

LBWF Consultation on School Admission Arrangements 2021/22

1. Introduction

1.1 This document provides background to the statutory consultation exercise for the admission arrangements to community primary and secondary schools and seeks comments on the proposed changes.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Consultees are asked:

- to consider the admission arrangements for community schools and, if they so wish, to comment on the proposed changes:
to consider the removal of the mini catchment areas of Coppermill Primary School, The Jenny Hammond Primary School and the Gwyn Jones Primary School

- to note that , other than the above, not making any changes to our Admissions Arrangements.

2.2 The consultation will run for 7 weeks and commenced on Monday, 02 December 2019 and will close on Monday 20 January 2020. Responses will be made by completing the [online response form](#).

3. Background to Consultation Arrangements

3.1 Consultation is required on the following issues:

Removal of mini catchment areas of Waltham Forest schools

3.2 The School Standards and Framework Act 1998, as subsequently amended, and the School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012, as amended, prescribe the consultation to be undertaken by admission authorities.

3.3 It should also be noted that all admission authorities – voluntary aided and foundation schools and academies, including free schools - are required to act in accordance with the School Admissions Code 2014. This includes consultation on any proposed changes to their admission arrangements, including any supplementary forms used. Any own admission authority school that has not consulted in the last 7 years must consult on their admission arrangements even if there have been no changes during that period (see 1.42 of the School Admissions Code 2014). Schools can only change their admission arrangements following consultation, so without consultation they must remain unchanged.

Section 1.44 of the School Admissions Code also requires LBWF to consult with everyone within the area of the proposed change.

4. Consultation – Community Schools' Admission Arrangements

LBWF is consulting on the admission arrangements for Waltham Forest primary and secondary community schools 2021/22 because of the proposal to:

- *remove mini catchments/catchments from Coppermill Primary School, The Jenny Hammond Primary School and Gwyn Jones Primary School (please see details below)*

Mini catchment areas

In addition to the criteria listed for community and voluntary controlled schools, some schools in the borough **have mini catchment or priority areas. These will give priority in the distance criterion to some roads, over other roads that may actually be nearer to the school.** Details of these areas are as follows:

Coppermill Primary School mini catchment

The following roads: Elmfield Road; Rensburgh Road; Chester Road; York Road; Morland Road and Salop Road. Plus: Coppermill Lane, even numbers 104 and above, odd numbers 145 and above inc. Waterside and Edward Road, even numbers 106 and below, odd numbers 91 and below.

The Jenny Hammond Primary School mini catchment

The following roads: Cann Hall Road, odd numbers 59 to 229, even numbers 78 to 224; Ramsey Road, odd numbers 175 and below, even numbers 164 and below; Trumpington Road, odd numbers 85 and below, even numbers 88 and below; Tavistock Road; Worsley Road; Elsham Road; Cary Road, odd numbers 11 and below, even numbers 10 and below; Selby Road, odd numbers 99 and above, even numbers 102 and above.

Gwyn Jones Primary School mini catchment

The following roads: Queens Road; Kings Road; Corbicum; Lytton Road; Esther Road; Temple Close; Wadley Road; Ripley Mews; Percy Road and Woodriffe Road. Plus: Essex Road South, Essex Mansions and numbers 2–8; Hainault Road, odd numbers 157 and above, even numbers 114 and above; Fairlop Road, odd numbers 1–31, even numbers 2–22 and Wallwood Road, odd numbers 59 and above, even numbers 40 and above

5. Further Action

5.1 Consultees are advised that the admission authority requires any comments on the issues in this report by Monday 20 January 2020. Comments should be made through the [online response form](#).

6.0 All comments will be submitted to Cabinet at their meeting on 11 February 2020.

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6.1 Any objections arising from the current consultation must be referred to the Adjudicator by 15 May 2020.

Waltham Forest Council complies with the regulations and legislation set out in the School Admissions Code 2014 and the School Admission Appeals Code 2012, including the:

- Equality Act 2010
- Human Rights Act 1998
- School Standards and Framework Act 1998