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BUILDING LEARNING COMMUNITIES

A CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT

The proposals in this consultation document have implications for:

- Grange Academy, including the Hearing Impaired Unit and Visual Impairment Base
- Annanhill Primary School
- Park School
- Community Learning

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**The Proposed New Build on the present site of
Grange Academy incorporating:**

- **A new build for Grange Academy, including the Hearing Impairment Unit and the Visual Impairment Base**
- **A new build for Annanhill Primary School**
- **A relocated and new build Park School, and**
- **Community learning facilities**

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 East Ayrshire Council has a vision for its schools estate into the 21st century. The Council wishes to ensure that all pupils are given every opportunity to develop their potential to the full. A key factor for the Council is to ensure that the best possible educational environment is available through the provision of a safe, secure and up-to-date environment.

1.2 The vision for the schools estate gives priority to these key features:

- Ensuring that all aspects of the modern curriculum can be delivered to children of all abilities.
- Providing the most up to date Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in all schools.
- Providing maximum access for pupils, staff and parents.
- The development of the Arts, Culture and Sports and Health education and the creation of Centres of Excellence to deliver an agenda of continuous improvement.
- Providing a secure environment for all who are educated and work in the school.
- Providing access to the community having regards to those with particular need.
- Providing catering and dining facilities of the highest standard in a modern environment.
- Providing appropriate social area provision for parents and pupils.
- A commitment to the environment and environmental issues.
- Developing Learning Partnerships through the New Community Schools model and forming strong partnerships with local/national organisations committed to offering support.

1.3 Within its financial allocations, the Council has taken positive steps to achieve the desired vision for the schools estate. The need for a significant investment in the estate is recognised. If existing funding arrangements were

to continue it is estimated that it would take more than 40 years to bring the schools estate to a minimum level of provision not allowing for upgrading, major maintenance and new builds driven by need.

- 1.4** Recognising that this is a national issue, the Scottish Executive has taken a strategic approach to supporting individual Councils to improve the standard of school buildings. East Ayrshire Council submitted an outline business case for a schools Public Private Partnership (PPP) to put in place significant resources to improve the quality of educational facilities in East Ayrshire.
- 1.5** The proposals in the outline business case were formulated in accordance with a set of guiding principles, which are:-
- (i) Rationalisation of school provision
 - (ii) A commitment to social inclusion and a presumption in favour of mainstream education
 - (iii) Provision of pre-school provision
 - (iv) Access to lifelong learning through an integrated community learning provision
 - (v) Partnership with other agencies supporting community development and better neighbourhoods
 - (vi) Development of Centres of Excellence in secondary school to provide enhanced and specialist support in a range of academic, sporting and cultural pursuits
- 1.6** In 2001 a comprehensive review of the current schools estate and future school needs in East Ayrshire was carried out. This review formed the basis of the bid for funding to the Scottish Executive. In response the Scottish Executive advised that funding would be made available to finance a series of proposals for the improvement of educational facilities across East Ayrshire Council.
- 1.7** The Education Committee at the meeting held on 21 November 2002 agreed to consult on a number of proposals it proposes to be included in the first phase of its schools PPP project. This consultation document deals with one of those proposals, which is to replace the existing Grange Academy building with a new build on the same campus that will provide high quality accommodation for Grange Academy, including the present hearing impairment unit and the visual impairment base. The new build will incorporate a replacement for Annanhill Primary and Park School, and there will be enhanced community learning facilities. An emphasis will be placed on community use of the building and proposed indoor and outdoor PE and sports facilities.

2. PRESENT POSITION

2.1 Grange Academy

- 2.1.1** Grange Academy is situated in Kilmarnock and comprises 6 blocks. The original building was completed in the mid-1960's and consists of 4 blocks A,

B, C and D. Blocks E and F were added in 1972. The height, teaching areas and links between blocks are shown in the following table.

Block	No. of Storeys High	Department	Links to other Blocks
A	2	Maths and language	To Block B
B	2	Assembly and Gym	To Block C
C	4	General Teaching Block	To Block D
D	1	Technical	To Block C
E	3	General Teaching Block	To None
F	1	Hall, Gym, Kitchen/Dining Room, Music	To None

The present roll of the school is 1181 and its capacity is 1582. Grange Academy presently houses the base for the Visual Impairment Peripatetic Team and a Hearing Impairment Unit. This latter facility serves secondary school aged pupils of East, North and South Ayrshire Councils.

2.1.2 The area served by Grange Academy is shown as Appendix 1. 2.1.3 A detailed roll projection is shown as Appendix 2.

2.1.4 The projected future maintenance of the building is in the order of £3,274,000. Such costs coupled with the age of the building and the fragmented layout of the current building do not reflect efficient use of the Council's capital resources, which could be reinvested in resources for learning for the benefit of the pupils.

2.2 Annanhill Primary School

2.2.1 Annanhill Primary School, built in 1973, is located on the west side of Kilmarnock. The school is a single storey building comprising 2 teaching areas and a central dining block. The teaching areas each comprise a large central area with surrounding teaching bases. The majority of these teaching bases are open to the central area. The roll of the school is 427 and its present capacity is 462.

2.2.2 The area served by Annanhill Primary School is shown as Appendix 3. 2.2.3 A detailed roll projection is shown as Appendix 4.

2.2.4 The projected future maintenance of the building is in the order of £1,383,000. Such costs do not reflect efficient use of the Council's capital resources which could be reinvested in resources for learning for the benefit of the pupils.

2.3 Park School

2.3.1 Park School is situated in central Kilmarnock and was built in 1930 with an extension added in 1940. The school caters for pupils aged 5 -18 with a

wide variety of learning difficulties associated with moderate and severe learning impairment. Many of the children have additional physical or behavioural difficulties. The school roll is currently 96 and its capacity is 100.

2.3.2 A roll projection is shown as Appendix 5.

2.3.3 The projected future maintenance costs of the building are in the order of £2,661,000. Such costs do not reflect efficient use of the Council's capital resources

2.4 Community Learning

2.4.1 The present campus of Grange Academy is well used in support of community learning activities. This involves the use of a separate Further Education wing attached to F block and the main buildings including the sports facilities. Community Learning facilities which are more attractive and accessible to community users will be incorporated in this project. The Council has a commitment to Lifelong Learning.

2.5 Inclusion

2.5.1 The Council is committed to a policy of inclusion. A number of changes in legislation bring obligations to ensure that all have equal access to facilities. Through the facilities for hearing impairment and visual impairment there is already much good practice. The possibilities offered under this proposal would address a number of issues related to equal access, while simultaneously offering the pupils of Park School access to modern, attractive premises on an equal basis to their peers.

3. PROPOSAL

3.1 It is proposed to construct the new school building for Grange Academy, incorporating Annanhill Primary School and Park School on ground within the existing Grange Academy campus at Beech Avenue, Kilmarnock.

3.2 Grange Academy

3.2.1 It is proposed that the current Grange Academy buildings, including the visual impairment team base, and the hearing impairment unit base be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006. Pupils will transfer to a new build secondary school on the same campus by August 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter .

3.2.2 There will be no change to the current delineated area of Grange Academy shown as Appendix 1.

3.2.3 A detailed roll projection and capacity for the new build Grange Academy is given in Appendix 2.

3.3 Annanhill Primary School

3.3.1 It is proposed that the Annanhill Primary School building be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006. Pupils will transfer to a dedicated facility within the new Grange Academy site by August 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter.

3.3.2 There will be no change to the current delineated area of Annanhill Primary School shown as Appendix 3.

3.3.3 A detailed roll projection and capacity for the new Annanhill Primary School is given as Appendix 4.

3.4 Park School

3.4.1 It is proposed that the current Park School building be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006. Pupils will transfer to a dedicated facility within the Grange Academy campus by August 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter.

3.4.2 A detailed roll projection and capacity for the new Park School is given as Appendix 5.

3.5 Community Learning

3.5.1 The Council gives a major priority to the development of opportunities for lifelong learning. As a consequence, Community Learning Facilities will be provided within the proposed building and users will benefit from being able to share certain facilities within the campus. This provision will help to support the social and economic regeneration of East Ayrshire.

3.6 Sport, Physical Education and the Arts

3.6.1 The plans for the new build will include special consideration for the enhancement of facilities for sport, physical education and the Arts. This will be consistent with the aims of the relevant national bodies and the availability of partnership funding from these bodies to develop facilities. In this way the range and quality of facilities available for the use of children and the community will be improved from the present position.

3.7 Integrated Working

3.7.1 The proposals will result in the creation of a New Community School, which will have at its core the ethos of integrated working. This will result in enhanced opportunities and support for both young people who attend the establishments and the wider community through closer working relationships between educational, social work and health care professionals.

4. JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSAL AND THE PROPOSED SITE

- 4.1** The fabric of the Grange Academy, Annanhill Primary School and Park School buildings are poor. The costs of maintenance are high and only cover known defects. Additional sums would also be needed to ensure that the sites could comply with new legislative requirements such as the extension of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and associated legislation. Independent surveyors commented on the need to upgrade facilities at all of these. Consequently, priority is being given to this project in this phase of the PPP .
- 4.2** The current roll of Grange Academy is well below the operating capacity of the 2 sites. Currently there are 401 surplus spaces within the current building which represents 25% of the available capacity. The cost of operating at this capacity indicates a significant and unnecessary cost to the Council.
- 4.3** Acceptance of this proposal will allow the vision to be met, and in particular will allow the development of modern learning facilities in all areas of the curriculum but with particular emphasis on technology, PE and Sports and the Arts in Education.
- 4.4** The proposals will strengthen the education of children and young people within East Ayrshire as there will be a closer link between primary and secondary schools, and between special and mainstream education. An inclusion approval will be developed and implemented.
- 4.5** It is a prominent feature of this proposal that it will better facilitate the integration of children with special educational needs into mainstream education. This facility will therefore become a centre of excellence in special educational needs. In addition to its own teaching facilities it will support mainstream inclusion in Grange Academy, Annanhill Primary School and elsewhere. Support for children with language and communication disorders will be a particular aspect of provision.
- 4.6** The proposals will also allow for enhanced curricular opportunities as the schools will be sited on one campus.
- 4.7** Improved facilities for use of the community will be available across a wide spectrum of activities. Since access for the disabled will be a design feature, these facilities will be universally available for all.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** The proposal as outlined in Section 4 would have implications for teaching and support staff at Grange Academy, the hearing impairment unit, the visual impairment base, Annanhill Primary and Park School. This document marks the first, and formal, stage in a series of consultations that will continue throughout the project. All members of staff will be fully consulted about their future as well as trade unions. The particular wishes of each member of staff will be taken into consideration. Parents, school boards, young people and

the community will also be consulted on the issues that are important to each group in the development of the project.

- 5.2 Before the time of transition discussion will take place with user groups of the community learning facilities in order to identify suitable alternative accommodation .
- 5.3 Transport arrangements for pupils at Grange Academy, Annanhill Primary School and Park School would be provided in accordance with Council policy at the time of the opening. At present East Ayrshire Council makes provision in excess of the statutory requirement for primary and secondary school pupils. Arrangements for transport related to children's special educational needs will be unchanged by this proposal.
- 5.4 The Department of Educational & Social Services has no plans for the future use of existing buildings occupied by Grange Academy and Annanhill Primary School which will be demolished as part of the project. It would be intended to declare Park School and its site surplus to the requirements of the Department of Educational and Social Services.
- 5.5 The school budgets for Grange Academy, Annanhill Primary School and Park School will be calculated using the roll related formulas operating within the education service.
- 5.6 The Council is currently unable to compare running costs of the existing buildings and the proposed new buildings. The PPP partner will be responsible for the running costs of the building, such as heat and light, and the maintenance costs such as boiler or window replacement. The costs of this will be included in the final contract with the partner organisation.
- 5.7 This proposal is incorporated in the first phase of PPP of the Council's project for schools associated with this funding initiative.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Education Committee agree to adopt the proposal that:
 - (i) a new build Grange Academy be provided on an identified site on the existing campus of Grange Academy and incorporating a new build Annanhill Primary School and new build Park School including purpose built facilities for Hearing Impairment, Visual Impairment, and Community Learning and a greater opportunity for the integration of pupils with special educational needs.
 - (ii) The existing Grange Academy building be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006. Pupils transfer to new build Grange Academy in August 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter.

- (iii) The existing Annanhill Primary School building be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006. Pupils will transfer to the new build Annanhill Primary School within the new build education centre at the present Grange Academy campus in August 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter.
- (iv) The existing Park School building be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006. Pupils will transfer to the new build Park School within the new build education centre at the present Grange Academy campus in August 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter .
- (v) Enhanced Community Learning facilities be incorporated in the new build.

It is further recommended that:

- (i) all interested parties be invited to make written or electronic submissions on the proposal to the Director of Educational & Social Services, East Ayrshire Council, Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock KA3 7BU, E-mail: John.Mulgrew@east-ayrshire.gov.uk no later than **Monday 13 January 2003**.
- (ii) the Director prepare a report on the results of the consultative process for consideration at a future meeting of the Education Committee.


14 November 2002

APPENDICES

- Appendix 1** Delineated Area -Grange Academy
- Appendix 2** Current Capacity and Roll Projection -Grange Academy
- Appendix 3** Delineated Area - Annanhill Primary School
- Appendix 4** Current Capacity and Detailed Roll Projection - Annanhill Primary School
- Appendix 5** Current Capacity and Roll Projection -Park School

APPENDIX 1



<p>Title/Location Grange Academy Catchment Area NS4136</p>	<p>East Ayrshire Council Educational & Social Services London Road, Kilmarnock KA3 7JB Tel: (01563) 576003 Fax: (01563) 576123 SCALE: 1:60000 Date: 13/11/2002</p> 
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ROLL PROJECTIONS - GRANGE ACADEMY

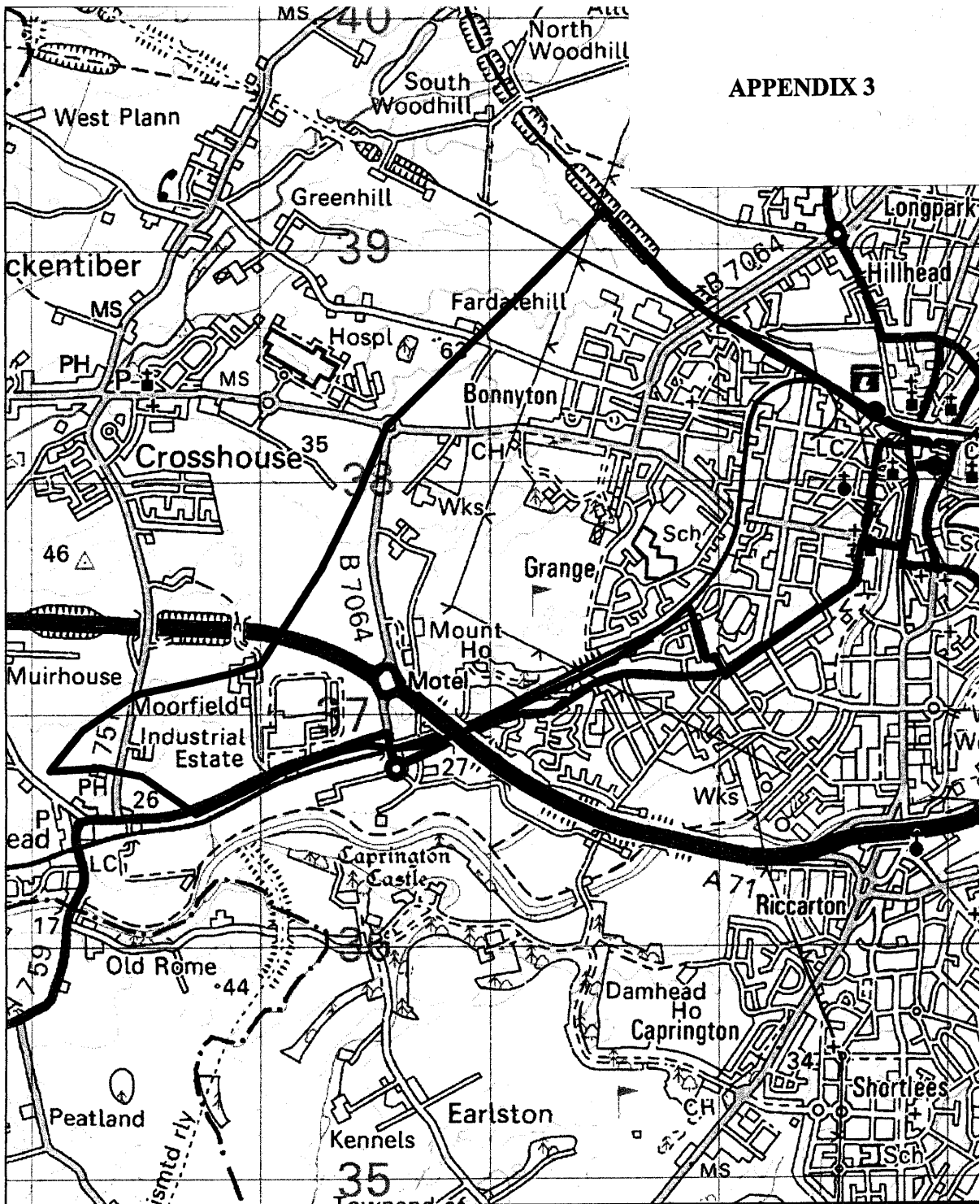
**GRANGE ACADEMY : ROLL
PROJECTION**

SESSION	ROLLS BY STAGE						TOTAL ROLL S1-S6	PUPIL FROM NEW HOUSING	TOTAL ROLL S1-S6
	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6			
2002	229	210	220	228	204	90	1,181	0	1,181
2003	221	229	210	220	186	99	1,165	4	1,169
2004	232	221	229	210	180	91	1,163	5	1,168
2005	232	232	221	229	172	88	1,174	6	1,180
2006	226	232	232	221	187	84	1,182	6	1,188
2007	211	226	232	232	181	91	1,173	6	1,179
2008	213	211	226	232	190	88	1,160	6	1,166

THE CURRENT SCHOOL CAPACITY IS 1,582 PUPILS.

THE PROPOSED SCHOOL CAPACITY IS 1,280 PUPILS.

APPENDIX 3



Title/Location **Annanhill Primary School**
Catchment Area
NS4137

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APPENDIX 4

ROLL PROJECTIONS – ANNANHILL PRIMARY

ANNANHILL PRIMARY : ROLL PROJECTION										
SESSION	ROLLS BY STAGE							TOTAL ROLL P1-P7	PUPILS FROM NEW HOUSING	TOTAL ROLL P1-P7
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7			
2002	60	53	61	64	66	62	61	427	0	427
2003	58	60	53	61	64	66	62	424	0	424
2004	57	58	60	53	61	64	66	419	0	419
2005	55	57	58	60	53	61	64	408	0	408
2006	57	55	57	58	60	53	61	401	0	401
2007	56	57	55	57	58	60	53	396	0	396
2008	56	56	57	55	57	58	60	399	0	399

THE CURRENT SCHOOL CAPACITY IS 462 PUPILS.

THE PROPOSED SCHOOL CAPACITY IS 462 PUPILS.

APPENDIX 5

ROLL PROJECTIONS – PARK SCHOOL

PARK SCHOOL : ROLL PROJECTION

SESSION	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	POST 16	TOTAL
2002	34	40	20	94
2003	37	40	20	97
2004	38	37	20	95
2005	38	38	20	96
2006	38	38	20	96
2007	38	38	20	96
2008	38	38	20	96

THE PRESENT SCHOOL CAPACITY IS 100 PUPILS.

THE PROPOSED SCHOOL CAPACITY IS 100 PUPILS.