

Consultation on a change of catchment area for Woodlands Primary Academy, Norfolk, from 1 September 2024

Our proposal

Norfolk County Council, Creative Education Trust and the Trustees of Woodlands Primary Academy are proposing to change the catchment area of Woodlands Primary Academy, from 1 September 2024.

Why are we consulting on a change of catchment area?

There is significant growth of new houses planned in the local area. Norfolk County Council are proposing to change the catchment areas, before the housing is in place and occupied, so that we can ensure local children are in catchment for a school within their community.

For example, there are 500 homes planned for the northern part of the current Hopton catchment area. The current school in Hopton is based in the centre of the village and is therefore accessible for local children living in Hopton, to walk or cycle to school. Norfolk County Council have assessed that children living in the new homes in the northern part of the current Hopton catchment area would have better access to Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy via established footpaths and road infrastructure. If the Hopton catchment area remains as it is, it would mean these children would have to travel along the A47 to get to their school in catchment. The remaining catchment area to the west of Hopton, would have better access to schools in Bradwell.

This proposal is linked to a proposal from Norfolk County Council, to change the catchment areas of Hopton CE Primary Academy and Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy from 1 September 2024. Full details of these proposals can be found on these links:

<https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/hopton> and <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/cliffpark>

What is a catchment area

A catchment area is a defined geographical area that serves a particular school. In most cases, the area is used to provide priority for admission to a particular school. In planning the layout of a catchment area, the Admissions Authority, in this case Creative Education Trust, should try to ensure that the parent would have reasonable expectation for priority to that school. A catchment area can be used to determine the priority for a place at the school but does not prevent a family applying for a place there. The catchment area in the case of Woodlands Primary Academy is a combined catchment which is shared by all three schools serving the local community in the Bradwell area.

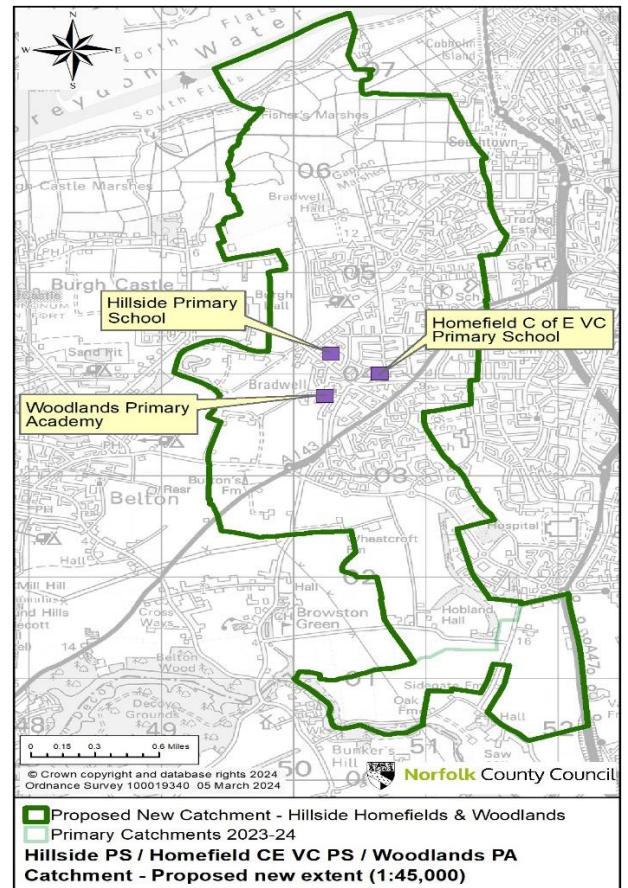
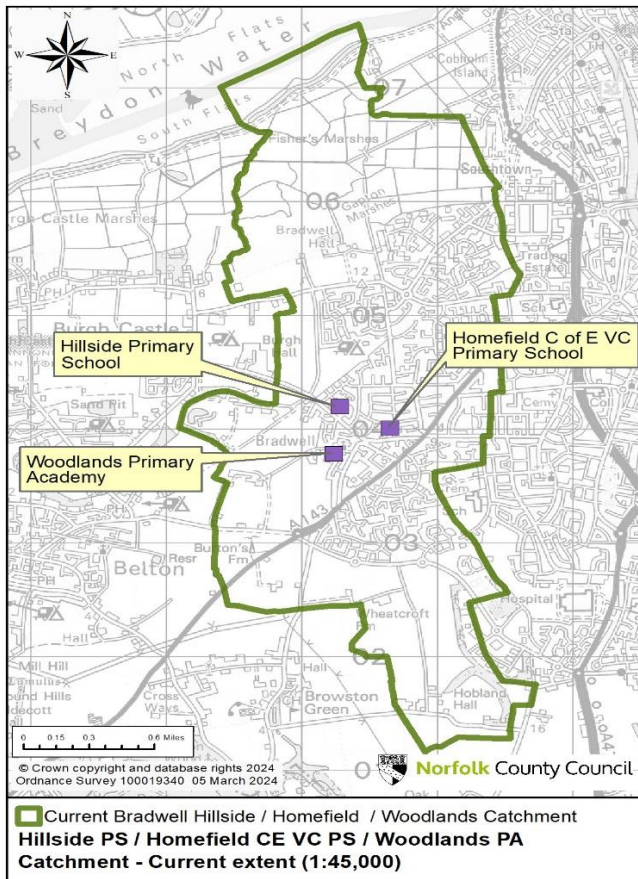
What are the proposed changes to the catchment area

The proposal is to increase the size of the combined Bradwell catchment shared by Woodlands Primary Academy, by extending into some of the western side of the existing Hopton catchment area, to ensure that local children have more sustainable travel routes to their local school. This proposal does not impact on the children currently attending Woodlands Primary Academy, but if agreed will come into effect from September 2024 for the admissions to Reception for the school year 2025/26.

The forecast information for Woodlands Primary Academy shows a level of stability into the future, we are aware additional housing will come forward as part of the Great Yarmouth Borough Council Local Plan and this will be accommodated as part of the proposal to relocate and expand Bradwell Homefield to its new site. Woodlands is expected to continue to meet its local demand from its local community. The changes to catchment will not change the admission priority for parental preference, or from pupils being admitted from across the wider area. This proposal is expected to still ensure there will be sufficient pupil places at Woodlands Primary School.

Current catchment areas for Woodlands

Proposed catchment area for Woodlands



How can I have my say?

Come and talk to us - There will be a meeting for parents/carers and other interested members of the community:

- Tuesday 30th April, 3.30 – 4.30pm at Homefield CE VC Primary School

Tell us your views by;

- completing the online survey on <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/bradwell>
- completing the attached form and handing it into the school office
- Emailing us at schoolreview@norfolk.gov.uk
- Write to School Organisation Team, FREEPOST IH 2076, Lower Ground Floor, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DL. You do not need a stamp.

What happens next

After this consultation ends on 24 May 2024, Norfolk County Council will review the results of the consultation and present the findings to the Executive Director of Children’s Services who will recommend to Creative Education Trust whether to change the catchment area of Bradwell.

We need all responses by 12 noon on 24 May 2024



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Let us know what you think of our proposal

How far do you agree or disagree with our proposal to change the catchment area of Woodlands Primary Academy, from 1 September 2024? Please tick a box.

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree or disagree

Disagree Strongly disagree

Why do you say this? Please write in the box below.

Are there any other comments or suggestions you would like to make to help us with this decision and in planning for the future provision of the children? Please write in the box below.

We would like to hear from many different people as your views help us to decide whether or not we make these changes. We will also use any personal information to understand how different

groups of people feel about our proposal to change the catchment area of Bradwell, from 1 September 2024.

We will process any personal information we receive from you in line with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (Regulation (EU) 2016/679), the Data Protection Act 2018 and Norfolk County Council's data protection policy and guidelines. This means that Norfolk County Council will hold your personal data and only use it for the purpose for which it was collected, being this consultation.

We won't identify individuals when reporting back our findings and under our record management policy we will keep this information for five years. We will also, under normal circumstances, not pass your personal data on to anyone else. However, we may be asked under access to information laws to publish or disclose some, or all, of the information you provide in response to this consultation, including any personal information. We will only do this where such disclosure will comply with such relevant information laws which include the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Please tell us who you are, (tick all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pupil | <input type="checkbox"/> School governor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent / Guardian | <input type="checkbox"/> Local resident |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member of the Parent Teacher Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Local business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member of staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Local sports group |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Local community group |

Other (please specify): _____

At which school? _____

What is your postcode? _____

Your views will help us decide if this proposal goes ahead. You can tell us your views by returning this completed form to:

- Accessing our online survey: <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/bradwell>
- Your school office
- Emailing schoolreview@norfolk.gov.uk

This consultation ends on 24 May 2024