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To: **Parents/Carers of pupils at:**  
Hazlehead Academy, Countesswells School, Kingswells School, Airyhall School, Fernielea School, Hazlehead School, and Kingsford School

**STATUTORY CONSULTATION:  
Proposal to alter the school catchment area for Hazlehead Academy, to  
include Countesswells and Kingswells**

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing with details of the Council's plans to construct a new school building, to replace the existing Hazlehead Academy, and a proposal to make some changes to the school's catchment area.

The proposal is to extend the catchment area for the school, so that it includes the communities of Countesswells and Kingswells. If the proposal is accepted, this would mean that following the opening of the new building, children living in Countesswells and Kingswells, and also all children living within the existing Hazlehead Academy catchment area, would be entitled to attend the new Hazlehead Academy building when reaching secondary school age.

When creating or amending catchment areas (also known as 'zones'), we are required to carry out a consultation process, and parents of children attending the affected school, and parents who may be considering enrolling their children at the affected school within the next two years, are invited to comment on the proposals.

The consultation process, which has started today, Monday 26 February 2024, will therefore focus on the proposal set out below, and your comments on this are most welcome.

Proposal:

**To merge the existing secondary school catchment areas for Hazlehead, Countesswells and Kingswells, to form a new catchment area to be served by the planned replacement building for Hazlehead Academy**

The period of statutory consultation for this proposal will conclude on Friday 19 April 2024.

You are encouraged to submit your views about this proposal, using the Council's Consultation Hub. From here you can also download a copy of the full proposal document for the consultation, which includes maps detailing the areas which are affected by the proposal.

The Consultation Hub can be accessed from here:

[www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/schoolsconsultations](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/schoolsconsultations)

If you would prefer to send us your comments about the proposal by post or email, you can contact us at: [schoolestate@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:schoolestate@aberdeencity.gov.uk)

Or by writing to:

Hazlehead Academy Consultation, Corporate Landlord, Aberdeen City Council,  
Business Hub 10, Second Floor South, Marischal College, Broad Street,  
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A copy of the full proposal document is also available to view at:

Marischal College  
Central Library  
Hazlehead Academy  
Kingswells School  
Countesswells School  
Airyhall Library

All submissions should be received by Friday 19 April 2024.

Public consultation meetings to discuss the Council's proposal have been arranged as follows:

- Wednesday 20th March 2024, from 7.00pm to 8.00pm at Kingswells School
- Thursday 21st March from 7.00pm to 8.00pm at Countesswells School
- Tuesday 26th March from 7.00pm to 8.00pm at Hazlehead Academy

Three meetings have been arranged to provide a choice of dates and venues; the same information will be shared at each meeting.

Following the consultation, a report will be presented to the Education and Children's Services Committee. This will include a summary of all representations received during the consultation period, including representations made at the public meeting, along with the Council's responses to those representations. It is at this stage that the Committee will make a final decision on whether to implement the Council's proposals.

Should you have any questions about the consultation process, please write to us or send an e-mail to us, using the addresses above. I look forward to receiving your comments.

Yours faithfully



Service Manager, Assets & Finance