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# **CONSULTATION DOCUMENT**

**EDUCATION SERVICES PROPOSALS TO:** 

- ESTABLISH A NEW NON-DENOMINATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL WITHIN THE CALDERWOOD AREA IN EAST CALDER
- REVIEW ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE CATCHMENT AREA FOR THE NEW SCHOOL
- REVIEW ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS ARISING FROM ALTERATIONS TO THE NON-DENOMINATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL CATCHMENT AREA AT EAST CALDER PRIMARY SCHOOL
- REVIEW TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS FROM PRIMARY TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

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# **SECTION ONE**

This section introduces the reason for the Statutory Public Consultation.

## 1.1 PURPOSE OF THE DOCUMENT

The purpose of this document is to advise on:

- 1. West Lothian Council's proposals to:
  - I. Create a new non-denominational primary school within the Calderwood housing development in East Calder;
  - II. Review of admission arrangements and establish a catchment area for the new school;
  - III. Review admission arrangements arising from proposed alterations to the current non-denominational catchment area at East Calder Primary School; and
  - IV. Review transfer arrangements for primary to secondary pupils.
- 2. The educational benefits of the proposals and how they will make things better; and
- 3. Information on how you can give your views and take part in the consultation process.

West Lothian Council believes that thorough and effective consultation will support better outcomes for pupils, their families and the wider community as a whole.

Public consultations are necessary when a local authority is proposing to create a new education establishment and/or make a change to an existing school catchment area. To carry out a public consultation West Lothian Council requires to follow the statutory guidance outlined in the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010. With this in mind this document is organised into three sections:

**Section 1** of this document introduces the proposals and gives background and rationale.

Section 2 contains details the educational benefits to be gained.

**Section 3** offers information on the Integrated Impact Assessments (IIA) conducted by Council officers to meet statutory equality duties, to assess policies and practices and ensure compliance with all legislative requirements.

**Section 4** details how West Lothian Council has organised the consultation process to meet the requirements of the legislation and how you can take part and give your views.

## 1.2. BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

A site for a proposed new primary school at Calderwood, East Calder was identified in the 2009 West Lothian Local Development Plan. The site allows for children from the entire Calderwood development and those children from a small number of dwellings in the vicinity to be educated at a new non-denominational primary school within the development area.

At present, East Calder Primary school has a capacity of 462 and a roll of 307 for school session 2018-19.

On review of the school estate in West Lothian and offering due regard to current admission arrangements, school catchment areas and school capacities it is proposed that pupils from the existing West Lothian dwellings at Raw Cottages, Overshiel Farm, Camps and Coxydene and those Edinburgh Council dwellings in the East Calder catchment are better located and in closer proximity to the new Calderwood Primary School.

The Calderwood component of the Core Development Area has 240 consented houses remaining in Phase 2 and a further 740 consented houses in Phase 3.

The Raw Holdings part of the Core Development Area has 553 houses with current consents.

Projections show that if 50 dwellings per year were completed in each of Raw Holdings and Calderwood developments the projected incoming pupil numbers would be in the region of 30 non-denominational primary school children per year.

This will lead East Calder Primary School to be over its current capacity of 462 by 2021-22 if no additional capacity were to be constructed. Please see Table 1 below indicating East Calder Primary School forecast school rolls.

Capacity	2018-	2019-	2020-	2021-	2022-	2023-	2024-	2025-	2026-	2027-	2028-
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
462	307	361	416	487	555	618	682	726	756	783	790

Table 1	East Calde	er Prima	ry Scho	ol forec	ast sch	ool rolls	s from t	he 2018	based	forecast	s:

The proposed creation of a new education establishment and review of school catchment areas are required to ensure future housing developments in East Calder have appropriate catchment schools and also ensure West Lothian Council meet statutory educational responsibilities.

Area Maps identifying current and proposed East Calder Primary School catchment areas and the proposed Calderwood Primary School catchment area are attached to this report – Appendices 3-5.

## 1.3 PRE-CONSULTATION ENGAGEMENT

Pre-Consultation engagement was conducted in May 2019 the intention of which was to offer information on the initial proposals and to gather the views of the community in preparation of an informed proposal to take forward to public statutory consultation phase.

Feedback attained during the Pre-Consultation process indicates that whilst the Calderwood community are in full support of the main proposal to establish a new non-denominational primary school the associated proposal of primary to secondary school alignment to the proposed new non-denominational secondary school at Winchburgh was not favoured. General opinion was that Calderwood Primary School should remain in the West Calder High School catchment area.

To this regard, Council officers have reviewed this element of the initial proposal and moving forward to Statutory Consultation, will propose that the Calderwood area remain in the existing secondary school catchment and have primary school to secondary school association with West Calder High School.

Notes on the Pre-Consultation meetings are attached to this report – Appendices 1 and 2.

# **SECTION TWO**

This section details the educational benefits to be gained should the proposals be progressed.

# 2.1. EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT STATEMENT

To assess the educational benefits of the proposals being taken forward, the undernoted factors are considered:

#### • Curriculum For Excellence

A key educational advantage is that Calderwood Primary School and East Calder Primary school will be fully equipped to deliver the full breadth of Curriculum for Excellence.

Curriculum for Excellence is the national curriculum of experiences and outcomes for all pupils, 3-18 years.

The national guidance from Education Scotland encourages education authorities to ensure that curricular provisions offer opportunities for learners to achieve across all curricular areas and develop skills, attributes and capabilities through courses aligned with the key principles of Curriculum for Excellence: challenge and enjoyment, breadth, progression, depth, personalisation and choice, coherence and relevance.

Continued engagement of creative teaching and learning approaches in viable and sustainable school establishments broadens scope for attainment and achievement and builds a positive ethos for staff and pupils alike.

### Admission Arrangements

Variations to admission arrangements are anticipated as a result of the establishment of a catchment area for the proposed new primary school at Calderwood and the associated proposal to alter the school catchment area at East Calder Primary School.

It is proposed to transfer only the areas specified in Section 1.2 of this report. All other existing catchment area criteria for East Calder Primary school will remain unchanged.

Younger siblings of those pupils currently attending East Calder Primary School and living within the proposed new Calderwood Primary School catchment area will retain catchment status of the older sibling and will be permitted to attend East Calder Primary School if parents wish siblings to attend the same school.

This catchment status would remain until the sibling link is broken i.e. should the elder sibling leave primary school education prior to commencement of the

younger sibling at primary school.

There will be no impact to pupils currently in attendance at West Lothian schools as a result of proposed variations to school catchment areas.

Criteria for admission will be in accordance with West Lothian Council's current admission arrangements. <u>West Lothian Primary School Admission Policy</u>

## • Primary to Secondary Transfer Arrangements

The proposed new primary school in the Calderwood area will be an associated primary school and aligned to West Calder High School.

East Calder Primary School will continue to be an associated primary school and aligned to West Calder High School. Existing P7-S1 transition arrangements between East Calder Primary School and West Calder High School will be unaffected by the proposed amendment to the catchment area at East Calder Primary School.

### • School Management/Staff Teams

West Lothian Council, adhering to statutory recruitment processes, will appoint management and staff to the proposed new Calderwood Primary School.

The appointment of Head Teacher will be confirmed well in advance of the opening of the new school. This allows opportunity for the Head Teacher to be involved in the appointment of staff, involved in the final specifications and occupation of the new building and take a key role in developing relationships within the new school community.

All newly appointed staff will take a pro-active approach to ensure Calderwood Primary School operates efficiently and effectively.

No changes to the existing management and staff provisions at East Calder Primary School are anticipated as a result of the proposals. Should there be an instance where staffing adjustments are required at East Calder Primary School all actions will be carried out and adhere to existing West Lothian Council statutory recruitment processes.

### Class Structure

Class structure and pupil/teacher ratio is arranged internally by school management and will adhere to guidelines set out by Scottish Government Legislations - The Schools General (Scotland) Regulations 1975, The Education (Lower Primary Class Sizes) (Scotland) Regulations 1999.

### Accommodation

Accommodation at Calderwood Primary School will deliver a modern, accessible learning establishment with internal and external provisions fully equipped to deliver a purposeful and resourceful education facility.

With a key focus on delivery of a viable efficient learning establishment it is

paramount that West Lothian Council ensure that the proposed new school is flexible and allows the creative and multiple use of spaces by staff and pupils. Layout and design plans for Calderwood Primary School are indicative at this stage and will be an ongoing consideration throughout the Consultation Phase.

Sustainability will be a key factor in the design and construction of Calderwood Primary School and will be incorporated into every element of the development process. Due regard will be offered to the materials used for construction, fixtures and fittings, heating systems and lighting provisions.

Initial design intention is that Calderwood Primary School will be constructed as a double stream capacity school to accommodate 462 pupils. It will have a flexible design that will allow future expansion.

A 128 place nursery will be a component of the proposed new development.

In relation to development schedules, current planning intention is to commence construction on site in 2020 with an intimated delivery of 2021.

No amended to provisions both internally and externally at East Calder Primary School are anticipated as a result of the proposals being taken forward.

### Reasonable Adjustments Duty

The Equality Act 2010 specifies all education authorities have a duty to make reasonable adjustments to provisions, practices, auxiliary aids and services to ensure that disabled pupils can fully participate in the education provided by the school.

Authorities also have a duty to consider the physical environment of the school and should implement strategies that allow equal access to all ensuring no pupil is disadvantaged.

Both Calderwood Primary School and East Calder Primary School will take positive steps to adjust provisions, practices, auxiliary aids and services where appropriate and maintain equal opportunity and delivery of best possible education for all pupils.

### Additional Support

West Lothian Council is committed to meeting the needs of all learners. As mainstream education establishments Calderwood Primary School and East Calder Primary School will aspire to provide a level of support dedicated to meeting the needs of the individual. Should the level of support require specialist provision consideration for placement in one of the authority's dedicated Additional Support Needs establishments will be in accordance with West Lothian Council's current admission arrangements for specialist provision. <u>West Lothian Council Admission to Specialist Provision Policy</u>

### • Transport

Requests for school transport provisions will be considered in accordance with West Lothian Council's School Transport Policy. <u>West Lothian Council Policy on</u> <u>Transport to and from Mainstream School</u>

The school transport provisions currently in place for pupils attending East Calder Primary will remain. No alterations to existing entitlements and schedule of provisions are anticipated as a result of the proposed catchment alterations.

#### • School Grounds/Outdoor Areas

The school grounds at Calderwood Primary School and East Calder Primary School will offer scope for development of the outdoor classroom, having a positive impact on the learning environment for all pupils.

Playground areas will be spacious and support the development of good relationships and positive behaviour.

Sufficient space will be allocated on the grounds for staff and visitor car parking and for the safe and efficient drop off/uplift of pupils. Appropriate car park protocols and risk assessments will be initiated and maintained.

#### Breakfast/After School Clubs

A Breakfast Club at the proposed Calderwood Primary School will provide pupils with a healthy breakfast and offer opportunity to sample and develop preferences for healthy options.

The Breakfast Club at East Calder Primary School will continue to promote healthy eating, establish positive relationships at the start of the school day and improve attitude, behaviours and motivation to learn.

Pupils at both schools will be invited to take part in extracurricular activities which take place throughout the school session. Participation in these activities promotes and encourages social interaction, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens.

### • Parental Involvement

Parent Forums will be established to ensure parents and carers of pupils attending Calderwood Primary School have opportunity to shape the strategic direction of the school.

A key focus is the delivery of a welcoming school that is inclusive for all parents, carers, pupils and staff.

West Lothian Council do not foresee any impact to existing opportunities for parental involvement and engagement at East Calder Primary School as a result of the proposals. Parents and carers will continue to be an integral part of the East Calder Primary School community with their ongoing contributions and working partnerships key to the success of the school.

### Community Links

In relation to the proposal to establish a new non-denominational primary school at Calderwood, West Lothian Council will work continuously with existing community groups and potential new community groups. It is paramount that strong community links are embedded at the outset of the new school.

Calderwood Primary School will offer develop strong links between the school and the local community. These strong community links facilitates the promotion

of a wide range of opportunities for users of the proposed new school and the surrounding community alike. Community interaction encourages a welcoming ethos, provides pupils with valuable life and interpersonal skills and promotes acknowledgement and respect for the local area.

All external links that East Calder Primary School has established will remain. The School will continue to have clear and distinct associations within the local community.

### Benefits for other School Users

The proposed changes will have no impact on existing external school users at East Calder Primary School. All existing provisions will remain.

It is not envisaged that any other schools within the direct vicinity, the attending pupils and staff will be affected by this proposal.

# SECTION THREE

This section provides information on the Integrated Impact Assessments (IIA) conducted by Council officers to meet statutory equality duties, to assess policies and practices and ensure compliance with all legislative requirements.

The aim of an IIA is to examine policies and practices in a structured way taking account of equality, human rights and socioeconomic disadvantage (poverty) implications when making decisions, ensuring the impact within the community is recognised and addressed accordingly.

IIA screening is completed using the Council's Integrated Impact Assessment Toolkit and allows the Authority to recognise positive steps it can take to promote fairness and equality of opportunity for all.

As part of the consultation process the Council will consult with a wide range of stakeholders, staff, parents/carers and young people and will welcome and address comments on the IIA process.

The outcome of the Integrated Impact Assessment will inform the Final Consultation Report and the Council's consideration of the proposed changes prior to reaching a decision on whether they should be implemented.

# **SECTION FOUR**

This section provides information on how West Lothian Council has organised the consultation process for the proposals contained within this document. It also provides information on how you can take part and give your views.

# THE CONSULTATION PROCESS - HOW TO HAVE YOUR SAY

In terms of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, any proposal to create a new education establishment with new associated school catchment area, alteration of school admission arrangements by varying the catchment area of a school and review of primary to secondary school transition arrangements requires a formal consultation process.

The Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, as amended by the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014, sets out the statutory consultation requirements.

The statutory consultees are prescribed as follows:

- the Parent Council or Combined Parent Council of any affected school
- the parents of the pupils at any affected school
- the parents of any children expected by the education authority to attend any affected school within two years of the date of publication of the proposal paper
- the pupils at any affected school (in so far as the education authority considers them to be of a suitable age and maturity)
- the staff (teaching and other) at any affected school
- any trade union which appears to the education authority to be representative of the persons mentioned in bullet point above
- the community council (if any)
- the community planning partnership (within the meaning of section 4(5) of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 for the area the local authority in which any affected school is situated.
- any other community planning partnership that the education authority considers relevant
- any other education authority that the education authority considers relevant
- any other users of any affected school that the education authority considers

relevant

• in relation to any relevant proposal which affects a denominational school, the Church, Denominational Body or Scottish Hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church

As stated in the terms of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 statutory consultation periods should last a minimum of six weeks continuous and incorporate a minimum of 30 school days (excluding school holidays). Therefore the consultation period for these particular proposals will run from 26 September 2019 until 15 November 2019.

The consultation paper will be made available for reference electronically and in paper format.

A public meeting will be held in respect of the proposals at the venue listed below:

6.30-8.00pm
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The meeting will give interested parties a formal opportunity to express their views.

Representatives of the Council will be present at the meeting to outline the proposals, facilitate discussions and answer questions.

The Council website will contain information on the consultation. The web address is: <a href="http://www.westlothian.gov.uk/Calderwood-Primary-School-Consultation">www.westlothian.gov.uk/Calderwood-Primary-School-Consultation</a>

During the consultation period any views on this proposal should be sent in writing to the address given below:

Melanie Laurie, Education Project Officer, Education Services, Civic Centre, Howden Road South, EH54 6FF

Responses can also be made by e-mail to Education.Consultation@westlothian.gov.uk

All responses to be received by no later than 5.00pm Friday 15 November 2019.

### **Consultation Timeline:**

Following the end of the consultation period West Lothian Council must provide Education Scotland with a report detailing all findings pertaining to the Statutory Consultation.

All written and oral comments received during the consultation process are recorded and represented in said report, along with the Council's response to those comments.

Education Scotland will consider the Council submission and advise their response accordingly.

West Lothian Council will ensure that considerations received from Education Scotland are included in the Final Consultation Report. This Final Report will be made available and notification will be given to those individuals or groups that have made representations during the consultation period.

West Lothian Council will not make any decisions, or put any changes into effect until the final Consultation Report has been concluded, published and subsequently presented to the Education Executive on 21 January 2020.

The above Consultation Timeline encompasses statutory legislative requirements detailed as per Schools (Consultation)(Scotland) Act 2010

West Lothian Council, propozycja powołania nowej niewyznaniowej szkoły podstawowej w Calderwood, East Calder, oraz zweryfikowania zasad przyjęcia w związku ze zmianą rejonizacji szkoły niewyznaniowej dla szkoły East Calder Primary School

Aby otrzymać kopię tego dokumentu, prosimy zadzwonić do MELANIE LAURIE 01506 281666. NALEŻY PODAĆ SWOJE NAZWISKO, ADRES ORAZ JĘZYK, NA KTÓRY DOKUMENT MA BYĆ PRZETŁUMACZONY

Vestloziānas domes (*West Lothian Council*) priekšlikums izveidot jaunu nekonfesionālu pamatskolu Koldervudā (*Calderwood*), Īstkolderā (*East Calder*) un pārskatīt uzņemšanas kārtību sakarā ar nekonfesionālās skolas – Īstkolderas pamatskolas – mikrorajona izmaiņām

Ja jūs vēlaties saņemt šī dokumenta eksemplāru, lūdzam zvanīt MELANIE LAURIE uz 01506 281666. JUMS JĀNORĀDA JŪSU VĀRDS, UZVĀRDS UN ADRESE, KĀ ARĪ VALODA, KURĀ JŪS VĒLATIES ŠO DOKUMENTU SAŅEMT

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العرض المقدم من بلدية ويست لوثيان West Lothian لتأسيس مدرسة ابتدائية غير دينية في كولدروود Calderwood في ايست كولدر East Calder وإعادة النظر حول الترتيبات المتعلقة بالقبول المدرسي الناشئة عن التغييرات حول منطقة القبول العائدة للمدرسة غير الدينية في مدرسة ايست كولدر East Calder الابتدائية

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West Lothian市政府,提议在Calderwood, East Calder建立一所新的非教派小学,并审查因East Calder Primary School**非教派学校的学区而**导致的招生安排。

**如果您想要**获得**本文件的一份副本**,请致电MELANIE LAURIE 01506 281666,提供您的姓名地 **址并**说明您希望该文件被翻译为什么语言。

西洛錫安議會關于在位于East Calder(東卡爾德)鎮的Calderwood(卡爾德伍德)建立一所新的非宗教性小學的建議以及由于非宗教性的East Calder(東卡爾德小學)學校規劃統計區的變 化而出現的對入學安排的審核

<u>如果您想要一份本文檔的副本,請致電給 MELANIE LAURIE,號碼是 01506 281666。請將您的</u> 姓名、地址和希望將該文件翻譯成的語言告訴我們。

Vakarų Lothian savivaldybės pasiūlymas įkurti naują nedenominacinę pradinę mokyklą Calderwood'e, East Calder vietovėje ir peržiūrėti priėmimo tvarką, kurią sąlygoja alternatyvūs denominacinės vidurinės mokyklos pasiekiamumo zonų variantai: Rytų Calder pradinė mokykla.

<u>Jei norite šios dokumento kopijos, susisiekite su MELANIE LAURIE telefonu 01506 281666.</u> <u>PATEIKITE SAVO VARDĄ, PAVARDĘ, ADRESĄ IR KALBĄ, ĮKURIĄ NORĖTUMĖTE, KAD BŪTŲ</u> <u>IŠVERSTAS ŠIS DOKUMENTAS.</u>



# Appendix 1

# WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL

# PROPOSAL TO CREATE NEW NON-DENOMINATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL AT CALDERWOOD, EAST CALDER

# PRE CONSULTATION SESSION WEDNESDAY 22 MAY, EAST CALDER PARTNERSHIP CENTRE

### **Representation from:**

James Cameron, Head of Education (Learning, Policy and Resources) Andrew Cotton, Senior Education Planning Officer Catherine Campbell, Senior Education Development Officer Melanie Laurie, Education Project Officer Elsie Aitken, Early Years Resource Officer West Lothian Council Property Management and Development Morrison Construction Hub South East Glenmhor JM Architects East Calder Community Council East Calder Residents

### Aim of Session

- Information sharing opportunity explanation and reasons behind proposal delivery of initial design intentions
- Initiate dialogue between consultees
- Opportunity to capture thoughts/ideas/questions
- Invaluable engagement and research process information gathered being used to develop an informed and defined Consultation Paper moving forward.

## Pre Consultation Exercise Discussions

- Overall, attendees welcomed the proposal and commented favourably on the prospect of having a new non-denominational primary school in the Calderwood area
- Initial design intentions and proposed location of the new school were well received
- Project delivery intentions were discussed with attendees welcoming the proposed 2021 delivery
- Questions were raised in relation to the proposed catchment area for the new school and proposed secondary school alignment
- Council officers responded by explaining that the West Lothian Local Development Plan and Projected Pupil Roll Indicators are key factors when considering delivery of the school estate within West Lothian. In addition, it was further explained that offering due regard to current admission arrangements and existing school capacities enables an informed decision on how best to deliver education provisions that ensure future housing developments have appropriate catchment school allocation and that West Lothian Council fully meet statutory educational responsibilities.



• Comment was made that proposed variation in the secondary school alignment for East Calder Primary School and the new school at Calderwood Primary could cause division within the community. This comment was duly noted by Council officers and will be addressed as the Statutory Consultation progresses.

# Next Steps

- Collate and review feedback received from pre consultation discussions
- Prepare Draft Public Consultation Paper
- September 2019 West Lothian Council Education Executive consider note on preconsultation exercise and review Draft Public Consultation Paper and make decision on continuation to Statutory Consultation phase
- October 2019 Statutory Public Consultation period
- November 2019 West Lothian Council submit report on findings of Public Consultation to Education Scotland for review
- December 2019 On receipt of response from Education Scotland, West Lothian Council prepare and publish Final Consultation Document
- January 2020 West Lothian Council Education Executive consider Final Consultation Document and agree final decision on proposal





### WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL

# PROPOSAL TO CREATE NEW NON-DENOMINATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL AT CALDERWOOD, EAST CALDER

### PRE CONSULTATION SESSION WEDNESDAY 29 MAY, THE LARDER EAST CALDER

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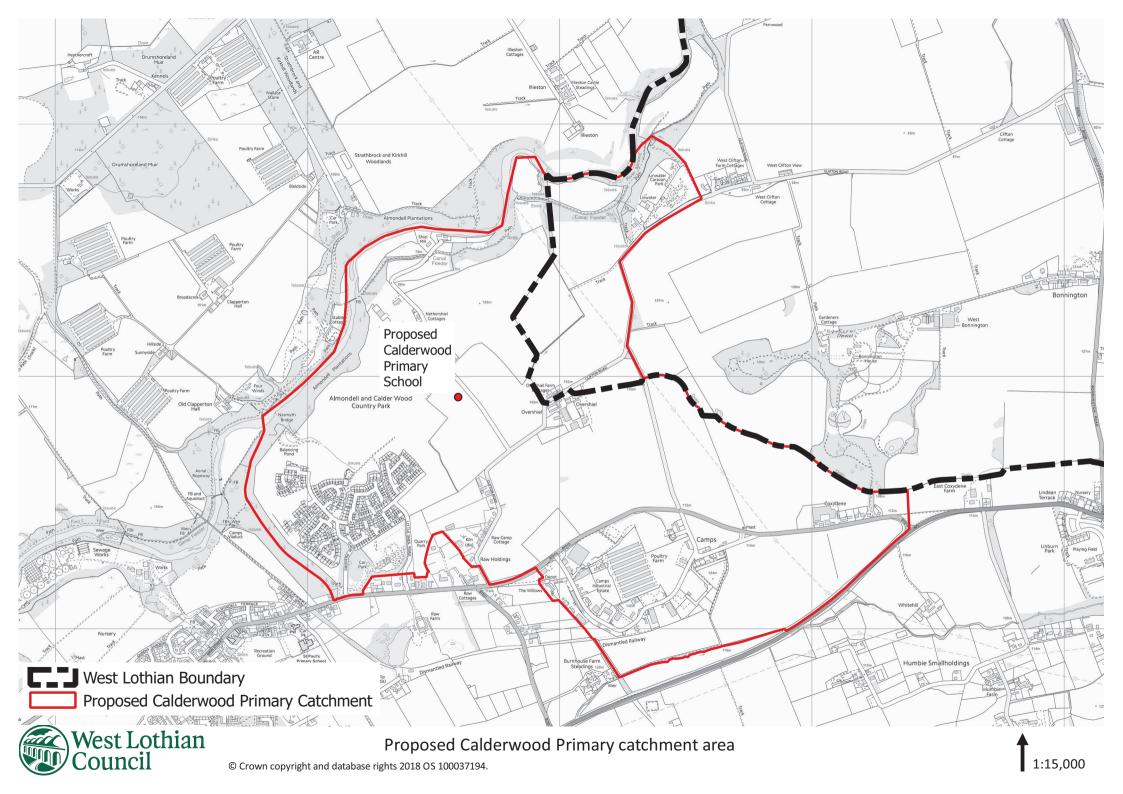
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- Project delivery intentions were discussed with attendees welcoming the proposed delivery schedule
- A number of comments were made in relation to the proposed Winchburgh secondary school alignment. In particular, travelling distance from East Calder to Winchburgh, the road infrastructure between both villages and potential traffic volumes were raised to Council officers for address.
- Further comments were raised that proposed variation in secondary school alignment for East Calder Primary School (West Calder High School) and the new school at Calderwood Primary (Winchburgh Academy) would cause division within the community and that moving forward this is a concern.
- Council officers explained that the West Lothian Local Development Plan and Projected Pupil Roll Indicators are key factors when considering delivery of the school estate within West Lothian. In addition, it was further explained that offering due regard to current admission arrangements and existing school capacities enables an informed decision on how best to deliver education provisions that ensure future housing developments have appropriate catchment school allocation and that West Lothian Council fully meet statutory educational responsibilities.

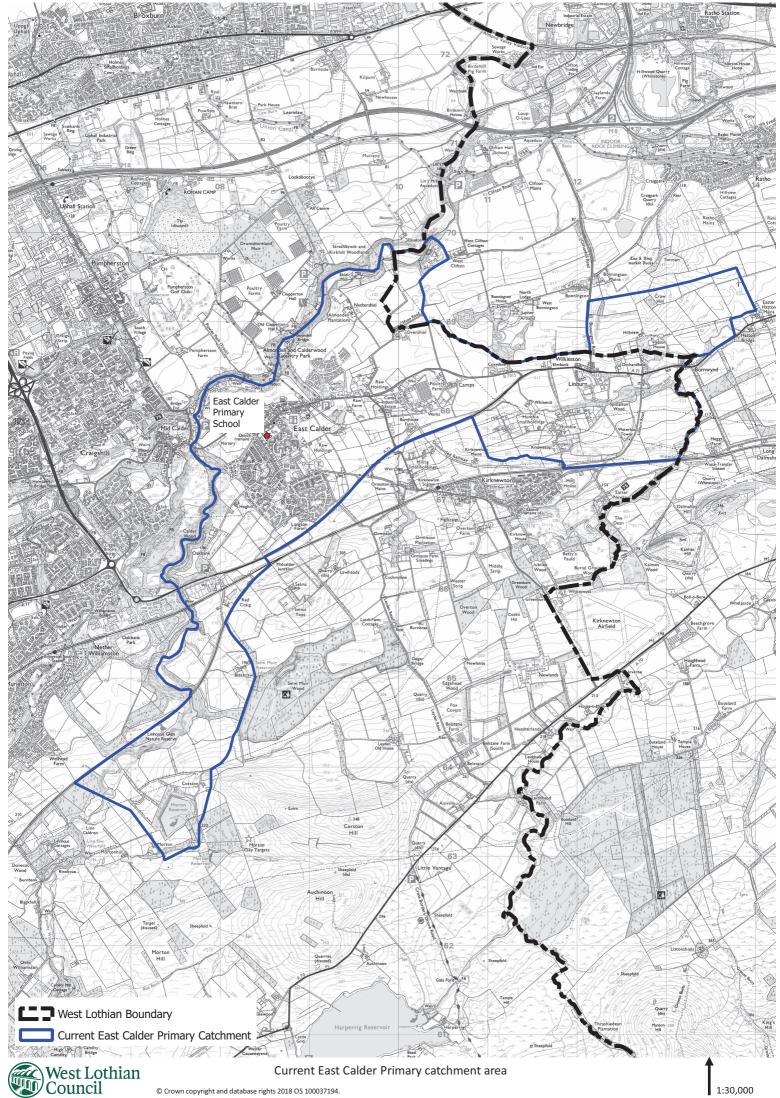


• All comments made by meeting attendees are duly noted by Council officers and will be addressed as the Consultation process progresses.

# Next Steps

- Collate and review feedback received from pre consultation discussions
- Prepare Draft Public Consultation Paper
- September 2019 West Lothian Council Education Executive consider note on preconsultation exercise and review Draft Public Consultation Paper and make decision on continuation to Statutory Consultation phase
- October 2019 Statutory Public Consultation period
- November 2019 West Lothian Council submit report on findings of Public Consultation to Education Scotland for review
- December 2019 On receipt of response from Education Scotland, West Lothian Council prepare and publish Final Consultation Document
- January 2020 West Lothian Council Education Executive consider Final Consultation Document and agree final decision on proposal





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