

Report

Report to:	Executive Committee
Date of Meeting:	29 January 2020
Report by:	Executive Director (Education Resources)

Subject:	Outcome of the Statutory Consultation on the Proposal to Change the Catchment Areas of both Newfield and Stonehouse Primary Schools
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise the Committee on the outcome of the statutory consultation on the proposal to change the catchment areas of both Newfield and Stonehouse Primary Schools to better align new housing developments in the area to the primary school geographically closer to the development
- ◆ advise the Committee that the final Consultation Outcome Report was published on 9 December 2019
- ◆ request formal Committee approval for the implementation of the proposal

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the outcome of the statutory consultation on the proposal to change the catchment areas of both Newfield and Stonehouse Primary Schools be noted;
- (2) that the publication of the final Consultation Outcome Report on 9 December 2019 be noted; and
- (3) that the implementation of the proposal be approved.

3. Background

3.1. On 28 August 2019, approval was given to undertake a statutory consultation on the proposal to change the catchment areas of both Newfield and Stonehouse Primary Schools to better align new housing developments in the area to the primary school geographically closer to the development (see Appendix 1 and 2). Appendix 3 shows a close up of the housing estate affected and the specific streets within this part of Stonehouse that would be rezoned to Newfield Primary School.

3.2. This consultation was undertaken in line with the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 commencing 9 September 2019 and concluding on 29 October 2019. Education Scotland's response to the consultation was received on 8 November 2019.

4. Outcome of the Consultation – Stakeholder Feedback

4.1. Notification of this consultation was provided to parents of children attending both affected schools and their nurseries. An advert appeared in the Hamilton Advertiser on 5 September 2019 giving the details of the consultation, the closing date, how to

access necessary documentation and the details of the public meeting. All statutory consultees were also provided with information on how to access the Consultation Proposal Document directly.

- 4.2. There were only 3 written responses to the consultation received, 2 in favour and 1 undecided. A Public Meeting was held where there was further discussion on the proposal, with only 1 member of the public in attendance. Pupils were also invited to give their opinion on the proposal, those who responded were in favour of it.

5. Outcome of the Consultation – Education Scotland Report

- 5.1. Education Scotland was provided with the consultation proposal document at the start of the consultation period. In addition, a summary document including the note of the Public Meeting, all written responses to the consultation and Pupil Views was provided to consider in conjunction with the proposal.

- 5.2. A favourable report was received by the Council on 8 November 2019 in which Education Scotland acknowledged that the Council's proposal provides a strong case for the proposed catchment area changes and outlines the associated educational benefits. All children, parents and school staff who met with HM Inspectors were supportive of the proposal.

6. Summary of Consultation

- 6.1. Education Resources reviewed the proposal having regard to the representations made at the Public Meeting, those received in writing and Education Scotland's report.
- 6.2. After review, the proposal to realign the catchment areas of both Newfield Primary School and Stonehouse Primary School to more appropriately link new housing developments to the local non-denominational primary schools is recommended.
- 6.3. The intention, if approved, would be for the changes to come into effect for the start of the 2020/2021 school session. Children who are currently attending either school will have the right to remain in that school. In addition, any younger siblings can also attend the same school as their older sibling without the need for a placing request until school session 2025.

7. Employee Implications

- 7.1. In terms of employee resources, this will continue to be provided in each school by means of existing process e.g. annual class configuration protocols and agreed management allocations.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1. There are no financial implication associated with this report.

9. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 9.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability and the natural environment in terms of the content of this report.

10. Other Implications

- 10.1. There are no significant implications in terms of risk associated with this report.

10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

10.1. There is no requirement to carry out an impact assessment in terms of the proposals contained in this report. As referred to in 3.1 above, this consultation was undertaken in line with the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.

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7 January 2020

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Raise educational achievement and attainment
- ◆ Achieve efficient and effective use of resources

Previous References

- ◆ Executive Committee Paper – 28 August 2019

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Consultation Report available from https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/13234/stonehouse_and_newfield_primaries_-_consultation_proposal
- ◆ Consultation outcome report available from https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/downloads/download/302/education_resources_consultation_documents
- ◆ Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010

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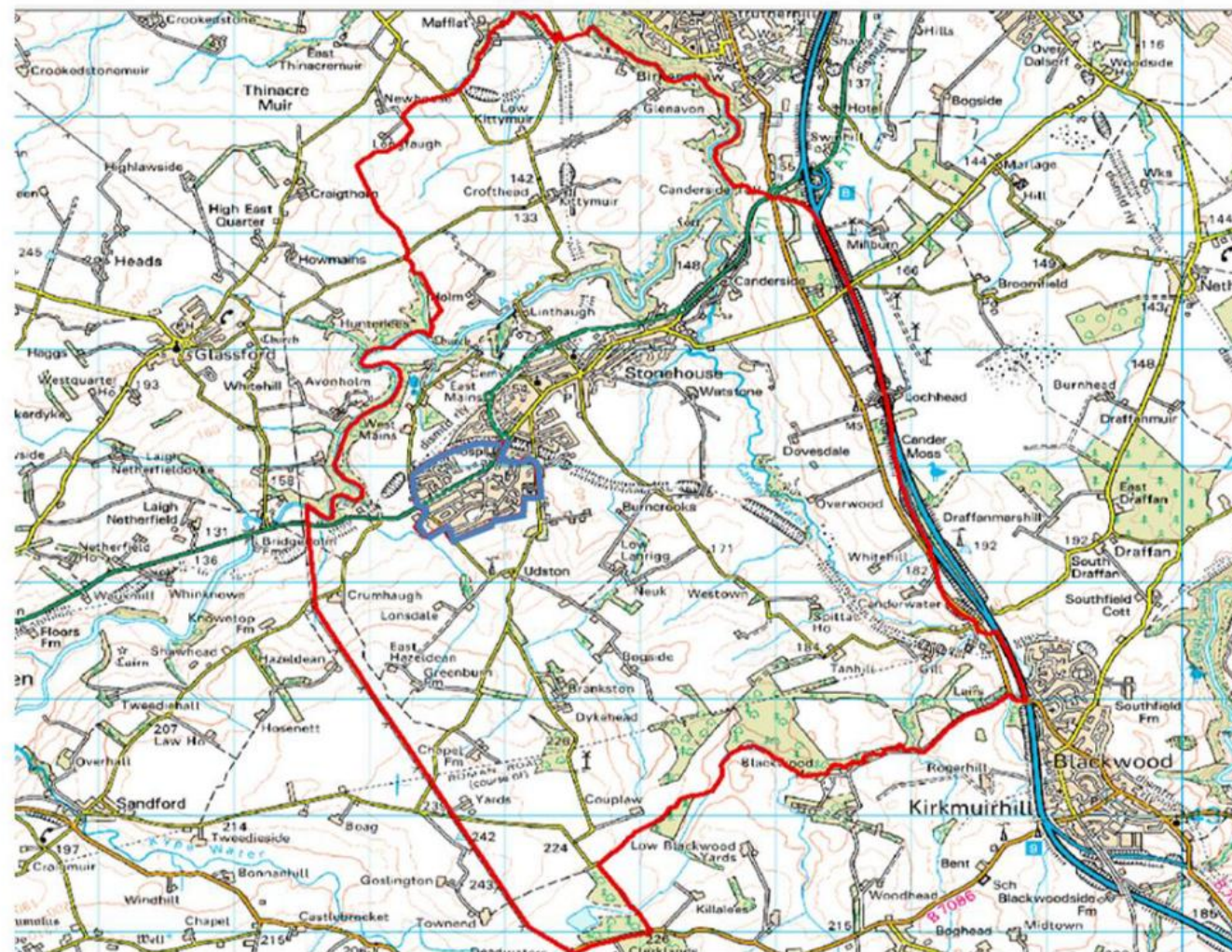
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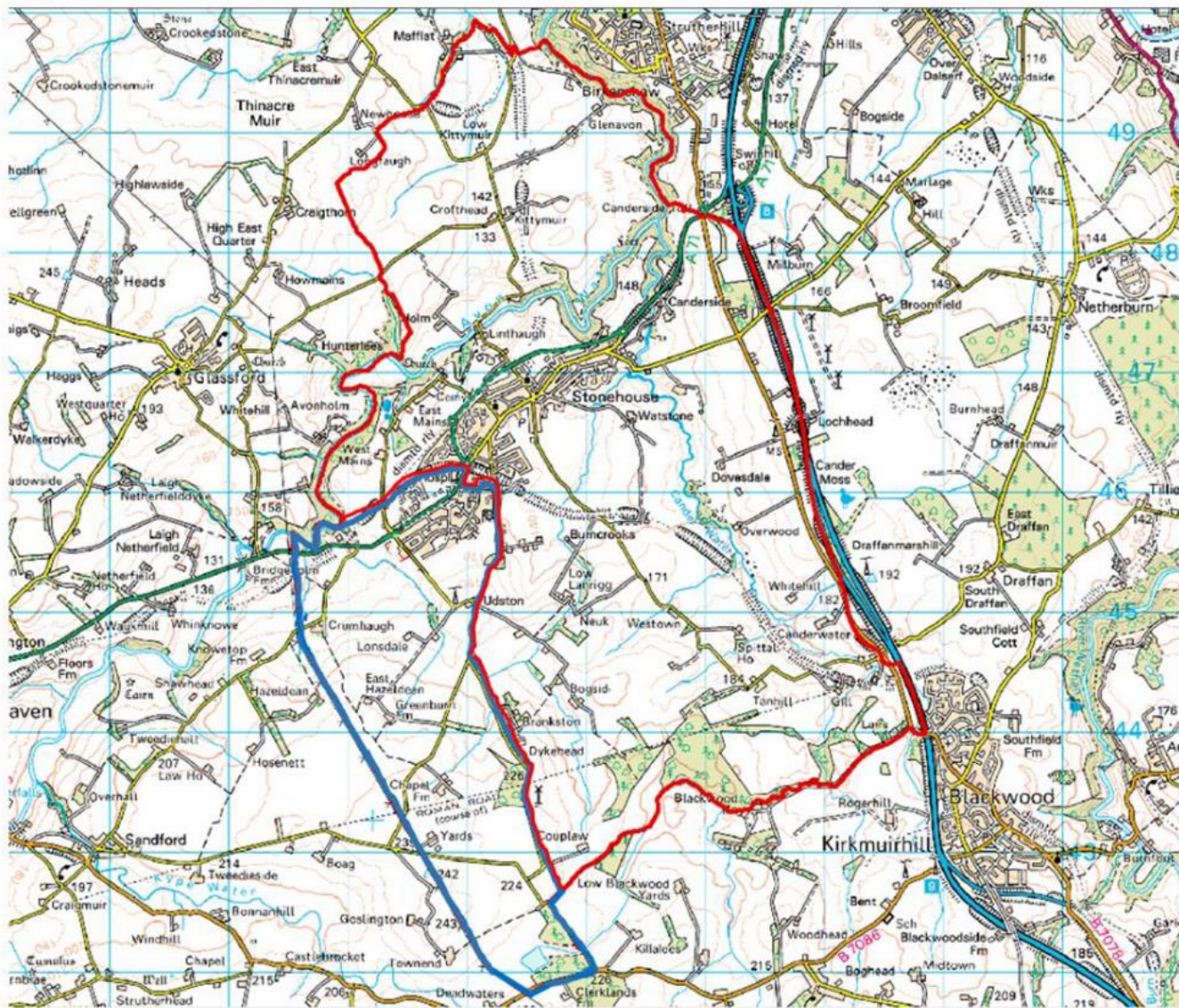
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Appendix 1 – Existing Catchment areas



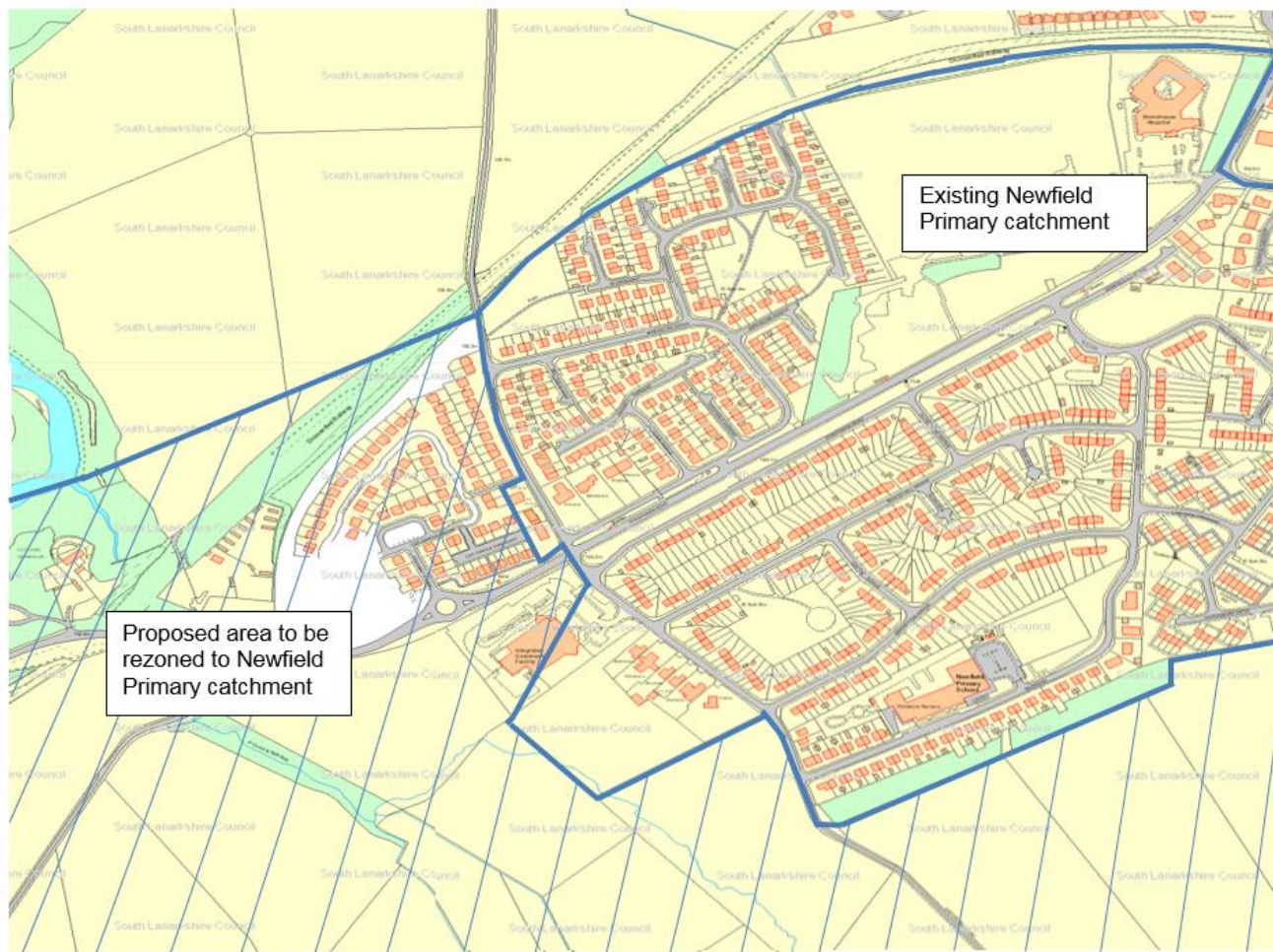
-  Existing Stonehouse Primary Catchment
-  Existing Newfield Primary Catchment

Appendix 2 – Proposed Catchment areas



- Proposed Stonehouse Primary Catchment
- Proposed Newfield Primary Catchment

Appendix 3
Detail of housing area proposed to move to Newfield Catchment area



Existing Newfield
Primary catchment

Proposed area to be
rezoned to Newfield
Primary catchment



Existing Newfield
Primary Catchment



Proposed addition to
Newfield Primary
Catchment