

## Consultation events

There are documents detailing options for each area within the Whitcliffe Mount Pyramid:

- Consultation on options for primary schools in the Whitcliffe Mount Pyramid – Birkenshaw and East Bierley
- Consultation on options for primary schools in the Whitcliffe Mount Pyramid – Cleckheaton
- Consultation on options for primary schools in the Whitcliffe Mount Pyramid – Hightown

All of the following informal events are open to families of pupils attending either school, members of the community and anyone who would like to hear more and discuss the options for primary schools in the Whitcliffe Mount Pyramid.

Please come along and see us during the times indicated below.

Date	Venue	Time
15th June 2009	Moorend CE(C) First School	5.30pm - 7.30pm
16th June 2009	St. Luke's CE(VC) First School	6pm - 8pm
18th June 2009	Birkenshaw CE(C) F & N School	6pm - 8pm
23rd June 2009	High Bank First and Nursery School	3pm - 5pm
24th June 2009	Hightown School	5.15pm - 7.15pm
25th June 2009	East Bierley CE(VC) First School	6pm - 8pm
29th June 2009	Heaton Avenue First and Nursery School	6pm - 8pm

Copies of all the documents and the relevant response sheets are available on our website [www.kirklees.gov.uk/bsf](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/bsf). If you require further copies of any documents please contact the School Organisation and Planning Team on 01484 225014.

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# Primary Schools for the future

## Consultation on options for primary schools in the Whitcliffe Mount Pyramid

## Cllr John Smithson & Cllr Ken Smith lead members for Children and Young People Service

"We have carefully considered the responses to both of the consultations carried out in the Whitcliffe Mount area and accept that there is the need for further consultation about the preferred options for future primary provision in some parts of the area."

"Options have potentially changed in the Birkenshaw - East Bierley area following the cabinet decision to consult on a proposal for a new secondary school on the Howden Clough site and not on the Birkenshaw Middle site."

"There is a need to provide 3 forms of entry in Birkenshaw and East Bierley which means two primary schools, one with a 2-class entry and one with a single class entry. One of them we believe should be located at the Birkenshaw CE(C) First and Nursery School site, the other could be at either the East Bierley CE(VC) First School site or the Birkenshaw Middle School site."

"We believe that the Birkenshaw Middle School site would be excellent for a brand new primary school and would enable extension in the future should that ever become necessary. However, we do recognise the desire of East Bierley parents and residents to keep their school despite the size of the site, and the building being less satisfactory. The possibility of additional land adjacent to the site is being pursued."

"We are therefore putting forward options which in effect ask parents to express their views on changing East Bierley CE(VC) First School into a primary school on its current site or having a brand new primary school on the Birkenshaw Middle School site."

"There is a need to provide 4 forms of entry in central Cleckheaton. The new building at Howard Park has only been in use since January 2009 and can be easily adapted to a 1-class entry primary school with nursery provision, this means that two further primary schools are required, one with a 2-class entry and one with a 1-class entry. We have considered the available sites and their suitability for future provision."

"It is clear to us that West End Middle School site is less than adequate for a 2-class (60 pupil) entry with an overall size of 420 pupils. We are therefore proposing a 2-class entry school on the former Whitechapel Middle School site and a 1-class entry school on the former West End Middle

School site. Other sites are deemed less suitable due to a combination of location, size and configuration of the buildings. The consultation is therefore about the status of the schools and the transition arrangements."

"There is an agreement with the Church of England Diocese to maintain the current number of CofE places in the area, which is 48. This suggests that the 2-class entry (60 place) school proposed for the Whitechapel site should be CofE. The 1-class entry school proposed for West End Middle School site could therefore be a Community School (through the transfer of Heaton Avenue School) or a Church of England Voluntary Controlled School (through the transfer of St Luke's CE(VC) School)."

"The next steps for other parts of the area are more clear cut and so we can proceed to the publication of statutory proposals and notices for the two first schools in Gomersal and the first schools at Howard Park and Scholes."

"The two schools serving the Hightown area have already changed into all-through primary schools following the closure of Grylls Community Middle School. We are now consulting on the possible options for the location of the future primary provision in this area as well.

Given the numbers of pupils in the two schools, we feel that a single 1-form entry school meet the need for school places for families in the area. The High Bank site is not big enough but we are committed to ensuring that the Children's Centre remains on the site."

"The site of the former Grylls Community Middle School would in our view be educationally the best site. It is easily large enough and would allow future extension should that become necessary."

"Hightown School site is adequate for a 1-form entry school, with appropriate remodelling and refurbishment, but in our view does suffer from being small and it would require a separate playing field 200m from the school on the other side of Miry Lane to fulfil its requirements."

"The consultation is therefore about which of the two sites, Hightown or Grylls should be the location of the primary school in this area. We do also recommend that the Children's Centre at High Bank is retained on the existing site and that consideration should be given to the provision of other community services in the area."



*John Smithson*



*Ken Smith*

## 2008 Consultation

Kirklees Cabinet has carefully considered the outcomes of the 'Brighter futures' consultation held in 2008.

Here are the key messages about the reorganisation of the Whitcliffe pyramid from 3-tier to 2-tier that we've taken into account:

- Most responses welcomed the change although there was some regret at the passing of the middle schools. Staff and governors positively sought to implement change.
- Most of the concerns were about transitional arrangements and the possible impact on particular age cohorts with a desire to reduce the number of moves between schools

## The Proposal:

The proposals come in two parts:

- school changes recommended to move to the next stage of the legal process; the publication of statutory proposals, and
- schools outlined for further consultation.

This document provides an overview of the next stages for all schools in the Whitcliffe Mount Pyramid.

## Publication of Statutory Proposals

After considering what you told us we also looked at what's best for all our primary schools across the Whitcliffe Mount Pyramid.

Based on our findings, we recommend the following schools for expansion and changing their age range by publishing statutory proposals.

These are part of our overall plans for reorganisation of primary schools in the Whitcliffe Mount Area, and as they were consulted on last year they do not require any further formal consultation.

School	Change	Details
Gomersal First School	Extensive investment in current school on Gomersal CE(C) Middle School site	Current capacity: 275 New capacity:420 Current PAN*: 55 New PAN: 60 Change in age range: from 5-9 years to 5 to11 years
Gomersal St. Mary's CE (A) First and Nursery School	Extensive investment in current school on same site	Current capacity:145 New capacity: 210 Current PAN: 30 New PAN: 30 Change in age range**: From 5-9 years to 5-11 years (plus nursery)
Howard Park Community School	New School opened in 2009	Current capacity: 210 New capacity: 210 Current PAN: 36 New PAN: 30 Change in age range: From 5-9 years to 5-11 years (plus nursery)
Scholes First and Nursery School	Extensive investment in current school on same site	Current capacity:150 New capacity: 210 Current PAN: 30 New PAN: 30 Change in age range: From 5-9 years to 5-11 years (plus nursery)

\*Planned admission number \*\* Governing body proposal

## About statutory proposals and notices

This is a legal process and its format is prescribed by law.

When proposals are published, a statutory notice containing certain aspects of the complete proposal will be published in the local press, displayed at the main entrances of the schools and in selected locations in the community including libraries and community centres.

From the date of publication, there follows a statutory period during which representations e.g. objections and comments can be made. This is the

final opportunity for individuals and organisations to express their views about the proposals and ensure that they will be considered by the Local Authority.

The statutory period for these proposals is six weeks.

In addition, Cllr Smithson and Cllr Smith are very keen to meet with people. They are open to talk frankly about the rationale and plans to plot the path for staff and students, so that we can all properly and effectively cope with the proposed changes.

## Options for further consultation

We listened to what you said during the last consultation and are now proposing a range of options for the first schools in three areas:

- Birkenshaw and East Bierley
- Cleckheaton
- Hightown

to seek the views of parents/carers, pupils, staff, governors and the wider community before determining the recommended way forward. We are asking for views in a consultation running for four weeks from **Monday 8th June to Friday 3rd July 2009**.

Further details for each area can be found in the corresponding consultation documents. These are all available at [www.kirklees.gov.uk/bsf](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/bsf) and all parents and carers have been sent the document(s) most relevant to them.

## Revised Primary Proposals

School	2008 Consultation Proposal	Revised Proposal	Reasons for change
Birkenshaw CE(C) First and Nursery School	Primary Centre for Learning for 420, 5 to 11 year olds with nursery provision.	Review proposals and consult on further options	Birkenshaw Middle School site could be available as the site for a new primary school building
East Bierley CE (VC) First School	Primary Centre for Learning for 210, 5 to 11 year olds.		
High Bank First & Nursery School	No proposals were made for the 2008 consultation. Both High Bank and Hightown have already changed to 5-11 primaries, with nursery provision, following the closure of Grylls Middle School. Further development required.	Options to be developed for consultation	To bring long term certainty to the provision
Hightown School			
Moorend CE(C) First School	Primary Centre for Learning for 420, 5 to 11 year olds on Whitechapel Middle School site.	Review proposals and consult on further options	Concerns about <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• distance between Moorend CE(C) and St Luke's CE(VC)</li> <li>• transition plans</li> <li>• governance of proposed primary schools</li> <li>• revised PAAs</li> </ul>
Heaton Avenue First and Nursery School	Primary Centre for Learning for 210, 5 to 11 year olds with nursery provision on West End Middle School site.		
St Luke's CE(VC) First School	Close. Pupils transfer to Moorend CE(C)		

## Support through changes

We are preparing detailed plans to plot the pathway for pupils, parents and staff so that we can all effectively manage any proposed changes. Maintaining stability and creating an improvement in the current standards of our children's education will remain the backbone of everything we do.

## Support for staff

Retaining our skilled teaching and support staff to maintain high standards of teaching and learning is fundamental to our plans. We have been working with staff groups and trade unions to develop a HR framework to support staff transitions that will ensure processes are fair and support individuals in terms of their career ambitions and personal aspirations.

## Next steps and indicative timescale

Subject to decisions made by Cabinet, the indicative timeline for the next stages of the statutory processes are set out below:

### Indicative timeline for statutory processes

Date	Further Consultation and Statutory Proposals and notices
8 June 2009 - 3 July 2009	<b>FURTHER CONSULTATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 weeks consultation on options for primary schools in the Whitcliffe Mount Pyramid for Birkenshaw CE(C) First and Nursery School, East Bierley CE(VC) First School, Heaton Avenue First and Nursery School, High Bank First and Nursery School, Hightown School, Moorend CE(C) First School, St. Luke's CE(VC) First School</li> </ul>
8 September 2009	<b>REPORT OUTCOMES OF FURTHER CONSULTATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report outcomes of the consultation to Cabinet and decisions on next steps for revised proposals.</li> </ul>
11 September 2009 to 16 October 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publication of statutory proposals and notices for Gomersal First School, Gomersal St Mary's CE(A) First and Nursery School, Howard Park Community School and Scholes First and Nursery School and 6 week representation period.</li> </ul>
5 October to 13 November 2009	<b>FURTHER STATUTORY CONSULTATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 week statutory consultation on WM primary proposals* for Birkenshaw CE(C) First and Nursery School, East Bierley CE(VC) First School, Heaton Avenue First and Nursery School, High Bank First and Nursery School, Hightown School, Moorend CE(C) First School, St. Luke's CE(VC) First School</li> <li>*subject to cabinet approval</li> </ul>
10 November 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cabinet meet and decide proposals for Gomersal First School, Gomersal St Mary's CE(A) First and Nursery School, Howard Park Community School and Scholes First and Nursery School</li> </ul>
5 January 2010	<b>REPORT OUTCOMES OF FURTHER STATUTORY CONSULTATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report outcomes of the consultation to Cabinet and decisions on next steps for revised proposals.</li> </ul>
5 February 2010 to 12 March 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publication of statutory proposals and notices* for Birkenshaw CE(C) First and Nursery School, East Bierley CE(VC) First School, Heaton Avenue First and Nursery School, High Bank First and Nursery School, Hightown School, Moorend CE(C) First School, St. Luke's CE(VC) First School and 6 week representation period</li> <li>*subject to cabinet approval</li> </ul>
30 March 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cabinet meet and decide proposals for Birkenshaw CE(C) First and Nursery School, East Bierley CE(VC) First School, Heaton Avenue First and Nursery School, High Bank First and Nursery School, Hightown School, Moorend CE(C) First School, St. Luke's CE(VC) First School</li> </ul>
April 2010 onwards	Implement proposals