

**THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL**  
**EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORT COMMITTEE**  
**12 NOVEMBER 2009**

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| Report No   | ECS/56/09 |

**STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR THE MILTON OF LEYS  
AREA OF INVERNESS**

**Report by Director Of Education, Culture and Sport**

**SUMMARY**

A draft consultation paper on a proposal for the provision of a new primary school for the Milton of Leys area of Inverness is attached for Members' consideration.

**1. BACKGROUND**

1.1 The Education, Culture and Sport Committee, at its meeting on 17 September 2009, agreed that statutory consultation be undertaken on the provision of a new school for Milton of Leys, on a site for the school and on the catchment area for the school and, in order that locally based consultation can commence, consultation papers be drawn up by the Director of Education, Culture and Sport in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee.

**2. PROPOSAL**

2.1 It is proposed that statutory consultation on a new primary school for the Milton of Leys area of Inverness should proceed on the basis of the draft consultation paper attached (appendix 1).

2.2 A statutory consultation on education provision should run for a minimum period of 28 days. It is proposed that the report of the outcomes of the consultation be considered at the meeting of Education, Culture and Sport Committee on 14 January 2010.

**3. CONSULTATION PROCESS**

3.1 The consultation procedure will include distribution of the consultation paper to:

- a) (i) Parents of pupils affected including parents of pre-school pupils.
- (ii) Members of Parliament and Members of Scottish Parliament.
- (iii) Parent Council/Forum.
- (iv) Community Council.

b) Public advertisement of availability of consultation paper.

c) Meetings of parents will be convened, with a minimum of 14 days' notice.

The Authority may be represented at such meetings by:

- (i) Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman of the Education, Culture and Sport Committee.
  - (ii) Local Councillor(s) not otherwise covered by above.
  - (iii) Director of Education, Culture and Sport or his representative.
- d) Following publication of the consultation paper a minimum of 28 days will be allowed for the submission of written comments to the Area Education, Culture and Sport Manager.
- e) At the end of the consultation period all written submissions and minutes of meetings will be presented to the Education, Culture and Sport Committee for consideration and decision.

#### **4. RECOMMENDATION**

4.1 The Committee is requested to agree to the terms of the consultation paper to be issued in accordance with the Education Authority's agreed procedure to meet the relevant statutory requirements; and agree

That the outcome of the consultation be considered at the meeting of the Education, Culture and Sport Committee on 14 January 2010.

Signature:

Designation: Director of Education, Culture and Sport

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Date: 5 October 2009

Background Papers: Minute of Education, Culture and Sport Committee, 17 September 2009

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**1.0 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The expansion of the Milton of Leys/Inshes area over the next few years will result in a significant increase in the number of primary children. Inshes Primary School will not be able to accommodate the projected increase in pupil numbers. Alternative provision requires to be made and this paper sets out proposals for this provision.
- 1.2 The Education, Culture and Sport Committee meeting on 17 September 2009 agreed that statutory consultation be undertaken on a new school for Milton of Leys, on a site for the school and on the catchment area for the school.

**2.0 PRESENT POSITION**

- 2.1 Children living in the Inshes and Milton of Leys areas of Inverness currently attend Inshes Primary School.
- 2.2 Inshes Primary School opened in August 2007 with an operational capacity for 300 primary pupils. In addition, the school has accommodation for up to 120 nursery pupils, an additional support needs facility and community facilities.
- 2.3 Actual pupil numbers in the delineated area of the school were much higher than was anticipated and a two classroom extension was added to the school in August 2008. The school's current operational capacity is 342 primary pupils.
- 2.4 Further housing is planned for the area and this could be as many of 981 housing units. In the present economic climate the rate of housing construction is uncertain. The completion of the section of the distributor road between the Milton of Leys and Inshes housing estates, which is expected to be completed at the year end, has removed restrictions on further housing development.
- 2.5 The primary pupil roll projection shown in Table 1 below is based on 34 house completions in 2009/10, 50 house completions in each of the next two years and 100 house completions in 2012/13 and subsequent years.

**TABLE 1 INSHES/MILTON OF LEYS AREA PRIMARY ROLL PROJECTION**

| 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 403     | 437     | 492     | 537     | 596     | 634     | 669     | 699     | 724     |

- 2.6 As can be seen from Table 1, Inshes Primary School already significantly exceeds its operational capacity and it would be difficult to physically accommodate the increasing number of pupils at the school beyond school session 2010/11.

**3.0 PROPOSALS**

**NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL AT MILTON OF LEYS**

3.1 It is proposed that a new school be constructed at Milton of Leys on a site that has been identified on the map in appendix 1. The site extends to 2.17 Hectares.

3.2 The planned new school would accommodate initially up to 279 primary pupils in 11 classrooms and 60 nursery pupils in two sessions. In addition, there would be provision for a community room and wraparound childcare. The school would be designed to allow additional classrooms to be added in the future, if required. The estimated cost of this new school is £7m.

**DELINEATED AREA OF THE SCHOOL**

3.3 The map in appendix 1 sets out the proposed delineated area of the new school together with the revised delineated area of Inshes Primary School. The new Milton of Leys school’s delineated area encompasses the Milton of Leys housing estate and Parks Farm. The revised Inshes Primary School delineated area includes the Inshes and Dell of Inshes housing estates.

3.4 The roll projections for the two schools based on assumptions with regard to housing development set out in section 2.5 above are set out in tables 2 and 3 below. The roll projections assume that all primary pupils resident in the delineated area of each of the two schools would attend their local school. Roll projections for nursery children are also shown in the tables.

**TABLE 2 ROLL PROJECTION – MILTON OF LEYS SCHOOL**

**PRIMARY**

| 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 190     | 234     | 268     | 289     | 306     | 322     | 341     |

**NURSERY**

| 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 83      | 77      | 73      | 77      | 79      | 82      | 84      |

**TABLE 3 ROLL PROJECTION - INSHES PRIMARY SCHOOL (WITH REVISED DELINEATED AREA)**

**PRIMARY**

| 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 302     | 303     | 328     | 345     | 363     | 377     | 383     |

**NURSERY**

| 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 85      | 105     | 104     | 103     | 104     | 104     | 103     |

**DESIGNATED SECONDARY SCHOOL**

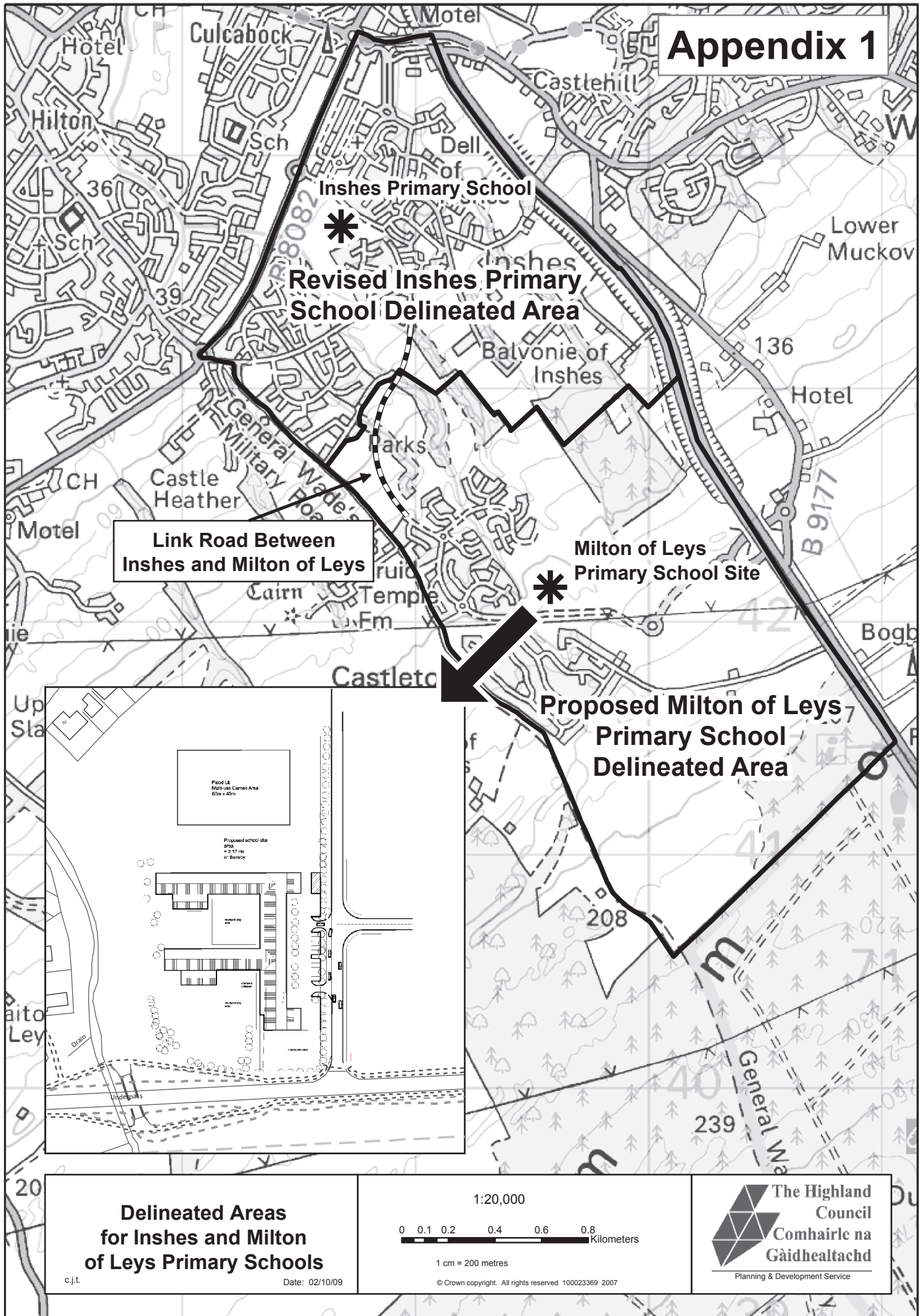
3.5. It is proposed that the designated secondary school for the new Milton of Leys primary school is Millburn Academy.

#### **4.0 CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 The Education, Culture and Sport Committee wishes to consult on the proposal to establish a new primary school at Milton of Leys in the light of the above factors and having regard to all relevant representations.
- 4.2 Following the consultation procedure a report on submissions received will be presented to the Education, Culture and Sport Committee of the Highland Council.

Area Education, Culture and Sport Office  
Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey  
5 October 2009

# Appendix 1



## Delineated Areas for Inshes and Milton of Leys Primary Schools

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