

Broomhill Dual Zone Consultation

Email Submissions

9/5/16 – Comment

Hi,

We live in Deeside Gardens and have a son who is in primary 2 at Airyhall school - our closest school. We also have a son who will be starting nursery next summer. I'm very concerned about the rezoning proposed by the council as I'm unsure how this affects my youngest sons nursery place and school place. Please could you advise.

Kind regards,

9/5/16 - Comment

Dear Mr. Jones,

I have received your letter dated 9 May 2016 regarding the 'Proposed changes to areas of dual zone for Broomhill, Airyhall and Ferryhill schools.'

As per the 'Broomhill Dual Zones Proposal Document' referred to in the above letter, I would be grateful if you could please clarify the below clause:

3.3 Similarly, any child living within the existing dual zone area who reaches primary school age after the proposed changes have been introduced, and who has an older sibling already attending Airyhall School, would also have the option of attending Airyhall School, so that family groups can remain together.

We live in Deeside Avenue (xxx) and my daughter is in Primary 1 at Airyhall School. My son will be starting Primary 1 in August 2018. Does the above clause mean my son will be entitled to a place at Airyhall school in 2018 (i.e this would not be treated as an out of zone application)?

Please can you also advise on pre-school arrangements in respect of the re-zoning proposals. My son is starting ante-preschool at Airyhall in August this year. Would his application for Pre-School in January 2017 for starting in August 2017 be treated as a standard in-zone application?

Regards,

16/5/16 – Comment

To whom it may concern.

Received the updated letter this morning regarding Airyhall rezoning. We live in Deeside Park. Can I clarify something? Does currently attending Airyhall include the Airyhall nursery? I have three children at Airyhall. My youngest is at the nursery. Because of his birthday he will be remaining at the nursery until August 2018. Will he automatically move into p1 like the others have or because of the rezoning in 2017 will we be out of zone application?

Many thanks in advance for any clarification on this matter.

18/06/16 – Comment

To whom it may concern,

My Wife and I are very disappointed that Aberdeen council are thinking of removing the Gairn area from the Broomhill School catchment area to be replaced with the option of our Son attending Ferryhill only.

Firstly the main reason for us purchasing our property at Gairn Terrace was so that our children could attend Broomhill Primary where I also attended as a boy. It is also where his Grandma worked and who still lives near by in xxxx and where we were expecting our Son would be able to go for lunch and after school care as we both work.

Secondly once he reaches an age that he would like to make his way to school, the option of Ferryhill will result in the crossing of a dual carriageway which I feel is not a safe option for a child and to deny him the opportunity to walk to school himself because of this would be detrimental to his development and independence. He could walk safely to Broomhill without having to cross any main roads, let alone a dual carriageway, utilising the footbridge over Holburn st and using the lollipop person on Broomhill Road.

Thirdly the current and projected pupil numbers that you have released seem to result in minimal impact on numbers that would be in attendance at Broomhill, Ferryhill or Airyhall so the rationale for removing the dual zone area seems pointless.

Kind Regards

20/06/16 – Comment

To whom it may concern,

I apologise for the slight delay in this email, I hope my comments can still be considered. I live in the Ferryhill/Broomhill dual zone area and think the proposals to change this area to Ferryhill only are not founded.

Reasons:

1. Broomhill PS is closer
2. Children can walk safely to school across a major road via the Deeside Railway Line. By changing the rules to send children in the Ferryhill/Broomhill dual zone area to Ferryhill children would have to cross an incredibly busy dual carriageway (Great Southern Road). This would be extremely dangerous.
3. The Ferryhill/Broomhill dual zone area is in Broomhill and not in Ferryhill.
4. Changing the boundary to include a triangle on the other side of Great Southern Road looks ridiculous on the map.
5. The projected numbers for the schools involved don't add up. Broomhill seems more than able to cope with the Airyhall area zoning to Broomhill as well as the Ferryhill dual area zoning to Broomhill. No-one ever provided numbers for those in the dual zone areas. For the Ferryhill area this seems to only be around 10 children. Most children in this dual zone area choose to go to Broomhill PS.
6. Using the Ferryhill/Broomhill dual zone to Ferryhill only to boost Ferryhill PS numbers in the long term is a poor excuse for this, when puts the children in danger getting school every day.
7. No-one had any objection to changing the Airyhall/Broomhill dual zone area to Broomhill as most children there already went to Broomhill.

Yours Sincerely,

20/06/16 - Comment

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to object to the re-zoning of our address from Airyhall School to Broomhill School.

The main reasons for this are the distance, parking and subsequent road safety issues associated.

My husband and I do not yet have any children, however when purchasing our home, the quality of schools was obviously a consideration when planning to start a family. We had always hoped to be able to send our children to Airyhall or another school in the Deeside area.

I can understand that with recent house building and the lack of additional schools re-zoning must take place, however to re-zone the Deeside Drive and associated streets off it to Broomhill seems ridiculous. I would have thought another school in the North Deeside Road area could have been used.

For me to take future children to school would mean a drive rather than a walk, which at rush hour, means having to cross the Drive. There is no way I would allow my children in the future to walk or cycle to this school due to having to cross a main arterial route in and out of Aberdeen. I also have been past this school at drop off times, and the traffic is already considerable without adding it to it with this re-zoning.

I also believe that there will be a negative impact on house prices in the area. My husband and I plan to be in our home for the foreseeable future but this will impact I believe the families moving into the street and the prices accordingly, as I would think that most people like myself and my husband would assume that our street would be zoned to Airyhall or potentially into Cults or a nearby school, rather than Broomhill.

Thank you for your time in reading my objections

Regards

20/06/16- Comment

Dear Sirs,

My objections to the re-zoning of our address from Airyhall School to Broomhill School are the distance, road safety and parking at Broomhill school.

Currently my children only have to walk 0.5 miles to Airyhall School but if the re-zoning goes ahead they would have to walk 1.5 miles to Broomhill. School an extra 1 mile. The other main safety concern is that very small children would have to walk along very busy St Johns Terrace/Great Western Road to get to Broomhill school and the most troubling is that they will have to cross 10 very busy road junctions to get to Broomhill school which is 6 more than they currently have to cross.

This re-zoning proposal needs to be rejected not only for current residents but for the future school age pupils of this area too, due to distance, road safety and parking concerns at Broomhill School.

Needless to say there will be a negative impact to house prices in the Deeside Drive and surrounding areas due to this proposed re-zoning. Who knowingly wants to buy a house where the school is 1.5 miles from their home.

I would state that most parents would not be happy allowing any Primary Aged Child walk/cycle/Scooter to Broomhill School from our area due to the distance and busy road traffic. This will in turn negatively impact traffic, parking and residents at a very busy junction of Gray Street and Broomhill Road.

Regards

Hi

I have recently been advised by a neighbour of the re-zoning and particularly the removal of the Dual-Zone Airyhall/Broomhill.

I currently live in Deeside Avenue and my daughter is four in October and will be due to start School in 2017. So assume we will be affected by this change.

Personally, for somewhat personal logistical reasons, I am quite disappointed as Airyhall School is situated closer than Broomhill for us is on the way to my work and perfect for drop off and closer to my daughter grandparents' house in Craigiebuckler. My wife and I work full time and it is more than likely that my mother would be doing the majority of the collecting from school in the early years.

I also have concerns for when my daughter is a little older, walking from Deeside Avenue to Broomhill School is quite a distance and involves crossing Anderson Drive/A90 [1.2 miles], whereas the walk to Airyhall [0.7 miles] involves just crossing N.Deeside Road at the Springfield Road junction.

On reading the proposal I do not see the benefit of removing the dual zone as stated in the proposal 'will not make any material difference to the forecast of pupil numbers for Airyhall School', and the main reason 'to allow for the more accurate prediction of future school rolls'. It annoys me somewhat that an administrative reason for a change will have such a daily effect on my life for many years to come, and the plans I have made for the future.

The rezoning also concerns me for the future, what will the secondary schools zones be for the area and will these be subject to such changes, and for our streets on the boundaries of the zones being subject to regular changes?

Do you have any more information on the change? Why were we not provided a Proposal Document as per the list of consultees? Is our option of my daughter attending Airyhall closed or is the Authority willing to discuss?

Thanks