



# **Public Consultation Document**

**Proposal: To Remove Dual Zoning of Former Victoria Road School Zone and Define Tullos and Walker Road Schools' Zones**

**Statutory Consultation Period  
Tuesday 6 May to Wednesday 18 June, 2014 (inclusive)**

**All submissions expressing views on the proposals detailed in this document should be made in writing or by email by 5.00pm on Wednesday 18 June, 2014.**

**It is intended to respond to issues raised from correspondence within a report presented to the Education, Culture and Sport Committee at a future date in 2014**

## **Contents**

<b><u>Section</u></b>	<b><u>Page</u></b>
1. Proposal and Background	2
2. Educational Benefits of the Proposal	3
3. Options	3
4. Additional information	4
5. Public Meeting	5
6. Submission of Views	5
7. Outcome of Consultation	5
8. Appendices	7
9. Comment Form	10

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL – EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORT

### STATUTORY CONSULTATION

**Proposal: To Remove Dual Zoning of the Former Victoria Road School Zone and Define Tullos and Walker Road Schools' Zones**

#### 1. BACKGROUND

The Policy and Strategy (Education) Committee took the decision on 29 April 2008 to close the Victoria Road School and make its in-zone area a dual zone for Tullos School and Walker Road School. This meant that residents of the area could choose to send their children to either school. This decision was aided with the fact that both Tullos School and Walker Road School are in the Torry Academy Associated School Group (ASG).

- 1.1 This proposal seeks to remove the dual zone element and define the zones for Tullos School and Walker Road School. The current school zones for Tullos School and Walker Road School are shown in Appendix 1. The proposed re-allocation of the dual zone is shown at Appendix 2. The proposed zones for Tullos School and Walker Road School are detailed in Appendix 3 of this document.
- 1.2 There are two areas that have been identified as potential housing development sites. The former Victoria Road School site has had no specific housing development plans brought forward for consideration by the Council to date. The Waterfront at Tullos has planning permission in principle for 69 flats. Both development areas would be within the area which would be zoned to Tullos School should this proposal be implemented, following public consultation.
- 1.3 The forecasted rolls of the two schools are detailed within the table below.

**Table 1: Actual and Projected Pupil Rolls<sup>1</sup>**

	Actual	Forecast Pupil Numbers						
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Tullos School (Capacity = 360)	284	294	304	319	322	328	333	337
Walker Road School (Capacity = 420)	430	423	459	484	493	490	484	479

<sup>1</sup> 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.

- 1.5 Officers are mindful of the increase in pupil rolls at Walker Road School, and the impact this will have on the school building's ability to accommodate the projected increase in the pupil roll. A review of the accommodation is being conducted to assess what changes can be made to accommodate the expected increase in pupil numbers. This will be reported at the earliest opportunity.
- 1.6 The following information details the pupils attending Tullos School and Walker Road School, as 30 January 2014, and provides details of those who are not resident in the schools' zones.

<b>Tullos School</b>	
<b>Total pupil roll</b>	<b>290</b>
<b>In zone</b>	<b>183</b>
<b>Out of Zone</b>	<b>107</b>
Former Victoria Road School	71
Walker Road School	26
Abbotswells School	3
Other Schools	7

<b>Walker Road School</b>	
<b>Total pupil roll</b>	<b>434</b>
<b>In zone</b>	<b>171</b>
<b>Out of Zone</b>	<b>262</b>
Former Victoria Road School	152
Tullos School	99
Other Schools	12

<b>Former Victoria Road School Zone</b>	
<b>Total pupil roll</b>	<b>254</b>
<b>Schools Attending</b>	
Tullos School	71
Walker Road School	152
Ferryhill School	8
St Joseph's School	9
Other Schools	14

The table tables show that a significant number of children from the former Victoria Road School zone attend Walker Road School and this is creating capacity pressure for the school being able to accept further pupils from out-with its revised zone.

- 1.7 Following the review of the primary school estate, which was reported to the Education, Culture and Sport Committee on 7 February 2013, this proposal is one element of a coordinated approach to manage the pupil numbers at Tullos School, Walker Road School and other schools across the city.
- 1.8 The proposed amendment to the in-zone areas of Tullos School and Walker Road School would have no significant financial implications.
- 1.9 It should be noted that the enrolment of pupils currently attending either of the schools would not be affected by this proposal.

## **2 EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS**

- 2.1 The proposal to remove the dual zoning of the former Victoria Road School Zone from August 2015 will have the following benefits:
- Families who live in the affected area will have clear information on their zoned Primary School, thereby providing a degree of certainty which is not present at the current time;
  - Ensure that pupils attending either school will be taught with peers from their respective communities;
  - Ensuring that each school has a sustainable pupil roll which delivers the full breadth of Curriculum for Excellence, with a sustainable and viable pupil roll;
  - A sustainable roll will ensure that effective teacher staffing levels are maintained and led by a range of promoted teaching staff. Effective year group classification will be maintained and children will be able to learn within a variety of peer group opportunities, both formally and informally. This will promote a greater understanding of other peers within the wider cohort.
  - The proposals will ensure that both schools have a clear and distinct association with their local communities which should promote and further develop the already strong links with local communities.

## **3 OPTIONS FOR CONSULTATION**

The options under consideration and for which the Council seeks comment from interested stakeholders are:

- (i) To retain the status quo and continue the dual zone arrangement which gives where parents from the former Victoria Road School in-zone area the ability to send their children to either Tullos School or Walker Road School; or
- (ii) Remove the dual zone arrangement and define the zone areas for Tullos School and Walker Road School as per Appendix 3 of this document, with effect from the start of the academic session 2015/16 in August 2015.

## 4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 4.1 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/tulloswalkerroad](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/tulloswalkerroad)

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.

إذا كنت تود الحصول على هذه الوثيقة بالخط العريض أو البريل أو الأشرطة الصوتية المدمجة أو كنت تود ترجمتها إلى لغة أخرى فالرجاء الاتصال بنا على الهاتف أدناه.

আপনি যদি এই দলিলটি ব্রেইলে, বড় ছাপার অক্ষরে বা শোনার জন্য সিডি, অথবা দলিলটি অন্য কোন ভাষায় অনুদিত চান তবে অনুগ্রহ করে নীচের টেলিফোন নম্বরে ফোন করে আমাদের সাথে যোগাযোগ করুন।

如欲索取此文件的凸字版、大字版、語音光碟，或其他語文翻譯本，請致電下列號碼。

Proszę się skontaktować z nami pod poniższym numerem telefonu jeśli ten dokument jest wymagany w alfabecie Brajla, w dużym druku, na płycie kompaktowej CD lub przetłumaczony na inny język.

Пожалуйста, свяжитесь с нами по номеру телефона, указанному ниже, если Вы хотите получить этот документ шрифтом Брайля, крупным шрифтом или на компактном аудио диске, а также если Вам нужен перевод этого документа на другой язык.



01224 522073

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
- Torry Library
- Tullos School
- Walker Road School
- Torry Academy
- Altens Nursery
- Beech House Nursery
- Altens Community Centre
- Balnagask Community Centre
- Torry Youth Centre
- Tullos Learning Centre

## **5 PUBLIC MEETING**

- 5.1 A Public Meeting will take place on **Monday 19 May 2014 from 7.00 to 8.30pm at Torry Academy.**

## **6 SUBMISSION OF VIEWS**

- 6.1 Any interested stakeholders may respond to the consultation by writing to:

Tullos and Walker Road Consultation  
Education, Culture and Sport  
Aberdeen City Council  
Business Hub 13  
Second Floor North  
Marischal College  
Broad Street  
ABERDEEN  
AB10 1AB

or by email to:

[schoolestate@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:schoolestate@aberdeencity.gov.uk)

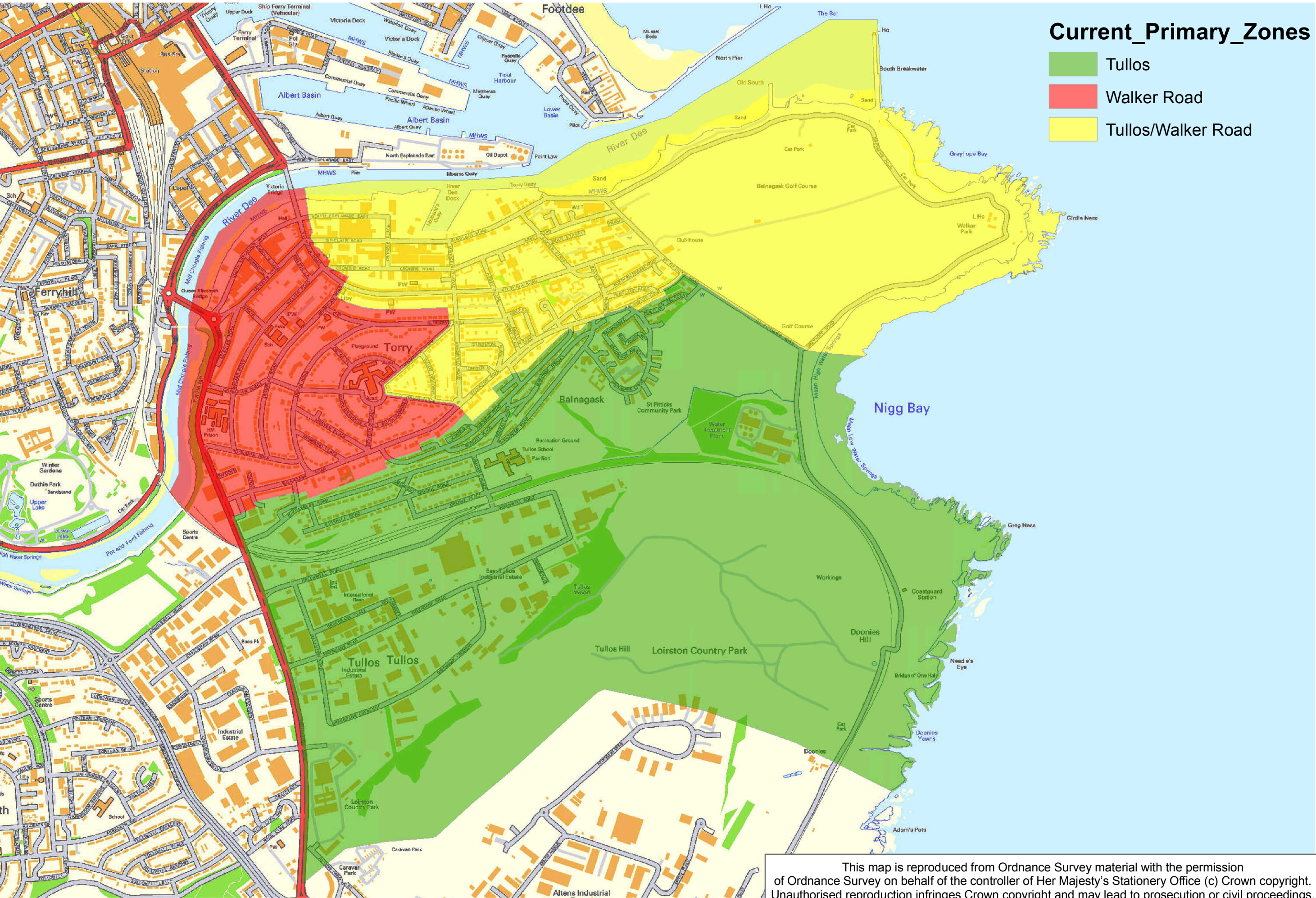
or by completing the attached Comment Form

**All responses should be submitted before 5.00pm on Wednesday 18 June, 2014.**

## **7 OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION**

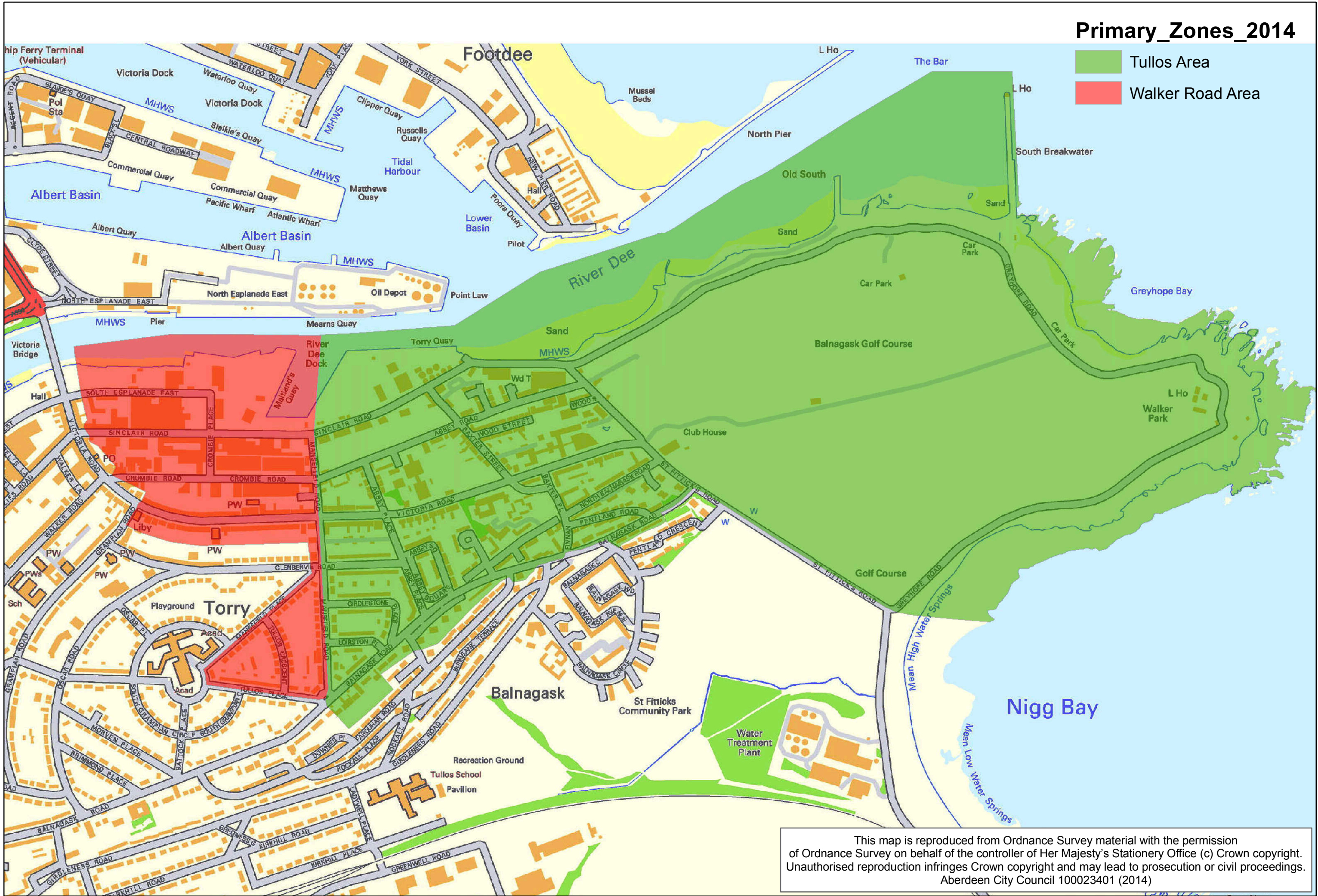
- 7.1 A summary of submissions will be published on the council website at  
[www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/tulloswalkerroad](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/tulloswalkerroad)
- 7.2 A report on the consultation will be delivered to Education, Culture and Sport Committee at a future date in 2014. This will provide information for Elected Members to make a final decision on the proposal.



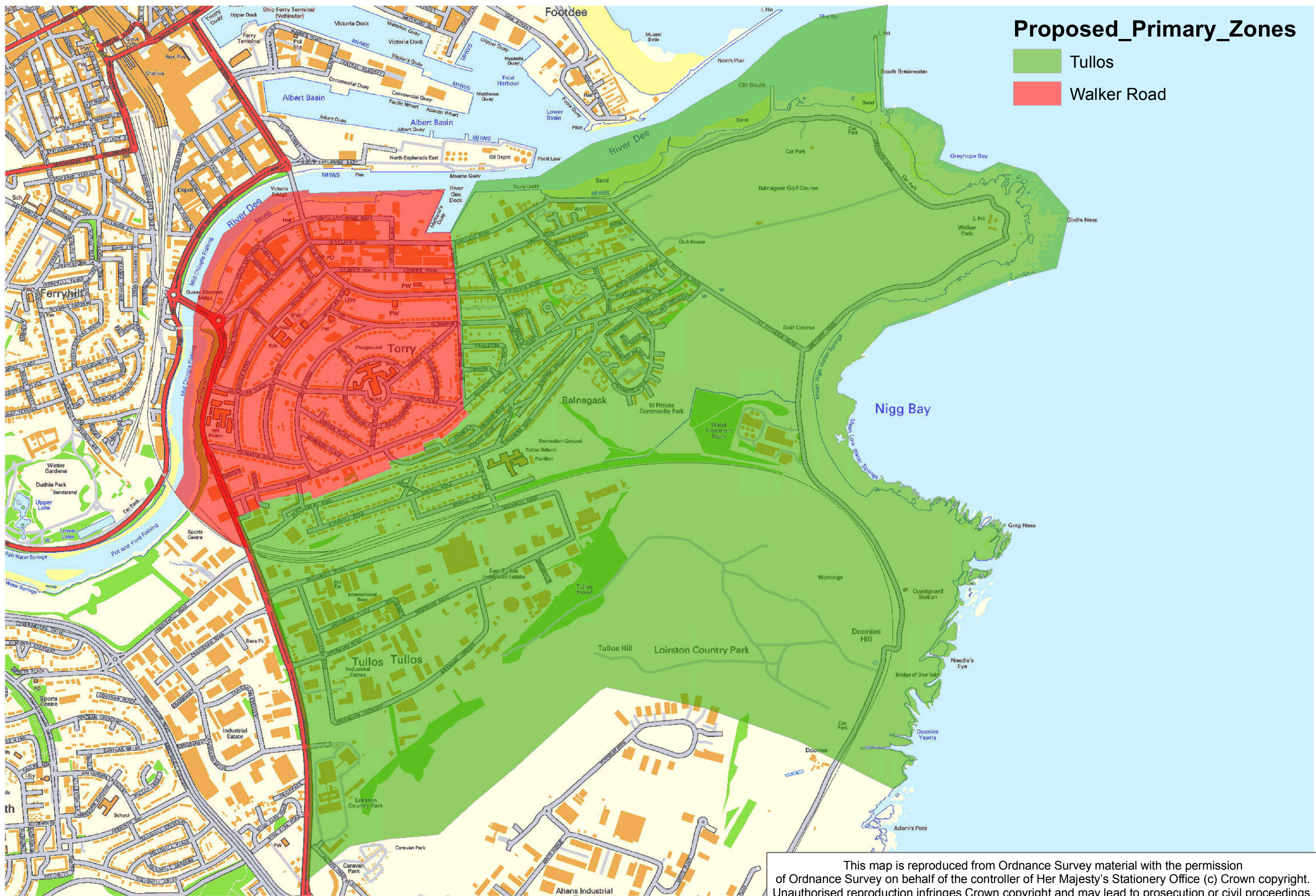




# PROPOSED REZONING OF THE FORMER VICTORIA ROAD SCHOOL ZONE







This map is reproduced from Ordnance Survey material with the permission of Ordnance Survey on behalf of the controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office (c) Crown copyright. Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings. Aberdeen City Council 100023401 (2014)



## Comment Form

### Public Consultation



**Proposal: To Remove Dual Zoning of the Former Victoria Road School Zone and Define Tullos and Walker Road Schools' Zones, with effect from August 2015.**

All completed comment forms will be included in a final Consultation Report to the Education, Culture and Sport 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:	

Please tick (✓) your response and provide comments in the spaces provided, if desired.

---

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? Yes ☐ No ☐

---

Any other comments?

Thank you for your comments.

Feedback can also be sent in writing to

Tullos and Walker Road Consultation  
Education, Culture and Sport  
Aberdeen City Council  
Business Hub 13  
Second Floor North  
Marischal College  
Broad Street  
ABERDEEN  
AB10 1AB

or by email to

[schoolestate@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:schoolestate@aberdeencity.gov.uk)

by **5.00pm** on **Wednesday 18 June, 2014**.

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/tulloswalkerroad](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/tulloswalkerroad)