



Proposal Document

Proposal:

To rezone an area of housing within the Manor Park and Bramble Brae School zones, from the St Machar Academy zone to the Northfield Academy zone.

The schools affected by this proposal are:

**Manor Park School
Bramble Brae School
St Machar Academy
Northfield Academy**

Statutory Consultation Period

Monday 9th May 2016 to Monday 20th June 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 Monday 20th June 2016.

It is intended to respond to issues raised from correspondence within a report presented to the Education and Children's Service Committee on 17th November 2016.

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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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- The schools affected by the proposal

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www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/manorparkbramblebrae

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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 a recommendation to adjust the secondary school zone for an area of housing in the Bramble Brae and Manor Park primary school zones. This area of housing currently falls within the St Machar Academy zone, and the recommendation was for this to instead become part the Northfield Academy zone.
- 1.4 This Proposal Document therefore seeks comment on the proposal to rezone the housing within the area concerned from St Machar Academy to Northfield Academy.

2. THE PROPOSALS

- 2.1 As illustrated by the maps in Appendix 1 of this document, the boundary line between the St Machar Academy school zone and the Northfield Academy school zone currently runs in part along the A90 North Anderson Drive, from the junction with Lang Stracht to the junction with Provost Rust Drive. Thereafter, the boundary line follows an irregular path, running alongside Provost Rust Drive and then Manor Drive, before reaching the A96.
- 2.2 The more detailed map in Appendix 2 shows that the irregular path of the zone boundary (shown as a red line), cuts through the middle of the primary school zone for Manor Park School. This means that some children attending Manor Park School currently live within the St Machar Academy school zone, whilst other children attending Manor Park School live within the Northfield Academy school zone. As a result, when reaching the end of their Primary 7 year, children from Manor Park School would not be guaranteed places at the same secondary school; some would be entitled to places at St Machar Academy, whilst others would be entitled to places at Northfield Academy.
- 2.3 The map in Appendix 3 also shows that the irregular line of the secondary school zone boundary runs just south of Provost Rust Drive, and it therefore cuts into a small section of the primary school zone for Bramble Brae School. This means that children attending Bramble Brae School, who live in the small number of houses on the south side of Provost Rust Drive at its most easterly end, are included within the St Machar Academy school zone, whilst all other children living within the Bramble Brae School zone are included within the Northfield Academy school zone. Consequently these children would be entitled to places at St Machar Academy when they reach the end of their Primary 7 year, whilst the majority of their peers at Bramble Brae School are entitled to places at Northfield Academy.
- 2.4 To provide clarity to residents living within this area and to ensure that children attending the same primary school have the opportunity to remain together when moving to secondary school, it is proposed that the boundary line between the St Machar Academy school zone and the Northfield Academy school zone should be adjusted, so that the line continues to follow the path of the A90 North Anderson Drive, from the junction with Lang Stracht through to the junction with the A96.
- 2.5 If accepted, the proposal would result in both Manor Park School and Bramble Brae School being wholly included within the secondary school zone for Northfield Academy, and there would no longer be any houses in these areas zoned to St Machar Academy. Consequently, all pupils living in the Manor Park and Bramble Brae school zones would be entitled to places at Northfield Academy. No pupils living in these two primary school zones in future would be entitled to places at St Machar Academy.
- 2.6 If the above proposals are accepted, any changes would apply only to families applying for places at the relevant schools for the first time. Any pupil living in one of the areas which is rezoned and who is already attending St Machar Academy, would have the option of remaining at St Machar Academy.
- 2.7 Similarly, if the proposal is accepted, any pupil living in one of the rezoned areas who reaches secondary school age after the changes to the zone boundaries are implemented, and who at that time has an older sibling who attends St Machar Academy, would have the option of also attending St Machar Academy, in order to keep family groups together.

- 2.8 Appendix 4 of this document shows how the school zones would change, should the above proposals be accepted.
- 2.9 The effects of the proposed changes on all of the schools in the area are described below.

3. THE AFFECTED SCHOOLS

Manor Park School

- 3.1 If the above proposals are accepted, following implementation in August 2017, all pupils living within the Manor Park School zone would be entitled to a place at Northfield Academy when reaching secondary school age. No pupils living in this area in the future would be entitled to a place at St Machar Academy.
- 3.2 However, if the proposal is accepted, any children living within the section of the Manor Park School zone which is currently zoned to St Machar Academy, and who are attending St Machar Academy when the changes are implemented, would have the option of remaining at St Machar Academy.
- 3.3 Similarly, any child living within the section of the Manor Park School zone which is currently zoned to St Machar Academy, and who has an older sibling already attending St Machar Academy, would also have the option of attending St Machar Academy, so that family groups can remain together.
- 3.4 Given that the proposals do not involve any changes to the Manor Park School zone itself, there would be no impact on the current and forecast school rolls for Manor Park School, if the proposals are accepted.

Bramble Brae School

- 3.5 If the above proposals are accepted, following implementation in August 2017, all pupils living within the Bramble Brae School zone would be entitled to a place at Northfield Academy when reaching secondary school age. No pupils living in this area in the future would be entitled to a place at St Machar Academy.
- 3.6 However, if the proposal is accepted, any children living within the section of the Bramble Brae School zone which is currently zoned to St Machar Academy, and who are attending St Machar Academy when the changes are implemented, would have the option of remaining at St Machar Academy.
- 3.7 Similarly, any child living within the section of the Bramble Brae School zone which is currently zoned to St Machar Academy, and who has an older sibling already attending St Machar Academy, would also have the option of attending St Machar Academy, so that family groups can remain together.
- 3.8 Given that the proposals do not involve any changes to the Bramble Brae School zone itself, there would be no impact on the current and forecast school rolls for Bramble Brae School, if the proposals are accepted.

Northfield Academy

- 3.9 Currently, only a proportion of the residential properties which fall within the Manor Park School zone are zoned to Northfield Academy, so only a proportion of pupils attending Manor Park School are entitled to places at Northfield Academy, when they reach secondary school age. Similarly, a small minority of the residential properties within the Bramble Brae School zone are not zoned to Northfield Academy, so pupils living in these properties are not entitled to places at Northfield Academy, when reaching secondary school age.
- 3.10 If the proposals outlined in this document are accepted, following implementation in August 2017, all pupils living within the Manor Park School zone and Bramble Brae School zone would be entitled to a place at Northfield Academy when reaching secondary school age.
- 3.11 Table 1 (below) details the current and forecasted pupil rolls for Northfield Academy for the next seven years. The figures on the first row of the table are taken from the existing published pupil roll forecasts for this school, and include the proportion of the pupils living in the Manor Park and Bramble Brae School zones, who are currently zoned to Northfield Academy. The second row of the table shows how the pupil rolls would be affected, if the whole of the Manor Park and Bramble Brae School zones were zoned to Northfield Academy.

Table 1: Northfield Academy Current and Forecast Pupil Numbers¹

	Current	Forecast Pupil Numbers						
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Northfield Academy (including a proportion of pupils from the Manor Park and Bramble Brae zones)	549	524	513	495	498	507	517	522
Northfield Academy (including all pupils from the Manor Park and Bramble Brae zones) from 2017	N/A	N/A	559	562	574	586	598	602

- 3.12 The stated capacity of Northfield Academy is 857. Table 1 shows that the school would remain within the capacity of the building, if the proposed changes are implemented.

¹ Current school rolls are based on the most recent publicly available data, from projections calculated in 2014. 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.

St Machar Academy

- 3.13 Currently, a proportion of the residential properties which fall within the Manor Park School zone are zoned to St Machar Academy, so a proportion of pupils attending Manor Park School are entitled to places at St Machar Academy, when they reach secondary school age. Similarly, a small minority of the residential properties within the Bramble Brae School zone are zoned to St Machar Academy, so pupils living in these properties are entitled to places at St Machar Academy, when reaching secondary school age.
- 3.14 If the proposals outlined in this document are accepted, following implementation in August 2017, no pupils living within the Manor Park School zone and Bramble Brae School zone in the future would be entitled to a place at St Machar Academy when reaching secondary school age.
- 3.15 However, if the proposals are accepted, any children living within the sections of the Manor Park and Bramble Brae School zones which are currently zoned to St Machar Academy, and who are attending St Machar Academy when the changes are implemented, would have the option of remaining at St Machar Academy.
- 3.16 Similarly, any children living within the sections of the Manor Park and Bramble Brae School zones which are currently zoned to St Machar Academy, and who have older siblings already attending St Machar Academy, would also have the option of attending St Machar Academy, so that family groups can remain together.
- 3.17 Table 2 (below) details the current and forecasted pupil rolls for St Machar Academy for the next seven years. The figures on the first row of the table are taken from the existing published pupil roll forecasts for this school, and include the proportion of the pupils living in the Manor Park and Bramble Brae School zones, who are currently zoned to St Machar Academy. The second row of the table shows how the pupil rolls would be affected, if the whole of the Manor Park and Bramble Brae School zones were no longer zoned to St Machar Academy.

Table 2: St Machar Academy Current and Forecast Pupil Numbers²

	Current	Forecast Pupil Numbers						
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
St Machar Academy (including a proportion of pupils from the Manor Park and Bramble Brae zones)	815	776	784	803	837	905	964	1044
St Machar Academy (excluding all pupils from the Manor Park and Bramble Brae zones) from 2017	N/A	N/A	738	736	760	822	879	960

3.18 The stated capacity of St Machar Academy is 1035. Table 2 shows that currently, the pupil roll is expected to exceed the capacity of the building by 2022. If the proposals detailed in this document are accepted, the pupil roll each year would be reduced, and would remain within the capacity of the building until at least 2022.

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 secondary 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.
- The proposals will assist in reducing long term capacity pressures within St Machar Academy in future years

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

5. OPTIONS FOR CONSULTATION

² Current school rolls are based on the most recent publicly available data, from projections calculated in 2014. 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.

- 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 school zones for Northfield Academy and St Machar Academy, or:
 - (ii) To rezone the areas of housing within the Manor Park and Bramble Brae School zones, from the St Machar Academy zone to the Northfield Academy zone.

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/manorparkbramblebrae

Please contact us on the telephone number below if you want this document in Braille, large print or on an audio CD, or if you want the document translated into another language.

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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:

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- Central Library
- Northfield Library
- Cummings Park Community Centre
- Manor Park School
- Bramble Brae School
- Northfield Academy
- St Machar Academy

7. PUBLIC MEETING

7.1 A public meeting to discuss the proposals will take place on:

Thursday 19 May 2016 at 7pm to 8pm at Manor Park School

8. SUBMISSION OF VIEWS

8.1 Any interested stakeholders may respond to the consultation by completing the comment form attached at Appendix 4, and sending it to:

Manor Park / Bramble Brae 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

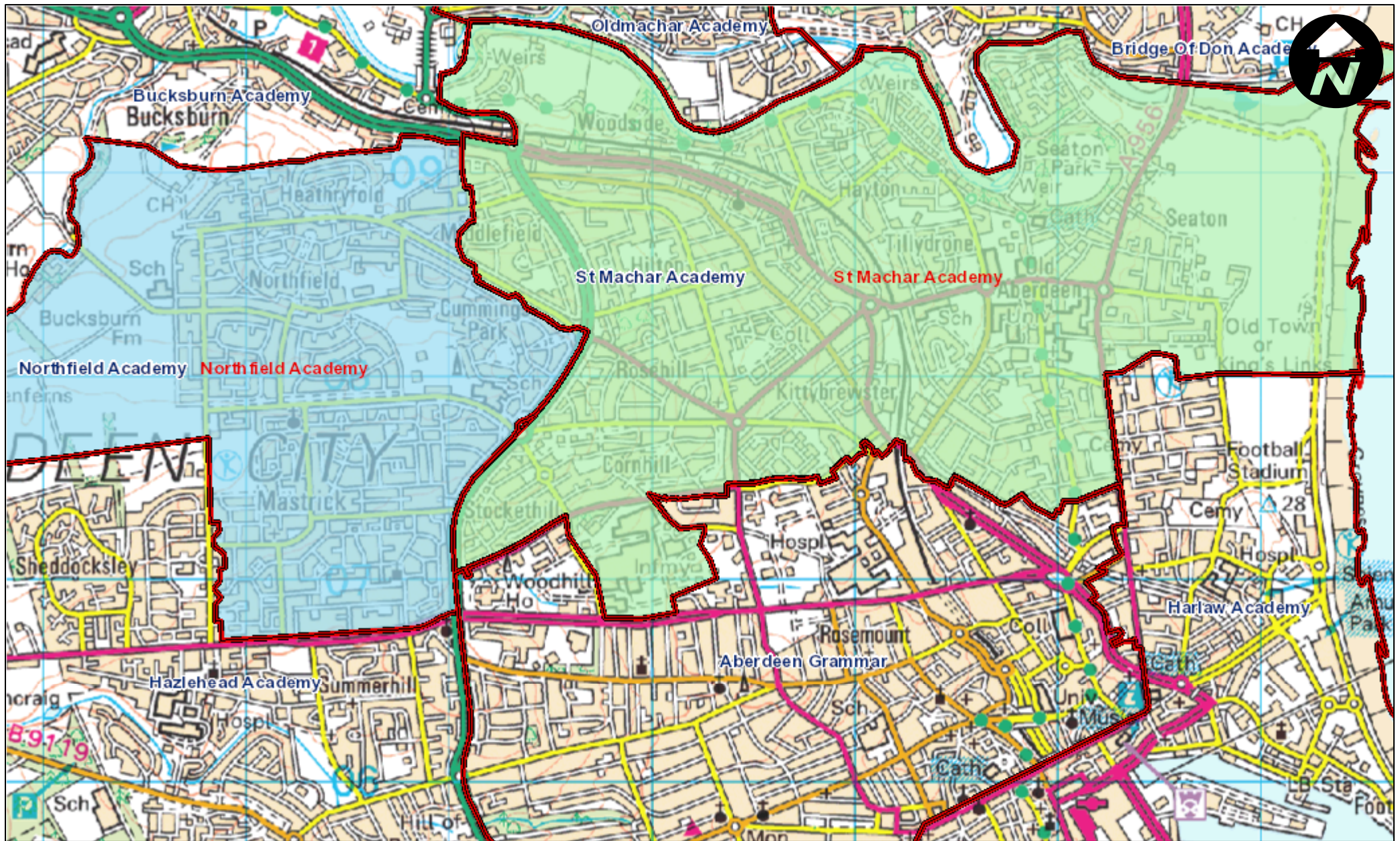
All responses should be submitted before 5.00pm on Monday 20th June 2016.

9. OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION

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

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9.2 A report on the consultation will be delivered to the Education & Children's Services Committee on 17th November 2016. This will provide information for Elected Members to make a final decision on the proposal.



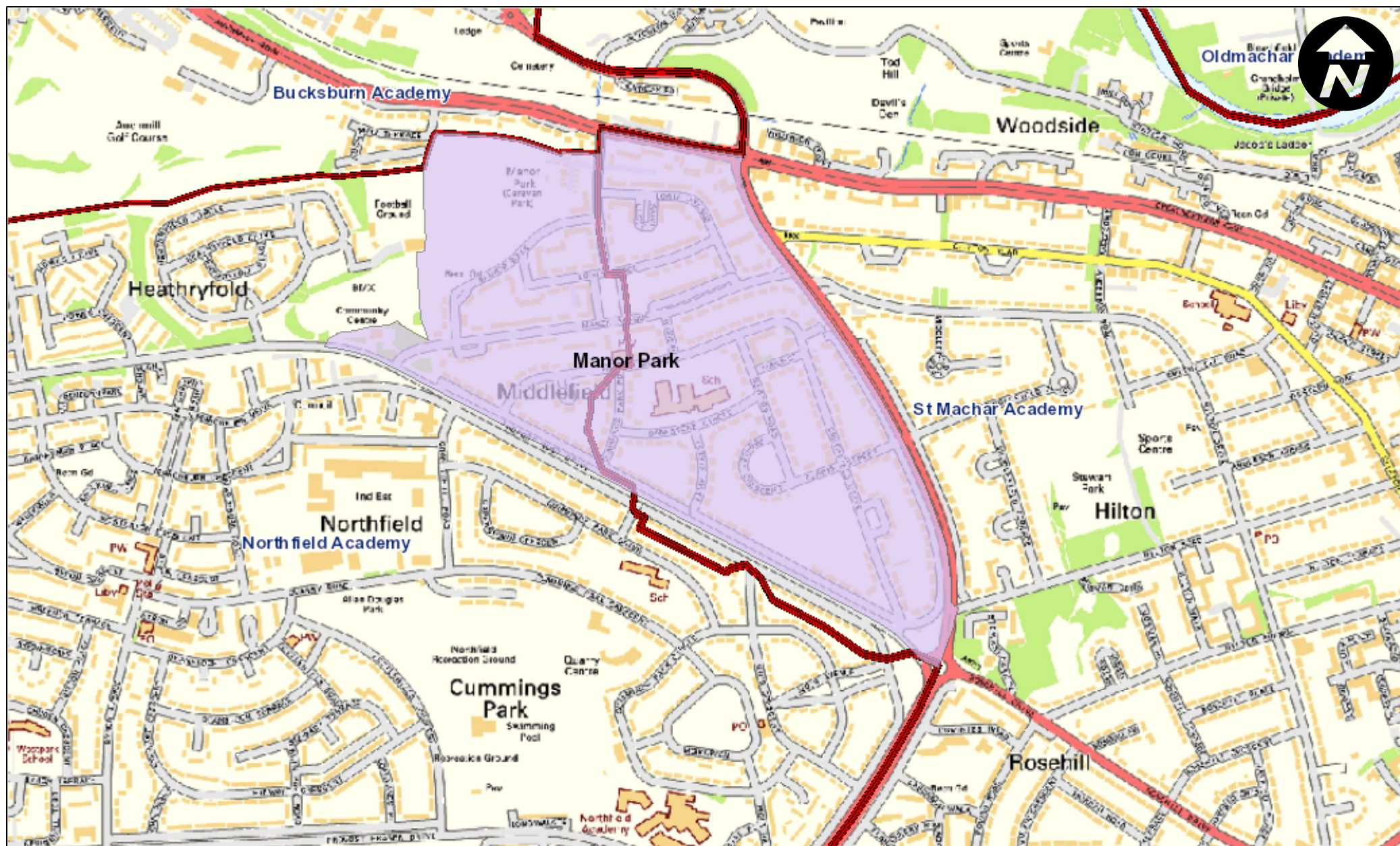
Appendix 1

Current Northfield Academy & St Machar Academy Zones

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1:25,000

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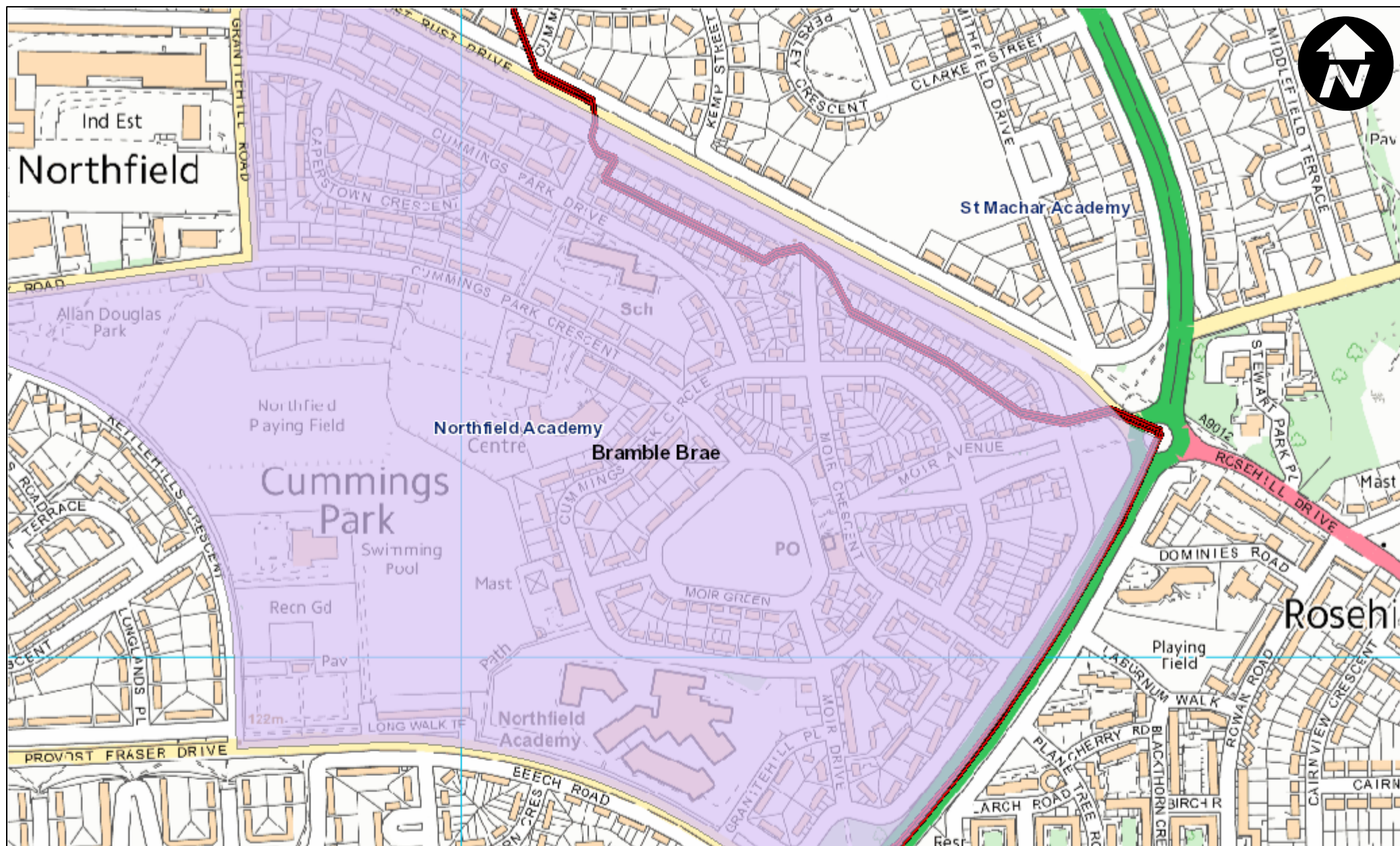
Appendix 2

Manor Park School Zone

0 210 420 840 Metres

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Appendix 3

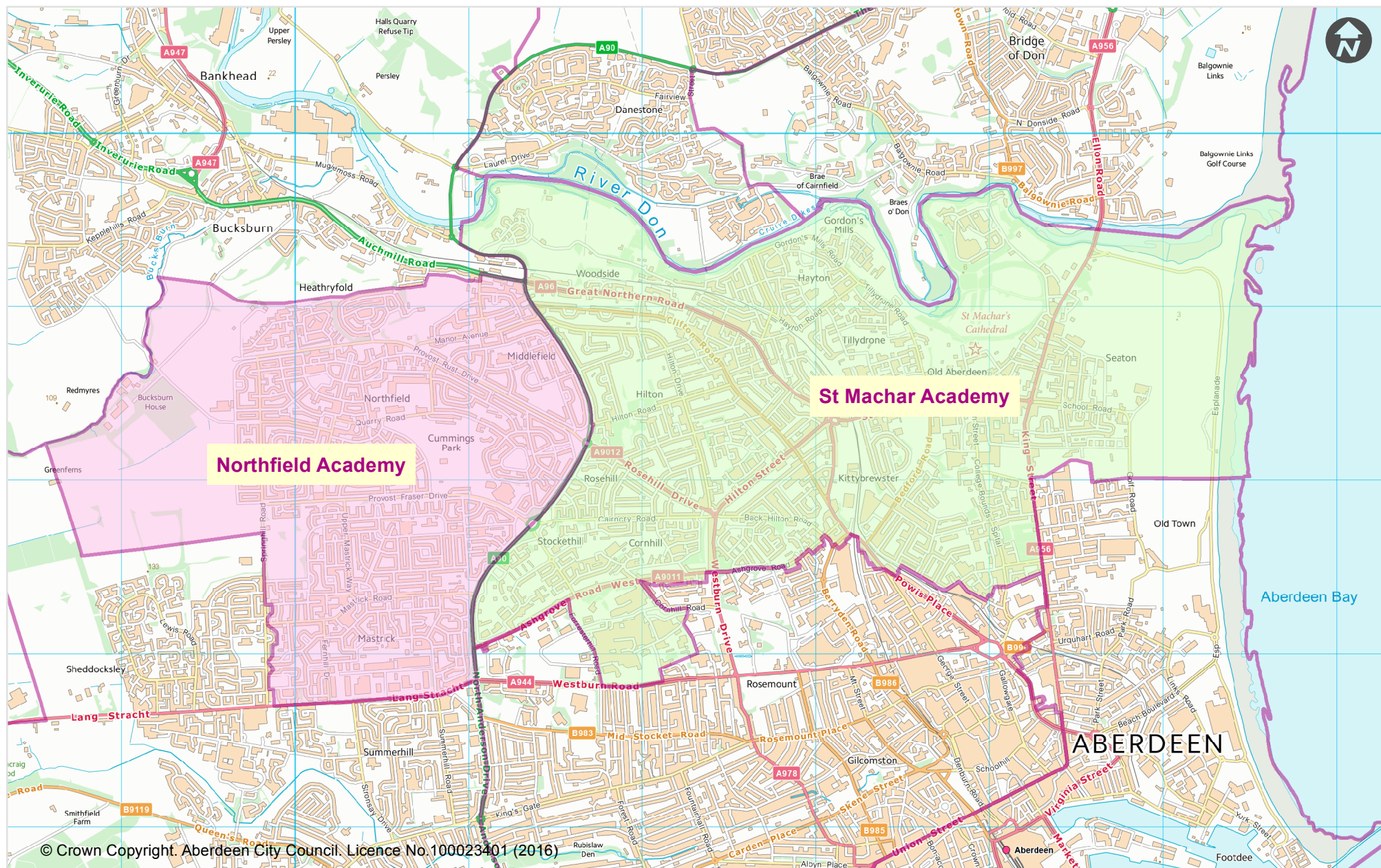
Bramble Brae School Zone

0 112.5 225 450 Metres

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Appendix 4: Proposed School Zones for Northfield Academy and St Machar Academy



Scale: 1:30,000

Date: April 2016



Comment Form

Public Consultation

Proposal:

To rezone an area of housing within the Manor Park and Bramble Brae School zones, from the St Machar Academy zone to the Northfield Academy zone.

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

Contact Information (Optional)

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parent/carer of current secondary pupil(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> School name: _____
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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:

Manor Park / Bramble Brae Consultation
Education & Children's Services
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by 5.00pm on Monday 20th June 2016.

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/manorparkbramblebrae