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Dear Mr Gaw,

Proposal to realign the catchment areas of Currie Primary School, Nether Currie Primary School, Dean Park Primary School, Currie High School and Balerno High School.

Response to consultation by City of Edinburgh Council; October to December 2018

This is the response by Balerno Community Council to the statutory consultation agreed to Education, Children and Families Committee on 21 June 2018 proposing the realignment of the catchment areas of Currie Primary School, Dean Park Primary School, Nether Currie Primary School, Currie High School and Balerno High School.

The proposals - The Consultation proposes catchment changes which would see a section of Currie Primary School's catchment area realigned with Dean Park Primary School, necessitating also a realignment of the Currie High School and Balerno High School catchment boundaries. The Council further notes and endorses the approach in the consultation which would see alignment of school catchment boundaries with Community Council boundaries.

The Council has noted that under the proposals Dean Park Primary School and Balerno High School's catchment areas would be extended to the east and north affecting existing properties in the Dalmahoy, Cherry Tree and Newmills areas, including the new housing development at Newmills. We note that the details are set out in Appendix 5 of the Consultation Paper and they are repeated below for completeness. The Council would ask CEC however to check carefully that all streets comprised in the proposed transfer are in fact specified. The streets within the current Newmills development which, we understand, would fall within Currie PS catchment area as presently drawn, but which would fall within DPSS area if the proposals are accepted are Blackadder Drive, Somerville Road, Ramslack Street, Byrne Crescent, Shiels Way and Craigentarrie Mews. Of those we think that Blackadder Drive is at or near completion and ought properly therefore to be included in Appendix 5.



The Council supports the principle of alignment of catchment area boundaries with Community Council boundaries, and has so stated in its draft Community Plan published in March 2018 Accordingly the Council supports the proposal.

Accommodation consequentials - The Council has noted the observations in the consultation document at 4.12 to 4.18 concerning accommodation and capacity at Dean Park Primary School. It has also noted the comments in the introductory summary to paragraph 4 to the effect that if implemented, the proposals would require new accommodation to be supplied for Dean Park Primary School.

The Council believes that upgrade of existing accommodation at Dean Park Primary School is urgently required, regardless of whether the proposals in the consultation document are implemented. It also believes, similarly, that extension of DPPS to meet anticipated increased demand within the existing catchment area is urgently required. On a point of detail the Council further believes that valuable use is currently being made of the former NHS Clinic wing, referred to at para 4.13; the Council would hope that such valuable use could be maintained when options for the projected future extension and upgrade are determined.

The Council urges CEC to consider urgently the options for such upgrade and extension at DPPS in addition to any further increase in accommodation required to give effect to the proposed catchment area changes.

The Council has noted the comments in the consultation paper as to accommodation consequentials for Balerno High School. The Council does not find Table 10 in the consultation paper persuasive. The table – repeated below - appears overly symmetrical.

Table 10: Projected Secondary School Roll as existing and following proposed catchment changes

Balerno High School	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Projected Roll 12 December 2017	754	788	836	871	892	912	915	915	915	915
Projected Roll With catchment change	754	788	836	871	892	912	915	915	935	935

It would require a more detailed breakdown of evidence to demonstrate convincingly that the projected School Roll would *not* increase as a result of the implementation of the proposals when the catchment area is increased.

Finance

Capital costs - The Council has noted that ‘the cost of five new classrooms at Dean Park Primary School would be £1.492m although how additional accommodation is delivered would be subject to review of existing facilities at the school.’ 7.2. The Council would expect that at the least the entire sum available to the CEC from S75 receipts arising from Newmills and Ravelrig developments would be committed to the development of necessary classrooms referable to those developments, and that in particular the use of existing accommodation as referred to at para 4.13 of the consultation would not be prejudiced by the acceptance by CEC of the consultation proposals. The Council supports the request at 7.8 that the initial budgets required to



deliver additional classrooms are established in the Capital Investment Programme through the Council's budget setting process.

Revenue costs – The Council notes at 7.9 of the consultation that 'The additional revenue costs associated with the necessary expansion at Dean Park Primary School as a result of the proposal in this paper would be met through current demography funding. While the proposal would result in expansion of existing facilities there would be no additional revenue costs associated with additional management, teaching or non-teaching positions which would be required regardless of the proposals.'

The Council would expect that, in the event that the proposals are implemented, that CEC would keep the financial provision under active review to ensure that adequate revenue funding was available, and that appropriate increases in funding were made available as necessary.

Please do not hesitate to let the Council know if you require any further information from the Council.

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cc – Cllr Ricky Henderson, Cllr Neil Gardiner, Cllr Graeme Bruce, Cllr Susan Webber,

Addresses moving from Currie Primary School to Dean Park Primary School as listed in Appendix 5 of Consultation document

Street	House Numbers and Names
Addiston Farm Road	No.1,2,3,5, Kiershill, Brampton Lodge
Calder Road	No.4, Addistoun House, Addistoun Lodge, Bridge End Cottages, Burnwynd, Easter Hatton House, Entryhead, Hatton Mains, Knowehead Cottage, Old Hatton Mains, Old Hatton Mains Dalmahoy, Sawmills Cottages
Cherry Tree Avenue	No.1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20
Cherry Tree Crescent	No.1,1A,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,12,14,16,18,20,22,24,26,28
Cherry Tree Gardens	No.1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,28,30,32,34,36,38,40,42
Cherry Tree Grove	No.1,2,3,4,5,6
Cherry Tree Loan	No.1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,19
Cherry Tree Park	No.1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39
Cherry Tree View	No.1,2,3,4,5,6



Curriehill Castle Drive	No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193
Dalmahoy	No.1,1A,2,3,4,5A,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,15,16, The Elms
Gowanhill Farm Road	No.1B, Curriehill Crossing
Haggs Farm Road	No.17
Lanark Road West	No.414,416,418,420,422,424,426,428,430,432,434,436,438,440,442,444,446,456, 458,460,462,464,466,468,469,470,472,472B,478,480
Long Dalmahoy Road	No.1,3A,101,103, Long Dalmahoy, Haggs Farm, Despone, Tui Steading, Newhouse Livery, Haggs Cottages, Newhouse Farmhouse, Newhouse Cottages
Lymphoy	Lymphoy House, Lymphoy Stables, Lymphoy Cottage
Newmills Avenue	No.1,2,3,4,6,8
Newmills Crescent	No.1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,16,17,18,23,25,27,29,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38, 39,40,41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51
Newmills Grove	No.1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,13,15
Newmills Road	No.1B,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10,12,14,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,25,26,27,28,29,31
Somerville Road	No.39,41
Willow Tree Place	No.1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15