

FORRES PRIMARY SCHOOL REZONING

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The Proposals

- To vary the catchment areas of Alves, Anderson's, Applegrove, Kinloss and Pilmuir Primary Schools based on geographical areas which are delineated on plans.
- The implementation dates for these proposals will be 14th August 2017.

Background

Sustainable Education Review (September 2014)

Outcome – Various recommendations for Forres ASG. The Council agreed to investigate further proposals for Forres Town only.

Schools for the Future Policy Review (January 2016)

Outcome – Review the catchment areas across the whole Forres ASG

Background

Schools for the Future - A Policy for Sustainable Schools (Approved May 2016)

Criteria

1. Quality Educational Experience
2. School Roll
3. Financial Position
4. Staff Wellbeing and Development
5. Accessibility
6. Strong Links with the Community

Draft policy piloted in Forres ASG (November – December 2015).

Roll Forecast Methodology

- Roll projections are revised every year.
- P2-7 based on existing roll moving forward.
- P1 based on birth rates within zone + factor in for new housing developments + factor in/out for placing request trends.
- Easier to forecast 4 years in advance than 7 as P1 children do not actually exist in 7 year forecast.
- Roll projections have to assume no change in external factors which will impact on roll (e.g. local employment issues, rates of house-building etc).

Roll Forecasts

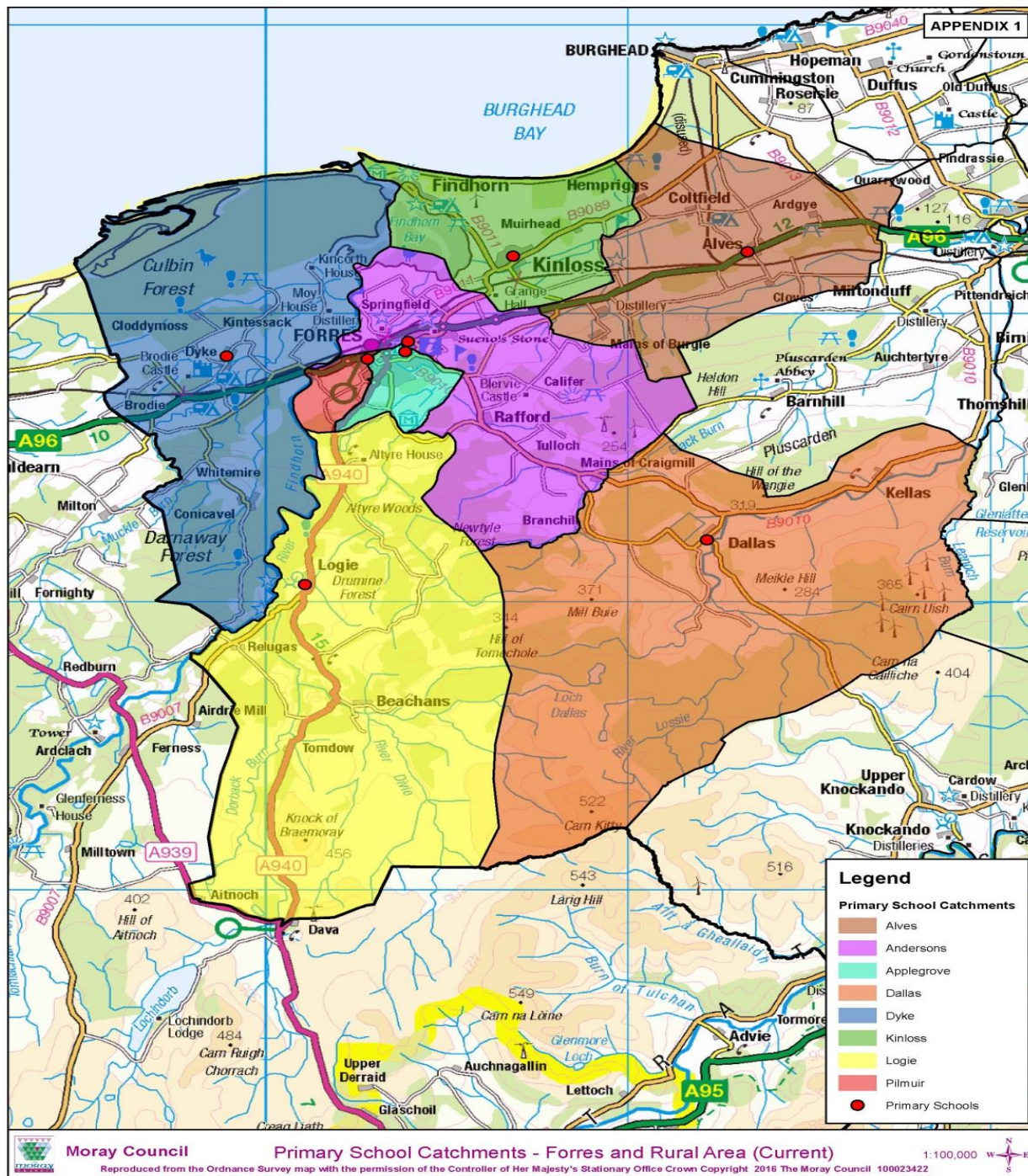
			Roll Forecasts						
School	Functional Capacity**	Current Roll*	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Alves	100	49	54	56	58	55	50	51	51
Anderson's	307	267	264	255	267	260	254	264	277
Applegrove	419	287	278	300	309	315	318	320	317
Dallas	50	26	24	19	17	15	12	12	10
Dyke	100	90	93	89	83	82	80	82	78
Kinloss	299	235	243	270	286	293	310	317	330
Logie	75	33	34	29	25	25	20	21	16
Pilmuir	249	168	169	173	175	161	156	150	157

Placing Request Numbers

September 2015

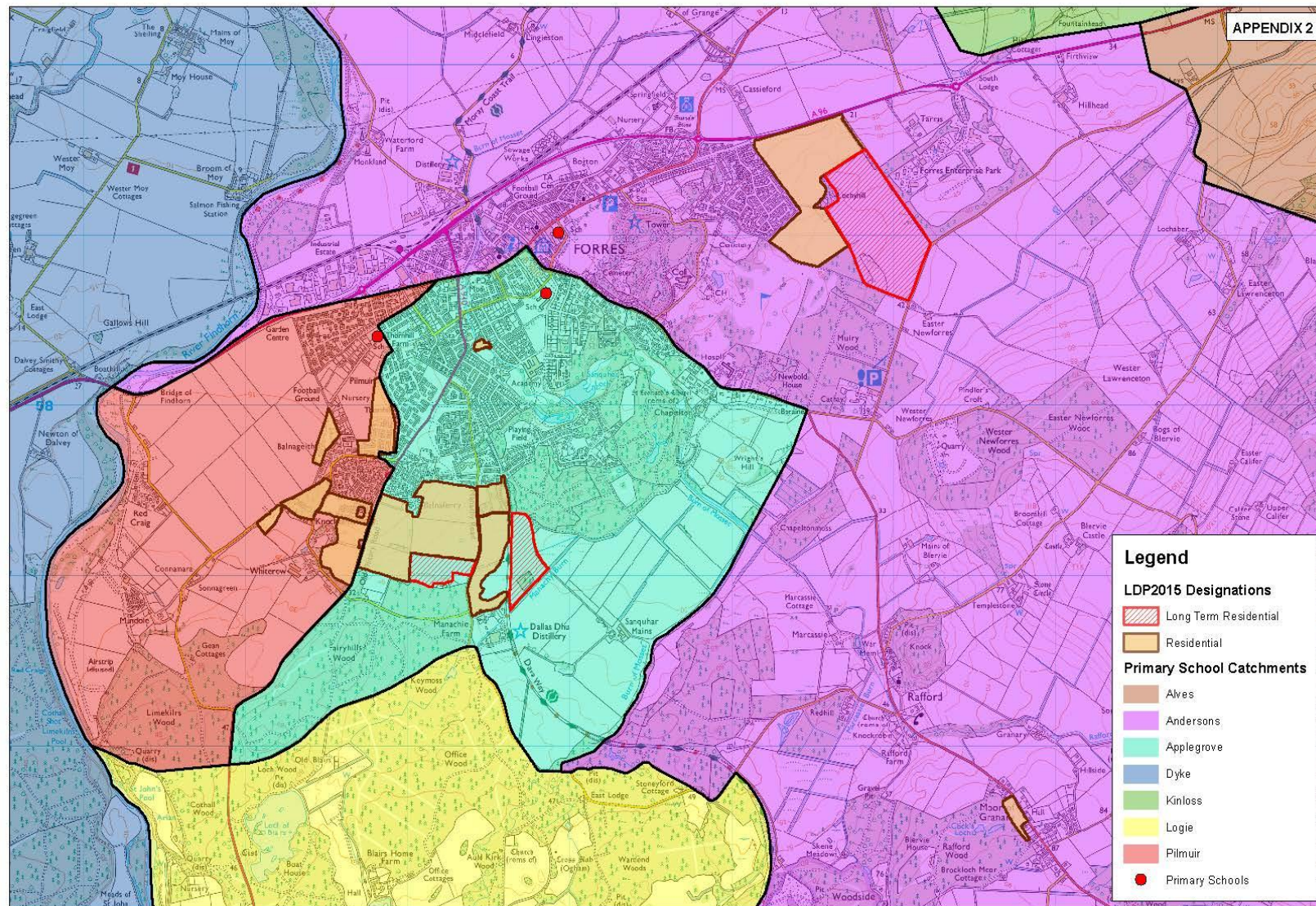
School	Current Roll*	Number of out of zone pupils	% out of zone pupils
Alves	49	13	26.5%
Anderson's	267	152	56.9%
Applegrove	287	82	28.6%
Dallas	26	2	7.6%
Dyke	90	44	48.9%
Kinloss	235	11	4.7%
Logie	33	14	42.4%
Pilmuir	168	59	35.1%

Current Catchment Areas



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Rationale for Proposals

- Study of placing requests.
- Study of proposed future housing developments.
- Discussions with head teachers and a range of authority officers.
- Roll projections for proposed catchment areas.

Proposed Catchment Area Changes

Dallas, Dyke, Logie

No change

Alves

The catchment area boundary should be moved further to the west to incorporate rural areas, some with new housing developments, which are currently zoned to Kinloss Primary and also rural areas to the south of the A96 currently zoned to Anderson's Primary.

Anderson's

The catchment area boundary should be moved south to the A96, rezoning the area to the north of the A96 to Kinloss Primary, with the area to the west of the A940 and south of the A96 zoned to Pilmuir Primary. Part of the rural catchment area, to the south of the A96 should be rezoned to Alves Primary.

Proposed Catchment Area Changes

Applegrove

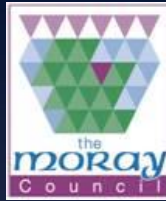
The area to the west of the A940 should be rezoned to Pilmuir Primary. Most lies closer to Pilmuir, with safer walking and cycling routes. Some of the new housing at Knockomie (South) should also be zoned to Pilmuir Primary, rather than Applegrove Primary. Suitable safe road crossing of the A940 from Knockomie (South) to Pilmuir Primary.

Kinloss

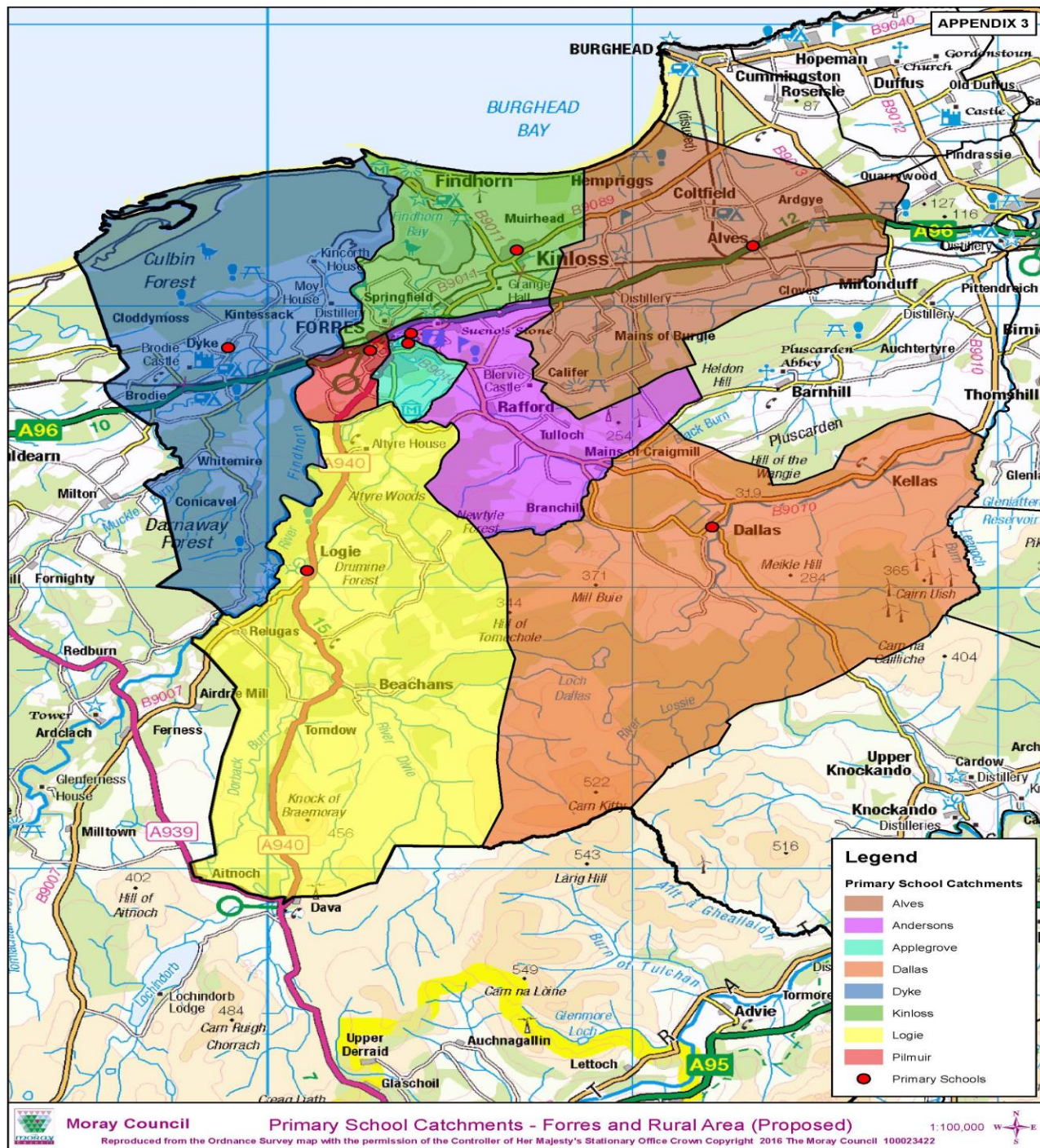
The catchment area should be revised in the east, with rezoning to Alves Primary and the south and west with rezoning from Anderson's Primary.

Pilmuir

The area to the west of the A940 and south of the A96 should be rezoned from Anderson's Primary to Pilmuir Primary. The area to the west of the A940 should be rezoned from Applegrove to Pilmuir. Some of the new housing at Knockomie (South) should also be zoned to Pilmuir Primary.

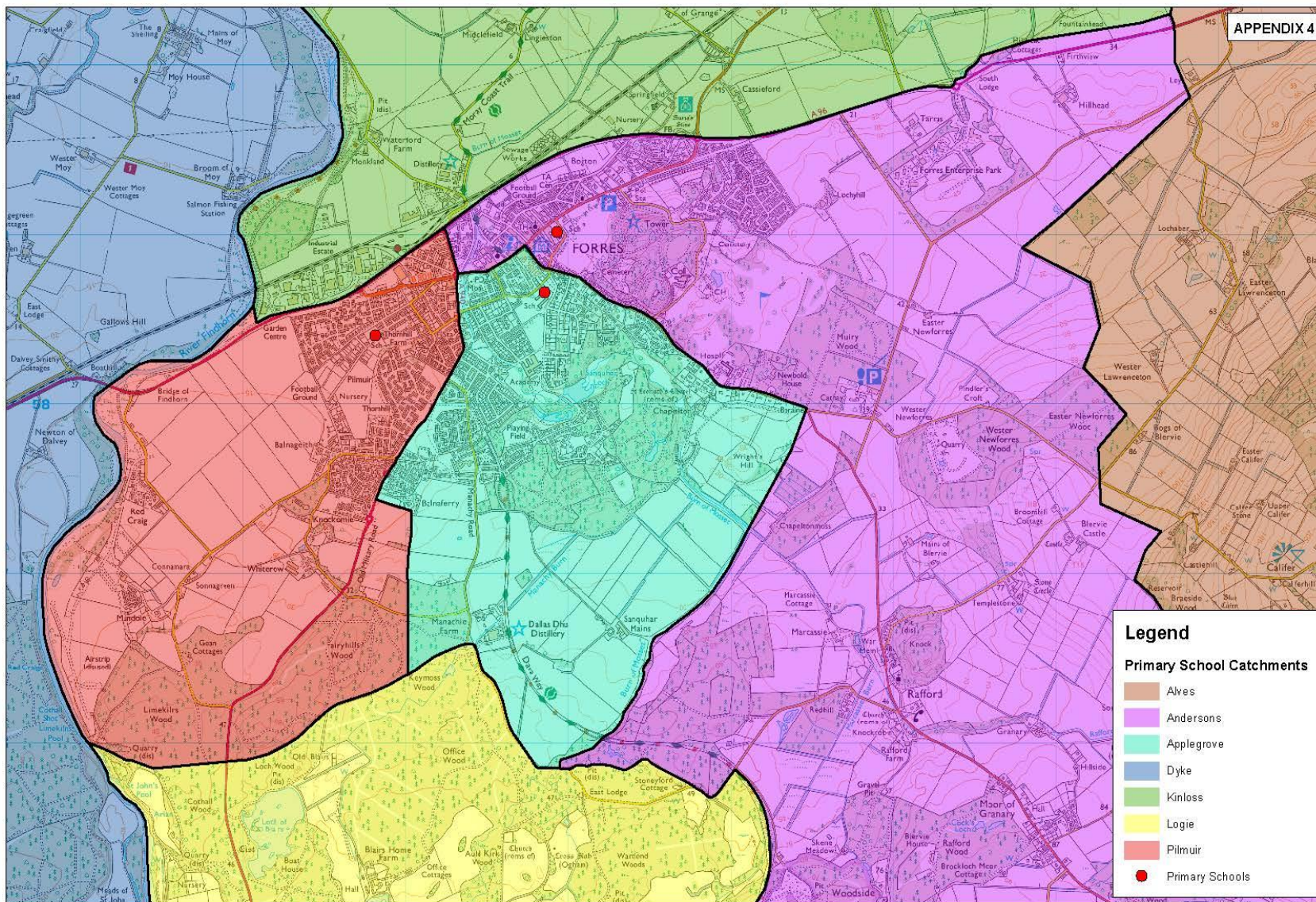


Proposed Catchment Areas



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Legend

Primary School Catchments

- Alves
- Andersons
- Applegrove
- Dyke
- Kinloss
- Logie
- Pilmuir
- Primary Schools





Educational Benefits

- The proposals will bring a better balance between the numbers of pupils in the Forres primary school communities and the capacities of these schools, ensuring the schools will have sustainable rolls.
- Rezoning should ensure that children who are living within an area zoned for a particular school are able to attend that school.
- The alleviated roll pressures will improve the range of learning environments across the schools, creating more adaptable environments for learning, in which to facilitate co-operative and interdisciplinary learning, reduce pressure on technology and practical teaching spaces, and improve the social environment.
- The curriculum in all schools will provide the opportunity for learners to achieve across all curricular areas. Children will be provided with a broad range of opportunities for personal achievement.
- There is an opportunity for the Council to make best use of resources at a time when the need for these is acute.

Transition Arrangements

- New zones become applicable from August 2017.
- Pupils having commenced their education when new school zones become applicable can remain in their chosen primary school.
- No existing pupils will be required to move school unless that is by parental choice.
- Parents of children who have older siblings in the schools which would have been the zoned school under the previous catchment areas, will have to make out-of-zone placing requests if they wish to attend the same school as their older sibling. These children are accorded higher priority under the Council's Admissions to Schools Policy.

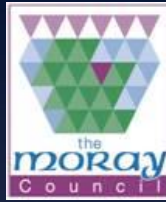
Transport Arrangements

- Proposals designed to make travel to school as safe as possible.
- Currently free transport for primary school pupils who reside more than 2 miles from their zoned school.
- Parents who make successful placing requests have to make their own transport arrangements and meet the costs.
- School travel plans will be revisited once school zones are confirmed.

Involvement of Education Scotland

Education Scotland receive copies of proposal document, written representations, summary of public meetings & other relevant documentation and prepare report on educational aspects of proposal not later than 3 weeks after the Moray Council has submitted documents.

Timelines



Public consultation on rezoning Forres primary schools -
22/8/16 to 30/9/16

Preparation of documentation for Education Scotland -
1/10/16 to 30/10/16

Education Scotland considers proposals –
31/10/16 to 18/11/16

Preparation of consultation report on rezoning Forres primary
schools - 19/11/16 to 7/12/16

C&YPS Committee to take a decision on rezoning Forres
primary schools – 25/1/17

New zones applicable – 14/8/17

How to Respond

Responses to the consultation should be made by writing to:

Forres Primary School Rezoning Consultation
The Moray Council
Community Support Unit
High Street
Elgin
IV30 1BX

- or by e-mail to: futureschools@moray.gov.uk
- or by completing the consultation response form
- or by completing the on-line consultation form
(link at www.moray.gov.uk/rezoning)

**All responses must be submitted by 5.00pm on
30th September 2016 for them to be taken into account
as part of the consultation.**



Questions?