

CULLEN CATCHMENT AREA SECONDARY SCHOOL REZONING PROPOSAL

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The Proposal

- To vary the catchment areas of Keith Grammar School and Buckie High School.
- Intended implementation date: **14th August 2017**

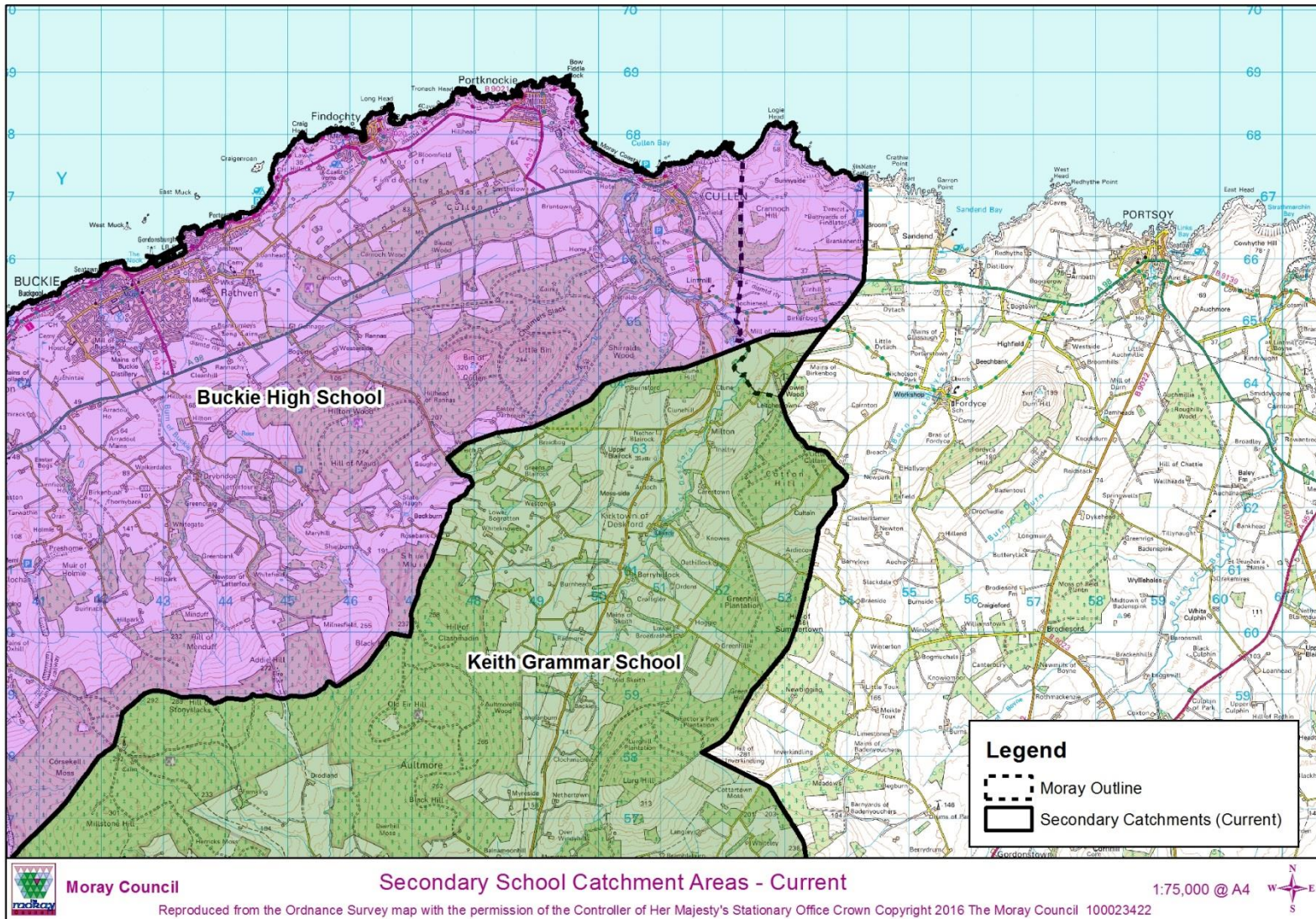
Background

- Cullen Primary School catchment area is split zoned between the catchment areas of Buckie High School and Keith Grammar School.
- May 2015 – C&YPS Committee agreed:
 - the whole of the zone of a primary school should form part of the zone of one secondary school only, except where there is an exceptional case for a different arrangement;
 - existing arrangements under which a primary school is dual zoned, or has a zone which is split between two secondary schools, should be reassessed with a view to altering zoning arrangements; and
 - a zone change should be made where it has the potential to result in educational benefits for children and young people.

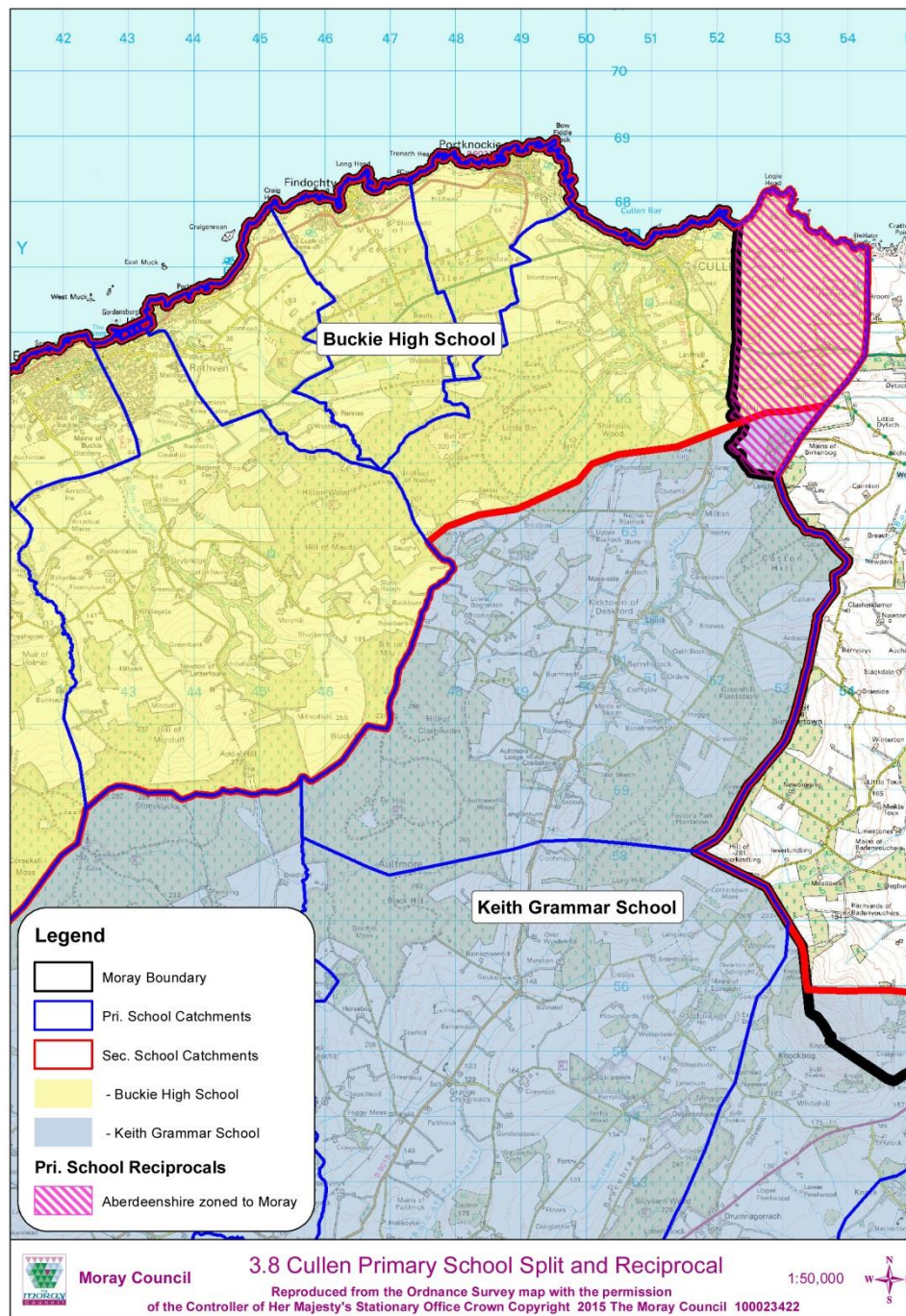
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- Informal discussions, around both social and educational matters, with head teachers, parent councils and parents of the children who could be affected by any catchment area changes.
- The large rural area served by Cullen Primary School makes it an exceptional case for a different zoning arrangement; therefore a split catchment area should remain.
- November 2016, following a report by officers into the various options, C&YPS Committee agreed consult on amending the catchment area boundary of Buckie High School and Keith Grammar.

Current Catchment Areas



Current Catchment Areas (Primary & Secondary)



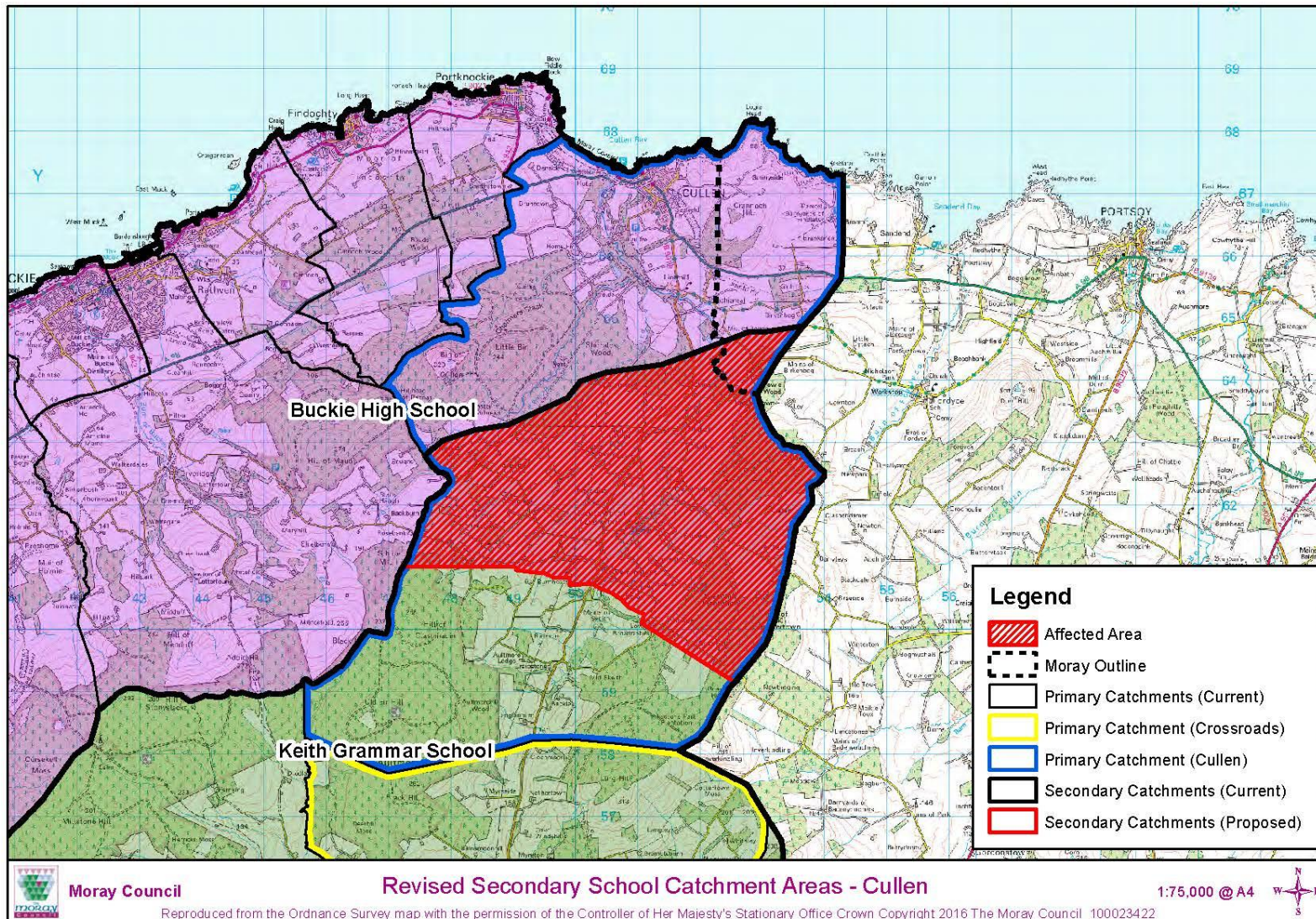
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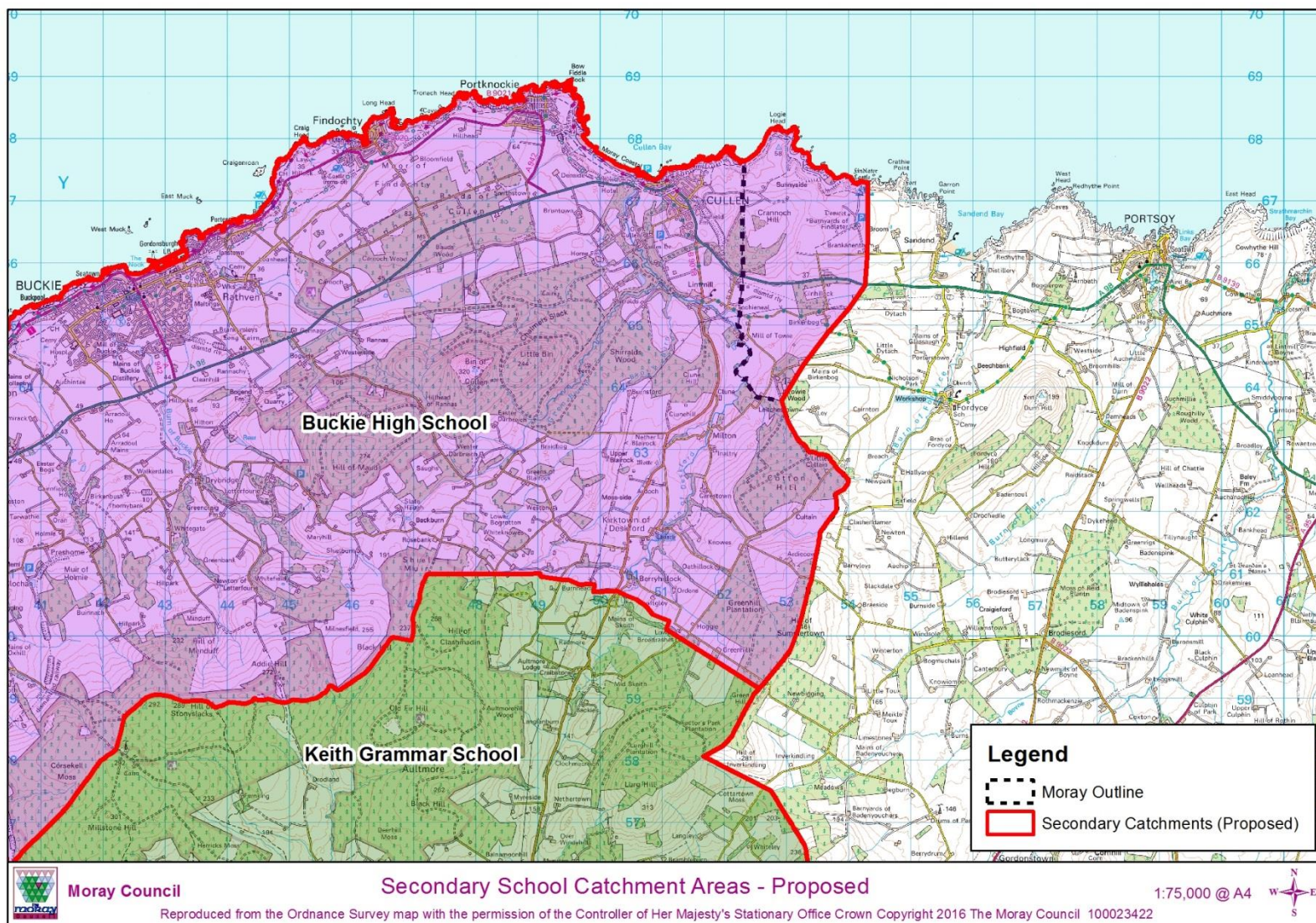
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Proposed Catchment Area Changes

- It is proposed to amend the boundary line which delineates the catchment areas of Keith Grammar School and Buckie High School by moving it further to the south.
- This would result in the communities of Deskford, Berryhillock and Hoggie being within the catchment area of Buckie High School rather than Keith Grammar School.

Proposed Catchment Areas





Educational Benefits

The proposal will affect only a few pupils (approx. 10% of the Cullen roll).

Those affected will benefit from being able to attend their ASG secondary school. Specifically:

- shared curriculum rationale and common teaching and learning strategy;
- improved curricular coherence and curricular transition;
- improved continuity and progression in their learning;
- improved pastoral transition;
- remain with peers from primary school.

Transition Arrangements

- From 14 August 2017 all enrolments to secondary schools will be based on the proposed new catchment areas.
- Children in Primary 7 at Cullen Primary, resident in the affected area, will transfer to Buckie High School in August 2017.
- Pupils having commenced their education when new school zones become applicable can remain in their current school.
- No existing pupils will be required to move school unless that is by parental choice.
- Parents of children who have older siblings in Keith Grammar School 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

- Currently free transport for pupils who reside more than 2 miles from their zoned school.
- Travel distances:

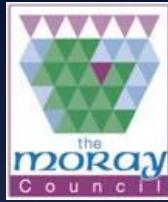
Deskford - Buckie approx. 6.5 miles; Deskford to Keith approx. 9 miles;
Berryhillock - Buckie approx. 7.5 miles; Berryhillock - Keith approx. 9m;
Hoggie - Buckie approx. 8.5 miles; from Hoggie - Keith approx. 9 miles.

- Transport will continue to be provided for pupils who reside in the area which is proposed for amendment, and who currently attend Keith Grammar School, for the remainder of their time at that school. Thereafter transport will only be provided from within the delineated catchment areas.
- Parents who make successful placing requests have to make their own transport arrangements and meet the costs.

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 proposals - 1/2/17 – 17/3/17

Preparation of documentation for Education Scotland – by 22/3/17

Education Scotland considers proposals – 24/3/17 – 28/4/17

Publication of consultation report – by 12/5/17

The Moray Council to take a decision – June 2017

New zones applicable – 14/8/17

How to Respond

Responses to the consultation should be made by writing to:

Cullen Secondary 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 17 March 2017 for them to be taken into account as part of the consultation.



Questions?