School catchment area review

Public consultation

5 December 2011 – 10 February 2012
Aims

• To promote fair access to school places.

• To provide a single catchment area school (primary and secondary) for each address in the city.

• To resolve some historical primary catchment area issues.

• To remove secondary “linked areas”.

• To align primary and secondary catchment areas.
Why are we carrying out the review?

School catchment areas have not been changed significantly since the city became a unitary authority in 1997.

The council has closed five secondary schools since then and operated a system of “priority areas” and “linked areas” for school admissions.

The proposals we are putting forward will provide a single primary and secondary catchment school for each address in the city.

A small number of changes are also proposed for primary catchment areas.
Terminology

• Throughout the consultation document the terms “priority area” and “linked area” are used to refer to the current arrangements.
• The term “catchment area” is used for the proposed new arrangements.
• References to primary schools also include infant and junior schools.
Definitions

• Catchment areas are used to determine which children/young people are allocated places at a school when there are more requests than places available. Priority is given to those who live in the catchment area before considering those who live outside the area.

• A catchment area does not prevent a parent from expressing a preference for a school if they do not live in the catchment area. Parents can express a preference for any school. Places are allocated according to the published over-subscription criteria.
This map shows the current layout of primary school priority areas in the city.

There are 62 primary schools, 11 infant schools and 10 junior schools.

Most faith schools (Christian, Catholic, Hindu) do not have a catchment area.

In the case of Hope Hamilton C of E Primary, after the allocation of faith places, priority is given to those who live in the area of North Hamilton.
Map 2

This map shows the current location of each secondary school and layout of the current priority areas of each school in the city. English Martyrs, Madani and St. Paul’s do not have a catchment area.

1. Babington Community Technology College
2. Beaumont Leys School
3. New College Leicester
4. Fullhurst Community College
5. The Lancaster School/Sir Jonathan North CC
6. Moat Community College
7. Crown Hills Community College
8. Judgemoadow Community College
9. The City of Leicester College
10. Hamilton Community College
11. Soar Valley College
12. Rushey Mead School

1. Link Area 1 (former John Ellis CC)
2. Link Area 2 (former Mary Linwood School)
3. Link Area 3 (former Mundella CC)
4. Link Area 4 (former Wycliffe CC)
5. Link Area 5 (former Riverside B&E C)

1. English Martyrs Catholic School
2. The Samworth Enterprise Academy
3. Madani High School & Community Centre
4. St Paul’s Catholic School
Map 3

This map shows the current secondary priority and linked areas overlaid on the primary priority areas.

You can see that some primary priority areas are divided by two or more secondary school priority or linked areas.

The impact of the current arrangements is that children who attend their priority area primary school are not always given priority to the same secondary school.

The methodology used to redraw the secondary catchment areas addresses this issue.
Map 4

This map shows the current layout of the priority areas for the seven primary schools listed below.

There are currently overlaps in the priority areas.

We are proposing to remove the overlaps and create a single catchment area for each school.

Map 5 shows the proposed new catchment areas.

- Hazel Community Primary School
- Caldecote Community Primary School
- St. Mary’s Fields Infant School
- Imperial Avenue Infant School
- King Richard III Infant and Nursery School
- Folville Junior School
- Shaftesbury Junior School
Map 5

This map shows the proposed catchment areas for the schools listed.

Detailed maps of each school’s catchment area can be found in the primary appendix document.
Map 6

This map shows the layout of the proposed primary catchment areas.

The majority of catchment areas remain the same.

There are a small number of schools where minor alignments of catchment areas are being suggested; these are detailed on the next page.

More significant changes are being proposed for Braunstone Community, Caldecote, Eyres Monsell, Fosse, Granby, Sandfield Close and Slater primary schools; The Samworth Academy (primary); King Richard III Infant school and St. Mary’s Fields Infant school.

Detailed maps of each school’s proposed catchment area can be found in the primary appendix document.
## Primary school catchment areas - proposed changes for 2013 admissions

For a full list of addresses please refer to the primary appendix document

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<th>School</th>
<th>Action</th>
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<td>Avenue</td>
<td>Re-align</td>
<td>Knighton Grange Road</td>
<td>Overdale Inf/Jnr</td>
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<tr>
<td>Caldecote</td>
<td>Add area</td>
<td>Include Pilkington Road, Limber Crescent, Raven Road to Bendbow Rise</td>
<td>Braunstone Community</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dovelands</td>
<td>Add area</td>
<td>Include Cooden Avenue</td>
<td>Imperial Avenue/Shaftesbury</td>
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<td>Eyres Monsell</td>
<td>Add area</td>
<td>Include Gilmorton Avenue estate</td>
<td>Granby</td>
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<td>Fosse</td>
<td>Add area</td>
<td>Include Mantle Rd, Battenberg Rd, Paget Ave and part of Tudor Rd</td>
<td>Slater</td>
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<td>Imperial Avenue/Folville</td>
<td>Add area</td>
<td>Include Ashthorpe Road area</td>
<td>Queensmead</td>
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<td>King Richard III</td>
<td>Re-align</td>
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<td>Re-align boundary onto Westcotes Drive</td>
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<td>Samworth</td>
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<td>Samworth</td>
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<td>Northfield House</td>
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<td>Montrose</td>
<td>Re-align</td>
<td>Include even numbers 2 - 68 Belvoir Drive</td>
<td>Granby</td>
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<td>Include Greenacre Drive and Waterfield Close</td>
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<td>Add area</td>
<td>Include Portman St, Glen St, Agar St. Boundary along Canon St</td>
<td>Mellor</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rushey Mead</td>
<td>Add area</td>
<td>Include Stafford Street (even numbers), Edensor Street, number 392</td>
<td>Wyvern</td>
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<td>Harrison Road and 279-299 Melton Road (odd numbers only)</td>
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<td>Herrick</td>
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<td>Add area</td>
<td>Include odd numbers 1 - 55 Heacham Drive</td>
<td>Barley Croft</td>
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This map shows the proposed catchment areas for the 14 secondary schools (English Martyrs, Madani and St. Paul’s do not have catchment areas).

Detailed maps of each school’s catchment area are included in the secondary appendix document.
Map 8

This map shows the proposed secondary catchment areas overlaid on the primary catchment areas.

Each secondary catchment has been built up from a number of primary school catchment areas.

The alignment of boundaries ensures that if children attend their catchment area primary school they will then be in the same secondary school catchment area as all other children who reside in that primary school’s catchment area.
Methodology

• The method adopted has been to build each secondary catchment area from a number of primary catchment areas.

• The majority of primary schools have been aligned to the secondary school where the largest part of their geographical priority area falls.

• Primary schools which are located wholly within the current “linked areas” have been aligned with the nearest secondary school using a straight line measurement from the ‘population weighted centroid’ of the priority area to the nearest secondary school.
Map 9

This slide shows the geographic areas that are part of a secondary school’s current priority area but become part of another secondary school’s catchment area if the proposed catchment areas are adopted.

Address details can be found in the secondary appendix document.
What happens next?

• The public consultation is open from 5 Dec 2011 until 10 Feb 2012 (10 weeks).

• Responses will be analysed and final proposals drawn up (Feb/March).

• Voluntary Aided and Trust school and The Academy governors will make their individual decisions (Feb/March).

• A final report will be submitted to Leicester City Council Cabinet in March 2012.

• All admission authorities must determine their admission arrangements by 15 April 2012.

• Admission arrangements to be published on the council website by 1 May 2012.

• Revised catchment areas will take effect for admissions for the academic year 2013 - 14.
Have your say

• Take part in our online questionnaire at: www.leicester.gov.uk/catchmentreview

• Download the questionnaire from the council’s website or pick one up from your local Customer Service Centre, Children’s Centre or local library.

• Send your completed questionnaire to: FREEPOST 985/33, Catchment Area Review, Leicester City Council, New Walk Centre, Leicester, LE1 7ZP.