

**Response to request for Information from Malcolm Smith, TMS Planning
Regarding specific schools in Dunfermline and west Fife Area
May 2008**

Current school rolls from the 2007 school census – primary and secondary

School Name	Secondary Cluster	2007 Roll
Bellyeoman Primary School	Woodmill High School	196
Commercial Primary School	Split	382
McLean Primary School	Queen Anne High School	328
Townhill Primary School	Queen Anne High School	248
Touch Primary School	Woodmill High School	354
Queen Anne High School		1724
Woodmill High School		864

Projected school rolls

The process for calculating future rolls at all schools in Fife is being developed and this information is expected to be available later in 2008 after the annual school census, housing land audit and community health index data has been updated and supplied to the School Estate team.

Co-efficient used relating to the pupil product from differing house types

The general pupil product that could be expected from developments within towns is around 20-25 primary age pupils and 15 secondary age pupils per 100 units. This value can be expected to fluctuate and we are looking at ways of identifying areas where this ratio may be higher or lower.

No distinction is currently made between houses and flats but we are looking at ways of improving data collection with a view to introducing different rates for different house types. For housing sites where a planning obligation is required, a reduction is applied to all flats to reflect the likely lower number of pupils.

Other constraints Education service considers relevant at this stage

Denominational primary education in this area is provided by St Margaret's RC PS which has only 3 places available across all stages at the school

Denominational secondary education in this area is provided by St Columba's RC HS which has only 39 places available across all year groups at the school.

The schools identified above are likely to be affected by the large scale strategic land allocations at Dunfermline South West/West/North (3800 units), Inverkeithing (400 units) and West Villages (500 units) as identified in the Fife Structure Plan.

The cumulative effect of a number of smaller developments in any particular school catchment area can impact on the school roll. As the Dunfermline and West Fife Local Plan is progressed and possible new housing sites are identified we will be in a better position to consider the impact of new housing on education provision in the area. This cumulative effect ensures we can keep any planning obligations related in size and scale to the development itself.

Without plans showing the location or scales of any potential development it is very difficult to give an exact response to any questions regarding schools which may be affected by future developments.

These five primary schools are part of a dual catchment arrangement to resolve an expected short-term capacity issue at Bellyeoman Primary School.

Due to the restrictions of the school site there is no scope for temporarily increasing the capacity at the school. As a result, internal alterations have been made to the former nursery area in the school and the Education and Children's Services Committee agreed that any additional pupils who live in the catchment area but are unable to get a place at the school will be offered a place at one of these surrounding schools.

It is anticipated that this will be a temporary measure and while there continues to be a capacity issue at Bellyeoman PS it makes sense that the Education Service does not support any future housing developments in the catchment area. Decisions on planning applications are the responsibility of Development Services as Planning Authority and the relevant Fife Council Area Committees.

Catchment maps

School catchment areas are not regular shapes or sizes and often have little or no relationship with other non-physical boundaries such as electoral wards, settlement boundaries or other council services. Secondary catchments are mostly amalgamations of primary school catchments and there are no maps currently available. Primary catchments are attached.

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Hi Malcolm

Please find below school capacity request reply:

Bellyeoman - 217
Commerical - 434
McLean - 434
Townhill - 317
Touch - 434
Queen Anne - 1800
Woodmill - 1400
Carnock - 114
Torryburn - 217
Inzievar - 267
Cairneyhill - 317
Milesmark - 100
Inverkeithing - 1550

I apologise again for any inconvenience caused when responding to your requests.

If you require any further information in relation to FOI 10308 or 10309, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards
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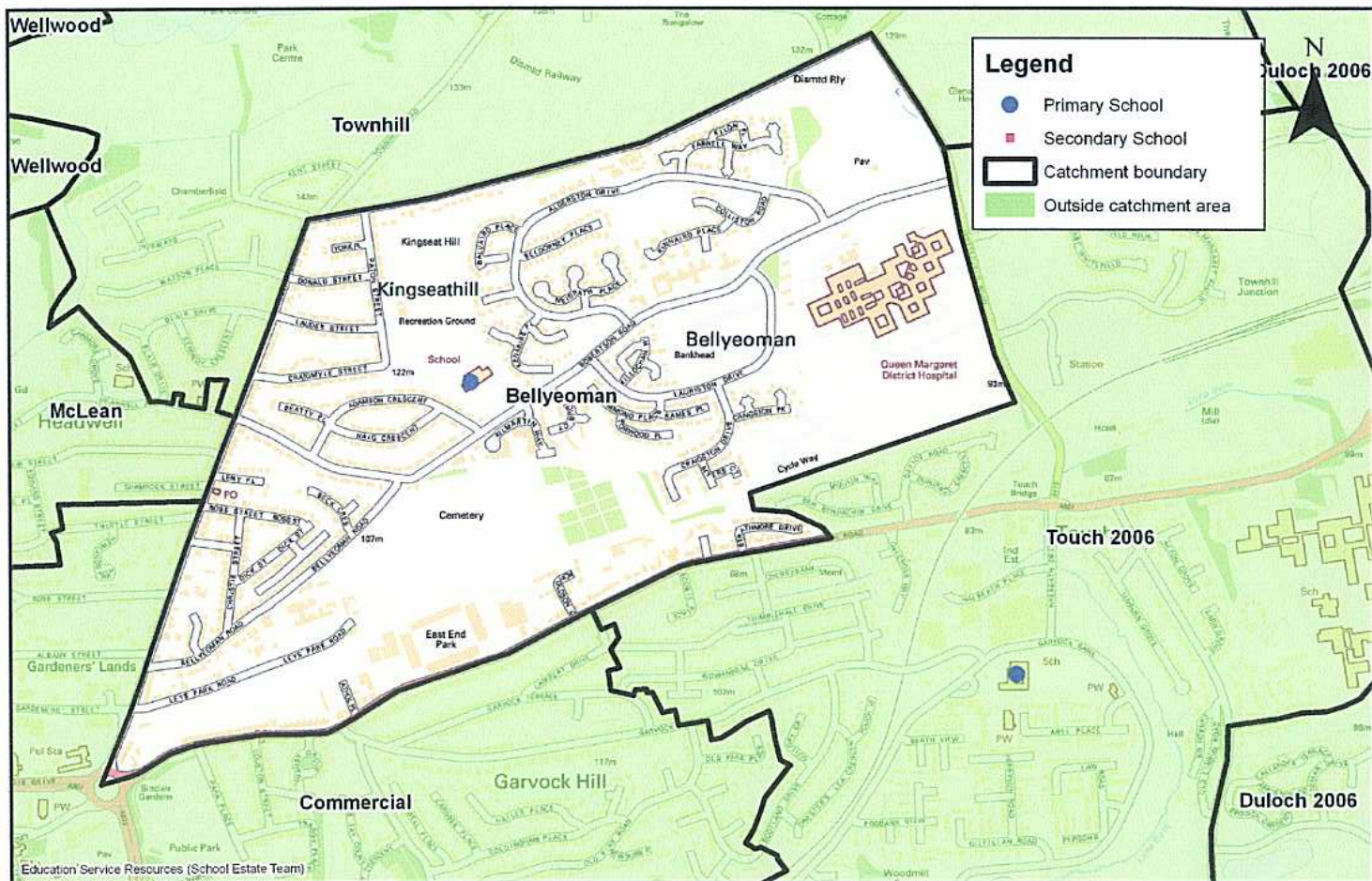
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Scale 1:7,000

Bellyeoman Primary School
Primary School Catchment Area - August 2007
Fife Council Education Service

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