



# West Lothian Council

## EDUCATION EXECUTIVE

### NEW NON-DENOMINATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL IN ARMADALE: CONSULTATION ON SITE POSITION, CATCHMENT AREA AND NAME – OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION

#### REPORT BY HEAD OF SERVICE – SCHOOLS WITH EDUCATION SUPPORT

##### **A. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To inform the Education Executive of the outcome of the public consultation on the site of, the formation of the catchment area for and a name for a new primary school for the South of Armadale.

##### **B. RECOMMENDATION**

That the Education Executive:

1. Consider the issues raised through the consultation and the responses provided.
2. Determines a view on the implications of the proposal.
3. Determines a name for the new primary school.

##### **C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

<b>I Council Values</b>	Focusing on customer needs Being honest, open and accountable Making best use of our resources Providing equality of opportunity Working in partnership
<b>II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Health or Risk Assessment)</b>	Education (Scotland) Act 1980 and related regulations. The Standards in Schools (Scotland) Act 2000, the School Education (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2002 and School (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010. It is also necessary to consider school provision and catchment area arrangements in the context of West Lothian Council planning policies contained within the: West Lothian Local Plan and the Edinburgh and the Lothians Structure Plan 2015.
<b>III Implications for Scheme of Delegation to Officers</b>	The proposal will have no effect on the scheme of delegation.
<b>IV Impact on performance and performance indicators</b>	It is anticipated that the proposal will have little effect on performance and performance indicators.

<b>V</b>	<b>Relevance to single outcome Agreement</b>	The proposal supports delivery of Outcomes 2.5, 10 in the Single Outcome Agreement 2011-2012 and relates to the Economic and the Health and Wellbeing themes.
<b>VI</b>	<b>Resources – (Financial, Staffing and Property)</b>	Proposals that involve additional capital and revenue expenditure must be considered in the context of very constrained resources and would require to be managed within the Councils' current, and planned, capital and revenue resources. It is essential to make best use of available school capacity. Revenue costs, associated with adjustments to school transport, would need to be accommodated in future.
<b>VII</b>	<b>Consideration at PDSP</b>	N/A
<b>VIII</b>	<b>Other consultations</b>	The consultation methodology applied to the catchment review was approved by the West Lothian Council Education Executive, 11 September 2007 and revised to take account of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 by the Education Executive on 5 January 2010. Local ward members were briefed on the proposed options for consultation and were invited to comment through the consultation process.

## **D. TERMS OF REPORT**

### **1. Background**

West Lothian Council Education Executive agreed on 1 March 2012 that there was an identified need to undertake a formal consultation, in line with the requirements of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, on the site of, the formation of the catchment area and a name for a new primary school for the South of Armadale.

The town of Armadale has two non-denominational primary schools with the catchment areas divided by the Main Street – Eastertoun Primary School to the north and Armadale Primary School to the south. This report involves the catchment area and housing developments to the South of the Main Street only.

## **2. Consultation Arrangements**

### **The consultation period and procedures**

The formal consultation period began on Monday 19 March 2012 and continued until Thursday 17 May 2012, a period of 44 days including 31 school days. The consultation paper was made available in the schools involved in the consultation, local nurseries and libraries and on-line at: <http://www.westlothian.gov.uk/education/schoolrelateditems/>

All interested parties were invited to submit their comments in writing, by e-mail or by on-line survey. Details of the consultees and consultation arrangements are given at **Appendix 1**.

A Public Meeting was held at Armadale Academy on Monday 23 April 2012.

In line with statutory requirements of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, this report has been published at least 3 weeks before consideration by the Education Executive. Copies of the report can be viewed in the schools affected by the proposal and in local public libraries and nurseries. It has also been published on-line at: <http://www.westlothian.gov.uk/education/schoolrelateditems/>

The outcome of the consultation (this report) will be considered by the Education Executive on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2012.

### **2.1 The proposal**

It was proposed that the new school is built on the site identified by the developers as it is in a prominent central position for the new housing developments. This will also limit the travel distances to school and support children and families walking to school.

The catchment area of the new school would be formed from the south portion of the existing Armadale Primary School catchment area. This would include the new housing sites as well as a number of existing houses.

The proposal was fully detailed in the Consultation Paper.

Note that the proposal does not alter the P7-S1 transfer arrangements or the catchment area for Armadale Academy.

### **2.2 Stakeholders Consultations**

#### **2.2.1 Schools, parent councils, parents/carers and other interested parties.**

Letters were sent to the parent councils and parents/carers of the children in the schools and nurseries involved in the consultation process inviting response to the proposal by letter, e-mail or on-line survey. 1543 letters were issued. A Summary of the online survey responses is at **Appendix 2 (a)**. A summary of the e-mails and letters, with council officer responses is at **Appendix 2 (b)**.

## 2.2.2 Primary school pupils and staff

Council officers met with P4-P7 pupils at Armadale Primary School. The pupils completed response questionnaires. The key issues for the school were then identified by the school pupil representatives.

The primary school teachers gave presentations to the P1 to P3 pupils and collated responses. A summary of the responses is at **Appendix 2(c)**.

Head Teachers briefed the staff. School staff were invited, by e-mail, to respond by online survey.

## 2.2.3 Secondary school students and staff

Council officers gave presentations to student representatives at Armadale Academy. The students then gave the presentation to the other students and invited them to respond by online survey. A summary of the responses is at section (3.3) in report.

Head teachers briefed their staff. School staff were invited, by e-mail, to respond by online survey.

A summary of all staff responses is at **Appendix 2(d)**.

## 2.2.4 Public meeting

A public meeting was held during the consultation process. Detailed record of this meeting is at **Appendix 3**

## 2.2.5 School name suggestions

The new school requires a name and as part of the consultation process stakeholders were invited to give suggestions. A record of all name suggestions is at **Appendix 4**.

## 2.2.5 Education Scotland

Education Scotland (Inspectorate of Schools) has a statutory requirement to review all relevant consultation documentation, to visit the affected primary and secondary schools and hold discussions with relevant consultees. Education Scotland is also required to prepare a statement on the education aspects of the proposal. The Education Scotland report is at **Appendix 5**.

## 2.3 Full content of submissions to the consultation

The full content of all submissions is available for viewing by application in writing to Sharon McCawley, Forward Planning Officer, Education & Planning Services, West Lothian County Buildings, Linlithgow, West Lothian, EH49 7EZ, or by e-mail to [schoolconsultation@westlothian.gov.uk](mailto:schoolconsultation@westlothian.gov.uk).

### **3 Key issues raised in the consultation**

The key issues raised by stakeholders during the consultation included:

- Splitting housing estate
- Current schools oversubscribed
- Safer walk to new school
- New catchment unfair socio-economic mix
- Supporting local development

These issues are expanded below. The Councils response to these issues and other are detailed in sections 3.0.1 to 3.0.5 below.

#### **3.0.1 Splitting housing estate**

Many parents commented that by splitting the West Lea housing estate this would be detrimental to the community. Respondents made suggestions that the entire estate be moved into the new catchment area rather than splitting the existing catchment through the middle of Morgan Way.

#### **3.0.2 Current schools are oversubscribed**

A range of comments were made that the new primary school will be welcomed by the community due to Armadale Primary and Eastertoun Primary being close to their maximum capacities. Some comments suggested that the new primary school offers the best solution to the rising number of children expected to require school places in the future.

#### **3.0.3 Safer walk to new school**

Respondents from West Lea development felt that the walk to the new school would be closer and safer for their children to walk to school than walking to the existing Armadale Primary School.

#### **3.0.4 Unfair socio-economic mix**

Some respondents made comment that the proposed catchment area for the new school does not contain a fair mix of council and private housing and other options were suggested that "Harestanes Road, Brown Street, Anderson Avenue and Upper Bathville" be included in the catchment of the new school.

#### **3.0.5 Supporting local development**

Comments were made supporting the building of a new non-denominational primary school in South Armadale given the number of proposed new residential developments within the area. It was also felt that this proposal would support development in the local area.

### 3.1 Parent Councils, parents/carers and other stakeholders

It should be noted that some 1543 letters were sent out inviting parents/carers to respond to the Consultation Paper. A total of 8 responses were received. The relatively low response rate would suggest that the majority of consultees were pleased with the proposal.

Almost all of the submissions received from parents/carers were unhappy with the catchment line being drawn through the middle of the West Lea Estate, having a detrimental effect on the children who grow up together in the same estate, suggesting that the line be re-drawn to include all of the housing estate.

The summary of written responses from Parent Councils, parents/carers and other stakeholders can be found at **Appendix 2(b)**. For reasons of confidentiality the names of parents/carers have not been included – generic names, such as “Parent 2”, have been substituted. Some 8 parents responded. Letters and e-mails were either acknowledged or had detailed responses if questions were raised. The responses are summarised in the appendix. The responses received were from the following:

Written responses from:	number
Parent Councils	1
Parents/carers	8

Similar issues were also raised at the public meetings (Section 3.5).

### 3.2 Primary Pupils

Responses were received from Armadale Primary School; each P4-P7 primary pupil completed a questionnaire to identify “good points, worries and other comments”. Pupil representatives with staff support summarised the information from the questionnaires to identify the key issues for the school as well as suggestions for the new primary school name. Teachers collected similar information from the P1-P3 classes. The summary of the school responses is at **Appendix 2(d)** with the main issues grouped by theme. Council officers were impressed by the interest and level of understanding shown by the pupils during the consultation.

Across the school, 140 good points and 38 worries were identified. As percentages these are 79% and 21% respectively. The key issues raised by the pupils are summarised below, in order of frequency, with responses in *italics*.

#### 3.2.1 More space at Armadale Primary School

The majority of comments suggested that the proposal would ease pressure at Armadale Primary School.

*The proposal would allow new housing to be brought forward, rising the pupil roll of the existing Armadale schools.*

*However, in combination with the planned improvements at Armadale Primary School, the proposed reduction in the catchment area for Armadale Primary School would improve the educational experience of all pupils at the school and, match the school catchment population with the available school capacity.*

*The increased roll at Armadale Primary School would also give more options for class organisation and staffing structure.*

### 3.2.2 Distance to the new school will be less

A number of children identified that the new school would be closer to walk to than the existing primary schools in Armadale.

*Distances from the new and existing houses to the new school will be considerably less than to the existing Armadale Primary School. It is anticipated that all the new development would be less than 0.7km (0.5 mile) from the new school. The relatively short distance to the new school will make it more likely that children will walk to the school. This would be healthier for the children, lessen traffic congestion and produce be more environmentally friendly. Children and parents walking together will foster a community spirit in the new housing areas.*

### 3.2.3 Make new friends

The proposed changes to the catchment areas and increased capacities will bring extra children into the schools.

*In most consultations with primary school children, it is apparent that making new relationships is important for them. The proposal and the increase in capacities of the schools would support this.*

### 3.2.4 Railway line too close to new school

Some children identified that the new school is very close to the train station, possibly causing excess noise or safety problems.

*On the proposed site, the school would front onto a central civic space and be a vital key building for the new local centre. The ASDA supermarket would be between the school and Armadale Station and as such would afford the school some protection. In any event, the school design will take into account any excess noise issues. Access to and from the new school will also incorporate the safety of pupils and families walking to and from school.*

### 3.2.5 New school too close to ASDA car park

Some children suggested that the new school will be too close to the new ASDA car park, possibly causing congestion and safety issues.

*The new school has been identified by the developers as it is in a prominent central position for the new housing developments. The adjacent access road would be explicitly designed to give pedestrian priority over vehicles – ensuring the safety of pupils and families walking to school. Cars entering the ASDA car park will face to the east of the site with the school being positioned to the far west side. Transportation will be involved in the planning application for the new school, any concerns will be considered in full.*

### 3.2.6 School name suggestions by primary pupils

Station Primary School  
South Armadale Primary School  
Station Road Primary School  
Sunny Dale Primary School  
South Primary School  
ASDA Primary School

### 3.3 Secondary Students

A presentation was given by council officers to the student representatives at Armadale Academy during which a paper questionnaire was issued. The students then spoke to their peers at assemblies or other meetings. 59 students responded by discussing the paper questionnaires during House Meetings, of those 100% supported the proposal with 57 students supporting the location of the proposed new school. The students made two additional comments.

- Catchment review is much needed.
- A new primary school will be good for the new housing estate.

All secondary pupils were also invited by e-mail to respond by online survey.

#### 3.3.1 School name suggestions by Secondary Students

Hastings Primary School (after local poet)  
South Armadale Primary School  
Hillist Primary School (after Glen Area)  
Etna Primary School (after local brick works).

### 3.4 School staff response

3.4.1 Proposed catchment of the new school does not contain a fair social mix.

*The new housing development in Armadale South will contain a mixture of private and affordable housing. 15% of the total housing development is required for social renting housing with 10% for other forms of affordable housing leaving the balance of 75% for private use.*

3.4.2 In favour of the catchment review and understand the necessity, due to increase in population in area.

*Around 1500 housing units to the sites south of Armadale have been allocated, some 470 non-denominational primary school ages children could be expected from these houses.*

3.4.3 The new primary school should ease pressure on Armadale Primary School and make journey to school easier and safer for those living in the South of Armadale.

*The scale of the planned housing developments in Armadale area makes it necessary for the Council to build a new school as well as increasing the capacity of the existing primary schools. The distance from the new and existing houses to the new school (around 0.7km) will be less than to the existing Armadale Primary. It should be pointed out that the current distance to Armadale Primary School is not considered unreasonable or unsafe and is within the council's transportation assistance cut-off distance of 1.5miles.*

3.4.5 A new school is welcomed and would secure employment with an eventual increase in pupil roll in Armadale Academy.

*Increasing roll for Armadale Academy would bring major benefits to the students by increasing curricular choice and delivering better course progression. It is expected that the proposal should raise the education attainment and achievement of the children and young people in Armadale schools.*

### 3.5 Public meetings

A public meeting was held at Armadale Academy a record of this meeting is at **Appendix 3(a)**.

Approximately 12 people attended this meeting. Some key issues at the meeting were also raised by online survey, e-mail or letter. Three additional issues were summarised below with Council responses in italics.

#### 3.5.1 Splitting West Lea Estate

Comments were made at the meeting for clarity as to why council officers are splitting up West Lea Estate in Armadale into two different catchment areas.

*There were concerns that taking too many pupils out of Armadale Primary School catchment area could be detrimental to the school. The present split that council officers are suggesting, attempts to optimise the available capacity in both schools and balance the area of housing lost against a similar sized area – the northern portion of the old brickworks site. If the redevelopment of the brickworks site is delayed then moving more of West Lea could disadvantage Armadale Primary School. It is also the case that a street being part of two catchment areas is also common enough.*

#### 3.5.2 Capacity of new school

Parents wished to know what the capacity was of the different stages at the new primary school.

*The council has data that enables it to consider the potential number of children arising from new housing. On this basis, phase 1 is likely to be 4 or 5 composite classes with between 100 – 125 pupils. This is also commensurate with the available budget for the construction of the new school. Further extensions to the school will be built as demand and housing comes forward.*

#### 3.5.3 Consultation not well publicised

There was a statement made that the school catchment review was not well advertised.

*Every effort was made to advertise the changes through the statutory guidelines set out in the Education (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010. These included letter drops (1543 letters were sent out) at all school and nurseries affected by the changes, a public notice was placed in the local newspaper, a public meeting was held and web advertising of the consultation was placed on West Lothian Councils website.*

### 3.6 Suggested school names for new primary school in Armadale

Armadale Station Primary	Hillist Primary
Bathville Primary	Etna Primary
Tarrareoch Primary	
South Hill Primary	
Barbauchlaw Primary	
South Bank Primary	
Jubilee Primary	
Southside Primary	
Hill View Primary	
South Dale Primary	
South Park Primary	
Davidson Primary	
Station Primary	
Hastings Primary	
South Armadale Primary	

## 4 Report from Education Scotland

Inspectors from Education Scotland were fully involved in the consultation process as set out in the Education (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010. The inspectors focussed on the educational aspects of the proposal. They assessed all the submissions and met with selected stakeholders. A draft report was checked for accuracy by Council Officers. The full report from Education Scotland is at **Appendix 5**.

The inspectors noted that West Lothian Council's proposal to build a new non-denominational school in south Armadale will meet the needs of a rising school population and offers tangible benefits to children in the current Armadale Primary School catchment.

Overall most parents, carers, children and other stakeholders who responded to the consultation expressed positive views about the proposed site and delineation of the catchment areas.

A few parents expressed concerns about the proposal to split some streets in delineating the new catchment areas, particularly in the West Lea estate - children from neighbouring families in the same street may attend different schools.

A few respondents were concerned that the proposed catchment areas would lead to a lack of socio-economic mix in the population of the new school as almost all children attending would come from new housing areas.

Some parents were very positive about the proposed site for the new school in that it would mean a shortened distance and safer route for their children to walk to school.

Most respondents were positive about the proposed location of the new school as a key part of the mixed use development area. Some children thought that the proposed site was too close to the railway line and the supermarket car park.

A few children raised concerns that younger siblings might not attend the same school as themselves. The council's proposal paper had made clear that younger siblings would be entitled to enrol at the same school as their older brothers or sisters.

4.1 The following were identified as issues:

- The council needs to address the concerns of some parents who point out that not all children will benefit from shorter or safer walking routes, particularly some of those continuing to attend Armadale Primary School.
- The council needs to address the concerns expressed about delineation of the catchment areas and the consequent journeys to school. The need to clarify the socio-economic mix of the new housing areas and the impact on schools.
- Children need further reassurance on plans to ensure their safety around the new school, which will be in close proximity to the railway line and car parks.

The Council responses to the issues raised by Education Scotland are as follows:

4.1.1 Addressing concerns that not all children will benefit from a shorter or safer walking route.

*It is noted that the walking route from the existing houses in West Lea Estate to the new proposed school in Armadale is a shorter distance than the walk to the existing primary schools in Armadale. It is not possible to equalise distance for children walking to school as this would lead to under and over capacity in schools. However those parents who have children currently attending primary schools in Armadale and live in West Lea do have a safe walking route currently to take their children to school that is within the Councils transport assistance cut –off distance of 1.5 miles. West Lothian Council have received no complaints in regards to concerns over the safety of this route. There are two pedestrian crossings, the path is lit, is of adequate width and is of an all weathered surface. The majority of the new housing has yet to be built and the average distance for these households is around 0.7 km.*

#### 4.1.2 Concerns about delineation of the catchment area and the consequent journeys to school.

It is crucial that the new school has an educationally viable start up school roll. This can be achieved by incorporating part of the existing housing within the Armadale Primary School catchment area within the new primary school catchment area so that together with new housing currently under construction, there are sufficient pupils to establish 4 classes in the new school when it opens. It is also important to safeguard existing schools from disruption when the new school opens. The area of existing housing proposed to be part of the new catchment area is also the closest residential area to the new primary school. The new school catchment boundary as proposed includes farmland in the south of the existing catchment area potentially reducing travel times for any children from these locations. The new school catchment area also has to be sized to fit in with the potential capacity of the new primary school. There are some 1,500 houses proposed in the new catchment area and this could generate a school roll of around 470 pupils. As the maximum capacity of a 2 stream school is 462 pupils, opportunity to further adjust the proposed catchment boundary is limited.

#### 4.1.3 Clarification on the socio-economic mix of the new housing areas and the impact on the schools.

*The new housing development in Armadale South will contain a mixture of private and affordable housing. 15% of the total housing development is required for social renting housing with 10% for other forms of affordable housing leaving the balance of 75% for private use. This development mix has been used by other developers within West Lothian, an example being Wester Inch, Bathgate. The developers within this estate used a similar mixture of housing which has proved to be very popular within the Bathgate area with positive results reported from Simpson Primary School.*

#### 4.1.4 Safety surrounding the new school.

*The proposed site for the new school would front onto a central civic space and would be a vital building for the new local centre. The council has experience of designing, constructing, and opening new primary schools in areas with significant residential development. West Lothian Council officers will work directly with both architects and developers to ensure that pupil safety is priority when designing the new school. The current plans for the new school show that pedestrians have priority over vehicles in all area surrounding the school. West Lothian Council officers will work closely with Network Rail to ensure that security measures are implemented surrounding the railway line and bridge.*

## **E CONCLUSION**

The consultation on the proposal has followed the requirements of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 and has attracted a low level of response in relation to the number of families who would be directly affected by the proposal.

After taking account of the representations made, it can be considered that the case for making the proposed catchment boundary changes to delineate a new primary school catchment area could be supported for the following reasons:

- Allows West Lothian Council to meet its statutory educational responsibilities
- Makes best use of existing and future school capacities
- Allows primary pupils to attend their catchment school
- Enables housing development in Armadale

The proposed location of the new school could be supported because it is located centrally within the new residential development area and walking distances will be relatively direct and short. Some children from the existing catchment area will also benefit from a shorter walk to school. The proposed school site is also centrally placed within the proposed “civic centre” for the new residential development.

The most frequently suggested name for the new school is:  
Armadale Station Primary School

## **F BACKGROUND REFERENCES**

20 January 2009	Education Policy Development Scrutiny Panel report: <i>School Catchment Area Management</i> .
5 January 2010	Education Executive report: <i>Enhanced Consultation Arrangement for Formal School Consultation Processes</i> .
23 November 2010	Education Executive report: 2010 Base School Forecasts.
21 June 2010	Education Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel report: <i>Catchment Review Strategy</i> .
22 March 2011	Council Executive report: <i>Funding for Key Infrastructure Projects</i> .
13 September 2011	Education Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel report: <i>Development Plan Update</i> .
1 March 2012	Education Executive report: new non-denominational primary school in Armadale.

Edinburgh and the Lothians Structure Plan 2015  
 West Lothian Local Plan 2009  
 Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010

Appendices/Attachments:

Appendix 1	Consultee details and consultation arrangements
Appendix 2(a)	Summary of parent/general public online survey responses
Appendix 2(b)	Summary of written and e-mail responses
Appendix 2 (c)	Summary of pupil responses
Appendix 2 (d)	Summary of online staff responses
Appendix 3	Record of public meeting
Appendix 4	School name suggestions
Appendix 5	Report from Education Scotland

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### Consultee details and consultation arrangements

The School (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 specifies in Schedule 1 the relevant consultees for a formal consultation on a proposal to establish a new school and establish, terminate or otherwise alter the catchment area of a school.

The following were consulted:

Pupils, Parent Councils, parents/carers, staff and trade unions of the primary and Secondary schools affected by the proposed catchment changes;  
Parents/carers of children at local nurseries;  
Community Councils within the catchment area of the schools;  
West Lothian Council elected members;  
MSPs – Gavin Brown, Fiona Hyslop, Angela Constance, Margo MacDonald, David McLetchie, Alison Johnstone, Sarah Boyack, Neil Findlay;  
Education Scotland (Inspectorate of Schools);  
NHS Lothian and  
Affected West Lothian Heads of Service.

All the above were invited to respond to the consultation proposal by pro-forma, letter, e-mail or on-line survey. There was one point of contact for all questions and comments.

The schools involved in the consultation were:

- Armadale Primary School
- Armadale Academy

Copies of the consultation paper were made available in all affected schools and in selected libraries and local nurseries. The paper was also available on-line using the link: <http://www.westlothian.go.uk/education/schoolrelateditems/>

The consultation started on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2012 and finished on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

Public meeting was held: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2012 at Armadale Academy

Inspectors from Education Scotland, as part of the consultation process, prepared a report on the education aspects of the proposal after considering all submissions and meeting with appropriate consultees.

Copies of this report are available for inspection at the schools involved in the consultation (listed above) as well at local nurseries and libraries and on-line at: <http://www.westlothian.go.uk/education/schoolrelateditems/>



Summary of parents/general public online survey responses



Parents/Public- New Armadale Primary School Consultation

Total Respondents: 15

1. Which schools do your children attend?

1) Armadale Academy		0% (0)
2) Armadale Primary		35.7% (5)
3) Eastertoun Primary		0% (0)
4) Other school		7.1% (1)
5) My children are not yet of school age		57.1% (8)

14 people answered this question (93.3%)

2. Do you support the location of the proposed new school?

1) Yes		85.7% (12)
2) No		14.3% (2)

14 people answered this question (93.3%)

3. Do you support the proposed catchment change?

1) Yes		64.3% (9)
2) No		35.7% (5)

14 people answered this question (93.3%)

4. Please suggest a name for the new primary

- Hillcrest PS or James Wood PS or Torbane Hill PS
- Barbauchlaw Primary
- Tarrareoch Primary
- Tarrareoch Primary School
- Armadale Station Primary School
- Armadale Station Primary
- South Hill Primary
- Armadale station

10 people answered this question (66.7%)

5. What are your views on the proposed changes

- Many of those living to the south of the Hardhill/Bathville road would have liked to walk/let their children walk safely down to a new primary school rather than having to cross busy streets to reach the primary schools further into town. Personal conversations with newcomers showed that they thought their children would be attending the new school. There are also worries amongst those with very young children that the schools will not have capacity enough (or the facilities) to meet the requirements of established families, let alone those that move into the new houses currently being constructed. The new school is in an pleasant location with the attraction of a convenient store for daily shopping. Obviously current traders in the town will be understandably apprehensive over such a proposal. The railway station is also convenient for those inclined to / needing to travel on public transport after dropping their children off at school. A bus service that does SERVE the railway station as well as the town would be most welcome for commuters and parents who do not wish/cannot drive their children to school. The situation outside St Anthony's has already shown how chaotic/dangerous/problematic car drop-offs can be at both ends of the school day.
- I don't think the catchment is varied enough it only takes children from new housing and we were lead to believe that some of the council housing in Mayfield would also be able to go to take some pressure of the other schools. Making it equally diverse for all the children in the area.
- I live in Gillespie place and I am not happy with the catchment area. The catchment area should include the whole of the West Lea estate. My child who is two already has friends throughout the estate and with the current plan, they would go to separate schools. I am also not happy with the journey my child would need to make to Armadale Primary crossing major roads, where there is a school the same distance away and with pathways to the school. West Lea is a small community and I think breaking up the estate for school catchments would cause a rift in the community.
- I think the catchment area should take in the whole of the Morgan Way estate. It seems ridiculous to split up the estate in two different catchment areas. The children in the estate have grown up with friends at each end of the estate and this means that they will be split up when going to school!! We live at No39 Morgan Way, which is one house away from the split, so this means my daughters friends who live across the road in the next house will go to a different school from her. I wonder what effect this will have when they are all playing in the park together, i worry if there will be any conflict and/or bullying because the kids are split into two different school areas. Would it be the case if there are spaces available at the new school when it opens that we could apply for one or is this not an option? As i know some families with children already at Armadale Primary who live within the new school catchment area are unwilling to move their child to the new school so would their place then be available? Also the location of the school is actually closer to our house, as the crow flies, than Armadale primary is, so another reason why i think we should be included in this catchment.

- I believe the new changes offer the best solution to the rising number of children expected to require school places in the near future.
- I think a new school is definitely needed with the building of the new residential development. I think this is an ideal time to be building the new school as it will be in line with the new housing area. I think this will support the local area without putting even more pressure on existing schools which in turn will support all children at each school as they will be getting the best education with better resources.
- Given the proposed scale of development planned for Armadale I think the establishment of a new primary school is a paramount requirement.
- I'm not a parent but feel the whole community should have a view on the name of the new school - not just parents. If the school was to be completed this year I would suggest Jubilee Primary but as it's probably not until next year then it should be something that reflects the regeneration of the area.
- As a resident of Forrest Place I am keen that plans for the new school progress. The schools are oversubscribed currently and I feel one of my children that currently attends Armadale primary, is missing out on the input she needs to progress well because of the class sizes. As a resident of Forrest Place the new catchment change will affect my family and I support this change.
- I live in Harvie Gardens which just falls out with the catchment area for the new school as does parts of Morgan Way and Gillespie Place. Surely it is closer and safer for our children to walk to the new school instead of Armadale Primary. Also my kids will not be able to go to the same school as some of their friends who live in the same estate. This makes no sense at all and the catchment area should include all of the brick yard estate. I would like this point taken into consideration for the catchment area.

12 people answered this question (80.0%)



## Summary of written and e-mail responses

## Parent Council, Head Teachers, Councillors, MSP's and MP's

Date & Method	Contact	Comment Summary	Response
E-mail 17/05/2012	Armadale Academy Parent Council	Have no concerns about the location of the proposed school.	Response 22/05/2012
		Consider the location to be appropriate and to complement the housing developments.	Comment noted.
		Support all efforts to ensure safe access for young children to and from the school.	Comment noted.
		No concerns about the proposed catchment changes.	Comment noted.
		Believe that it's appropriate that the families involved in attending the new school should determine the name of that school.	Comment noted.
		Armadale Academy parent council would welcome primary school provision in the town that leads to and supports an increase in the secondary school roll. The school has space to accommodate additional pupils and would work closely with any new school to support transition.	Comment noted.
		An increased roll would result in an improved curriculum for all.	Comment noted.

E-mail 21/05/2012	SDA Ltd Developer	SDA Ltd is the developer behind Armadale Station Development. Suggested name for new primary school "Southdale Primary School". This would very much resonate with our naming of the first phase of development as "Southdale".	Response 22/05/2012 Comment noted. Suggestion recorded.
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**Parent Responses**

E-mail 26/03/2012	Parent 1 Armadale Primary	<p>Proposal for new school is exciting and there is a definite need for it.</p> <p>Have three children at Armadale Primary School and this will affect us.</p> <p>This will mean shorter, safer walk to school.</p> <p>It has been suggested that the new school will face a pedestrian area; I hope this will be the case.</p> <p>At Armadale Primary School, parents park their cars on junctions, on pavements and even in front of the lollypop man. It's dangerous, irresponsible and infuriating.</p> <p>Hope there will be no opportunity for parking anywhere near the new school and make everyone walk.</p> <p>There should be provision for a direct route from the new housing and school area to Armadale Academy. If there was a path straight there, there would be no need for transport saving the council cash.</p>	<p>Response 26/03/2012</p> <p>Comment noted</p> <p>Comment noted</p> <p>Comment noted</p> <p>Comment noted</p> <p>Comment noted</p> <p>Comment noted</p>
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E-mail 27/03/2012	Parent 2 Armadale Primary		Response 27/03/2012
		A great suggestion for the name of the new primary school would be "Barbauchlaw Primary School". Giving the children an education as to what Armadale was called before it was called Armadale.	Suggestion recorded.
E-mail 01/05/2012	Parent 3 Resident West Lea		Response 02/05/2012
		Live in West Lea estate in Gillespie Place and find the consultation paper hypocritical.	Comment noted.
		No consideration given to the effect of splitting an estate in half and its effect on the community.	Comment noted.
		Moved to West Lea so could raise children with community values.	Comment noted.
		Bonding between friends in children generally occurs during schooling.	Comment noted.
		The present catchment proposition will have children living literally next door to each other attending different schools.	Comment noted.
		Community spirit should be encouraged not just in new proposed estates but in existing estates.	Comment noted.
		Section 4.1 and 4.6 of the proposal describes the safe route to school as being shorter in distance to the new primary school as opposed to Armadale Primary. Implying that half the children in the estate can travel to school using a safer route.	Comment noted.
		The present children from the estate going to Armadale Primary School have to cross one main road, three major parking accesses and two street roads. This reduces the likelihood of walking or riding to school. How can this justification only apply to half of the children living in the same estate?	Comment noted.

E-mail  
14/05/2012

Parent 4  
Resident Harvie  
Gardens

All of the children of the estate should have a safe walking route to school. Comment noted.

The new estate at the former brickworks doesn't have planning permission. Comment noted.

It would make sense to include the whole of the West Lea estate. Comment noted.

It was discussed at the public meeting that too many houses would be included to move the catchment in a straight line, however there is no law stating that a catchment line has to be straight and cannot curve around an estate. Comment noted.

Response  
15/05/2012

Live in Harvie Gardens and remain concerned about the catchment area proposed. Comment noted.

The line drawn through the middle of Morgan Way seems illogical and the reasons given at the meeting were unconvincing. Comment noted.

The pragmatic proposal would have been to make the cut off at Bathville. Current line means that children who live near to each other are separated into different schools. Comment noted.  
Comment noted.

The estate is a small community. Comment noted.

Other catchment areas in the village have catchment lines along main roads, not through the middle of a housing estate. Comment noted.

Council suggests that you want schools to be within easy reach for children yet my child would go to a school further away, Armadale Primary. Comment noted.

The proposed catchment area makes the walking trip for a child in Harvie Gardens or Gillespie Place an unsafe one with 2 major roads to cross. Yet the new primary school would not introduce any major roads and I could allow my child to walk or cycle to Comment noted.

		<p>school.</p> <p>The arguments made at the public meeting that moving Harvie Gardens, Gillespie Place and part of Morgan Way into the new catchment area would have a negative effect on the number of new starters at Armadale Primary is a very poor one. There are not many houses in that group, you won't know numbers of babies and toddlers living in those houses and how many would be born in the new houses that haven't been built yet. The numbers are very low and would make little difference.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
		<p>I was astonished about the catchment area having a line through the estate. I think many people will not even know to respond to this consultation as they too would have made the logical assumption that the whole estate would be included in the catchment.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
<p>E-mail 14/05/2012</p>	<p>Parent 5 Morgan Way</p>	<p>Disappointed in having West Lea split into two different primary school catchment areas.</p> <p>The estate has grown over the past 8 years, have own community here forging strong friendships.</p> <p>Own house is closer to the new school and with the safe routes to school; daughter will be able to walk to school.</p> <p>Armadale Primary is a longer much more dangerous walk for daughter, main road is too dangerous therefore would take her by car; she will then be losing out on the exercise and adding to the overcrowding parking and environmental impact by taking car.</p> <p>Have concerns about the impact this may have on the children, by creating such a divide in the streets, this may create forms of bullying.</p> <p>Suggested option to include the whole of West Lea in the new catchment area, the dividing line should lie along the Bathville Road; this would allow a mix of private and council house children from existing housing to attend the new school.</p>	<p>Response 15/05/2012</p> <p>Comment noted.</p> <p>Comment noted.</p> <p>Comment noted.</p> <p>Comment noted.</p> <p>Comment noted.</p> <p>Comment noted.</p>

		The new houses to be built on the old brickwork site should be included in Armadale Primary catchment to re-address the balance.	Comment noted.
E-mail 14/05/2012	Parent 6 Cricketfield Place	Resident of Cricketfield Place and feel that the new schools catchment should include Cricketfield Place, Dalyell Place and Sibbald View.	Response 15/05/2012 Comment noted.
		The new school is same distance as Armadale Primary School but provides a safer walking route.	Comment noted.
		Proposed catchment area only takes in a very small part of the town compared to those of the existing primary schools which I believe have large class sizes as it is.	Comment noted.
		The catchment area should be extended to include other parts of the town.	Comment noted.
E-mail 15/05/2012	Parent 7 West Lea Resident		Response 16/05/2012
		Disappointed to learn that both Harvie Gardens and Gillespie Place have been discarded.	Comment noted.
		Distance to new school is closer than the existing Armadale Primary School.	Comment noted.
		Travel time will be reduced to the new primary school.	Comment noted.
		Its likely that residents will take a car causing more pollution, whereas we would be in a position to walk to the new school.	Comment noted.
		Travel safety offered at new primary school as can walk through housing estate as opposed to travelling via busy road to reach APS.	Comment noted.
		Have been advised that that the proposed boundary takes into account areas further within Armadale, i.e. Mayfield, doesn't seem logical.	Comment noted.
		Decision to omit two areas (Harvie	Comment

E-mail 17/05/2012	Parent 8 Cricketfield Place Resident	Gardens and Gillespie Place) within the estate doesn't make sense; there is no clear division between the various areas within the estate.	noted.
		Asked son who is 5 years old, who is in Primary One at Armadale Primary School is he would want to move to a new school, his response was "no".	Response
		Asked son is he would like to be in a class with different class mates, he answered "no", and asked if he wanted his younger brother to go to a different school, he replied "no".	
		Proposal for the name for new school "Armadale Station Primary School". Catchment for the new school, a line drawn and everything south of Lower Bathville Road.	



## Appendix 2 (c) Summary of pupils' responses

### P1-P3 Pupil Responses

The good points and worries they had regarding the proposal were noted:

The responses were:

#### Good Points

Meet new friends  
Existing schools won't be as full  
New school will get new teachers  
Everyone can get to learn new things  
New toys at new school  
New uniforms  
My mum can go to the new ASDA  
Closer to walk to the new school  
More jobs for adults  
Nice new modern building  
Smaller classes

#### Bad Points

Can't all go to new school  
Lose teachers to new school  
Not enough space in new school  
Lose and miss friends  
Train station may be too noisy  
More traffic due to more houses  
It will cost a lot of money  
Everyone may leave our school  
Classes may be too small.

### P4-P7 Responses

178 pupils (P4-P7) from Armadale Primary School completed a response questionnaire.  
The key issues identified were:

#### Good Points

More space at new school  
Distance to new school less  
Make new friends  
More teachers  
More houses  
Good location  
Close to shops  
Split is fair  
Get to stay at Armadale Primary

#### Bad Points

Railway line too close  
Too close to ASDA  
Car park may get too full  
May lose friends

### Issues grouped by frequency

#### Good Points

More space at new school  
Distance to new school is less  
Make new friends  
Close to shops  
Good location  
More teachers  
More houses

#### % of comments

26%  
10%  
8%  
6%  
2%  
1%  
1%

#### Negative Points

Railway line too close  
Too close to Asda  
Lose Friends  
Car park too full

8.3%  
5%  
5%  
1%



## Summary of online staff responses

Staff- New Armadale Primary School ConsultationTotal Respondents: 13

1. Where do you work?

1) Armadale Academy		76.9% (10)
2) Armadale Primary		23.1% (3)

13 people answered this question (100.0%)

2. Do you support the location of the proposed new school?

1) Yes		100.0% (13)
2) No		0%

13 people answered this question (100.0%)

3. Do you support the proposed catchment change?

1) Yes		91.7% (11)
2) No		8.3% (1)

4. Please suggest a name for the new primary

- South Bank
- Bathville Primary School
- Southside Primary School
- Hill View primary
- South Dale
- South Park Primary
- Davidson Primary

- Station Primary

9 people answered this question (69.2%)

5. What are your views on the proposed changes

- Necessary!
- I do not think the proposed catchment of the new school contains a fair mix of council and private housing. This would mean a greater percentage of pupils from economically disadvantaged backgrounds at Armadale Primary School than it presently has, and a much higher percentage of pupils from economically disadvantaged backgrounds than the new school would have. Surely it is both more sensible, and fairer, to spread between the two schools. This could be remedied perhaps by including Harestanes Road, Brown Street, Anderson Avenue and Upper Bathville in the catchment of the new school.
- In favour - I understand the necessity with the increase in population in the area.
- positive
- The proposed change is necessary.
- It looks as if it will ease pressure on Armadale Primary, providing a modern, fit for purpose establishment which should support pupil learning and achievement. It will also make the journey to school easier and safer for those living in south Armadale.
- Due to the overcrowding in some of the primaries a new school will be welcomed by the community. From a personal view working at Armadale Academy this will benefit the school and hopefully create and secure employment with an eventual increase in pupil roll.
- Excellent idea. Needed.

8 people answered this question (61.5%)

## Record of public meeting

### Record of public meeting – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2012 at Armadale Academy

#### Council Officers

David McKinney – Planning and Information Manager (DM)

Sharon McCawley – Forward Planning Officer (SM)

Mark Brooks – Planning Officer (MB)

#### Councillors

Cllr – Stuart Borrowman

Cllr – Jim Dixon

#### Education Scotland

Peter Hamilton

Approximately 12 parents and members of the public attended the meeting.

### **Part 1 – Presentation of the Consultation Paper – titled “New non-denomination primary school in Armadale. Consultation on site position, catchment area and name”.**

SM made introductions before giving a description of the present catchment arrangements. DM presented section 3, “The need for change”, The Proposal, Transitional Arrangements and The Education Benefit Statement.

SM closed the presentation by outlining the consultation procedures and inviting comments on or before 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

### **Part 2 – Questions, comments and answer session. Responses and answers from Council officers in *italics*.**

1. Parents showed concern over splitting the West Lea estate and that this would be detrimental to the community. A number of people asked what the justification for the split was.

*There was concern that taking too many people out of Armadale Primary School catchment area could be detrimental to the school. The present split council officers are suggesting attempts to optimise the available capacity in both schools. SM did indicate that if people wanted they could submit their ideas for alternative proposals for the catchment review.*

Safe routes statement – one parent did state that they felt that it would be far safer for children to walk to the new school than walking to Armadale Primary.

*Comment noted.*

2. What is the capacity of the different stages at the school going to be?

*Phase 1 likely to be 4 or 5 composite classes with between 100 and 125 pupils. Further extensions to the school will be built as demand and the housing comes forward.*

3. There was a statement made that the school catchment change was not very well advertised.

*SM indicated that every effort was made to advertise the changes through the consultation including letter drops at all schools and nurseries involved, advertisement in the local newspaper, web advertising and public meeting.*

4. There was concerns that the new catchment area may have an over reliance on private property and that had the catchment area proposed taken into consideration the needs to balance the catchment.

*DMcK indicated social engineering was not a specific concern of the definition of the new catchment boundaries. SM indicated that as part of the normal planning design of the area the new housing development was likely to contain a mixture of housing types and that should ensure an adequate mix of peoples in the area.*

SM then gave examples of some of the suggested primary school names including; Barbauchlaw / Hastings / Armadale South / Armadale Station and asked for any further suggestions.

Cllr Borrowman suggested two more;  
The Royal Scot – (after the centenary of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War), and  
Edward Blades (after the former Education Director)

### School name suggestions

Most frequent suggestion: Armadale Station Primary School

Other suggestions, ranging from most frequent to least;

South Armadale  
Station Road  
Armadale Station Road  
Sunny Dale  
Sunnyside  
South  
South Hill  
Bathville  
Station  
South Dale  
Train Station  
Tipethill  
Davidson  
Hastings  
Hillist  
Etna  
ASDA  
South Park  
Barbauchlaw  
Tarrareoch  
Morgan Way  
ASDA Road  
Railway  
McAfee Gardens  
Avondale  
Woodlands  
South End  
Armadale Community  
Royal Scot  
Edward Blades  
Hillcrest  
James Wood  
Torbane Hill

### Alternative suggestions

Bike Track  
Symmetrical  
Armadale Primary School 2  
Moshimonster  
Monstermania  
Moon  
Honey

Primary school next to ASDA  
Robert Burns  
Excellent  
Barbie  
Hogwarts  
Sand



### Report from Education Scotland

#### Report by Education Scotland, addressing educational aspects of the proposal to construct a new primary school for the south of Armadale.

##### 1. Introduction

1.1 West Lothian Council proposes to provide a new non-denominational primary school for the south of Armadale. The consultation addresses the need to agree a site, catchment area and name for the new school.

1.2 The report from Education Scotland is required under the terms of the *Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010*. It has been prepared by HM Inspectors in accordance with the terms of the Act.

1.3 HM Inspectors undertook the following activities in considering the educational aspects of the proposal:

- attendance at the public meeting held on 23 April 2012 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;
- consideration of further representations made directly to Education Scotland on relevant educational aspects of the proposal;
- consideration of further information on all schools affected, including discussion with the head teacher of Armadale Academy; and
- visit to the site of Armadale Primary School, including discussion with relevant consultees.

1.4 HM Inspectors considered:

- the likely effects of the proposal for children of the existing school; any other users; and children likely to become pupils within two years of the date of publication of the proposal paper;
- 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
- benefits which the council believes will result from implementation of the proposal, and the council's reasons for coming to these beliefs.

## 2. Consultation process

2.1 West Lothian Council undertook the initial consultation on its proposals with reference to the *Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010*. The consultation included invitations for written submissions, presentations to children in schools and a public meeting held in April 2012.

2.2 The need for the new school has arisen as a result of a series of major housing and related developments proposed for the southern part of the existing catchment area of Armadale Primary School. The proposed site of the new school is in part of a mixed-use development, including residential, retail and leisure, to the south of Armadale station. The site and funding for the school will be provided by the developers.

2.3 The council proposes to form the catchment area of the new school from the southern portion of the existing Armadale Primary School catchment. This would include a number of existing streets as well as new housing developments.

2.4 Overall, most parents, carers, children and other stakeholders who responded to the consultation, expressed positive views about the proposed site and delineation of the catchment areas. As part of the consultation process, pupils, parents and other stakeholders have been asked to offer suggestions for the name of the new school.

2.5 A few parents expressed concerns about the proposal to split some streets in delineating the new catchment areas, particularly in the West Lea estate. They felt it was illogical to have children from neighbouring families in the same street attending different schools. In some cases, this would mean their children would have a longer journey to Armadale Primary School than they would if they were able to move to the new school.

2.6 A few respondents were concerned that the proposed catchment areas would lead to a lack of socio-economic mix in the population of the new school, as almost all children attending would come from new housing areas. Similarly, there was concern that the existing primary school would have a disproportionate number of children attending from areas of multiple deprivation within the town. The council has indicated that the developers have committed to provide a range of house types, including social housing, in the planned developments.

2.7 Some parents were very positive about the proposed site for the new school in that it would mean a shorter distance and safer route for their children to walk to school. Others were concerned that the proposed safer routes to school would only apply to those moving to the new school.

2.8 Most respondents were positive about the proposed location of the new school as a key part of the mixed-use development area. Some children thought that the proposed site was too close to the railway line and the supermarket car park.

2.9 A few children had raised concerns that younger siblings might not attend the same school as themselves. The council's proposal paper had made clear that younger siblings would be entitled to enrol at the same school as their older brothers or sisters.

### **3. Educational aspects of the proposal**

3.1 In preparing this proposal, the council has taken account of the planned housing developments in the Armadale area and the subsequent increased demand on school places in the town. As well as plans to build a new primary school, the council is committed to increasing the capacity of existing primary schools to meet this demand. The new Armadale Academy, opened in 2009, has been built with additional capacity to meet the demand of an increasing roll over the next few years.

3.2 The council believes that the proposed site for the new school will lead to shorter walking distances to school. It is also a planning condition that the developers will provide safe walking routes to the school from the new housing areas. It is likely that this will encourage more children to walk to school more frequently and that there will be associated health benefits for them. The council needs to address the concerns of some parents who point out that not all children will benefit from shorter or safer walking routes, particularly some of those continuing to attend Armadale Primary School.

3.3 The proposed new primary school provides an opportunity for the council to design a learning environment best suited to deliver the requirements of Curriculum for Excellence. The accommodation, resources and approaches are likely to have a positive impact on the motivation, aspirations and enjoyment of children.

3.4 HM Inspectors inspected Armadale Primary School in 2008 and made a number of recommendations for improvement. The follow-through report published in 2010 stated that the school had made very good progress in addressing the main points for action identified in the original report and were providing high quality learning experiences for children. Since then, the head teacher and her staff have continued to improve the quality of learners' experiences. The proposed extensions and improvements to the school will increase the options for class structures and organisation and enable staff to continue to improve learning experiences. In particular, the proposed developments of the school grounds should lead to more opportunities for outdoor learning and enable staff to deliver high quality physical education for all children in line with government expectations.

3.5 At Armadale Academy, the rising school roll will lead to increased staffing levels and greater curricular choice for young people.

3.6 The proposed new primary school will be located and designed to encourage greater community use. It is expected that its facilities will be used extensively out with school hours, making the school a focal point for the new community.

### **4. Summary**

West Lothian Council's proposal to build a new non-denominational school in south Armadale will meet the needs of a rising school population and offers tangible benefits to children in the current Armadale Primary School catchment. The new school should provide accommodation purpose-built to facilitate the delivery of high-quality education and meet the requirements of Curriculum for Excellence. The proposal to extend and improve Armadale Primary School is likely to further enhance the provision of existing high-quality education. In taking forward its proposals, the council needs to address the concerns expressed about delineation of the catchment areas and the consequent journeys to school. In particular, it needs to clarify the socio-economic mix of the new housing areas and the impact on

schools. Children need further reassurance on plans to ensure their safety around the new school which will be in close proximity to the railway line and car parks.

**HM Inspectors  
Education Scotland  
June 2012**