

Consultation on admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools 2028-2029

Period of consultation: 5 October 2026 to 22 November 2026

Nottinghamshire County Council's consultation invites you to give your views about the proposed admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools in Nottinghamshire for 2028-2029.

Background information

Admission authorities

There are different types of schools in Nottinghamshire. The County Council is the admission authority for all community and voluntary controlled schools. This means that we are responsible for the admission arrangements for these schools.

Other types of schools - academies, foundation, free, studio, trust and voluntary aided schools these are known as own admission authorities. These schools are responsible for their own admission arrangements and have to run their own consultation if changes are proposed. You would need to visit individual school websites for details.

Admission arrangements including oversubscription criteria

All schools must have admission arrangements that clearly set out how children will be admitted, including information about what happens if there are more applications than places available (oversubscription criteria).

All admission authorities must include the oversubscription criteria in their arrangements. The criteria must be reasonable, clear, objective, procedurally fair, and comply with all relevant legislation, including equalities legislation.

It is for admission authorities to decide which criteria are most suitable for the school according to the local circumstances. There are no proposed changes to the oversubscription criteria for community and voluntary controlled schools.

Nottinghamshire community and voluntary controlled schools have defined catchment areas and children living in these areas have higher priority for places than children outside of catchment. The address point (using eastings and northings as defined by Ordnance Survey) will be the point used to determine if the property falls within a specific catchment area. Details of catchment areas are available at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-admissions/school-catchment-areas

This does not prevent parents who live outside the catchment area of a school, or even outside Nottinghamshire, from expressing a preference for that school.

Children living in the catchment area with a brother or sister (sibling) attending the school are given priority over other children living inside the catchment area. Children living outside the catchment area with a brother or sister attending the school are given priority over all other children living outside the catchment area.

What is included in the consultation?

Nottinghamshire County Council is consulting on the following for 2028-2029:

- Proposed reduction of the Published Admission Number (PAN) at:
 - Eskdale Junior School (from 70 to 60)
 - Nettleworth Infant and Nursery School (from 70 to 60)
 - Newstead Primary and Nursery School (from 20 to 15)
- Change to catchment area for Prospect Hill Infant and Nursery School and Prospect Hill Junior School
- Co-ordinated admission schemes

Proposal 1 - reduction to the published admission number (PAN)

The PAN is the number of school places that the admission authority must offer in the age group that children are normally admitted (eg reception). Across the country there is a reduction in pupil population at first admission to school (reception). Place planning reviews indicate that the proposed reduction to PAN for the following schools will not impact on the delivery of sufficient school places in the area by the 2028-2029 academic year.

DISTRICT	SCHOOL	CURRENT PAN 2027-2028	PROPOSED PAN 2028-2029
Broxtowe	Eskdale Junior School	70	60
Mansfield	Nettleworth Infant and Nursery School	70	60
Gedling	Newstead Primary and Nursery School	20	15

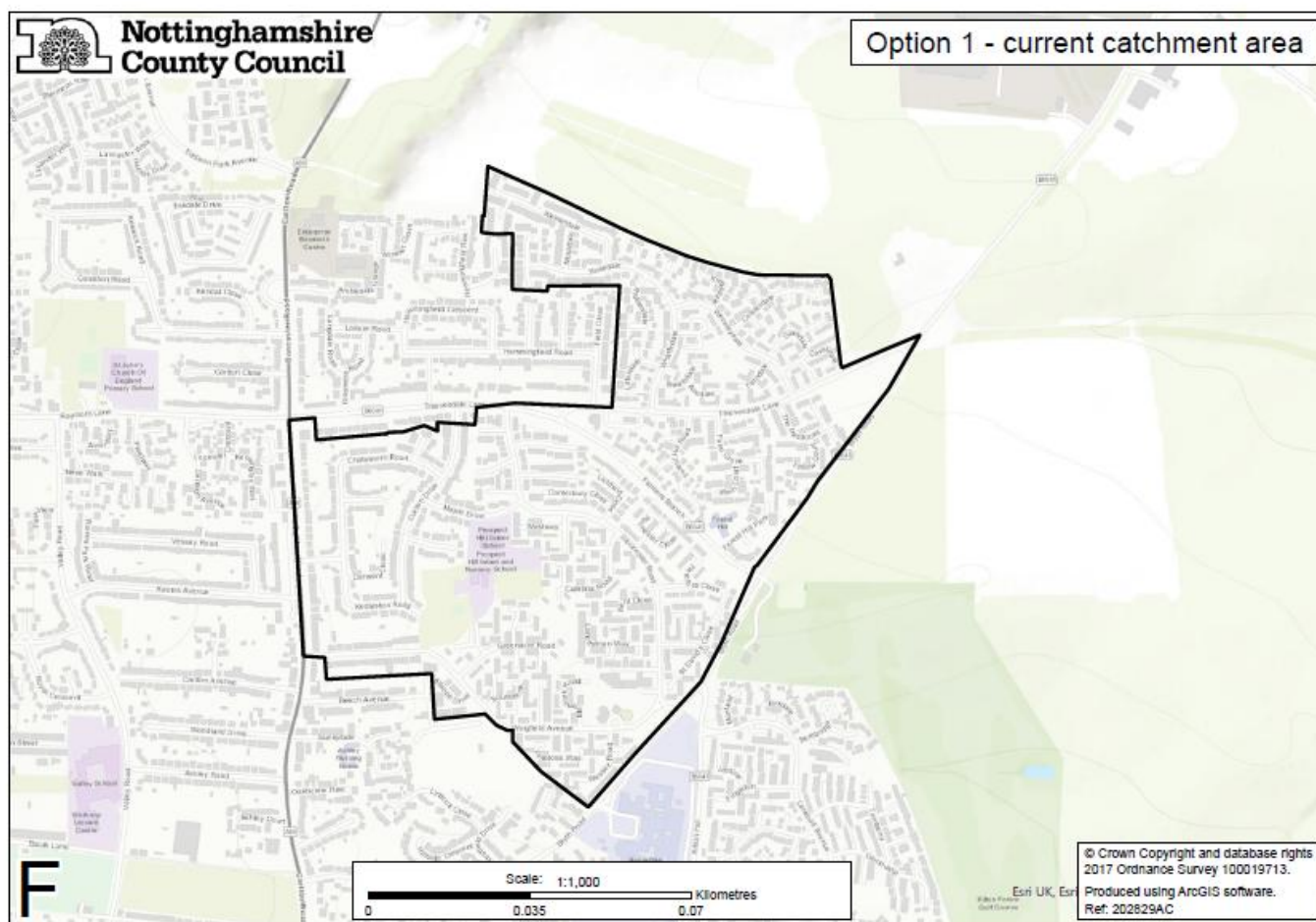
Proposal 2 – change to catchment area for Prospect Hill Infant and Nursery School and Prospect Hill Junior School

The latest pupil projection data indicates that there will be a surplus of places at schools within the Worksop Planning area over the next five years. Table 1 shows that there is forecast to be over 400 primary school places available across the planning area during each academic year. The projected demand is inclusive of the demand for school places anticipated from the housing development at Aviary Way.

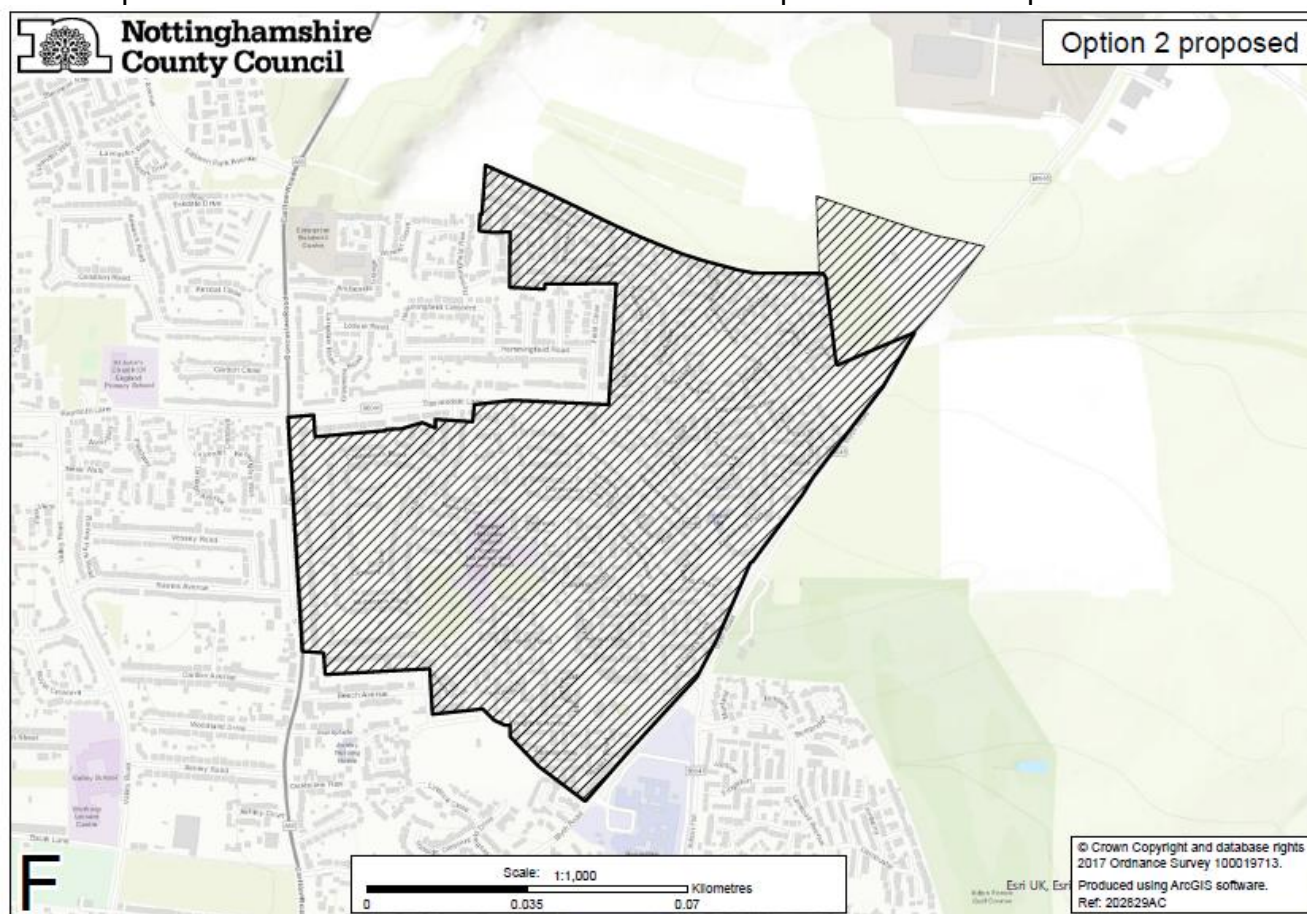
				PAN				School years						Whole school projection		
						Net cap										surplus deficit places
DfE	School Name	District	Planning Area	FAD	IJT	Proj Year	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOT		
	Planning area summary	Bassetlaw	Worksop	480	60	3546	2025-26	372	437	400	405	497	520	468	3099	+447
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The County Council has been approached by Prospect Hill Infant and Nursery School and Prospect Hill Junior School and requested to review the catchment area for the school to take into account the new development that borders the schools' existing catchment area. Nottinghamshire County Council is consulting on 3 proposals which will affect Prospect Hill Infant and Nursery School and Prospect Hill Junior School.

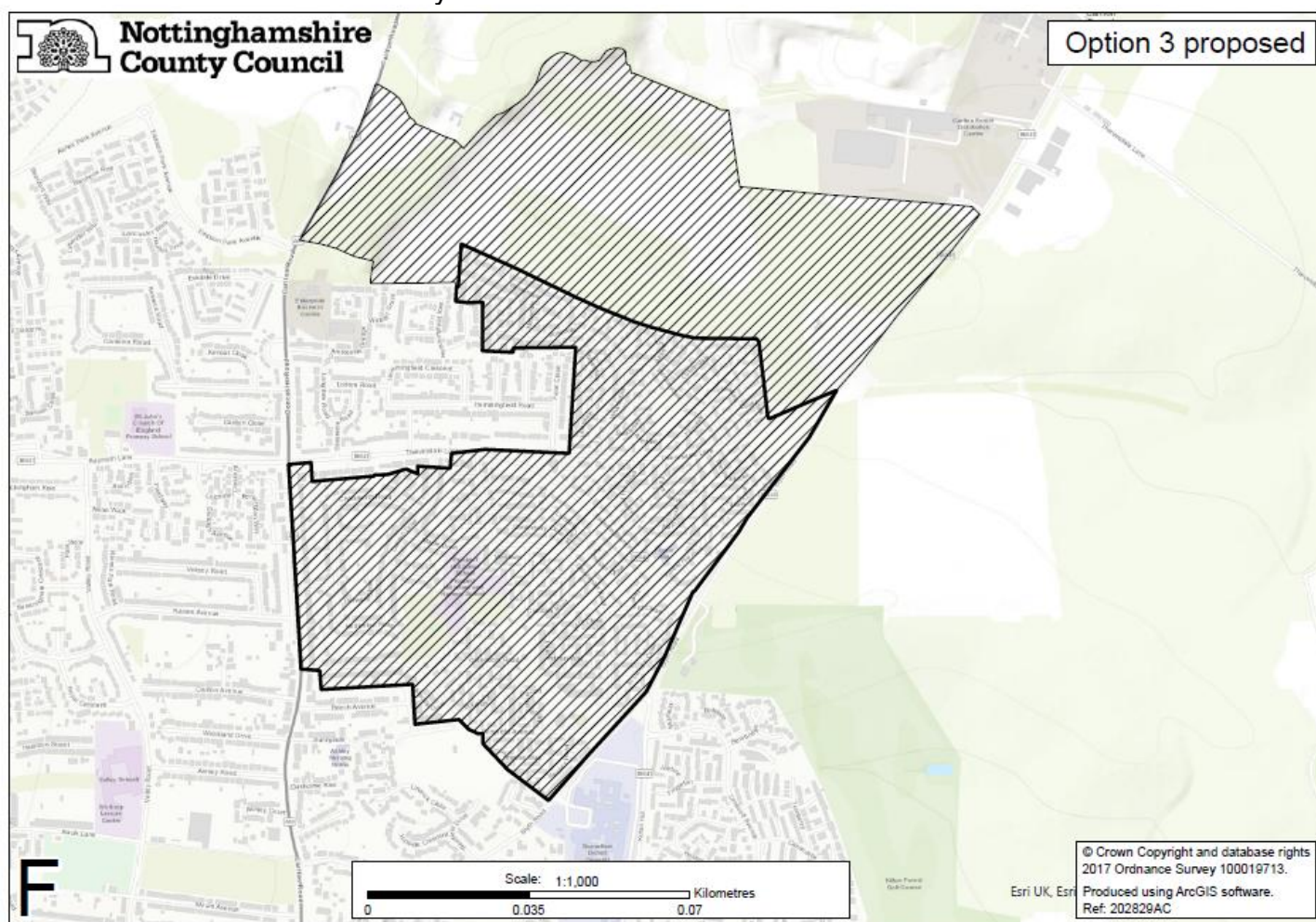
- Option 1 – retain existing catchment area (no change)



- Option 2 – extend the catchment area to take in part of the development



- Option 3 – extend the catchment area to take in the whole development, using the woodland as the catchment boundary



Proposal 3 – coordinated admissions schemes

Coordination means that local authorities exchange information and work together to ensure that, as far as possible, every parent of a child living in a local authority area who has applied for a publicly funded school or academy is sent one, and only one, offer of a school place. There are minor changes to proposed dates in both the primary and secondary coordinated schemes.

No other changes are being proposed.

The full proposed admission arrangements document for 2028-2029 is available at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk

Who do we consult with?

We will be seeking the views of the following groups:

- parents of children between the ages of two and eighteen
- other people in the relevant area who may have an interest in the proposed admission arrangements
- all other admission authorities within the relevant area
- all community and voluntary controlled schools in Nottinghamshire
- chairs of governing bodies of Nottinghamshire schools
- diocesan representatives (relevant religious authorities)
- admission authorities in neighbouring local authority areas
- all registered early years providers within Nottinghamshire

You can give your views on the consultation between 5 October 2026 and 22 November 2026

Anyone can comment on the arrangements. If you wish to respond, you can do this up to 22 November 2026 by:

- [completing the online response form on the public website](#)
- emailing admissionsconsultations@nottscc.gov.uk

The School Admissions Code 2021 (1.48) states that the full proposed admission arrangements must be available on the website for the duration of the consultation period.

What happens after the consultation closes?

All responses received by 22 November 2026 will be considered. Elected members (County Councillors) make a decision on behalf of Nottinghamshire taking into account a range of information, including the consultation responses. All admission authorities have to agree the admission arrangements that are most suitable according to the local circumstances.

Determining admission arrangements 2028-2029

Admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools must be agreed (determined) by Nottinghamshire County Council by **28 February 2027** even if there have been no changes from previous years.

Publication of determined arrangements 2028-2029

Once Nottinghamshire County Council has determined their admission arrangements, they will be available on the public website for the whole offer year (the academic year in which offers for places are made). Local authorities must publish on their website **by 15 March 2027**.