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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL & SOCIAL SERVICES

BUILDING LEARNING COMMUNITIES

A CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT

The proposals in this consultation document have implications for:

- **St. Joseph's Academy**
- **St. Columba's Primary**
- **St. Matthew's Primary**
- **Pre School Provision**
- **Community Learning**

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Report by Director of Educational & Social Services

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) Pre-school provision for all
 - (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 St Joseph's Academy building with a new build on the same campus that will provide high quality accommodation for St Joseph's Academy, the new build denominational primary 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 St Joseph's Academy

- 2.1.1** St Joseph's Academy provides denominational secondary education to the whole of East Ayrshire. Following the merger with St Conval's High School in 1998 pupils from S1 – 4 in the Cumnock area attend St Joseph's Academy Cumnock campus with all S5 – 6 pupils attending the Kilmarnock campus.

- 2.1.2** St Joseph's Academy, Kilmarnock consists of 2 main buildings. The main building includes the original 1955 2-storey building with a number of extensions added in 1972 (technical block, 2-storey science block and games hall block). The second building is a 1972 2-storey stand alone classroom block.
- 2.1.3** The Cumnock campus consists of a main school building and 2 huts. The main building, built in the 1960's has a single-storey area, housing the entrance, assembly, administration, physical education and technical rooms. The 2-storey area is general classrooms. There are 2 prefabricated huts erected in the grounds during the 1970's each housing 2 classrooms.
- 2.1.4** The roll of St Joseph's Academy is 785 with an overall capacity of 1231.
- 2.1.5** The area served by St Joseph's Academy is shown as Appendix 1.
- 2.1.6** A roll projection is shown as Appendix 2.
- 2.1.7** The projected future maintenance cost of the buildings is £6,125,000.

2.2 St Columba's Primary School

- 2.2.1** St Columba's Primary School comprises 2 buildings. The 'old school' built in 1903 houses the upper primary stages and the department's Bilingual Support Unit. The 'new school' built in 1926 houses the early stages and the school administration. Until 1955 the school was a combined primary and secondary, known as St Joseph's High School. The roll of the school is 213 and the capacity is 452.
- 2.2.2** The location and area served by St Columba's Primary School is shown as Appendix 3.
- 2.2.3** A roll projection for the school is shown as Appendix 4.
- 2.2.4** The projected future maintenance for the building is £606,000. Such costs coupled with the age of the building do not reflect best use of the Council's capital resources which could be reinvested in resources for learning for the benefit of the pupils.
- 2.2.5** Out of School Care provision is currently delivered by a voluntary organisation.

2.3 St Matthew's Primary School

- 2.3.1** St Matthew's Primary School is a semi open plan school built in 1973 with 4 open and 4 merged classrooms. It is a single-storey building with the main teaching areas centred round a rectangular open area. There is a nursery class with 80 (40/40) sessional places and the school is used extensively by the community. The roll of the school is 209 and the capacity is 233.

- 2.3.2 The location and area served by St Matthew's Primary School is shown as Appendix 5.
- 2.3.3 A roll projection for the school is shown as Appendix 6.
- 2.3.4 The projected future maintenance of the building is £578,000. Such costs do not reflect efficient use of the Council's scarce capital resources which could be reinvested in resources for learning for the benefit of the pupils.

2.4 **Community Learning**

- 2.4.1 The present campus of St Joseph's Academy is well used in support of community learning activities. This involves the use of 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. The possibilities offered under this proposal would address a number of issues related to equal access, while simultaneously offering all pupils access to modern, attractive premises on an equal basis to their peers

3. **PROPOSAL**

3.1 **St Joseph's Academy**

- 3.1.1 It is proposed that St Joseph's Academy be rebuilt on ground at the present campus on Grassyards Road, Kilmarnock.
- 3.1.2 The buildings at the Kilmarnock Campus will be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006. Pupils will transfer to the new buildings on the Kilmarnock site from August 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter.
- 3.1.3 The buildings at the Cumnock campus will be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006. Pupils will transfer to the new buildings on the Kilmarnock site from August 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter.

- 3.2 There will be no change to the current delineated area of St Joseph's Academy.
- 3.3 A roll projection and capacity for the new St Joseph's Academy is as detailed in Appendix 2.

3.4 **St Columba's Primary School**

- 3.4.1 It is proposed that St Columba's Primary School closes with effect from the end of the school session June 2006. Pupils will transfer to a new build

denominational primary school on the St Joseph's Academy Kilmarnock site by August 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter.

3.5 St Matthew's Primary School

3.5.1 It is proposed that St Matthew's Primary School closes with effect from the end of the school session June 2006. Pupils will transfer to a new build denominational primary school on the St Joseph's Academy Kilmarnock site by August 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter.

3.5.2 The nursery class based within St Matthew's Primary School will close with effect from the end of the school session June 2006. Children will transfer to a purpose built provision within the campus of St Joseph's Academy, Kilmarnock.

3.6 The delineated area for the new school is detailed in Appendix 7.

3.7 A roll projection and capacity for the amalgamated schools is given in Appendix 8.

3.8 Pre School Provision

3.8.1 Pre School provision will be provided within the new building, with the potential to increase the present capacity and to extend the hours that care is provided. The children will benefit from being able to share certain facilities within the primary school such as staff and visiting services, and other facilities on a programmed basis. A separate play area will be provided. The feasibility of providing facilities for children under 3 will be considered. The roll and capacity of the centre will be 80 sessional places (40 in the morning and 40 in the afternoon).

3.8.2 Out of School Care

Out of School Care provision will continue and as funding opportunities arise. The Council will work with the Childcare Partnership to consider further developing services.

3.9 Community Learning Facilities

It is proposed that the development of facilities suitable for use by the community would be complementary to the school accommodation. The community learning facilities will include an integrated computer suite and meeting rooms. In addition, community users will also have access to sports development facilities within the school campus. This provision will help to support the social and economic regeneration of East Ayrshire.

3.10 Sport, Physical Education and the Arts

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.

3.11 Integrated Working

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 St Joseph's Academy, St Matthew's Primary School and St Columba's Primary 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 Disability Discrimination Act and associated legislation. Consequently, priority is being given to these issues in this phase of the PPP project.
- 4.2** The current roll of St Joseph's Academy is well below the operating capacity of the 2 sites. Currently there are 446 surplus spaces within the 2 sites which represents 36% of the available capacity. At St Matthew's and St Columba's there are 270 surplus spaces, which represents 38% of the available capacity. The cost of operating at these capacities 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** A better use of resources can be achieved by concentrating the provision on one campus. The proposals would remove the need for teaching and administrative staff to travel between the Kilmarnock and Cumnock sites.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** The proposal as outlined in Section 3 would have implications for teaching and support staff in the schools affected. All members of staff will be fully consulted about their future as will the appropriate trade unions. The particular wishes of each member of staff will be taken into consideration.
- 5.2** The amalgamation of St Matthew's Primary School and St Columba's Primary Schools will create a new primary school with a new staffing complement. Staff at St Matthew's and St. Columba's can express an interest in the posts available at the new school.
- 5.3** Implications for other stakeholders who currently benefit from the existing facilities or who deliver services in the existing facilities will be consulted.

5.4 Travel to School

With the proposed school being located towards one end of the catchment area there would be an increasing number of pupils from the former St Columba's catchment area who would require to walk or be transported by bus to school. The present policy applies to primary pupils who live in excess of one mile and secondary pupils who live in excess of 2 miles from the school, and those children affected by the proposals would be transported to school in line with future Council policy.

5.5 Secondary Education

Although it is proposed to close the St Joseph's Academy Cumnock campus and transfer all pupils to the new build in Kilmarnock there will still be no fundamental alteration to current arrangements for secondary education as a result of this proposal.

5.6 Future Use of Buildings

- 5.6.1** The Department of Educational & Social Services would declare St Joseph's Academy and St Matthew's Primary School surplus to requirement and would propose to demolish these buildings.
- 5.6.2** The Department of Educational & Social Services would declare St Columba's Primary School surplus to present requirements.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1** The school budgets for both St Joseph's and the new denominational primary arising from the merger St Columba's and St Matthew's Primary Schools will be calculated using the roll related formulas currently operating within the education service.

6.2 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. The costs of this will be included in the final contract with the partner organisation.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that the Education Committee agree to adopt the proposal that:

- i) a new education centre be built on the St Joseph's site at Grassyards Road, Kilmarnock. The centre would provide separate purpose built accommodation for
 - a) a new St Joseph's Academy;
 - b)i) a new denominational primary school resulting from the amalgamation of St Columba's and St Matthew's Primary School;
 - b)ii) pre-school provision
 - c) enhanced community learning facilities.
 - ii) St Joseph's Academy (Kilmarnock campus) be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006. Pupils will transfer to the new build denominational secondary school, on the Kilmarnock site, by August 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter.
 - iii) St Joseph's Academy (Cumnock campus) be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006. Pupils will transfer to the new build denominational secondary school, on the Kilmarnock site, by August 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter.
- The delineated area of St Joseph's will remain unaltered.
- iv) St Columba's Primary School be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006. Pupils will transfer to a new denominational primary school building at Grassyards Road, Kilmarnock in August 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter.
 - v)i) St Matthew's Primary School be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006. Pupils will transfer to a new denominational primary school building at Grassyards Road, Kilmarnock in August 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter.
 - v)ii) Nursery class based in St Matthew's Primary School be closed with effect from the end of the school session June 2006. Pupils will transfer to new pre-school provision within the new building at Grassyards Road, Kilmarnock in August 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter.

The delineated area of the new school will be amended to incorporate the current delineated areas of St Columba's and St Matthew's Primary Schools.

vi) Enhanced community facilities be incorporated into the new building.

7.2 It is also recommended that:

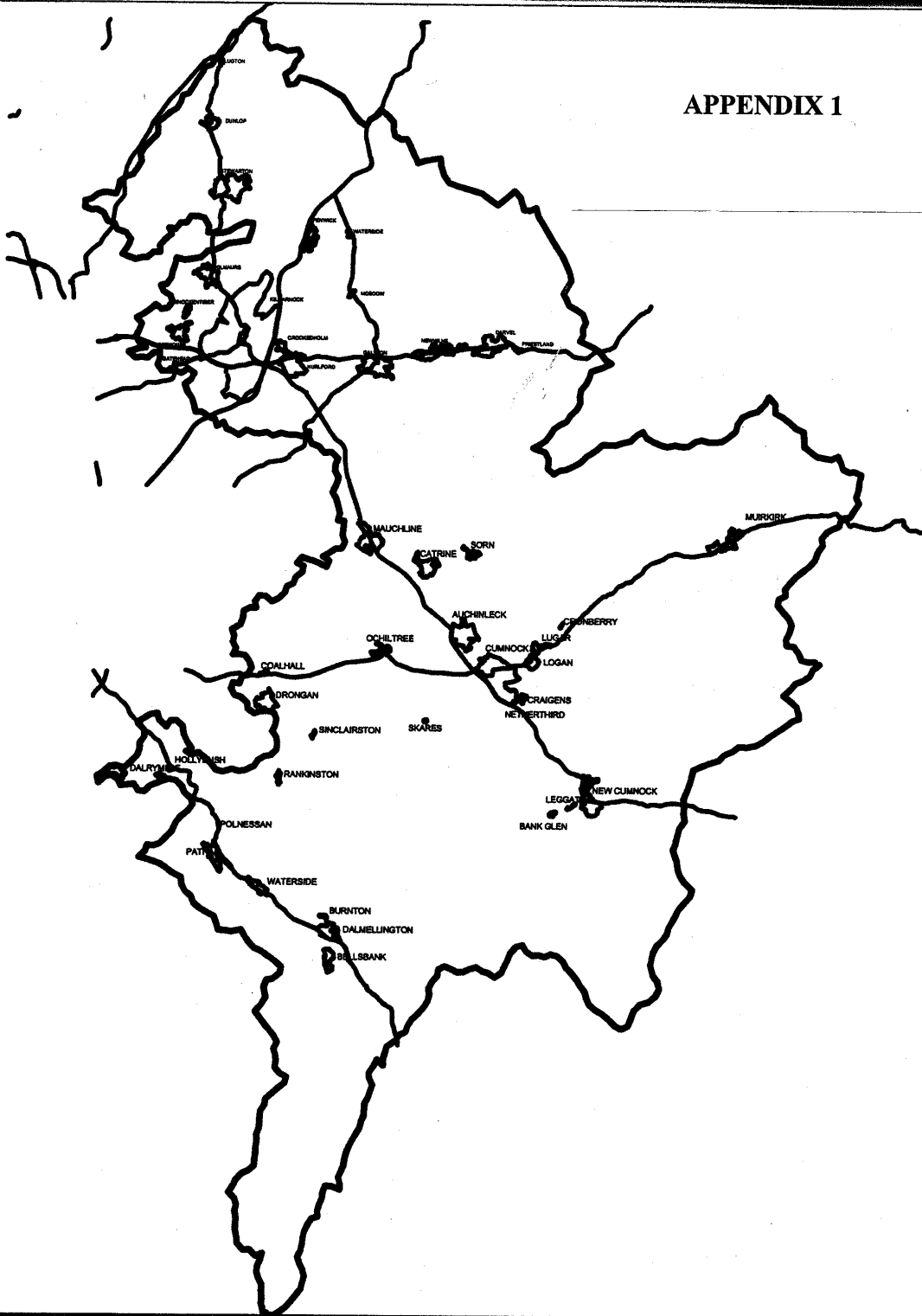
- i) interested parties be invited to make written or electronic submissions on the proposal to the Director of Educational & Social Services, East Ayrshire Council, Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock KA3 7BU, E-mail: john.mulgrew@east-ayrshire.gov.uk no later than **Monday 13 January 2003**.
- ii) the Director of Educational & Social Services 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 – St Joseph’s Academy
Appendix 2	Current Capacity and Roll Projection – St Joseph’s Academy
Appendix 3	Delineated Area – St Columba’s Primary School
Appendix 4	Current Capacity and Detailed Roll Projection – St Columba’s Primary School
Appendix 5	Delineated Area – St Mathew’s Primary School
Appendix 6	Current Capacity and Detailed Roll Projections – St Mathew’s Primary School
Appendix 7	Delineated Area – New denominational School resulting from the merger of St Columba’s and St. Mathew’s
Appendix 8	Detailed Roll Projections for the Amalgamated School resulting from the merger of St Columba’s and St Mathew’s

APPENDIX 1



Title/Location **St. Joseph's Academy**
Catchment Area
NS5220

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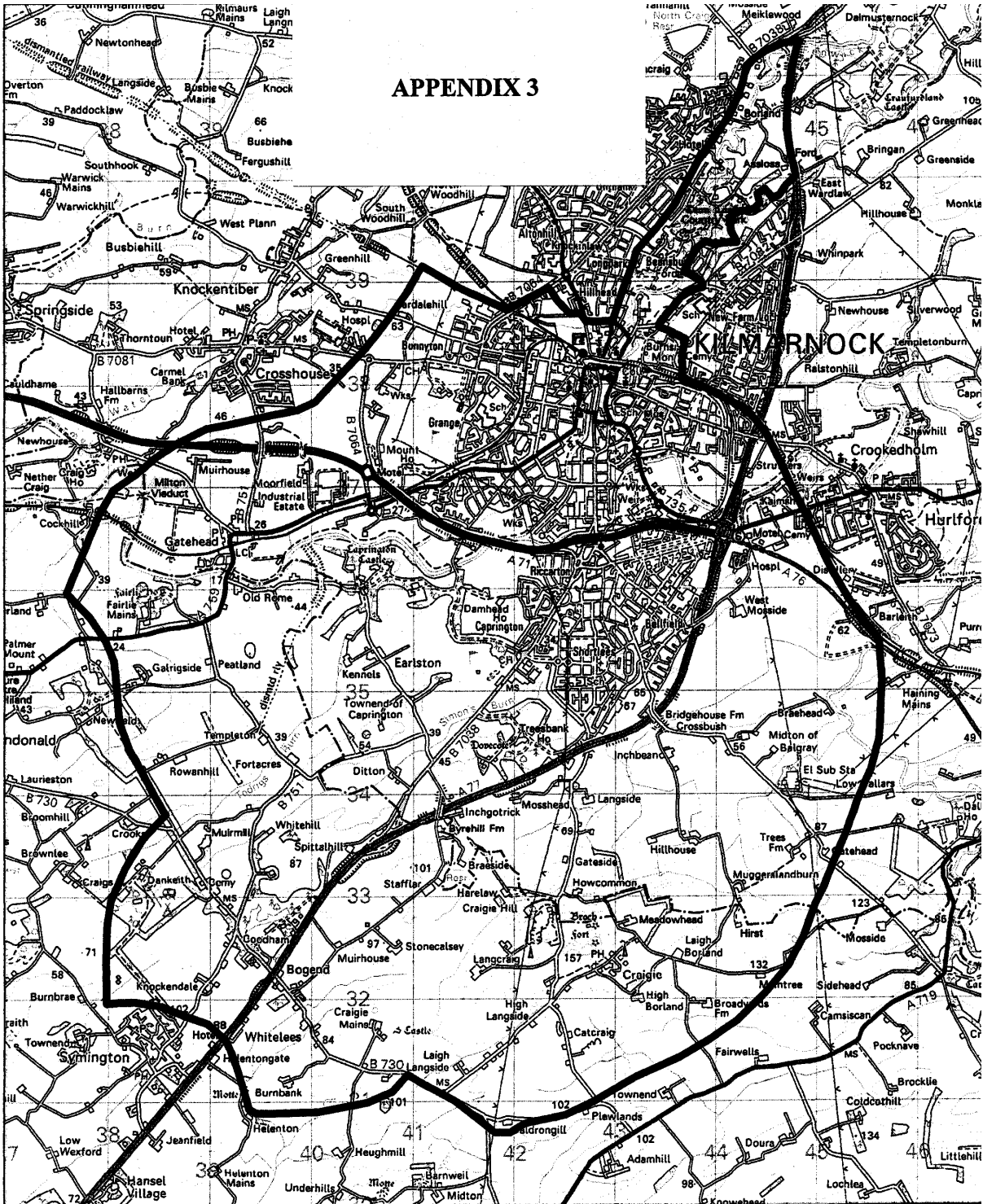
ROLL PROJECTIONS – ST JOSEPH’S ACADEMY


ST JOSEPHS ACADEMY : ROLL PROJECTION									
SESSION	ROLLS BY STAGE						TOTAL ROLL	PUPILS FROM NEW HOUSING	TOTAL ROLL
	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S1-S6		S1-S6
2002	144	153	152	143	118	75	785	0	785
2003	145	144	153	152	129	57	780	9	789
2004	160	145	144	153	137	62	801	17	818
2005	147	160	145	144	138	66	800	24	824
2006	138	147	160	145	130	66	786	33	819
2007	135	138	147	160	130	62	772	39	811
2008	102	135	138	147	144	62	728	48	776

THE PRESENT SCHOOL CAPACITY IS 1,231 PUPILS.

THE PROPOSED SCHOOL CAPACITY IS 800 PUPILS.

APPENDIX 3



<p>Title/Location St. Columba's Primary School Catchment Area NS4135</p>	<p>East Ayrshire Council Educational & Social Services London Road, Kilmarnock KA3 7JB Tel: (01563) 576003 Fax: (01563) 576123 SCALE:1:50000 Date: 13/11/2002</p> 
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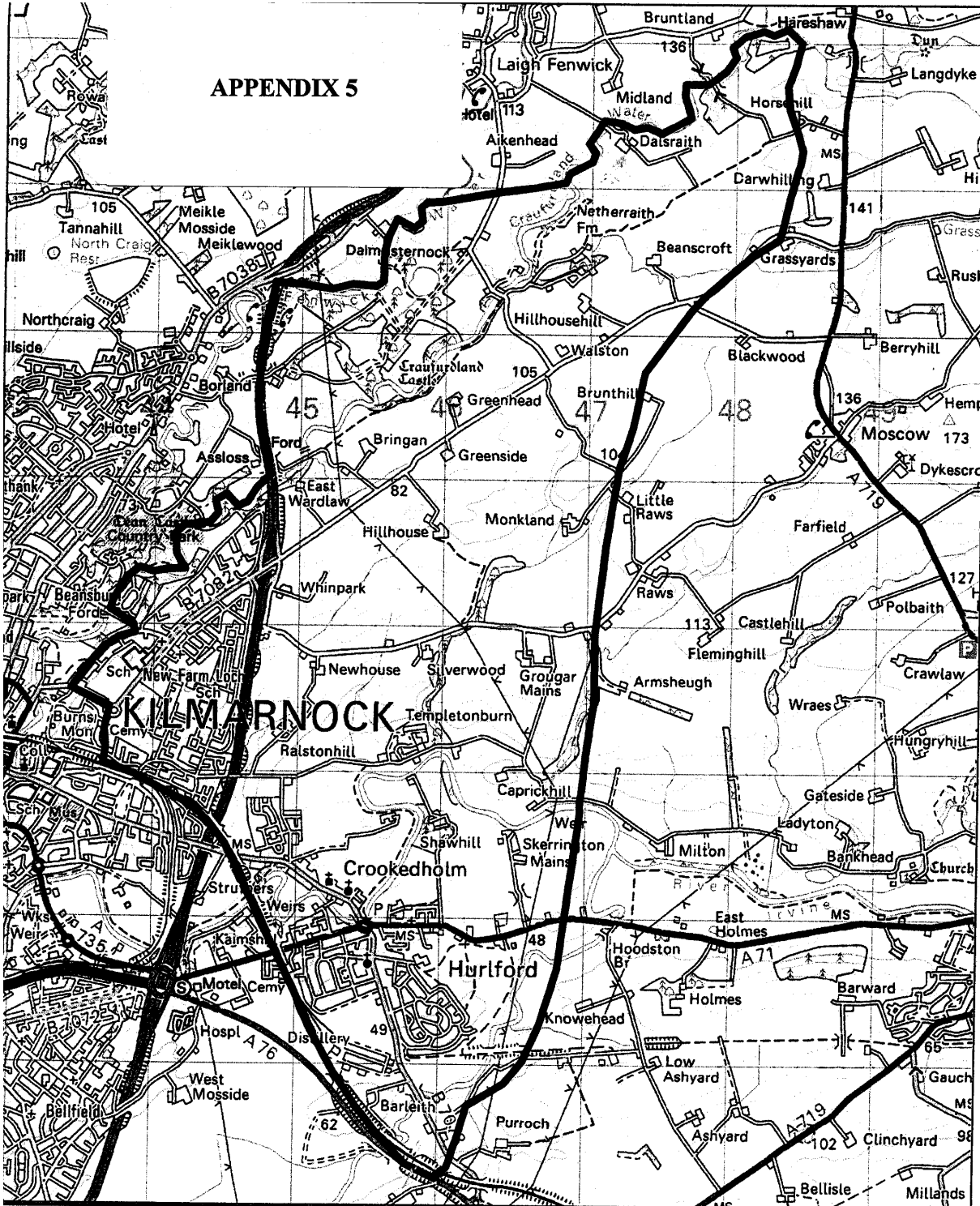
ROLL PROJECTIONS – ST COLUMBA’S PRIMARY

ST COLUMBAS 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	22	26	30	29	31	35	40	213	0	213
2003	26	22	26	30	29	31	35	199	3	202
2004	25	26	22	26	30	29	31	189	4	193
2005	24	25	26	22	26	30	29	182	4	186
2006	25	24	25	26	22	26	30	178	5	183
2007	25	25	24	25	26	22	26	173	5	178
2008	25	25	25	24	25	26	22	172	5	177

THE CURRENT SCHOOL CAPACITY IS 452 PUPILS.

THE PROPOSED SCHOOL CAPACITY IS 462 PUPILS.

APPENDIX 5



Title/Location **St. Matthew's Primary School**
Catchment Area
NS4639

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ROLL PROJECTIONS – ST MATTHEW’S PRIMARY

ST MATTHEWS PRIMARY : ROLL PROJECTION										
	ROLLS BY STAGE							TOTAL ROLL P1-P7	PUPILS FROM NEW HOUSING	TOTAL ROLL P1-P7
SESSION	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	TOTAL ROLL P1-P7	PUPILS FROM NEW HOUSING	TOTAL ROLL P1-P7
2002	38	19	31	34	40	42	29	233	0	233
2003	29	38	19	31	34	40	42	233	6	239
2004	28	29	38	19	31	34	40	219	6	225
2005	31	28	29	38	19	31	34	210	6	216
2006	29	31	28	29	38	19	31	205	6	211
2007	29	29	31	28	29	38	19	203	6	209
2008	29	29	29	31	28	29	38	213	6	219

THE CURRENT SCHOOL CAPACITY IS 233 PUPILS.

THE PROPOSED CAPACITY IS 462 PUPILS.

APPENDIX 7



Title/Location **St. Columba's/St. Matthew's Primary School Catchment Area**
NS4236

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**ROLL PROJECTIONS – AMALGAMATION OF ST COLUMBA’S AND ST
MATTHEW’S**

ST COLUMBAS/ MATTHEWS 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	45	61	63	71	77	69	446	0	446
2003	55	60	45	61	63	71	77	432	9	441
2004	53	55	60	45	61	63	71	408	10	418
2005	55	53	55	60	45	61	63	392	10	402
2006	54	55	53	55	60	45	61	383	11	394
2007	54	54	55	53	55	60	45	376	11	387
2008	54	54	54	55	53	55	60	385	11	396

THE PROPOSED SCHOOL CAPACITY IS 462 PUPILS.

AGENDA