proposal will mean:

- The proposed housing development known as Levenhall (MH8), identified by the dotted line (---) on Map 1, would be wholly contained within the proposed revised Pinkie St Peter's Primary School catchment area.

34. The affected area currently contains no residential properties.

Pupil Numbers

35. The Pinkie St Peter's Primary School catchment area is currently served by one non-denominational primary school. Pre-school capacity is provided at Levenhall Nursery School with a capacity of 50 places. The Wallyford Primary School catchment area is currently served by one non-denominational primary school with a pre-school capacity of 40 places. Table 1 below shows the 2016 Pupil Census rolls and current occupancy rates at both the primary schools:

Table 1: Pinkie St Peter's Primary School and Wallyford Primary School Pupil Roll and School Capacity as at September 2016

School Name	Planning Capacity (August 2016)	No. of classes for capacity	2016/17 Pupil Census roll	2016/17 % Occupancy Rate
Pinkie St Peter's Primary	595	21	345	58.0%
Wallyford Primary	408	14	295	72.3%

36. A number of primary pupils living in the Pinkie St Peter's Primary and Wallyford Primary school catchment areas attend a Roman Catholic (RC) school or a school in another catchment area, as shown in Table 2 below:

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Catchment	Pupils attending school in catchment area	Pupils attending RC school	Pupils attending outwith area	Total
Pinkie St Peter's	267	40	77	384
Wallyford	268	44	110	422

Determining Primary School Building Capacity

37. Primary School Planning Capacity and Working Capacity is calculated generally in accordance with the Scottish Government guidance on Determining Primary School Capacity (October 2014) using the approach set out in Part 2 of the Guidance and in accordance with Sport Scotland Guidance on Primary School Sports Facilities.
38. The overall size of a primary school is based on the area allocation required for the projected pupil numbers using the Scottish Futures Trust standard area metrics. Nursery places are also generally expected to be delivered within the same metric as the relevant primary school band. For example, a single stream primary school with a design capacity of 231 pupils would be expected to be delivered within 8.5m² per pupil. If the school also had a 30/30 nursery this would be expected to be delivered within the same 8.5m² per pupil rate so a total of (231+30) x 8.5 = 2,218.5 m².
39. A schedule of accommodation is developed from the global space allocation including, but not limited to, general classrooms, and other specialist spaces, ICT, art, music, drama and PE areas, together with general core accommodation for social, dining and staff. The schedule of accommodation for each school is developed through consultation between the Council and relevant stakeholders from the school and wider community including Community Planning partners.

Building Condition

40. The current overall condition of both Pinkie St Peter's Primary School and Wallyford Primary School is rated as 'C - Poor' as at April 2016. Following completion of the expansion and refurbishment of Pinkie St Peter's Primary School, the condition rating will be reviewed and is anticipated to be assessed as condition 'B - Satisfactory' overall. The existing Wallyford Primary School will close when the new school is completed, planned to be in 2018. Condition ratings are based on Scottish Government criteria measured on an A-D scale, representing:

A: Good	Performing well and operating efficiently
B: Satisfactory	Performing adequately but showing minor deterioration
C: Poor	Showing major defects and/or not operating adequately
D: Bad	Economic life expired and/or risk of failure

Planned Housing Developments in the Pinkie St Peter's Primary School and Wallyford Primary School catchment areas

41. The Proposed LDP 2016 sets out the sites in the established housing land supply and additional sites allocated over and above these to meet the SDPs Housing Land Requirements. The housing development sites that are in the current Pinkie St Peter's Primary School catchment area are detailed in Table 3 below:

Table 3: Housing Development Sites Summary

Site Name	LDP Site Reference	Proposed Units
Former Edenhall Hospital Site	MH5	100
Pinkie Mains	MH6	450
Pinkie Mains (intensification)	MH7	130
Levenhall	MH8	65

42. The housing development sites that are in the current Wallyford Primary School catchment area are detailed in Table 4 below:

Table 4: Housing Development Sites Summary

Site Name	LDP Site Reference	Proposed Units
Levenhall	MH8	65
Land at Wallyford	MH9	1,450
Land at Dolphingstone	MH10	600
Barbachlaw, Wallyford	MH12	94
Land at Howe Mire	MH13	170

43. This proposal would transfer the whole area of proposed planned housing development at Levenhall (MH8) listed in Tables 3 and 4 above from the Wallyford Primary School catchment area to the proposed revised Pinkie St Peter's Primary School catchment area. All other sites listed in Table 4 above would remain within the Wallyford Primary School catchment area.

Projected Population Data and School Pupil Rolls

44. The Council takes a number of factors into account when projecting pupil rolls, gathering information from NHS Lothian and information held on the Education Management Information System. The key factors influencing each forecast are:

- baseline population roll for each school or early years establishment

- the number of births in each school catchment area in East Lothian
- net stage migration rates for each school or catchment area
- the number of houses planned to be built in a school's catchment area
- P7 to S1 transfer rates
- S4-S5 and S5-S6 stay-on rates
- average new build child per house ratios

45. The pupil roll projections are trends-based forecasts and take into consideration a wide range of evidence from the local catchment area and/or school (as appropriate) including the number of children (births, pre-school, primary and secondary school age) attending East Lothian schools from new build housing developments in each catchment area since 2003/04.

46. The methodology for forecasting primary and secondary school rolls has been in use in East Lothian Council since 1996 and was originally developed by Lothian Regional Council. The methodology for projecting vulnerable 2 year olds, 3 & 4 year olds and Additional Support Needs (ASN) Specialist Provision populations within each catchment area was developed by East Lothian Council during 2015 and 2016.

47. The Council acknowledges that it is difficult to accurately predict school rolls over a long timeframe. The projections are a best estimate of what the size of each relevant pupil population will be in the future when particular assumptions are made on the baseline roll. The assumptions applied are based on current demographics, averages and historical trends and do not allow for future changes in local or national policy that may also influence population changes.

48. The projections are strongly influenced by the initial baseline population as well as proposed new house build. Material changes in the number and phasing of proposed new houses between different planning applications being lodged may subsequently change previously modelled projections. Similarly, changes in baseline population and occupancy levels can have an impact on whether a proposed development can be accommodated within existing education capacity or not. As the baseline changes each year and house completion rates change it then impacts on the assumptions that are made about future births, migration, secondary school stay-on rates etc. The process of population change is cumulative and therefore the reliability of projections decreases over time. Projections for areas with small populations are also less reliable as baseline population changes have a bigger impact more quickly than in areas with larger populations.

Projected Pupil Rolls for Pinkie St Peter's Primary School

49. The Established Supply projected pupil rolls for Pinkie St Peter's Primary School to 2029 as at June 2016, taking into account pupils from current committed developments (i.e. new housing with planning consent), are shown in Table 5 below:

Table 5: Established Supply Projected Pupil Rolls for Pinkie St Peter's Primary School as at June 2016

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
397	423	461	472	464	475	491	511	526	505	493	508	499

50. The LDP projected pupil rolls for Pinkie St Peter's Primary School to 2029 as at June 2016, taking into account pupils from new housing with consent and those that will arise from the 2016 LDP, including the whole of the Levenhall site (MH8), are shown in Table 6 below:

Table 6: LDP Projected Pupil Rolls for Pinkie St Peter's Primary School to 2029 as at June 2016 (including whole of Levenhall site MH8)

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
400	468	553	592	594	590	633	669	666	630	618	609	633

51. Pinkie St Peter's Primary School will require additional phased permanent extension to accommodate the projected peak roll of 669 primary pupils that will arise from the planned and committed housing in the proposed revised Pinkie St Peter's Primary School catchment area including the Levenhall site (MH8).

Financial implications

52. Investment will be required to provide an extension to the early learning & childcare facilities at Levenhall Nursery School and primary school facilities at Pinkie St Peter's Primary School for the proposed revised Pinkie St Peter's Primary School catchment area.

53. Developer contributions will be sought from the developers of relevant sites allocated in the proposed revised Pinkie St Peter's Primary School catchment area to fund the costs of this expansion which will be the subject of legal agreement with relevant landowners.

54. The Proposed LDP has established development related impacts on education capacity based on a cumulative assessment of impact and the need for mitigation. The costs for interventions needed to deliver the LDP strategy and sites are identified and apportioned in line with Scottish Government Circular 3/2012.

55. High level costs (set out in the Proposed LDP Technical Note 14: Draft Developer Contributions Framework) of providing the extension to the planned education capacity for a peak primary roll of 669 and early learning & childcare provision of 90 places at Levenhall Nursery School is estimated to be in the region of £3.3m dependent upon the final overall size of the school.

Proposal for consultation

Introduction

56. Taking account of all of the information contained within Paragraphs 22 to 55 of this report it can be evidenced that:

- The Pinkie St Peter's Primary School and Levenhall Nursery School facilities and sites can be extended to accommodate the projected eligible pre-school and primary pupils arising from proposed revised Pinkie St Peter's Primary School catchment area.

57. East Lothian Council is undertaking a Transport Appraisal in the context of the LDP. The Appraisal is to examine the effect of the cumulative impacts from the housing and economic development land allocations in East Lothian on the local and strategic road and rail networks and evaluate the effectiveness of the interventions.

58. A Transport Assessment, if required, considers the local impact of development in an area, the problems caused by the single or multiple allocations, examining active travel arrangements, public transport services, the injury accident history, existing journey times, junction capacities, flows and parking controls. The assessment will make statements on the current arrangements and possible interventions to either maintain or enhance the situation. We will endeavour to have a no net detriment as a consequent of the development.

Proposal

59. This proposal would result in altering the Pinkie St Peter's Primary School catchment area to include the whole of the Levenhall site (MH8), involving:

- Alteration to the existing catchment areas for Pinkie St Peter's Primary School and Wallyford Primary School.
- Variation of the existing admission arrangements to alter the catchment areas for Pinkie St Peter's Primary School and Wallyford Primary School.

Transition arrangements

60. If approved, the new catchment arrangements would become operational with immediate effect.
61. At present the affected area contains no properties. Pupils currently attending the Pinkie St Peter's Primary School and Wallyford Primary School will not be significantly affected as the proposed catchment changes will only impact on future intakes once house build commences.
62. Pupils moving into planned housing in the affected area following implementation of the proposal will attend Pinkie St Peter's Primary School and its associated secondary school.

Education Benefits Statement

63. The Educational Benefits Statement, for the proposal, has been prepared having regard to the Guidance and Explanatory Notes published by the Scottish Government in association with the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act, 2010 and which are available for reference at the following websites, respectively:

www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/91982/0097130.doc

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2010/2/contents>

“An education authority shall endeavour to secure improvement in the quality of school education which is provided in the schools managed by them; and they shall exercise their functions in relation to such provision with a view to raising standards of education.”

As required by the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act, 2010, this Educational Benefits Statement is written from the perspective of benefits, should the proposal be implemented. Additionally the self-evaluation tool provided by Education Scotland was used to ensure compliance with the amended procedures now in place from the Act.

- A. The East Lothian Partnership's aim for East Lothian is set out in its statement of intent:

“We will work in partnership to build an East Lothian where everyone has the opportunity to lead a fulfilling life and which contributes to a fair and sustainable future.”

- B. East Lothian Council's vision is to provide the best education service in Scotland via Inclusion, Achievement, Ambition, Attainment and Progress for All. We strive to achieve our vision and these principles through the actions taken by the Education Service to improve the quality of experiences we provide for children, young people, adults and families of East Lothian.
- C. The alteration to the catchment areas will ensure that all primary aged children from the Levenhall site (MH8) will be able to attend the same school, namely Pinkie St Peter's Primary School. This will provide the opportunity for those children to develop and sustain strong relationships both at school and at home.

The alteration to the catchment areas will benefit the whole community and support East Lothian Partnership's overarching priority to reduce inequalities both within and between our communities and the delivery of the 3 strategic objectives:

- Sustainable Economy
- Resilient People
- Safe and Vibrant Communities

- D. Reduced congestion and planned travel options will make it safer for our young people to access their places of learning and contribute to improved air quality and traffic management in Musselburgh. Pupils from the proposed revised Wallyford Primary School and Pinkie St Peter's Primary School catchments areas will be within walking distance of their schools contributing to the sustainability agenda.

Summary – Balancing Educational Benefits against the impact on Wallyford Primary School and its communities as a result of Realigned Catchment Areas

64. In considering how educational benefits weigh against any potential disadvantages reference should be made to the impact on the other schools and communities within the area. All of the schools involved in this proposal currently provide an effective education for their children and young people. Section 1 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 requires Councils to secure for their area adequate and efficient provision of school education. Section 17 of the Act requires Councils to provide sufficient school accommodation. The Act therefore places a legislative duty on the Council to plan for the growth in our communities. The Council recognises this duty as an opportunity to enhance the learning opportunities for young people whilst bringing positive benefits to the whole community.
65. The area of land at Levenhall (MH8) designated for realignment has no existing housing accommodation; therefore no children from this area currently attend Wallyford

Primary School. This proposal, therefore, will have no impact on Wallyford Primary School and its communities. If this proposal is accepted, primary children coming from this site in the Proposed LDP will be closer to Pinkie St Peter's Primary School than Wallyford Primary School.

66. It is believed that this proposal will positively impact on local, social or economic activities and will support the local development of the area.

Sustainability

67. Sustainability will be a key factor in the expansion of any school and will be incorporated into every feasible aspect. This ranges from the materials used to the heating system and the lighting provided, and also to the landscaping of the external site to encourage biodiversity. Sustainability will also be taken into account when considering safe routes to schools.

Likely effect caused by different travelling arrangements

68. It is current Council policy to provide free transport to and from school for primary aged pupils who reside more than 2 miles from their catchment area school.

69. There are a number of criteria used to determine whether free transport is provided to school, including:

- Any pupils who live outwith the Council's distance criterion;
- Those who live within the distance criterion, but for whom the walking route to school is assessed as unsafe;
- If a child has a medical condition which requires them to be transported to and from school; or
- If a child is at a critical stage of education and requires to be kept at their current school.

Management of Proposals

70. The proposed changes to the Pinkie St Peter's Primary School and Wallyford Primary School catchment areas, if approved, would become operational with immediate effect.

71. Officers from Road Services will review the routes to Pinkie St Peter's Primary School from the Levenhall site (MH8) and will put in road safety interventions, if appropriate.

Integrated Impact Assessment

72. An integrated impact assessment has been undertaken as part of the consultation as it is important to understand how the needs of different groups may differ. Integrated Impact Assessment is a tool which enables the Local Authority to consider the needs of different groups. It enables it to:

- Develop better policies and practices, based on evidence
- Prevent or mitigate negative impacts on determinants
- Take effective action on key social policy areas including equality and human rights, poverty and the economy
- Meet legal requirements in relation to equality, sustainability and the environment and the need to promote human rights in all areas of life
- Consider the potential to advance/hinder the wellbeing of children and young people
- Be more transparent and accountable

73. The Local Authority is required by legislation to assess its proposals for equality impact to ensure that it does not unlawfully discriminate.

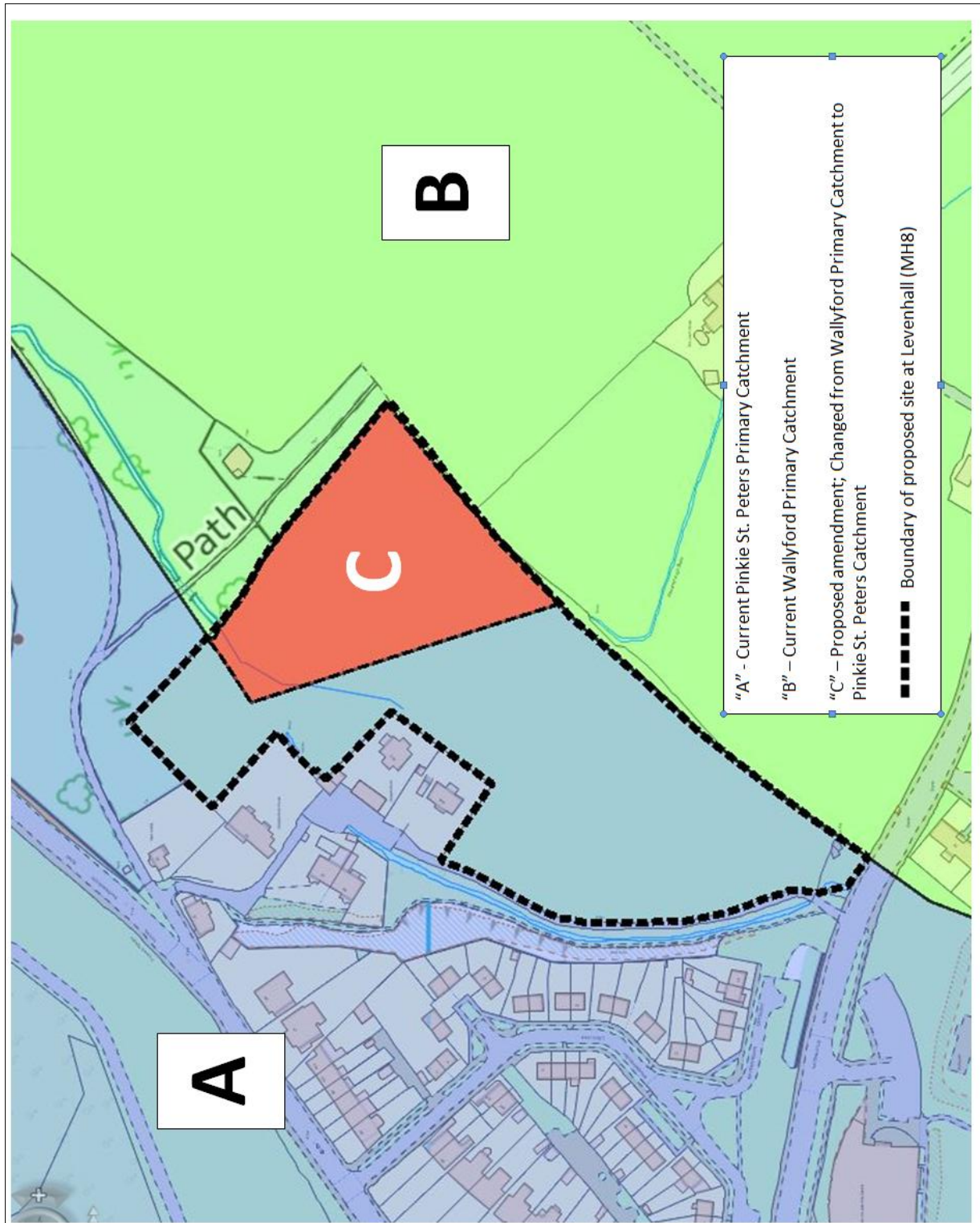
74. East Lothian Council will continue to consider the implications of this proposal in relation to equality, to reflect any issues raised in writing or oral representation made as part of the consultation process. The result of the Integrated Impact Assessment will be included in the final Consultation Report document.

Conclusion

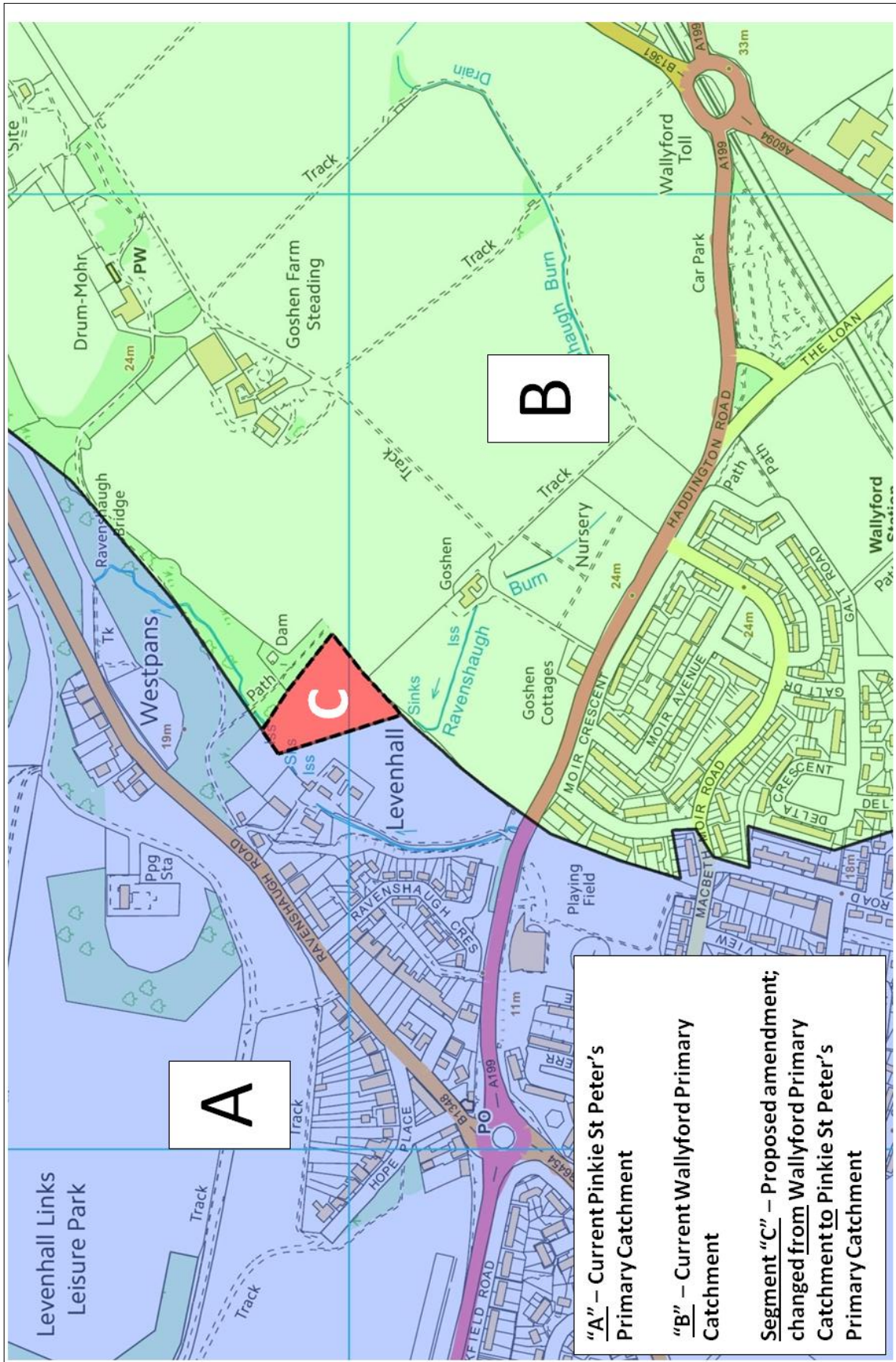
75. It is believed that, if implemented, the current proposal to alter the catchment area of Pinkie St Peter's Primary School to include part of Wallyford Primary School's catchment area around the whole of the Levenhall site (MH8) is a reasonable, viable and appropriate course of action, which will provide the opportunity for primary aged children from the Levenhall site to attend the same school. This will promote community cohesion both at home and at school.

76. Overall, there is a strong educational and social argument in favour of this proposal. To ensure that the Council's education and town and country planning procedures are aligned, it is necessary to go out to consultation for educational purposes in autumn/winter 2016/17.

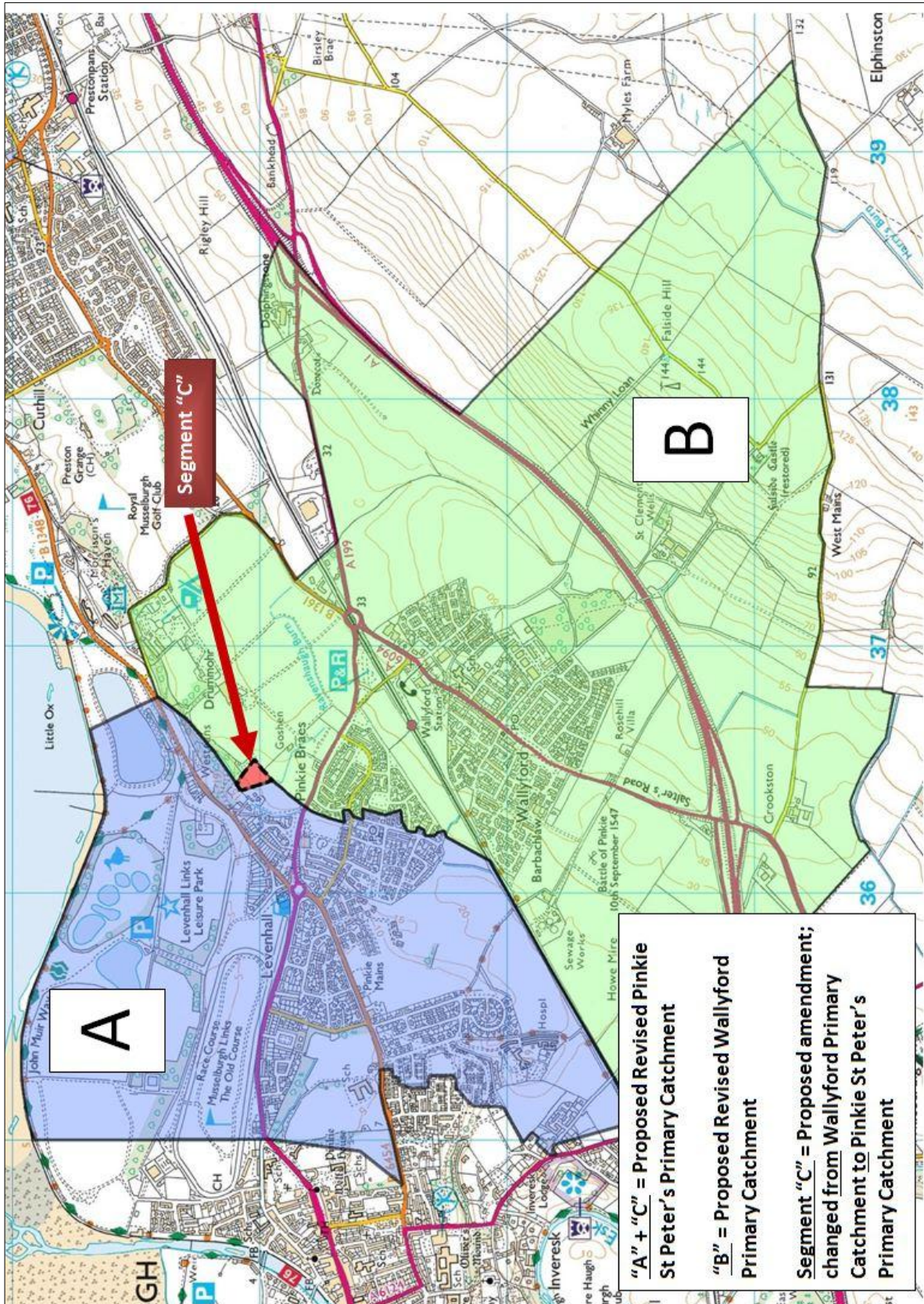
MAP 1 - Pinkie St Peter's Primary & Wallyford Primary Catchment Boundary Map Showing Boundary of proposed Levenhall site (LDP Proposal MH8) and affected area for amendment



MAP 2 – Pinkie St Peter’s Primary & Wallyford Primary Catchment Boundary Map Showing Area of Levenhall Site currently located in Wallyford Primary Catchment Area



MAP 3 – Pinkie St Peter’s Primary School & Wallyford Primary School Catchment Areas showing Proposed Amendment



Pinkie St Peter's and Wallyford Primary Schools Catchment Area Consultation Questionnaire



A Public Meeting will be held to discuss the proposal on Wednesday 7 December 2016 at 7pm.

Please note – the closing date for submission of Consultation Questionnaires is Tuesday 20 December 2016.

We would like to make all comments made by the public during this consultation available at the end of the consultation period. Those sending in a response, whether by letter or electronically should know that their response will be open to the public once the consultation period ends. If they do **not** wish their response to be publicly available, they should tick the box below:

"I wish my response to be considered as confidential with access restricted to elected members and council officers of East Lothian Council. My comments will not be made available to the public"

1. Are you responding to this questionnaire as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

Group / organisation (please give details in the box below)

2. Which category best describes you? (Parents – please tick more than one box if you have children at different schools)

	Pinkie St Peter's	Wallyford	Other School
Parent of current pupil(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parent of future pupil(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pupil	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member of staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please give details in the box below, for example, 'local resident')

3. If you are a parent, please indicate which stage of education your child / children currently attends (please tick all that apply)

Not yet in Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	P4 – P7	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pre-school Education (age3-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	S1 – S6	<input type="checkbox"/>
P1 – P3	<input type="checkbox"/>	No longer in school Education	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Please indicate which catchment area you currently live in (please tick just one). See map on page 27.

Pinkie St Peter’s Primary School	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don’t Know	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wallyford Primary School	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

There is significant house building proposed for the Musselburgh area. To accommodate pupils who will eventually live in planned housing developments on the Land at Levenhall, Musselburgh (LDP Proposal MH8) we are proposing to alter the Pinkie St Peter’s Primary School catchment boundary to include the section of the Levenhall site (referenced as segment “C” on the Map on page 27) that is currently in the Wallyford Primary School catchment area.

Further detailed information can be found in the **Consultation Document** and at www.eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/education/pinkiewallyford-catchment

5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to alter the catchment boundaries of the Pinkie St Peter’s and Wallyford primary school catchment areas?

Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
No opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please use this box if you wish to give a reason(s) for your view or if you wish to make any further comment on the proposal (if you need to continue on a separate page please attach)

Thank you for completing this Consultation Questionnaire, please note the closing date for submission of completed questionnaires is Tuesday 20 December 2016.

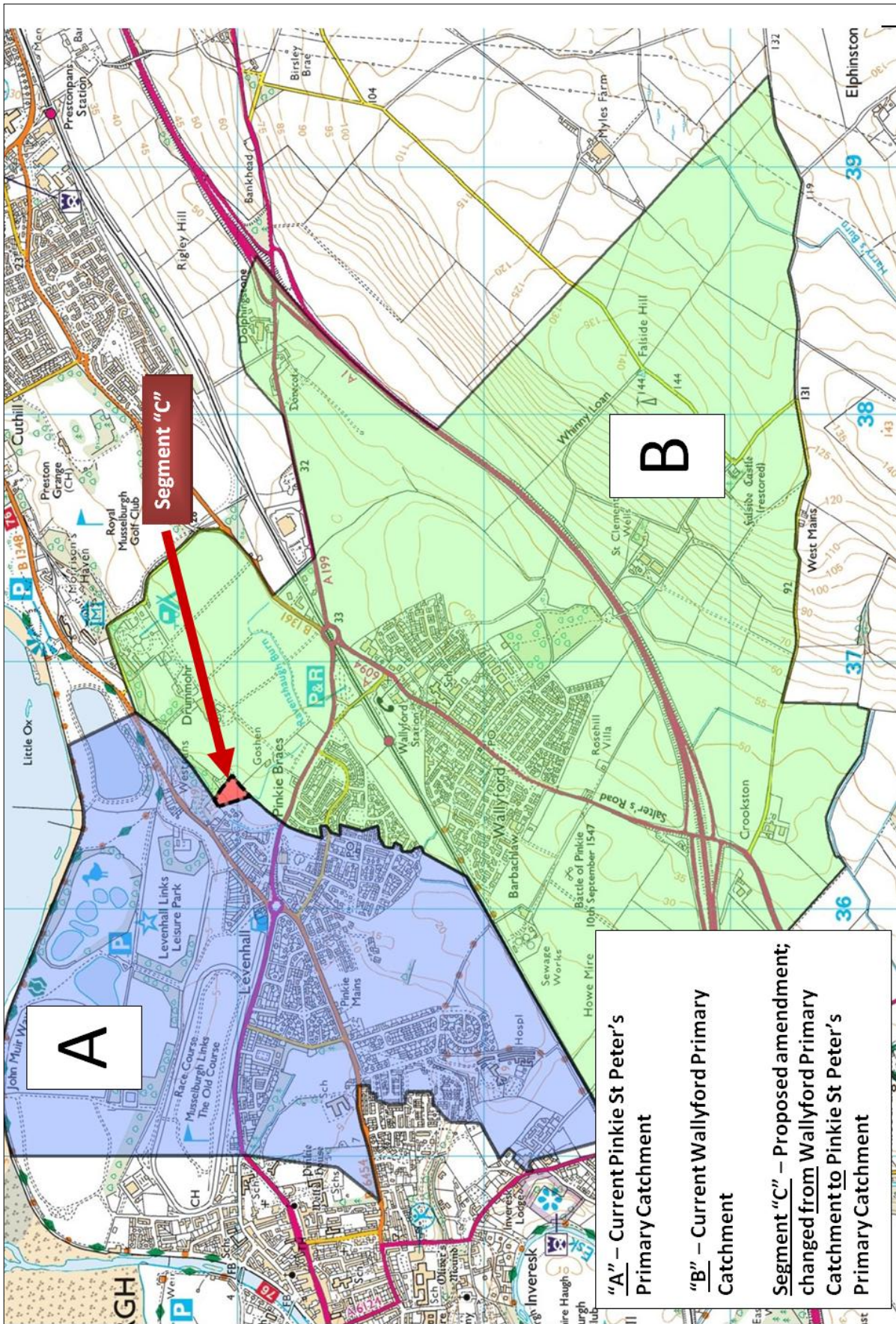
You can return your completed questionnaire by post to:

Pinkie-Wallyford Consultation
East Lothian Council
Resources and People Services
John Muir House
Haddington
EH41 3HA

Or deposit it in one of the collection boxes at the following locations (available from Tuesday 8 November 2016 until Tuesday 20 December 2016):

- Pinkie St Peter's Primary School
- Wallyford Primary School
- Wallyford Community Centre
- Musselburgh East Community Centre
- Brunton Hall, Musselburgh
- John Muir House, Haddington

Pinkie St Peter's Primary & Wallyford Primary Catchment Areas Map



"A" – Current Pinkie St Peter's Primary Catchment
"B" – Current Wallyford Primary Catchment
Segment "C" – Proposed amendment; changed from Wallyford Primary Catchment to Pinkie St Peter's Primary Catchment