



# **Proposal to rezone the Dunlop Estate areas into North Lanarkshire Council school catchment areas**

**A report on the consultation held from  
01 March 2023 to 27 April 2023**

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## 1.0 Introduction

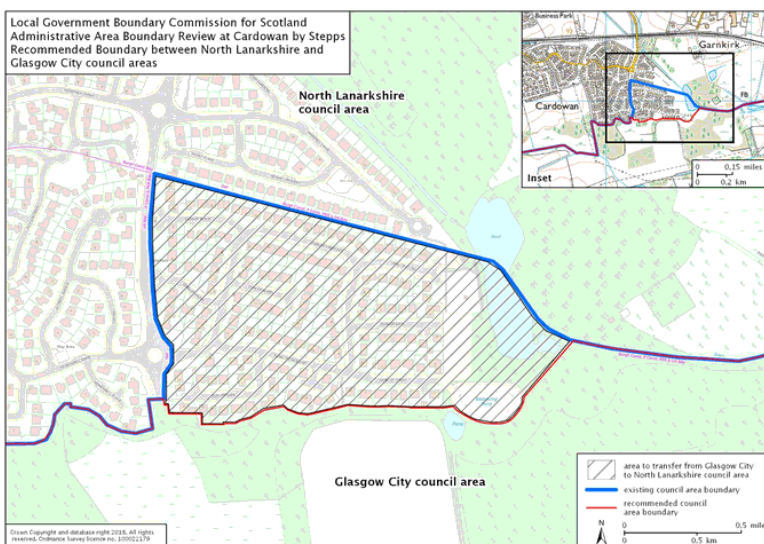
This report is published by North Lanarkshire Council in response to a statutory consultation carried out under the terms of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.

## 1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to advise all stakeholders on the outcome of the consultation exercise undertaken recently on rezoning of the Dunlop Estate area to within North Lanarkshire Council school catchment areas. This outcome will be presented to the council's Education Children and Families Committee for consideration on 12 September 2023.

## 1.2 Background

In November 2016, following a request from residents, the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland agreed to conduct a review of boundary between Glasgow City and North Lanarkshire council areas at Cardowan, Stepps. The area concerned lies to the east of Dewar Road and includes properties on Dunlop Close, Dunlop Court, Dunlop Crescent, Dunlop Gate, Dunlop Gardens, Dunlop Grove and Dunlop Wynd.



In 2018, Scottish Ministers gave effect to the proposals that this area is transferred from Glasgow City Council area to North Lanarkshire Council area coming into force from 01 April 2019. The local community has since made representation to have this area rezoned to North Lanarkshire catchments.

Having taken account of existing capacity to accommodate pupils transferring from the former Glasgow area and future pupil populations, North Lanarkshire Council has consulted on the rezoning of this area into existing school catchment areas.

### **1.3 Changes**

Proposal is to rezone the Dunlop Estate school catchment areas from Glasgow City Council to North Lanarkshire Council.

The reasons for this proposal:

- To ensure that pupils in the Dunlop Estate area can access full provision and entitlement within North Lanarkshire
- To promote further community integration as requested by residents of the area

### **1.4 Methodology**

The consultation was conducted in accordance with the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 and carried out over the period 01 March 2023 to 27 April 2023 during which time copies of the proposal were made available online and all interested parties were invited to submit comments via a dedicated email box.

A public meeting was also held on 09 March 2023.

As required, Education Scotland was provided with a summary of all relevant written responses and oral representations made during the consultation period.

Following the consultation period, it is the Council's duty to review the proposal taking account of the feedback received from stakeholders during the consultation period which includes online responses, written responses and oral representations made during the public meetings. The content of Education Scotland's report has also been taken into consideration.

## **2.0 Analysis of responses**

### **2.1 Dedicated email box**

A dedicated mailbox, [dunlopestateconsultation@northlan.gov.uk](mailto:dunlopestateconsultation@northlan.gov.uk), was established to allow stakeholders to email any questions or queries. Nine written responses were received. All were positive about the changes proposed.

### **2.2 Public events**

Eleven stakeholders attended a public meeting at Chryston High School. All stakeholders present were supportive of the proposal.

## **3.0 Responses to the issues raised**

Education and Families Senior Management Team has considered the original proposal and reflected carefully upon the responses received. We are pleased that proposals have received a very positive response from stakeholders and recommend that the Dunlop Estate area is rezoned to within North Lanarkshire Council school catchment areas.

#### **4.0 Report by Education Scotland**

Under the terms of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, Education Scotland (formerly Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education) have produced a report on the educational aspects of the changes consulted upon.

The report can be accessed in full at the Education Scotland website and North Lanarkshire Council website. The report summarises its findings and conclusions as follows:

*North Lanarkshire Council have set out a clear rationale for rezoning Dunlop Close, Dunlop Court, Dunlop Crescent, Dunlop Gate, Dunlop Gardens, Dunlop Grove and Dunlop Wynd to schools within the council area. HM Inspectors agree that the proposal has potential educational benefits. If agreed, it has the potential to support children and young people to feel a greater connection to their wider community and build friendships with others in their area. All stakeholders who met with HM Inspectors are in favour of the proposal. The council's proposal could reduce the need for placing requests and reduce the worry about places on school transport for the small number of families affected. It could also reduce confusion for families about catchment areas. A few families from the area remain anxious about placements and transport for the coming academic year and in future years if the proposal is not agreed. It may be helpful for the council to communicate further with them.*

#### **Council response**

The service is pleased that HM Inspectors agree that the proposals are well founded and have realistic educational benefits for children, young people and their families. We will continue to review our information and advice for families specifically in relation to placing requests and home to school transport.

## **APPENDIX A**

### **Educational Benefits Statement**

North Lanarkshire Council is committed to supporting all children and young people realise their full potential and to reviewing and designing services around people, communities, and shared resources. This can be demonstrated through:

- Improvements in attainment and achievement
- Investment in our school estate
- Investment in ICT and digital technology

It is hoped that this proposal will provide the following educational benefits:

- Pupils who are resident within the delineated zone for a school will be able to attend their zoned school and be taught with peers from their community. It is anticipated that this will help pupils integrate within the local community and experience a wider educational experience through interacting with the local community.
- Families who live in the affected area will have clear information on their catchment schools, thereby providing certainty about future zoning arrangements.
- The re-zoning of the Dunlop Estate will provide parents and children with access to an ELC place within North Lanarkshire, alleviating the current requirement for cross boundary approval from Glasgow City Council.

## **Appendix 2**

### **Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010**

#### **Report by Education Scotland addressing educational aspects of the proposal by North Lanarkshire Council to rezone the Dunlop Estate into North Lanarkshire Council.**

**June 2023**

#### 1. Introduction

1.1 This report from Education Scotland has been prepared by His Majesty's Inspectors of Education (HM Inspectors) in accordance with the terms of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 ("the 2010 Act"). The purpose of the report is to provide an independent and impartial consideration of North Lanarkshire Council's proposal to rezone the Dunlop Estate into North Lanarkshire Council. Section 2 of the report sets out brief details of the consultation process. Section 3 of the report sets out HM Inspectors' consideration of the educational aspects of the proposal, including significant views expressed by consultees. Section 4 summarises HM Inspectors' overall view of the proposal. Upon receipt of this report, the Act requires the council to consider it and then prepare its final consultation report. The council's final consultation report should include this report and must contain an explanation of how, in finalising the proposal, it has reviewed the initial proposal, including a summary of points raised during the consultation process and the council's response to them. The council has to publish its final consultation report three weeks before it takes its final decision.

#### 1.2 HM Inspectors considered:

- the likely effects of the proposal for children and young people of the schools; any other users; children likely to become pupils within two years of the date of publication of the proposal paper; and other children and young people in the council area;
- any other likely effects of the proposal;
- how the council intends to minimise or avoid any adverse effects that may arise from the proposal; and
- the educational benefits the council believes will result from implementation of the proposal, and the council's reasons for coming to these beliefs.

#### 1.3 In preparing this report, HM Inspectors undertook the following activities:

- attendance at the public meeting held on 6 March 2023 in connection with the council's proposals;
- consideration of all relevant documentation provided by the council in relation to the proposal, specifically the educational benefits statement and related consultation documents, written and oral submissions from parents and others;
- visits to the site of Our Lady's High School, St Barbara's Primary School, Chryston High School and Chryston Primary School including discussion with relevant consultees; and
- discussion with relevant consultees, including the Roman Catholic Church representative on the North Lanarkshire Council Education, Children and Families Committee.

#### 2. Consultation process

2.1 North Lanarkshire Council undertook the consultation on its proposal(s) with reference to the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.

2.2 The council ran a public consultation from 1 March to 27 April 2023. Copies of the proposal were available online and the council invited comments on their proposal by email. A public meeting was held on 6 March 2023. Eleven stakeholders attended the public meeting and the council received nine written responses. All stakeholders expressed support for the proposal. They are positive about this potential change as it will enable all children and young people from the area to attend schools alongside their peers from the wider community. Parents stated they feel it

makes sense for their children to be able to attend North Lanarkshire schools given that is the authority they reside in and pay council tax to. Several also commented that the proposal could support active travel for some children and enable others to access school transport.

### 3. Educational aspects of proposal

3.1 The proposal covers a change in catchment areas for areas within the Dunlop Estate. These are Dunlop Close, Dunlop Court, Dunlop Crescent, Dunlop Gate, Dunlop Gardens, Dunlop Grove and Dunlop Wynd. In 2019, the geographical area covered by this proposal was transferred from Glasgow City Council to North Lanarkshire Council. Since then, community members have made representation to the council to realign school catchment areas accordingly. If agreed, this proposal will enable children and young people in the area to access schools in North Lanarkshire without the use of placing requests. Parents and young people who spoke to HM Inspectors expressed how stressful the experience of placing requests could be. They are hopeful that this proposal is agreed to avoid the need for such requests in future. A few stakeholders spoke about the confusion and disappointment that some families experienced when they realised that despite living in North Lanarkshire, they were in the catchment areas for schools in Glasgow. HM Inspectors agree with the council's statement that this proposal should provide greater clarity for families within the area.

3.2 All the stakeholders who spoke to HM Inspectors were in favour of this proposal. None of the senior leaders in the schools visited consider that the proposal will have any negative impact on their schools. They acknowledge concerns about the capacity in some of the local schools but do not consider that this proposal, if agreed, will have any significant effect on this. Children and young people at Chryston High School, Chryston Primary School, Our Lady's High School and St Barbara's Primary School all spoke positively about the schools they attend. They want peers from their area to have the right to go to the same schools as those for the wider Dunlop area.

They think it helps to build friendships and a sense of community when children and young people from an area attend the same schools. Those that access school transport spoke of the worry they experience at the start of the school year. This is due to waiting to see if there is space for them on the bus once all those who are entitled to a space have one. A few parents also spoke about challenges regarding getting their child to school when they are not entitled to the same transport as children living in neighbouring streets. A few said this affected the school their child was able to attend. Parents, children and young people are positive about the potential that this proposal has to address these issues. They would like this proposal to go ahead as quickly as possible. They are concerned that it will not be in place by the start of the next school year in August 2023.

HM Inspectors agree with the educational benefits the council has stated. If agreed, this proposal could provide more opportunities for children and young people to learn and socialise alongside peers from the wider Dunlop community.



3.3 The Roman Catholic Church representative stated that they consider there will be no adverse effect on denominational schools from this proposal. They have spoken to community members and the denominational schools covered by the proposal who are all happy with it. As a result, they are supportive of this proposal.

#### 4. Summary

North Lanarkshire Council have set out a clear rationale for rezoning Dunlop Close, Dunlop Court, Dunlop Crescent, Dunlop Gate, Dunlop Gardens, Dunlop Grove and Dunlop Wynd to schools within the council area. HM Inspectors agree that the proposal has potential educational benefits. If agreed, it has the potential to support children and young people to feel a greater connection to their wider community and build friendships with others in their area. All stakeholders who met with HM Inspectors are in favour of the proposal. The council's proposal could reduce the need for placing requests and reduce the worry about places on school transport for the small number of families affected. It could also reduce confusion for families about catchment areas. A few families from the area remain anxious about placements and transport for the coming academic year and in future years if the proposal is not agreed. It may be helpful for the council to communicate further with them.

**HM Inspectors**  
**June 2023**