PROPOSED CHANGES TO CATCHMENT AREAS

OVERDALE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL, EASTFIELD AND
WHEATCROFT COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL, SCARBOROUGH

North Yorkshire County Council is consulting on a proposal to change the catchment areas for Overdale Community Primary School and Wheatcroft Community Primary School. This consultation is part of the admission arrangements consultation for 2018/19 and will run from 17 October 2016 to 2 December 2016.

We would welcome your views on the proposal.

Why are we proposing a change?

The catchment area for Overdale Community Primary School serves an area to the north of Eastfield and has been in place for many years. In recent years the profile of the north of Eastfield has changed as the Middle Deepdale housing development was included by Scarborough Borough Council in their Local Plan. The first phase of housing on the Middle Deepdale development received planning permission in March 2013 and houses are now being occupied.

Prior to the development of Middle Deepdale, the land to the north of Overdale was open fields and as such the catchment area for Overdale Community Primary School was upon its creation only extended to the edge of the existing housing on Eastfield. The open fields to the North were remained within Wheatcroft Community Primary School’s catchment area.

With a large part of the fields now being allocated for housing it is an appropriate time to review the suitability of the current catchment areas. All of the housing that is proposed will be geographically closer to Eastfield than to Scarborough Town and the proposed road network will reflect that. As such it is proposed that the catchment area of Overdale Community Primary School be expanded to accommodate the new housing allocations.

Which school areas would be affected by the proposal?

Only the catchment areas for Overdale Community Primary School and Wheatcroft Community Primary School would be affected by the proposal.

What changes are proposed?

It is proposed that all the land currently within Wheatcroft’s catchment area, which lies south of the northern Eastfield parish boundary, east of the railway line and south and west of Eastway and A165, be removed from the Wheatcroft catchment area and incorporated into the Overdale catchment area. As stated above this is an area which corresponds very closely with the allocated housing land known as Middle Deepdale.
These changes will only affect the properties constructed on the new Middle Deepdale Estate and one existing property ‘High Eastfield Farm’.

Properties north of the northern boundary of Eastfield Parish would remain within the catchment area for Wheatcroft Community Primary School.

The railway line is proposed as the western boundary, and Filey Road for the eastern boundary as they provide a physical demarcation of the new area. The northern boundary as noted above is the Eastfield Parish boundary as it reflects the extent of proposed housing developments in the southern boundary area.

Maps showing the current and proposed catchment areas are shown below.

What about the local plans for additional housing?

NYCC is aware that further new housing is proposed for Middle Deepdale in the current submission of the SBC Local Plan. As outlined above this change has been planned to incorporate all proposed housing allocations south of Scarborough and North of Eastfield.

Who would be affected by these changes?

Those children who live within the area that have already been allocated a school place at Wheatcroft, Overdale or another school would be unaffected. This change would only affect those applying for a school place from September 2018 and would mean that Overdale Community Primary School would be the designated school to serve the local area. Children living on the new Middle Deepdale estate would have priority for a place within the oversubscription criteria for Overdale Community Primary School.

When would any change become effective?

This review is part of the normal admission arrangements consultation which takes place annually. In line with the statutory requirements any approved changes would become effective for school admissions from September 2018.

Transport to schools will be provided in accordance with the Local Authority’s home to school transport policy. [http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/26071/School---travel-support](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/26071/School---travel-support)

What happens next?

If you wish to respond please email nicola.howells@northyorks.gov.uk bearing in mind that this consultation ends on 2 December 2016.

Alternatively responses may be sent to: Freepost RTKE-RKAY-CUJS, Nicola Howells, Strategic Planning, Children & Young People’s Service, North Yorkshire County Council, County Hall, NORTHALLERTON, DL7 8AE

Consultation responses will then be considered by the Executive with a final decision taken by the County Council in February 2017 as part of the normal annual admission arrangements process.