

School Admissions arrangements for September 2016

Consultation
9th – 12th February 2015



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National requirements

- LA has a statutory duty to review and determine school admissions arrangements every year
- If this suggests changes then this is subject to consultation
- The consultation must be for a minimum of 8 weeks and must be conducted between 1st November and 1st March
- Recommendation to review and consult as a minimum at least once every 7 years

Local position

- School Admissions arrangements were added to the work programme for Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee in March 2014.
- It was agreed that a review of the current approach to school admissions arrangements would be considered in full, in accordance with the recommendation to review and consult every 7 years. The last significant review took place in 2010.
- With regard to admissions for 2016, four priorities were identified.
- Proposals from these four priorities were agreed by Cabinet in December 2014, together with the consultation process.

The four priorities for September 2016

- Ingleby Barwick Primary admission zones;
- Secondary Admission zone arrangements for south Stockton and Ingleby Barwick;
- Primary places for north/central Stockton;
- Increase the number of places at Ash Trees Primary School for September 2015 from 124 to 150.

The proposals for September 2016

- The proposed scheme for co-ordinating admission arrangements and timetable for the school year 2016/17
- The proposed admission numbers for Primary and Secondary schools for September 2016
- The proposed admission zones changes to primary schools in Ingleby Barwick
- The proposed admission zone arrangements for secondary schools in the South of the Borough

The consultation process

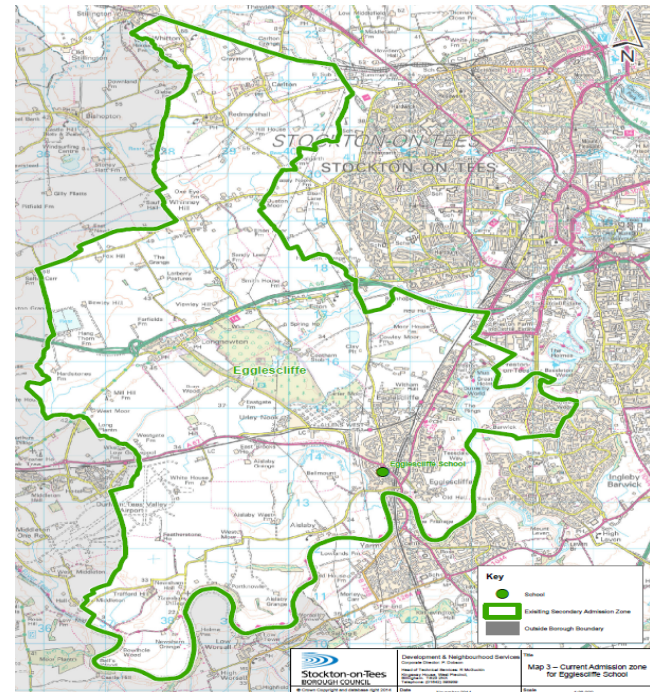
- Informal consultation to develop the proposals, held in October/November 2014
- Formal consultation commenced on the 15th December and was due to close on the 13th February. This has now been extended and will now close on 28th February.
- Responses via:
 1. Survey Monkey – link accessed through <http://www.stockton.gov.uk/stocktoncouncil/consultations/currentconsultations/schooladmissionconsultation/>
 2. E-mail at school.admissions@stockton.gov.uk
 3. Consultation events, 3 in January, 4 additional sessions arranged for February

Eggescliffe School zone

Admission zone arrangements for secondary schools in the South of the Borough - Eggescliffe School

Published Admission Number – 235 places

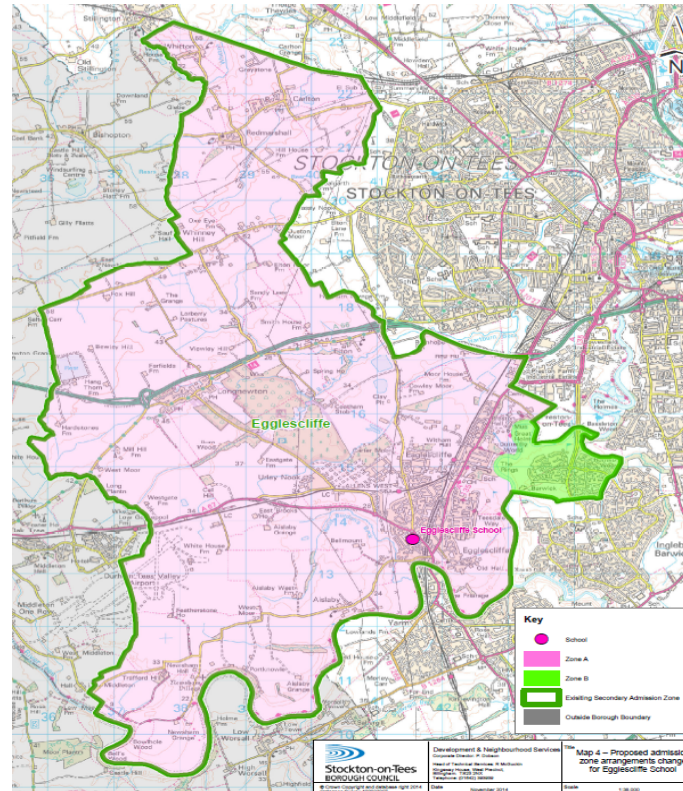
Admission zone map:



Rationale for proposed change

- Egglecliffe School oversubscribed with in zone residents for September 2014
- Children residing at the periphery of the admissions zone in rural communities were 'disadvantaged' due to distance (as the crow flies)
- 120 additional places available to Ingleby Barwick residents due to the opening of Ingleby Manor Free School & Sixth Form (Approved by Secretary of State in April 2014)

Proposed change



Allocating places September 2016

First - across all applications

- Those with a Statement of SEN / Education, Health & Care Plan, then:
- Criteria 1 – Looked After Children including previously adopted
- Criteria 2 - Complex Needs
- Criteria 3 - Sibling (both in zone children and out of zone)

Then - In zone applications from 'Zone A'

- Criteria 4a – Medical & Social
- Criteria 4b – Distance measured in a straight line 'as the crow flies'

Then - In zone applications from 'Zone B'

- Criteria 4a – Medical & Social
- Criteria 4b – Distance measured in a straight line 'as the crow flies'

Then finally – any remaining applications (out of zone)

- Criteria 5 – Medical & Social
- Criteria 6 – Distance measured in a straight line 'as the crow flies'

Allocating places September 2016 – How does it differ?

- Criteria is applied across the whole zone until Criteria 4, which is then applied to Zone A followed by Zone B

Statistics

Number of places available in Yarm, Eaglescliffe & Ingleby Barwick	719
Number of Year 5 children across Yarm, Eaglescliffe & Ingleby Barwick – eligible for a secondary place in September 2016	561
<i>Difference – available places (will include out of zone siblings and SEN)</i>	158
Eligible cohort 2014	233
Total applied both in zone and those out of zone with siblings	260
Number of in zone applicants not obtaining a place – Zone A	18
Number of in zone applicants not obtaining a place – Zone B	7
Total not obtaining a place	25

Statistics

Number of in zone children for 2015	240
Number of people (Zone B) putting Egglecliffe as 1 st preference	40 (42%)
Number of people (Zone B) putting Egglecliffe as 1 st , 2 nd or 3 rd preference	83 (87%)
Number of people (Zone B) NOT putting Egglecliffe as a preference	12 (13%)

Statistics

Eligible cohort for Zone A for 2016	137
Eligible cohort for Zone B for 2016	111
Total	248
Out of zone siblings eligible for a place	15
Estimate SEN/LAC based on 2014 admissions	7
Total potential applications if all choose Egglecliffe School for 2016	270
<i>Difference against Published Admissions Number of 235</i>	+35
Assume 13% of Zone B applicants (111) do not preference Egglecliffe (as 2015)	- 14
Balance	21

Questions?



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Next steps

- Compilation and analysis of responses to consultation
- Report to Children & Young Peoples Scrutiny at completion of consultation
- Report to Cabinet for decision – March 2015
- Arrangements available on Council website - 1st May
- Guidance booklet produced and available - September 2015

What parents/carers need to do

- Respond to the consultation giving their views before Saturday 28th February.