

Proposed Amendment to the Brooklands and Springfield Catchment Areas

The Council has a general duty under section 14 of the Education Act 1996 to secure sufficient school places to accommodate families living in the area. To meet this duty the Council employs a patchwork of catchment areas covering the whole of the Trafford area. These areas are usually named after the relevant community school. However, the total provision of school places in each of these areas is made up from places in community, voluntary controlled, voluntary aided schools and academies, although it is recognised that faith schools may give priority to children of their faith before other children that live in the catchment area. Although it cannot be guaranteed, Trafford's intention is to ensure sufficient places in each area to meet the needs of all the children resident in the area at one of the schools serving that area.

Oversubscription in the Sale area continues to be an issue for families living in the area. In order to ensure sufficient places the LA has undertaken a programme of school expansions across the whole of Sale. Lime Tree Primary School (30 places), Springfield Primary School (30 places), Tyntesfield Primary School (10 places), Woodheys Primary School (15 places) and Worthington Primary School (5 places) have all undergone physical expansion to create a total of 90 additional places in each new year group. Park Road Sale Primary School (Academy) has also provided 15 additional places in each new year group, giving 105 extra places in total. Trafford continues to consider schools suitable for expansion in accordance with the sufficiency of places in each area.

In the 2014 admissions round, for admission to primary school in September 2014, there were sufficient places in Sale to allow each child that expressed a preference, to be allocated a place at a school in the catchment area.

However, in the 2015 admissions round, two schools in Sale could not accommodate all the catchment area children that had expressed a preference; Brooklands Primary School and Springfield Primary School.

At Brooklands Primary School, where there are 70 places available, 3 children resident in the catchment area, that listed the School as the first preferred school, could not be allocated a place at the School. In addition, 3 children resident in the catchment area, that listed the School as the second preferred school and 3 children resident in the catchment area, that listed the School as the third preferred school, could not be allocated a place at the School, or at one of the higher preferred schools.

At Springfield Primary School, where there are 90 places available, 4 children resident in the catchment area, that listed the School as the first preferred school, could not be allocated a place at the School. In addition, 3 children resident in the catchment area, that listed the School as the second preferred school could not be allocated a place at the preferred school, despite the recent provision of 30 additional places.

This represents a shortfall of 16 places, in the 2 areas combined.

Analysis of the number of residents in each of the two catchment areas shows that:

- year on year, there were more children resident in the Springfield catchment area than the 90 places available at the School since 2014; and
- in 2 out of the last 5 years there were more children resident in the Brooklands catchment area than the 70 places available at the School:

Admission Round	Brooklands CA Residents	Brooklands CA Total Places	Springfield CA Residents	Springfield CA Total Places
2011	76	70	103	95
2012	68	70	118	95
2013	70	70	96	95
2014	58	70	101	125
2015	88	70	134	125

Springfield Primary School has been expanded to accommodate 90 children (2014 admissions round). Whilst this was in line with data available at that time and is the maximum expansion feasible on the restricted site and Trafford considers that 90 is the maximum capacity for a primary school in any event. Therefore the LA must consider how additional places for children resident in this area can be provided.

The LA is currently considering the physical expansion of Brooklands Primary School to accommodate 90 children in each new year group. Although this will provide 20 additional places, more than sufficient to meet the shortfall in places at Brooklands Primary School, the LA must consider how these places can also be prioritised to meet the needs of children in the Springfield catchment area.

In order to ensure that these additional places will allow Trafford to meet its duty, under section 14 of the Education Act 1996, the LA proposes to create a joint catchment area corridor between the current Brooklands catchment area and the current Springfield catchment area, where all children resident in that corridor. This means that all children resident in the proposed area will have catchment area priority at both schools.

Trafford's Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG) contains details of all residential properties in Trafford and attributes the relevant catchment area to each of these residential properties. That data shows that there are 2174 residential addresses in the Brooklands catchment area and 3668 in the Springfield catchment area.

The table below shows the pupil yield (per reception year group) for the last 4 years and provides a 5 year weighted average pupil yield and the 2015 actual pupil yield per 100 residential properties.

Catchment Area	Residential Properties	2012 YR Resident Children	2013 YR Resident Children	2014 YR Resident Children	2015 YR Resident Children	2015 YR Pupil Yield	5 Year Weighted Average Pupil Yield
Brooklands	2174	68	70	58	88	4.05	3.42
Springfield	3668	118	96	101	134	3.65	3.18

The local authority proposes to include the following addresses, currently in the Springfield catchment area, in the proposed joint Brooklands/Springfield catchment area:

STREET	Numbers	No. of Properties
Belgrave Road	All	47
Birch Avenue	All	13
Brogden Grove	All	16
Brogden Terrace	All	10
Eaton Road	All	47
Glenthorn Grove	All	27
Hampden Road	Numbers 9 to 15 and 2 to 24	34 16
Hazel Avenue	All	8
Hope Road	109 to 115 (odd numbers only)	4
Marsland Road	102 to 262 (even numbers only)	63
Simons Close	All	17
St. David's Close	All	8
St. James Drive	All	28
West Grove	Even numbers 14 and up, Odd numbers 11 and up	19
	Total	341 229

Using the 5 Year Weighted Average Pupil Yield for the Springfield catchment area (3.18 per 100 residential properties) would indicate ~~44~~8 pupils per reception year group.

Using the 2015 Pupil Yield for the Springfield catchment area (3.65 per 100 residential properties) would indicate ~~42~~9 pupils per reception year group.

The actual yield for the proposed area, based on 2015 data, is ~~47~~11 pupils, although ~~53~~ of these expressed a first preference for, and were allocated a place at, a faith school.

If the proposed catchment area, **as originally proposed**, and the increased published admission number at Brooklands Primary School was applied to the 2015 data the following outcomes would have been achieved:

At Brooklands Primary School:

- 5 places would be allocated to children living in the proposed Brooklands/Springfield area;
- All applicants resident in the Brooklands, the Brooklands/Heyes Lane and the proposed Brooklands/Springfield areas would be allocated a place at the School;
- All applicants resident in other areas, with an older sibling already attending the School, would be allocated a place at the School;
- 3 children resident in other areas (including 1 Manchester resident) would be allocated a place at the School; and
- Vacancies would be created at:
Broadheath Primary School (1)
Broomwood Primary School (1)
Holy Family R.C. Primary School (5)
St. Anne's C.E. Primary School (2)
Wellfield Infant School (4)
Woodheys Primary School (2)

At Springfield Primary School:

- 2 children would not be allocated a place at the catchment area school. However, both were resident at the north west edge of the Springfield catchment area. All 90 places would be allocated to catchment area children.