



**WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

SECTION F
Proposal No: RDA/2017/01

CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED REALIGNMENT OF THE DESIGNATED AREA OF NINE MILE RIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL DESIGNATED AREA

**SUBJECT TO BEING INCORPORATED INTO
CONSULTATION OF 2017/2018 ADMISSION
ARRANGEMENTS**

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: 1 SEPTEMBER 2017

**BRIEFING PAPER FOR GOVERNORS OF THE ABOVE
SCHOOLS, SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FORUM, AND
OTHER PARTIES IN THE RELEVANT AREA**

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Version 1

Admission issues we are seeking to address -

Wokingham Borough Council seeks to ensure that all areas within the borough are included within the designated area of at least one school to enable families to receive priority to that school. It should be noted that the local authority cannot guarantee that every child living in a school's designated area will be offered a place if expressed by a parent.

Wokingham Borough Council's Children's Services has identified that a small area is not included within the designated area of any school in the borough and it seeks to address this anomaly by its inclusion within the designated area of Nine Mile Ride Primary School.

The area in question includes Spring Gardens at the bottom of Church Lane. We are looking at incorporating the area not covered by Finchampstead CE Aided Primary School into the designated area of Nine Mile Ride and to redraw the line at this point to follow the Devil's Highway as a defined geographical feature.

Proposed revision

It is proposed to include the area highlighted on the map which includes Spring Gardens at the bottom of Church Lane into the designated area of Nine Mile Ride Primary School.

The northern section of the designated area of Finchampstead CE Aided Primary School follows the Devil's Highway and it is proposed to redraw the southern section of the Nine Mile Ride to at least this line to incorporate land not included in the admission arrangements of Finchampstead CE Aided Primary School.

Our preference is to draw designated areas along rational boundaries (i.e. topographical, political or transport features). We do not favour a minimal change around existing property boundaries for the streets in question, as there are already several examples of this pragmatic approach which over time undermine the overall rationality of designated areas, and we will seek to avoid or remove in future reviews. Therefore the proposed change meets this requirement.

This change will positively affect a small number of residences and so will not impact significantly on the number of pupils at the schools.

Historically, Nine Mile Ride Primary School has admitted children within its designated area together with a small number of children outside its designated area. Therefore this proposed change is seen as a positive change to ensure that all families have priority within the oversubscription criteria to at least one school.

Consultation – see the main Admissions Consultation document for details of how and when to respond to this consultation. (Designated areas form part of the admission arrangements, as oversubscription criteria). For details please contact Sue Riddick (sue.riddick@wokingham.gov.uk or telephone 0118 974 6113), or view the consultation: at www.wokingham.gov.uk/admissions.