

## 2018 -19 Admissions Consultation Governing Body responses

6 responded to the consultation

Governing Body and other consultees responses	Do you agree with the proposal?	
	Yes	No
Drafting Changes to the coordinated scheme	2	2
Change to six preferences	3	1
Automatically add to the waiting list	3	1
Reduced admission number for Little Chalfont Junior	0	1
Booker Hill & Millbrook catchment change	0	4
Marlow catchment change	0	1
Wendover / Halton catchment change	1	1
Totteridge / Micklefield catchment change	0	1
Stokenchurch Primary Junior intake change	0	1
Great Kimble change	0	1
Monks Risborough change	0	1
Longwick change	0	1
Princes Risborough change	0	1
Haddenham Junior change	0	1
Misbourne catchment change	0	1

### Response Text

#### Regarding the change to the Misbourne School catchment area

1. The impact of a catchment that overlaps two other secondary schools will create competition amongst these schools for places. This is at a time when we are trying to work more collaboratively and in support of each other.
2. There will be additional travel costs that the LA will be committed to with this model, this at a time when expenditure needs to be reduced.
3. Some parents with economic means will be able to transport their son/daughter across the county to the Misbourne School, those without means will not, making this an unfair admission strategy.
4. School travel plans have a central principle to try to reduce traffic and to ensure travel to and from school has a minimal impact on the environment. This proposal will create more journeys across the already very congested Buckinghamshire roads.
5. The notion of 'local schools for local students' is being ignored with this proposal, this is the desire of the government in terms of building strong local communities.

(Response on behalf of the Chiltern Hills Academy Governing Body)

**Halton Community Combined School's** governing body are supportive of the proposed changes to Halton catchment area, creating a shared catchment with John Hamden/Wendover Junior School if the proposal to increase the intake of the schools to 4 form entry goes ahead. Halton School Governors appreciated Bucks CC Admissions team involving the GB in the proposal and incorporating our suggested amendments.

**Regarding the change to Booker Hill/Millbrook catchment line**

The change to Bookerhill catchment area means families will end up walking longer distances to Milbrook and potentially leads to parents having siblings in different schools.

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Response from Booker Hill School - this consultation has not been conducted in a robust and transparent manner. There is not enough information to make an informed decision. No contextual information about why this proposal has been suggested is stated within the consultation document and information provided is only a section of the current catchment area for the school. The map of the catchment area provided is confusing as the position of the school names on the map is misleading. This makes it impossible to fully appreciate the impact of the decision we are being asked to make. It also seems very remiss that neither the Governing Body or the Head Teacher of the school have been approached to discuss this proposal prior to the public consultation. I strongly oppose the proposal to realign the catchment area. If councillors view the whole of the current catchment area for the school they will appreciate that to the north and west of the school, a large percentage of this is already given over to woodland and fields. This proposal seeks to remove further housing to the south of the school and replace this with further woodland along New Road. Removing housing from the catchment area and replacing it with woodland is clearly going to have a negative impact on the school. A further point to consider is that the housing allocated to the Booker Hill catchment on New Road consists to a significant extent of sheltered housing for the elderly and consequently not families with primary aged children. Further consideration should also be given to the safety of the journey that parents of young children would be expected to make. This proposal would mean they would be expected to walk, with young children, along the very busy New Road, across the Sands roundabout, where there is no safe crossing area and a long way up Mill End Road. The alternative is that they travel the distance by car creating yet more congestion to a busy area with little/no parking. It is a popular school and well thought of within the local community it serves. The council has a duty to protect the catchment area of the school in the interests of providing parental choice regarding the size and type of school provision available in the area. The decision to expand admission numbers at surrounding schools should not be allowed to negatively impact on the catchment area of Booker Hill School and should have been considered as part of a feasibility study prior to expansion being granted. I urge officers to re-examine the full impact of the decision to re-align the catchment area of both Booker Hill and Millbrook in the best interests of both schools, local parents and the safety of young children. A realignment that returns all of Booker Hill Road and the left hand side of Roundwood Avenue to Booker Hill School may be a more realistic solution.

**Regarding the change to Booker Hill/Millbrook catchment line**

The catchment area of Booker Hill currently includes a lot of woodland and common land where there is no housing. This proposal is removing more potential family housing and replacing it with further woodland. Booker Hill is a single form entry school. Whilst I understand that Millbrook school is expanding to 3 form entry it is very unfair that they are benefiting by taking from the already small Booker Hill catchment area. Many parents at the school walk and have younger siblings, it seems ludicrous that they will not be in catchment for the school 0.4 miles away from their house but that they will be for the one 0.8 miles away. These parents are then having to walk a substantially further distance along major roads with babies and toddlers etc for no logical reason other than creating a neat curved line on a map. There is no common sense being applied to this proposal. As the smallest school in the liaison group we have a duty to protect the catchment of Booker Hill school in order to provide parents with choice of the types of schools. Last August further housing at the bottom of Booker Hill road was given to the Millbrook catchment and now a year year later further housing is once more being removed. I am also very aware that the Head teacher and Governing body of the school have not been contacted prior to

this consultation to discuss these proposals or given the opportunity to discuss these plans with Council officers - this is remiss and underhand.