



Proposal Document

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 1st August 2017.

The schools affected by these proposals are:

**Fernielea School
Hazlehead School**

Statutory Consultation Period

Monday 22nd August 2016 to Friday 7th October 2016 (inclusive)

All submissions expressing views on the proposals detailed in this document should be made in writing or by email by 5.00pm on Friday 7th October 2016.

It is intended to respond to issues raised from correspondence within a report presented to the Education and Children's Service Committee on 26th January 2017.

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LIST OF CONSULTEES

Notice of the issuing of this Proposal Document will be provided to:

- The Parent Councils of the affected schools
- The parents of the pupils and children at the affected schools
- The parents of children expected to attend an affected school within 2 years of the date of publication of this Proposal Document
- The pupils at the affected schools
- The teaching and support staff at the affected schools
- The trade unions representatives of the above staff
- The Community Councils for the areas affected
- The constituency MSP
- Regional MSPs for the area
- The Constituency MP
- Community Planning Partnership Board
- The Director of Corporate Governance, Aberdeen City Council
- The Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure, Aberdeen City Council

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- Aberdeen City Council, Marischal College, Broad Street, Aberdeen, AB10 1AB
- Public libraries in the vicinity of the schools affected
- Council buildings in the vicinity of the schools affected
- The schools affected by the proposal

The Proposal Document is also available on the Aberdeen City Council website:

www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/FernieleaHazlehead2016

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schoolestate@aberdeencity.gov.uk

STATUTORY CONSULTATION

1. BACKGROUND

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL'S VISION FOR EDUCATION

- 1.1 Aberdeen City Council has a Vision which conveys a picture of the aspirations and expectations of our service users, stakeholders and the wider community and makes clear linkage to the Corporate Vision and six key strategic priorities:

Our Corporate Vision is:

for Aberdeen to be an ambitious, achieving, smart city with the following strategic priorities:



- 1.2 Our vision for Education is:

Improving learning opportunities to deliver better outcomes.

- 1.3 The Council reported reviews of its primary school and nursery estate to the former Education, Culture and Sport Committee meeting of 7th February 2013. At this meeting, elected members accepted the following recommendation for Fernielea and Hazlehead Schools:

Re-zone dual zoned area between Fernielea and Hazlehead [Schools] to Hazlehead [School] only

- 1.4 This Proposal Document therefore seeks comment on the proposal to remove the area of dual zoning for Fernielea and Hazlehead Schools, so that the area of land which is currently zoned to both schools, is instead zoned to Hazlehead School only.

2. THE PROPOSAL

- 2.1 As illustrated by the map in Appendix 1 of this document, the school zones for Fernielea School and Hazlehead School currently overlap, to create an area of dual zoning. The dual zone area is indicated on the map by the darker blue shading, and the streets which are included within the dual zone are:

- A section of Queen's Road
- Woodend Crescent
- Woodend Place
- Woodend Road
- Woodend Drive
- Woodend Terrace
- Fernielea Road
- Queen's Den

- 2.2 This means that at present for primary school provision, children living in this dual zone area are equally entitled to attend either Fernielea School or Hazlehead School.
- 2.3 It is proposed that the dual zoning arrangement for primary school provision is removed, and that the area instead becomes part of the Hazlehead School zone only. This would mean that, if the proposals are accepted, any children living in the area in future would be entitled to a place at Hazlehead School, but they would not be entitled to a place at Fernielea School.
- 2.4 If this proposal is accepted, any changes would apply only to families living in the affected area in the future, who apply for places at the schools for the first time. Any pupil living in the current dual zone area and who is already attending Fernielea School at the time the changes are implemented, would have the option of remaining at that school.
- 2.5 Similarly, if the proposal is accepted, any pupil living in the current dual zone area who reaches primary school age after the changes are implemented, and who at that time has an older sibling who attends Fernielea School, would have the option of attending the same school, in order to keep family groups together.
- 2.6 Appendix 2 of this document shows how the zones for both schools would change, should the above proposal be accepted.
- 2.7 These changes to the school zones have been proposed in order to bring about greater clarity on school zones and to remove anomalies and ambiguities regarding which schools individual properties are zoned to, whilst maintaining future pupil numbers at the affected schools at manageable and sustainable levels. The effects of the proposed changes on each of the affected schools are described below.

3. THE AFFECTED SCHOOLS

Fernielea School

- 3.1 Table 1 (below) details the current and forecasted rolls for Fernielea School for the next seven years. The forecasts include the anticipated increases in pupil numbers at the school as a result of a number of planned housing developments in this area of the City which would be zoned to Fernielea School.

Table 1: Fernielea School Current and Forecast Pupil Numbers¹

¹ Current school rolls are based on the most recent available data, from projections calculated in 2015. Projected pupil rolls take account of birth rates, new housing developments and placing requests to and from a school. This data is a

	Current	Forecast Pupil Numbers						
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Fernielea School (Current Forecast)	263	270	272	286	306	323	332	347
Fernielea School (excluding all children from dual zone area)	(n/a)	261	260	271	289	303	310	327

- 3.2 The stated capacity of Fernielea School for planning purposes is currently 300 pupils. Work is currently under way to create two additional classrooms at the school, providing up to 50 additional pupil places. Table 1 shows that with these additional classrooms the school roll is set to remain within the capacity of the building throughout the next seven years. The table also shows that if the proposal is accepted, there would be a small reduction in numbers of pupils attending the school in future. This would help to ensure that there is a sufficient and sustainable level of available capacity at the school, to meet any future increases in demand for places.
- 3.3 As explained above, the proposal to remove the dual zone area between Fernielea School and Hazlehead School has been put forward to bring about greater clarity with regards to the schools which individual streets and properties are zoned to, and to allow for the more accurate prediction of future school rolls.
- 3.4 If this proposal is accepted, the changes would apply only to families applying for a school place for the first time. Any pupil living in the area to be rezoned and who is already attending Fernielea School when the changes are implemented, would have the option of remaining at that school.
- 3.5 Similarly, if the proposal is accepted, any pupil living in the affected area who reaches primary school age after the changes to the zone boundaries are implemented, and who at that time has an older sibling who attends Fernielea School, would have the option of attending the same school, in order to keep family groups together.

Hazlehead School

- 3.6 Table 2 (below) details the current and forecasted rolls for Hazlehead School for the next seven years.

Table 2: Hazlehead School Current and Forecast Pupil Numbers²

	Current	Forecast Pupil Numbers						
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Hazlehead School (Current Forecast)	277	299	323	342	355	366	371	377
Hazlehead School (including all children from dual zone area)	(n/a)	302	326	345	358	369	373	377

- 3.7 The stated capacity of Hazlehead School for planning purposes 360 pupils. Table 2 shows that the school is currently expected to slightly exceed its capacity from 2021. Table 2 also shows that if the proposal to remove the dual zoning arrangement with Fernielea School is accepted, the school roll each year is likely to marginally increase. Officers will closely monitor the pupil rolls at Hazlehead School, and appropriate measures will be put in place at the appropriate time to ensure there is sufficient space at the school to meet the demand for places from within the school zone.
- 3.8 Records show that almost all children currently living in the dual zone area for Fernielea and Hazlehead Schools already attend Hazlehead School. The impact on the school, therefore, of accepting the proposal to rezone the area to Hazlehead School only, is likely to be minimal.

4. EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

- 4.1 The proposals described in this document will have the following benefits:

- The schools in this area of the city will have sustainable and viable pupil rolls which help with the delivery of the full breadth of Curriculum for Excellence;
- A sustainable roll ensures that effective teacher staffing levels are maintained and led by a range of promoted teaching staff. Effective year group numbers will be maintained and children will be able to learn within a variety of peer group opportunities, both formally and informally;
- If implemented, this proposal will assist Aberdeen City Council in delivering a city wide primary education provision which is delivered in schools with sustainable pupil rolls and in a way which ensures that all pupils in buildings that are not over crowded.
- Children will continue to have the opportunity to attend the school which is geographically closest to their homes, helping the school to maintain a clear and distinct association with the local community.

² Current school rolls are based on the most recent available data, from projections calculated in 2015. Projected pupil rolls take account of birth rates, new housing developments and placing requests to and from a school. This data is a best estimate based on the available information at the time of calculation. Due to rounding, numbers may not add up precisely to the totals provided.

- 4.2 The above benefits will therefore ensure that the implementation of this proposal will maximise the educational benefits for pupils attending the schools in the area.

5. OPTIONS FOR CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The options under consideration and for which the Council seeks comment from interested stakeholders are:
- (i) to retain the status quo and maintain the existing dual school zone for Fernielea School and Hazlehead School, or:
 - (ii) to remove the area of dual school zoning for Fernielea School and Hazlehead School, and to include this area within the zone for Hazlehead School only, from 1st August 2017.

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 6.1 To assist stakeholders in accessing relevant information, a dedicated area of Aberdeen City Council website has been populated with all information within this consultation document and further detail on the consultation process and data relating to the proposal.

The relevant web pages can be accessed at:

www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/FernieleaHazlehead2016

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6.2 A copy of this statutory consultation document will be available for public consultation during the period of consultation at the following venues:

- Marischal College
- Central Library
- Mastrick Library
- Airyhall Library
- Hazlehead Learning Centre
- Fernielea School
- Hazlehead School

7. PUBLIC MEETING

7.1 A public meeting to discuss the proposals will take place on Wednesday 21st September 2016 at 7pm to 8pm at Hazlehead School.

8. SUBMISSION OF VIEWS

8.1 Any interested stakeholders may respond to the consultation by completing the comment form attached at Appendix 3, and sending it to:

Fernielea-Hazlehead Dual Zone Consultation
Education & Children's Services
Aberdeen City Council
Business Hub 13
Second Floor North
Marischal College
Broad Street
ABERDEEN
AB10 1AB

Responses may also be submitted in writing to the address above, or by sending an email to:

schoolestate@aberdeencity.gov.uk

All responses should be submitted before 5.00pm on Friday 7th October 2016.

9. OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION

9.1 A summary of submissions will be published on the council website at

www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/FernieleaHazlehead2016

9.2 A report on the consultation will be delivered to the Education & Children's Services Committee on 26th January 2017. This will provide information for Elected Members to make a final decision on the proposal.

Current Primary Zones

Appendix 1

Fernielea

Dual Zone

Hazlehead

Craigiebuckler

Seafield

Mannofie

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Proposed Primary Zones

Appendix 2

Fernielea

Hazlehead

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Comment Form

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All completed comment forms will be included in a final Consultation Report to the Education & Children's Services Committee.

Contact Information (Optional)

Provision of personal information is optional. Your personal details will not be published, nor will they be used for any purpose without your expressed consent.

First name(s):	
Last name:	
Address:	
Postal Code:	
Phone:	
Email:	
I am a	Please tick (✓) all applicable boxes
parent/carer of current primary pupil(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> School name: _____
parent/carer of current secondary pupil(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> School name: _____
parent/carer of future pupil(s) (pre 5 child)	<input type="checkbox"/>
local resident	<input type="checkbox"/>
other	<input type="checkbox"/>
If other, please describe:	

What is the most positive part of the proposal (if any)?

What is/are your main concern(s) about the proposal?

What would you like the Council to know about the proposal?

Overall, do you support the proposal? (Please tick) Yes ☐ No ☐

Any other comments?

Thank you for your comments.

Please send this form to:

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Further information about the consultation process, including a full list of all meetings, as well as the Consultation Document, is available from the Council website at www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/FernieleaHazlehead2016