

## **STATUTORY PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING**

### **PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE PINKIE ST PETER'S PRIMARY AND WALLYFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL CATCHMENT AREAS**

**WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2016  
BRUNTON HALL, MUSSELBURGH**

#### **PRESENT:**

Chris Webb, Independent Adviser - Chair of Meeting  
Fiona Robertson, Head of Education  
Richard Parker, Business Manager  
David Gilmour, Web Officer  
David Scott, Quality Improvement Officer  
Rob Lewis, Senior Information Officer  
Pauline Smith, Principal Officer (Information and Research)  
Katy Johnstone, Graduate Intern  
Andy Stewart, Principal Planner (Policy & Projects)  
Grant Talac, Transportation Planning Officer  
Alistair Brown, Education Scotland  
One member of the public

Chris Webb introduced himself and outlined the purpose of this evening's meeting.

Fiona Robertson informed the member of the public of the Council officers present and confirmed they would be able to answer any questions. She also reiterated that this evening's meeting was being held to discuss the following proposal:

- To alter Pinkie St Peter's Primary School catchment area to include the whole of the land at Levenhall site (MH8, circa 65 homes) and remove the area of land affected from the revised Wallyford Primary School catchment area, approved by Council on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

Fiona then went on to explain the background of the consultation:

- The Strategic Development Plan for South East Scotland (SDP) was approved by Scottish Ministers in June 2013.
- The SDP with its Supplementary Guidance on Housing Land requires the Local Development Plan (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.
- To accommodate these strategic development requirements, East Lothian Council approved a Proposed LDP 2016 for representation on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016.
- On 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015, approval was given by East Lothian Council to undertake consultations relating to the school estate (schools, catchment areas, locations) as necessary to support the emerging LDP.

- A greater proportion of the proposed Levenhall site (MH8, a total of circa 65 homes) sits within the existing Pinkie St Peter's Primary School catchment area than within the Wallyford Primary School catchment area.
- 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)
- The affected area currently contains no residential properties.

Fiona outlined the catchment school map:

- Section A refers to Pinkie St Peter's current catchment area
- Section B refers to Wallyford Primary School's current catchment area
- Section C refers the area proposing to move to Wallyford's catchment.

Fiona then explained the Education Provision required for the new development.

To accommodate the projected pupil population from the whole of the Levenhall site (MH8, circa 65 homes), 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 and Levenhall Nursery, 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.

Fiona discussed the projected population at Pinkie St Peter's Primary School as a result of the house build and catchment change:

- Taking into account the projected pupils from new housing with consent and those that will arise from the proposed 2016 LDP (including site MH8 at Levenhall), the projected peak roll = 669.
- Pinkie St Peter's Primary School will require additional phased permanent extension to accommodate this projected peak roll.

Fiona explained the proposed change to the Pinkie St Peter's and Wallyford Primary catchment areas will have educational benefits through:

Ensuring all primary aged children from the Levenhall site (MH8) will be able to attend the same school (Pinkie St Peter's). This will provide the opportunity for those children to develop and sustain strong relationships both at school and at home.

Fiona reiterated she wants to see new communities develop with current communities and not in isolation, as part of the wider community of Musselburgh.

Fiona explained the timeline for the proposal.

1. After this formal consultation, Education Scotland will submit their report on the catchment change proposal.

2. East Lothian Council will then complete their final report, which will be available for public view via ELC website for 3 weeks.
3. After the 3 weeks, the report will then be submitted for full Council approval.
4. If approved, catchment boundaries will be changed with immediate effect.

Chris Webb invited questions from the member of the public present:

**The member of public present asked for a date with regard to the projected timetable.**

Fiona R reiterated, based on the outcome of the consultation, if approved, the catchment area will change with immediate effect. This would be roughly March 2017.

**After looking at papers regarding recent developments at Pinkie St Peter's Primary School are there plans to improve Pinkie St Peter's Primary School from a Category B building to Category A?**

Fiona R informed the member of public Category A and B buildings are able to provide an education provision to meet the needs of the children in the school. However, she will request a colleague from Property provides a full response to this question through the Consultation Report.

David Scott spoke about upgrading in the current building as part of the recent expansion. The current condition rating is taken from the April 2016 School Estates Survey, but reflects the position for the previous academic session. There have been a number of upgrades in the school since the 2015-2016 rating was submitted to the Scottish Government.

**When will the work take place? Latest development to Pinkie St Peter's Primary School was delayed, or impression to parents, of work not being completed in time.**

David Scott confirmed that there is capacity within the school until 2022 and that education would not be compromised for any children. In terms of build spec and design, obviously we want to make sure that it's the specification that we've requested. So delays may well be, but at no point will it impact the children's education.

After the recent work, Fiona Robertson visited Pinkie St Peter's to see the school and make sure provision was appropriate for the children. The same protocol will be held for future developments.

**What impact will there be regarding a safe walking route to school.**

Grant Talac confirmed ELC are currently looking to put in a signalised pedestrian crossing for pupils and other improvement works as part of the Taylor Wimpey development, and hope to obtain a developers contribution for this. It is expected pupils will walk along the path going through the current playing field to Macbeth Moir Road, which will lead to the Taylor Wimpey development.

**Would this be the main contribution, or would the developers contribute to school as well?**

Grant Talac explained the Section 75 agreement, which allows ELC to put in a crossing, or request the developer puts a crossing in over A199.

Fiona R confirmed a contribution would be sought from developers for any additional new classes required to accommodate new pupils arising from the housing developments.

Andy Stewart confirmed a full impact assessment would be carried out on this and all other developments within the Proposed LDP not only for Education but also in relation to transportation, roads, community facilities and other relevant infrastructure and recommendations made to the developers for any additional infrastructure, new facilities or other interventions required in association with the development of new housing sites. Developer contributions will be required for the delivery of key interventions identified on a proportionate and pro rata basis as appropriate.

Chris Webb brought the meeting to a close and thanked member of public for attending.

He acknowledged the huge effort from staff over 4 consultations and how ELC staff have shown their dedication to provide the best Education possible for all children. Huge thank you to all involved.