Consultation proposal document

We are looking for your views on the Proposal to change the catchment areas of both Duncanrig Secondary School and Calderglen High School to more effectively balance pupil numbers between the two secondary schools, and either

- **Option One**  Associate the new, non-denominational primary school planned for the Jackton / East Kilbride Community Growth Area (CGA) to Calderglen High School; or

- **Option Two**  Change the association of Greenhills Primary School from Duncanrig Secondary School which would mean pupils transfer to Calderglen High School as the local secondary school.

Closing date for responses: **Friday 1 December 2017**

A public meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 November 2017, 6pm – 7pm at Greenhills Hall, 14 Greenhills Square, East Kilbride G75 8TT

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11. Consultation response form

This document has been issued by South Lanarkshire Council for consultation under the terms of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.

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1.0 The proposal and consultation process

1.1 Proposal
South Lanarkshire Council is seeking views on the following proposal, namely:
- to change the catchment areas of both Duncanrig Secondary School and Calderglen High School and either
  1. associate the new, non-denominational primary school planned for the Jackton / East Kilbride Community Growth Area (CGA) to Calderglen High School; or
  2. change the association of Greenhills Primary School from Duncanrig which would mean pupils transfer to Calderglen High School as the local secondary school.

1.2 Decision to undertake the consultation: 27 September 2017
On 27 September 2017, the Executive Committee of South Lanarkshire Council (“the Council”) agreed that a statutory consultation with all stakeholders be undertaken on the proposal within this document.

1.3 Consultation on the proposal
Under the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, if a local authority proposes to alter the catchment area of a school or to vary the arrangements for the transfer of pupils from a primary school to a secondary school, it must undertake a statutory consultation with key stakeholders affected by the proposal. In this instance, the affected schools are Duncanrig Secondary School, Calderglen High School and, in terms of the second option, Greenhills Primary School.

The formal consultation on the proposal within this document will be undertaken under the terms of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 (“the Act”). The consultation period will start on Monday 9 October 2017 (with due notice of the proposal to the consultees listed in Appendix 1) and will end on Friday 1 December 2017 (34 school days). Written representations must be received by this date in order to be taken into account.

1.4 Public meeting: Tuesday 7 November 2017
We will hold a public meeting on Tuesday 7 November 2017 between 6.00pm and 7.00pm in Greenhills Hall. The meeting will provide those in attendance with an opportunity to:
- Hear about the proposal
- Ask questions about the proposal
- Express views about the proposal.

A note will be taken of the views expressed during the public meeting and of any questions asked. In addition to the public meeting, written representations will be able to be made during the consultation period.

1.5 Education Scotland (formerly HM Inspectorate of Education, HMIE)
The Council will provide the proposal document to Education Scotland at the start of the consultation period. When the consultation period has ended, the Council will collate all of the relevant written representations received during the consultation period and oral representations made at the public meeting. Thereafter, the following information will be provided to Education Scotland:
- A copy of relevant written representations made to the Council on the proposal (or summary of them if agreed with Education Scotland)
- A summary of oral representations made at the public meeting
- Other relevant documentation, so far as is practicable.
Education Scotland will prepare a report on the educational aspects of the proposal taking account of the above, and in so far that Education Scotland considers them relevant, any written representations made directly to them.

Education Scotland may also visit the schools affected by the proposal. Education Scotland require to send its report to the Council no later than 3 weeks (or longer if agreed with the Council) after having received the information from the Council.

1.6 Consultation report
After receiving Education Scotland’s report, the Council will review the proposal taking account of relevant written representations received during the consultation period, oral representations made during the public meeting and Education Scotland’s report. The Council will then prepare and publish a consultation report which will include a recommendation on the proposal and make it available for inspection. The Council will inform any person who made relevant written representations on the proposal of the publication of the report. The consultation report will be published 3 weeks before it is formally considered by the Council.

1.7 Inaccuracies or omissions
Where the Council is notified or discovers inaccuracies in or omissions from this proposal document, the Council will determine whether relevant information has been omitted or, if there has been an inaccuracy. Appropriate action will then be taken by the Council which may include issuing corrections, issuing a corrected proposal document or an extension of the consultation period. In any of these events all relevant consultees (and where applicable the notifier(s) of any omissions or inaccuracies) and Education Scotland will be advised of the appropriate action. Notifiers of any omissions or inaccuracies will also be given the opportunity to make representations if they disagree with the Council’s determination of and any action on the matter, which may result in the Council making a further determination.decision on the matter.

2.0 Background to the proposal
2.1 The Executive Committee on 5 November 2008 noted that a new non-denominational primary school plus nursery will be required to meet the educational needs of children from the new housing developments proposed for the Jackton area (known as the East Kilbride Community Growth Area). This was the outcome of a previously undertaken consultation with stakeholders and resulted in approval to define a delineated area for the new non-denominational primary school subject to the final approval of the Local Development Plan by the Council and subject to confirmation of the new school opening date.

2.2 The East Kilbride Community Growth Area (CGA) was approved in principle and identified as a development priority within the South Lanarkshire Council Local Development Plan, adopted on 29 June 2015. It is anticipated that a planning application will be presented for consideration at a committee early in 2018. Funding from Developers’ Contributions will be used to offset the costs of the new school.

2.3 The current plans to develop this site are for a total of 2,400 housing units to be built over a period of 15-20 years. The proposed development is predicted to generate the following children:

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2.4 As agreed by the Executive Committee in November 2008, if the development goes ahead, and once the new school is completed, the East Kilbride CGA and surrounding area (see
Map 1 in Appendix 2) would be removed from Mossneuk Primary School's catchment area and would be aligned to the new, non-denominational school.

2.5 The other, current catchment schools for this geographical area are as follows:
- Non-denominational secondary school – Duncanrig Secondary School
- Denominational secondary school – St Andrew's and St Bride’s High School
- Denominational primary school – Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School

2.6 The current catchment non-denominational secondary school for the Jackton / East Kilbride CGA is Duncanrig Secondary School. However, taking into account the existing planned housing developments in this school’s catchment area plus the potential impact of extra children generated by the East Kilbride CGA, the capacity of Duncanrig Secondary School is likely to be reached by 2022.

2.7 To provide for the additional pupils expected from the East Kilbride CGA, initial consideration was given to building a large extension to Duncanrig Secondary School. However, this was not deemed viable given the lack of available space on the existing site and the costs associated with building a new extension (circa £13m).

2.8 Councils have a statutory duty, under the terms of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003, to secure best value. The Council’s school estate is therefore kept under regular review and this can result in the need for change such as refining school catchment areas.

2.9 Having reviewed the possible house building in the rest of the East Kilbride area and having taken into account pupil roll projections informed by data from associated primary schools, it is predicted that Calderglen High School will continue to have spare capacity for approximately 300 additional pupils.

2.10 An option to cope with the increase in secondary non-denominational pupil numbers is therefore to re-align the new school in the Jackton area, when it is built, to Calderglen High School. An alternative option to cope with the increasing non-denominational secondary pupil numbers is in looking at the viability of realigning one of the primary schools currently associated to Duncanrig Secondary School to another non-denominational secondary school, namely Calderglen High School. The closest non-denominational primary school with a sufficient pupil roll to have the necessary impact on secondary pupil numbers is Greenhills Primary School.

3.0 Proposal

3.2 The proposal is that Calderglen High School becomes the catchment secondary school for either
- Option 1 - the new, non-denominational primary school planned for the Jackton / East Kilbride Community Growth Area (thus removing this area from the Duncanrig Secondary School catchment area), or
- Option 2 - Greenhills Primary School (thus removing this primary school’s catchment area from the Duncanrig Secondary School catchment area).

4.0 Implementation date for the proposal

4.1 If the proposal is approved with either Option 1 or Option 2, the catchment change would be implemented from the date that the new, non-denominational primary school is opened.

5.0 Educational benefits - assessment of the likely effects of the proposal

5.1 The Council is committed to ensuring that our schools are first class for young people to learn and develop. We want to provide the best learning experiences possible for children who attend our schools.
5.2 **Pupils of primary school age**

The main driver for this proposal is to address capacity pressures at Duncanrig Secondary School, more effectively balance the pupil population between the two non-denominational secondary schools in East Kilbride and achieve best value through making the most efficient use of available Council resources. South Lanarkshire Council prides itself on the quality of secondary educational provision and would ascertain that primary aged pupils will go on to receive an excellent educational experience at either Duncanrig Secondary School or Calderglen High School.

**Option 1. Calderglen High School becomes the catchment secondary school for the new, non-denominational primary school planned for the Jackton / East Kilbride Community Growth Area**

Once the new non-denominational primary school is opened, it is proposed that all pupils attending the new school will move on to Calderglen High School to continue their education when eligible to attend secondary school.

Children who currently reside within the catchment area for the new non-denominational primary school in Jackton will be offered the option of enrolling at Duncanrig Secondary School (which is the case at present) or Calderglen High School (if after the consultation the proposal to change the catchment area with stakeholders is approved) when transitioning to their secondary education.

Pupils attending the new non-denominational primary school will have many opportunities throughout their school life to work collaboratively with children from other primary schools associated with Calderglen High School (the Learning Community). This will offer an excellent transition both educationally and socially for those children going to the associated secondary school. These opportunities are available because of the close working relationships which will exist between the staff, Head Teachers and other agencies supporting the Learning Community schools and their experience of the careful planning that goes into ensuring that a pupil’s learning is continuous and progressive.

**Option 2. Calderglen High School becomes the catchment secondary school for Greenhills Primary School.**

Pupils at Greenhills Primary School would continue to receive an excellent educational experience at primary school. They currently participate in East Kilbride wide activities with other schools in the area, belonging to both Duncanrig and Calderglen’s Learning Communities so are already able to meet up with pupils from many other parts of the wider community.

Formal activities that support the transition to secondary school tend to begin in Primary 6. Although this option would represent a change in the Learning Community that pupils in Greenhills Primary School would be a part of, they would continue to have the same opportunities throughout their school life to work collaboratively with children from other primary schools in the Calderglen Learning Community.

This will offer an excellent transition both educationally and socially for those children going to the associated secondary school. These opportunities are available because of the close working relationships which will exist between the staff, Head Teachers and other agencies supporting the Learning Community schools and their experience of the careful planning that goes into ensuring that a pupil’s learning is continuous and progressive.

For pupils currently supported in the Additional Support Needs provision within Greenhills Primary School, recommendations about secondary placement and consequent transition arrangements for secondary education will continue to be considered by the Additional Support Needs Allocation group in partnership with parents. Any siblings of pupils
transitioning to Duncanrig Secondary School for ASN provision may follow without the need for placing requests to keep families together if parents wish.

5.2 Pupils of secondary school age
Educational benefits to pupils are at the core of Education Resources’ considerations of any change to existing school catchment areas. This proposal will help relieve physical pressure on Duncanrig Secondary School and will make efficient use of available space within Calderglen High School.

This proposal is financially the most cost efficient solution to addressing predicted over-occupancy at Duncanrig Secondary School.

Option 1. Calderglen High School becomes the catchment secondary school for the delineated area for the non-denominational primary school planned for the Jackton / East Kilbride Community Growth Area

No pupils currently attending Duncanrig Secondary School that reside in the Jackton / East Kilbride CGA area will be required to move school if the new catchment area is established unless that is by parental choice. Siblings of pupils attending Duncanrig will be entitled to attend the same school to keep families together.

Given the expected numbers of children that will come from the new housing developments, it is likely that there will be a reasonably sized peer group all attending the same secondary school.

While this catchment area realignment proposal is important in addressing future capacity pressures in Duncanrig Secondary School, pupil safety is also of paramount importance. These proposals are designed to make travel to school as safe as possible. All secondary aged pupils residing in the affected area would qualify for school transport under the current Council policy. It is not thought that the comparative difference in journey time (travelling to either Duncanrig Secondary School or Calderglen High School) would have any significant impact on the length of the school day for secondary aged pupils. Enhanced facilities to cope with any additional bus drop off requirements as a result of the proposal would be provided at Calderglen High School.

Although there is limited public transport currently available between Calderglen High School and the East Kilbride CGA, part of the Masterplan includes the provision of a primary road that will connect through the site from Jackton to Lindsayfield. It is hoped that there will be increased public transport links in place once the East Kilbride CGA developments are well underway that would improve journey times and the Council will work towards influencing this process. This would facilitate attendance of secondary aged pupils at extracurricular activities after school.

Option 2. Calderglen High School becomes the catchment secondary school for the delineated area for Greenhills Primary School.
School transport would be available to all eligible secondary aged pupils living in the catchment area of Greenhills Primary School pupils qualifying as per the current Council’s transport policy. The bus journey would take approximately 15/20 minutes dependent on pupil’s address although opportunities would exist for safe routes to school that would allow walking or cycling. Enhanced facilities to cope with any additional bus drop off requirements as a result of the proposal would be provided at Calderglen High School.

There is local, public transport available that would allow pupils to extracurricular activities after school.

5.3 Staff
Option 1. It is not anticipated that this proposal would have a significant impact either negatively or beneficially on any members of staff in either of the affected secondary schools.
Option 2. For Greenhills Primary School staff, there would be a period of transition to form working relationships with new colleagues in the Calderglen Learning Community. However, this should be easily facilitated via In Service events, professional learning activities and other collaboration opportunities.

5.4 Implications if neither options of the proposal were implemented
As detailed in Section 2.6 above, maintaining the status quo, where pupils from the East Kilbride CGA would attend Duncanrig Secondary School, would result in the secondary school’s pupil roll increasing well beyond its current capacity.

Any building extension solution would reduce the external space available for pupils at Duncanrig Secondary School to an unacceptable level and also reduce the parking available, a resource that is already overstretched with current pupil and staff numbers. There would also be disruption to pupils during construction if an extension option is pursued.

Conversely Calderglen High School would be operating significantly under its capacity and the Council would not be efficiently or effectively making use of a public asset.

6.0 Assessing the impact on the local community affected by this proposal
6. 1 Option1. The new local, non-denominational primary school is likely to be a focal point for a new, emerging local community and the newly defined primary school catchment area that will encompass Jackton and Thorntonhall. It is not anticipated that the change of catchment secondary school will have a significant impact on the local community affected by the proposal.

Option 2. Any feedback received from the parents of pupils attending Greenhills Primary School and from the Greenhills Parent Council will be analysed and any suggestions to mitigate any possible impacts will be carefully considered.

7.0 Employee implications
7.1 Employee resources at each secondary school would continue to be provided by means of existing staffing protocols and agreed management structures.

8.0 Financial implications
8.1 It is anticipated that there will be an increase in school transport costs associated with these proposals that would require to be met from existing resources.

9.0 Responding to the proposal
9.1 Interested parties are invited to respond to the proposal by making written or electronic submissions on the proposal using the form attached no later than Friday 1 December 2017 to:
South Lanarkshire Council
Education Resources (Central Support Team)
Duncanrig / Calderglen / Greenhills Primary - Consultation Response
Freepost SC05520
Hamilton, ML3 0BR
education@southlanarkshire.gov.uk

Please note that responses must be submitted to the address stated above and must be received by this date in order for them to be taken into account.
10.0 Appendices

Appendix 1

Distribution list and how to access a copy of the proposal document

Notification of the proposals will be provided to the following consultees:

- The Parent Council or Combined Parent Council of Calderglen High School, Duncanrig Secondary School and Greenhills Primary School;
- The parents of pupils at Calderglen High School, Duncanrig Secondary School and Greenhills Primary School;
- The parents of any children expected to attend either secondary school within 2 years of the publication of this proposal document – to this end, notification has been given to parents of P6 and P7 pupils attending non-denominational primary schools in the East Kilbride area;
- The pupils at any affected school;
- All South Lanarkshire Council employees at the affected schools;
- Trade union representatives;
- Community Councils within the affected locality;
- All relevant users of the affected secondary schools;
- South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partners.

A copy of this proposal document will be made available to:

- All Elected Members of South Lanarkshire Council;
- South Lanarkshire Youth Council;
- Education Scotland (formerly Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Education, HMIE);
- The Constituency MSP of the affected schools;
- List MSP for the area of the affected schools;
- The MP of the affected schools;
- Area Commander, Chief Inspector for Lanarkshire Division of Police Scotland;
- Chief Executive, NHS Lanarkshire;
- Chief Executive, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport;
- Area Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Services;
- Care Inspectorate.

The steps listed below have also been taken to ensure that the proposal document is widely available:

- Notice of the proposal and of publication of this proposal document has been placed within the East Kilbride News;
- All affected schools will promote this consultation through existing communication routes (school newsletters, school website etc);
- The proposal document has also been published on the South Lanarkshire Council website: www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk;
- If you need this information in another language or format, please contact us to discuss how we can best meet your needs. Phone 0303 123 1015 Email: equalities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
- The proposal document will also be available at the following locations:
  a. Council Offices, Education Resources, Almada Street, Hamilton, ML3 0AA. Phone 0303 123 1023
  b. All libraries in South Lanarkshire
  c. All South Lanarkshire Council Q and A Offices
  d. The establishments affected by the proposal
Mossneuk Primary School and new non-denominational primary school for Jackton / East Kilbride CGA catchment areas.

Legend

- Mossneuk PS Catchment Area

Catchment boundary between Mossneuk PS and new non-denominational primary school when opened.
Appendix 2 – Map 2

East Kilbride CGA
Shown in relation to
Duncaranig Secondary School
and
Calderglen High School

Legend
- Calderglen Catchment
- Duncaranig Catchment

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