

Public Consultation Meeting

Admissions Policy Consultation

Date: 3 June 2026

Start Time: 18:07 End Time: 18:36

Venue: St Ambrose High School

Notes/Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Present:

B Smedley	Chief Officer, Education (North)
T O'Hagan	Senior Education and Families Manager
A Henry	Senior Education and Families Manager
M Dolan (MD)	Education and Families Manager (North)
V Sherry	Education and Families Manager (North)
M McGorry	Project Manager – Learning Environment
L Macpherson	Project Coordinator – Learning Environment (notes)
D Lees	Project Coordinator – Learning Environment (notes)

Q Question

A Answer

S Statement

MD welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the panel, MD explained the reason for the proposal and outlined the statutory process. MD then presented the proposal to staff and opened the floor for questions

Q If your application is denied, will I still get a place in the catchment school?

A Yes

Q Is there priority for Roman Catholic over non-denominational for requests to RC schools?

A We don't distinguish between postcodes at this time. Denomination and non-denomination requests for placements within NLC schools will be considered as part of the statutory consultation.

S Section 2.18 says children will be a priority; it needs to be clear if RC is not being prioritised.

A FAQ's will be updated

Q Will parents find out earlier if the placing request has been successful?

A All submissions must be completed by 15 March and parents/carers notified by 30 April, if the proposal is accepted we would hope to inform parents/carers earlier

Q I'd like to highlight the difficulty in planning transitions for pupils where there is no guarantee of secondary place. Pupils who live nearer their non-catchment secondary than their catchment secondary should be considered a priority.

Pupils going to St Ambrose get better transitions as there are only 5 associated schools whereas there are 9 associated schools to St Andrew's. Would it not make sense to reduce St Ambrose to 3 schools and then realign the associated primaries more equally?

A There is no plan at present to change the catchment areas or zones. There is no proposal to change the 5 associated schools to St Ambrose.

Q Will there be a review of boundaries? What are the blockers to a wider consultation. I don't fully understand as to why we can't look at the catchments?

A We are not looking to rezone under this consultation; the proposal is to amend the admissions policy priorities.

Q Is this for children with special needs?

A No, mainstream only. A member of the panel will be available after the meeting to discuss Additional Support Needs placements

Q Over 90% children come to St Ambrose, it's highly disappointing that there are schools in the area that are not RC get precedence over my child as they live in the area. The children have a right to a safe walking route to school, it is safer to walk to St Ambrose than walk to catchment school. Schools from Glasgow are allowed in, there needs to be a wider consultation on how North Lanarkshire Council can get it right for every child as it doesn't seem to be getting it right. What are the benefits to NLC allowing Glasgow schools is it financial, is it for specialist provision?

A In 2005 a consultation was approved for delineation, we will take all comments on board and happy to have individual conversation at the end of this meeting. The catchment consideration is not part of this proposal at this time.

Q How often does NLC go out to consultation, there are more homes being added to the St Kevins cluster, there are no other Catholic Schools near in Glasgow

A Glasgow schools are part of the delineation; we need an admissions policy fit for all schools within NLC

S We look at projected roles, and we are comfortable with the projections taking into account all new building in the area

MD closed meeting with the agreement of all stakeholders and again encouraged stakeholders to send in their comments, views and questions to the mailboxes. The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document will be updated on the website to reflect stakeholders' comments, questions and views.