



# Proposal Document

## Proposals:

- (1) To rezone an area of ground which lies south of North Deeside Road and east of Pitfodels Station Road, from the Airyhall School zone to the Broomhill School zone, and from the Hazlehead Academy zone to the Harlaw Academy zone, with effect from 1 August 2017; and:
- (2) To rezone an area of ground which lies south of North Deeside Road and west of Pitfodels Station Road, from the Airyhall School zone to the Cults School zone, with effect from 1 August 2017.

The schools affected by these proposals are:

**Airyhall School  
Broomhill School  
Cults School  
Hazlehead Academy  
Harlaw Academy**

## Statutory Consultation Period

**Monday 16 January 2017 to Friday 3 March 2017 (inclusive)**

All submissions expressing views on the proposals detailed in this document should be made in writing or by email by 5.00pm on Friday 3 March 2017.

It is intended to respond to issues raised from correspondence within a report presented to the Education and Children's Service Committee on 1 June 2017.

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## LIST OF CONSULTEES

Notice of the issuing of this Proposal Document will be provided to:

- The Parent Councils of the affected schools
- The parents of the pupils and children at the affected schools
- The parents of children expected to attend an affected school within 2 years of the date of publication of this Proposal Document
- The pupils at the affected schools
- The teaching and support staff at the affected schools
- The trade unions representatives of the above staff
- The Community Councils for the areas affected
- The constituency MSP
- Regional MSPs for the area
- The Constituency MP
- Community Planning Partnership Board
- The Director of Corporate Governance, Aberdeen City Council
- The Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure, Aberdeen City Council

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- Public libraries in the vicinity of the schools affected
- Council buildings in the vicinity of the schools affected
- The schools affected by the proposal

The Proposal Document is also available on the Aberdeen City Council website:

[www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/northdeesideroad](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/northdeesideroad)

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[schoolestate@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:schoolestate@aberdeencity.gov.uk)

## STATUTORY CONSULTATION

### 1. BACKGROUND

#### ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL’S VISION FOR EDUCATION

1.1 Aberdeen City Council has a Vision which conveys a picture of the aspirations and expectations of our service users, stakeholders and the wider community and makes clear linkage to the Corporate Vision and six key strategic priorities:

Our Corporate Vision is:

**for Aberdeen to be an ambitious, achieving, smart city with the following strategic priorities:**



1.2 Our vision for Education is:

**Improving learning opportunities to deliver better outcomes.**

1.3 This Proposal Document seeks comment on the proposal to rezone the area of ground which lies south of North Deeside Road and east of Pitfodels Station Road, from the Airyhall School zone to the Broomhill School Zone, and from the Hazlehead Academy school zone to the Harlaw Academy school zone, with effect from 1 August 2017. It also seeks comment on the further proposal to rezone the area of ground which lies south of North Deeside Road and west of Pitfodels Station Road, from the Airyhall school zone to the Cults school zone, with effect from 1 August 2017.

### 2. THE PROPOSALS

2.1 The proposed areas of land to be rezoned are highlighted in the map in Appendix 1 and 2 of this document. The land lies to the south of North Deeside Road, and to the north of the allotment gardens on Garthdee Road.

2.2 The maps in Appendices 1 and 2 also show the existing school zone boundaries in this area of the city. They show that the section of the highlighted land which lies to the east of Pitfodels Station Road, currently falls within the Airyhall School and Hazlehead Academy

school zones, whilst the section to the west of Pitfodels Station Road is zoned to Airyhall School and Cults Academy.

- 2.3 Where possible, primary school zones in Aberdeen City are normally closely aligned with secondary school zones, so that all areas of land which are zoned to one particular primary school, are zoned to the same secondary school. This is to help ensure that when pupils leave primary school at the end of their Primary 7 year, they can all move to the same secondary school.
- 2.4 As illustrated by the maps in the appendices, however, the small area of land to the west of Pitfodels Station Road which is within the Airyhall School zone, is currently zoned to Cults Academy, whilst the land covered by the rest of the Airyhall School zone is zoned to Hazlehead Academy. This means that any pupils who live in this area and who attend Airyhall School, would not be entitled to a place at the same secondary school as their classmates who live in any other part of the Airyhall School zone.
- 2.5 In order to address this anomaly, it is proposed that the area of land is rezoned, from Airyhall School to Cults School. This would ensure that in future, pupils living within this area would be able to attend Cults School, and then move to Cults Academy together with their classmates from other parts of the Cults School zone, at the end of Primary 7.
- 2.6 In addition to the above proposal, it is proposed that the boundary line for the Airyhall School zone is further adjusted, so that it does not extend south of Deeside Road at any point, in order to avoid the need for any pupils to cross this section of North Deeside Road when walking to school. This would involve rezoning the area of land to the east of Pitfodels Station Road and south of North Deeside Road, from Airyhall School to Broomhill School, and would mean that children living in this area of land would in future be entitled to a place at Broomhill School, rather than at Airyhall School.
- 2.7 Broomhill School is part of the Harlaw Academy Associated School Group, which means that all other children living within the Broomhill School zone are entitled to a place at Harlaw Academy when they reach secondary school age. It is proposed that the area of land to the east of Pitfodels Station Road is therefore also be rezoned to Harlaw Academy, so that children living in this area in the future are able to attend the same secondary school as their classmates when leaving Primary 7.
- 2.8 The maps in Appendices 3 and 4 of this document show the proposed changes to school zones in this area of the city. If the proposals are accepted, the area of land to the east of Pitfodels Station Road would become part of the Broomhill School and Harlaw Academy school zones, and the area of land to the west of Pitfodels Station Road would become part of the Cults School zone. This area of land would remain part of the Cults Academy school zone.
- 2.9 The proposals if accepted would require pupils living within the area to the east of Pitfodels Station Road to cross South Anderson Drive, in order to walk to Broomhill School. A school crossing patroller operates at the pedestrian crossing near to the junction of South Anderson Drive and Broomhill Road, to help ensure that Broomhill School pupils can cross this road safely.
- 2.10 The effects of the proposed changes on the schools concerned are described below.

### **3. THE AFFECTED SCHOOLS**

## **Airyhall School**

- 3.1 Should the rezoning proposals be accepted, any primary aged children living within the area of land to the east of Pitfodels Station Road (as shown in the map in Appendix 3) would be entitled to a place at Broomhill School, and any primary aged children living within the area of land to the west of Pitfodels Station Road, would be entitled to a place at Cults School. These children would no longer be entitled to places at Airyhall School.
- 3.2 However, if the proposals are accepted, any children living within the areas of land affected who are already attending Airyhall School when the changes are implemented, would have the option of remaining at Airyhall School, until they move to secondary school.
- 3.3 Similarly, any child already living within the area of land affected, who reaches primary school age after the proposed changes have been introduced and who at that time has an older sibling already attending Airyhall School, would also have the option of attending Airyhall School, so that family groups can remain together.
- 3.4 If the proposals are accepted, it is expected that there may be a small reduction in the numbers of pupils attending Airyhall School in the future. This is likely to help in maintaining the future pupil roll at Airyhall School at a manageable level. However, given that there is no expectation for any existing pupils at Airyhall School to move to a different school as a result of these proposals, and due to the small size of the affected areas of land and the way in which school roll forecasts are calculated, the proposed changes would have no material effect on the existing pupil roll forecasts for Airyhall School.

## **Broomhill School**

- 3.5 Should the rezoning proposals be accepted, any primary aged children living within the area of land to the east of Pitfodels Station Road (as shown in the map in Appendix 3) would be entitled to a place at Broomhill School. They would no longer be entitled to places at Airyhall School.
- 3.6 It is expected that this may result in a small increase in the numbers of pupils attending Broomhill School in the future. Given that there is no expectation for any existing pupils at Airyhall School to move to Broomhill School as a result of these proposals, and given that the affected area of land is relatively small, any impact on pupil numbers at Broomhill School in the future is expected to be negligible, and the available capacity at Broomhill School is sufficient to accommodate any increase that may occur. Due to the way in which school roll forecasts are calculated, the proposed change would have no material effect on the existing pupil roll forecasts for Broomhill School.

## **Hazlehead Academy**

- 3.7 Should the rezoning proposals be accepted, any secondary aged children living within the area of land to the east of Pitfodels Station Road (as shown in Appendix 4) would be entitled to a place at Harlaw Academy. They would no longer be entitled to places at Hazlehead Academy.

- 3.8 However, if the proposals are accepted, any children living within the area of land affected who are already attending Hazlehead Academy when the changes are implemented, would have the option of remaining at Hazlehead Academy, until they leave secondary school.
- 3.9 Similarly, any child already living within the area of land affected, who reaches secondary school age after the proposed changes have been introduced and who at that time has an older sibling already attending Hazlehead Academy, would also have the option of attending Hazlehead Academy, so that family groups can remain together.
- 3.10 If the proposals are accepted, it is expected that there may be a small reduction in the numbers of pupils attending Hazlehead Academy in the future. However, given that there is no expectation for any existing pupils at Hazlehead Academy to move to a different school as a result of these proposals, and due to the small size of the affected areas of land and the way in which school roll forecasts are calculated, the proposed change would have no material effect on the existing pupil roll forecasts for Hazlehead Academy.

### **Harlaw Academy**

- 3.11 Should the rezoning proposals be accepted, any secondary aged children living within the area of land to the east of Pitfodels Station Road (as shown in Appendix 4) would be entitled to a place at Harlaw Academy. They would no longer be entitled to places at Hazlehead Academy.
- 3.12 It is expected that this may result in a small increase in the numbers of pupils attending Harlaw Academy in the future. Given that there is no expectation for any existing pupils at Hazlehead Academy to move to Harlaw Academy as a result of these proposals, and given that the affected area of land is relatively small, any impact on pupil numbers at Harlaw Academy in the future is expected to be negligible, and the available capacity at Harlaw Academy is sufficient to accommodate any increase that may occur. Due to the way in which school roll forecasts are calculated, the proposed change would have no material effect on the existing roll forecasts for Harlaw Academy.

### **Cults School**

- 3.13 Should the rezoning proposals be accepted, in the future any primary aged children living within the area of land to the west of Pitfodels Station Road (as shown in the map in Appendix 3) would be entitled to a place at Cults School. They would no longer be entitled to places at Airyhall School.
- 3.14 This may result in a very small increase in the numbers of pupils attending Cults School in the future. Currently there are no primary aged children living within this area of land who attend an Aberdeen City Council school, so no immediate impact on the numbers of pupils at Cults School is expected as a result of these proposals. Given that the affected area of land is relatively small, any impact on pupil numbers at Cults School in the future is likely to be negligible. Due to the way in which school roll forecasts are calculated, the proposed change would have no material effect on the existing roll forecasts for Cults School.

## **4. EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS**

- 4.1 The proposals described in this document will have the following benefits:

- The proposals provide opportunities for establishing safer walking routes to school for pupils living in the areas affected;
- The schools affected by the proposals will have sustainable and viable pupil rolls which help with the delivery of the full breadth of Curriculum for Excellence;
- A sustainable roll ensures that effective teacher staffing levels are maintained and led by a range of promoted teaching staff. Effective year group numbers will be maintained and children will be able to learn within a variety of peer group opportunities, both formally and informally;
- If implemented, this proposal will assist Aberdeen City Council in delivering city wide primary and secondary education provision in schools with sustainable pupil rolls, and in a way which ensures that all pupils are educated in buildings that are not over crowded.

4.2 The above benefits will therefore ensure that the implementation of this proposal will maximise the educational benefits for pupils attending the schools affected.

## **5. OPTIONS FOR CONSULTATION**

5.1 The options under consideration and for which the Council seeks comment from interested stakeholders are:

- (i) To retain the status quo and maintain the existing school zones for Airyhall School, Broomhill School, Cults School, Hazlehead Academy and Harlaw Academy, or:
- (ii) To rezone the land south of North Deeside Road and east of Pitfodels Station Road from the Airyhall School zone to the Broomhill School zone, and from the Hazlehead Academy zone to the Harlaw Academy zone; and to rezone the area south of North Deeside Road and west of Pitfodels Station Road from the Airyhall School zone to the Cults School zone, with effect from 1 August 2017.

## **6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

6.1 To assist stakeholders in accessing relevant information, a dedicated area of Aberdeen City Council website has been populated with all information within this consultation document and further detail on the consultation process and data relating to the proposal.

The relevant web pages can be accessed at:

[www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/northdeesideroad](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/northdeesideroad)



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6.2 A copy of this statutory consultation document will be available for public consultation during the period of consultation at the following venues:

- Marischal College
- Central Library
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- Airyhall Library
- Kaimhill Library
- Cults School
- Airyhall School
- Broomhill School
- Hazlehead Academy
- Harlaw Academy
- Cults Learning Centre
- Hazlehead Learning Centre

## 7. PUBLIC MEETING

7.1 A public meeting to discuss the proposals will take place on:

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017, from 7.00 to 8.00pm at Airyhall School.**

## 8. SUBMISSION OF VIEWS

8.1 Any interested stakeholders may respond to the consultation online, via the Council's Consultation Hub: <https://consultation.aberdeencity.gov.uk/>

Responses can also be submitted by completing the comment form attached at Appendix 4, and sending it to:

North Deeside Road Rezoning Consultation

Education & Children's Services  
Aberdeen City Council  
Business Hub 13  
Second Floor North  
Marischal College  
Broad Street  
ABERDEEN  
AB10 1AB

Alternatively comments can be submitted in writing to the address above, or by sending an email to:

[schoolestate@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:schoolestate@aberdeencity.gov.uk)

**All responses should be submitted before 5.00pm on Friday 3 March 2017.**

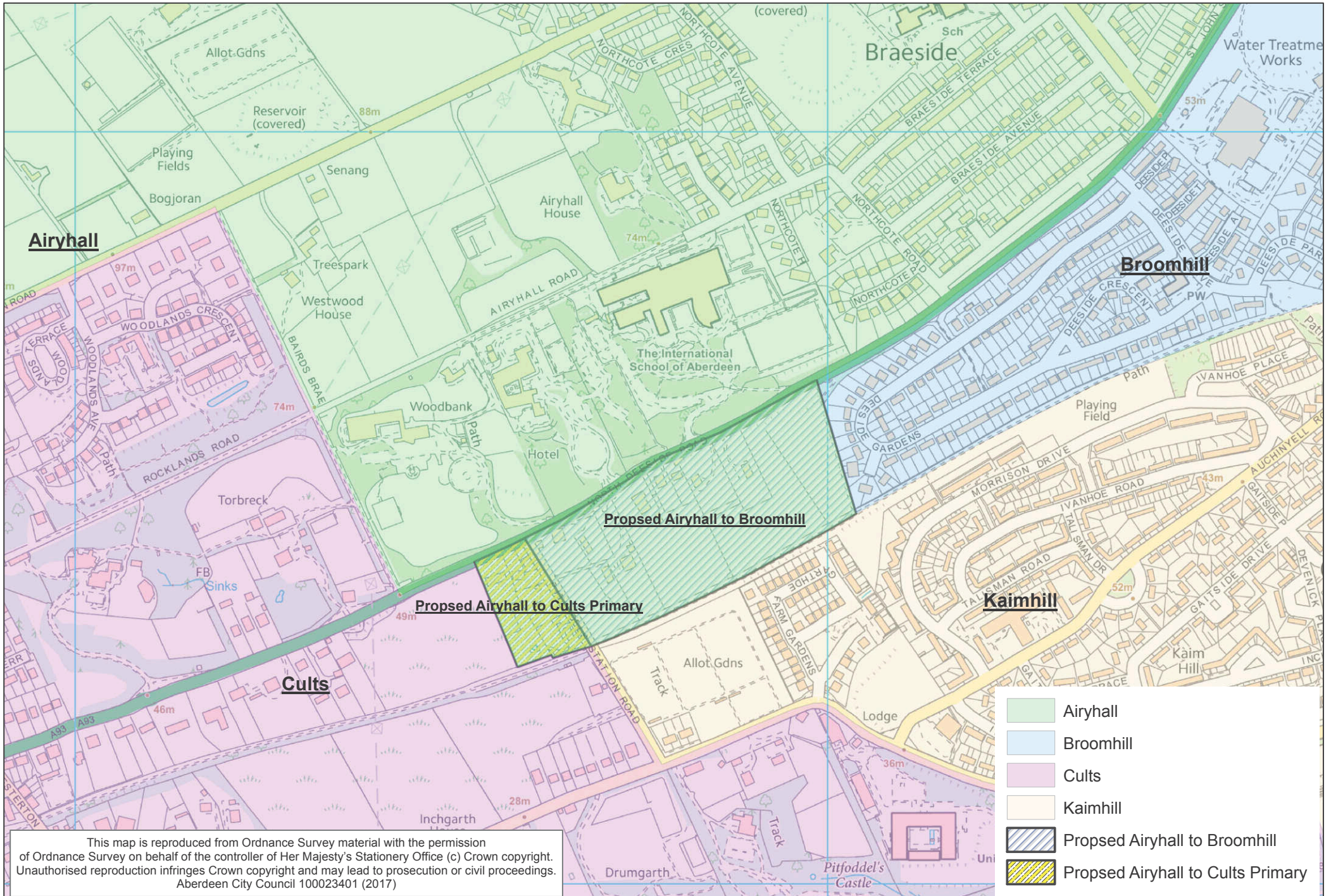
## **9. OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION**

9.1 A summary of submissions will be published on the council website at

[www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/northdeesideroad](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/northdeesideroad)

9.2 A report on the consultation will be delivered to the Education & Children's Services Committee on 1 June 2017. This will provide information for Elected Members to make a final decision on the proposal.

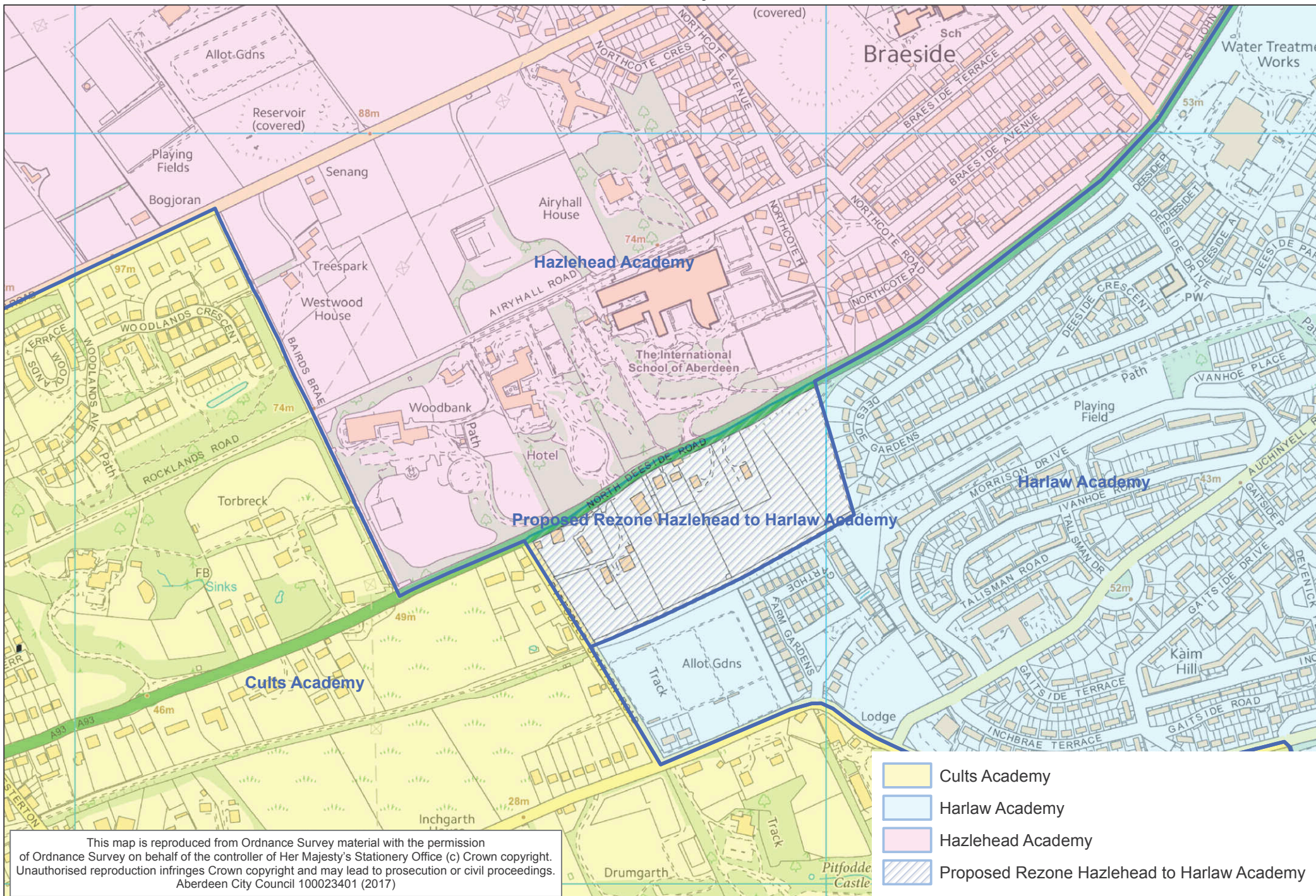
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- Airyhall
- Broomhill
- Cults
- Kaimhill
- Proposed Airyhall to Broomhill
- Proposed Airyhall to Cults Primary

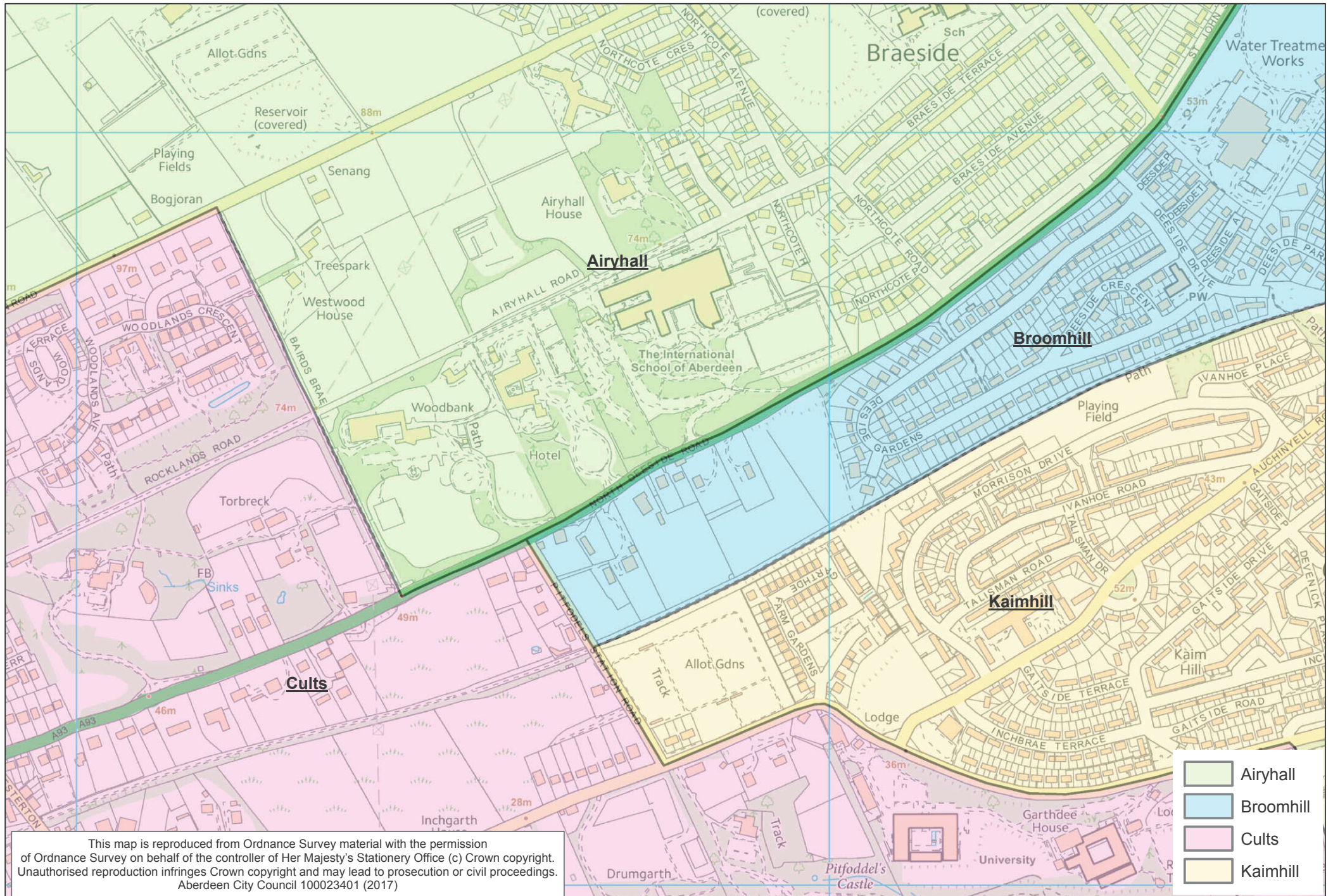
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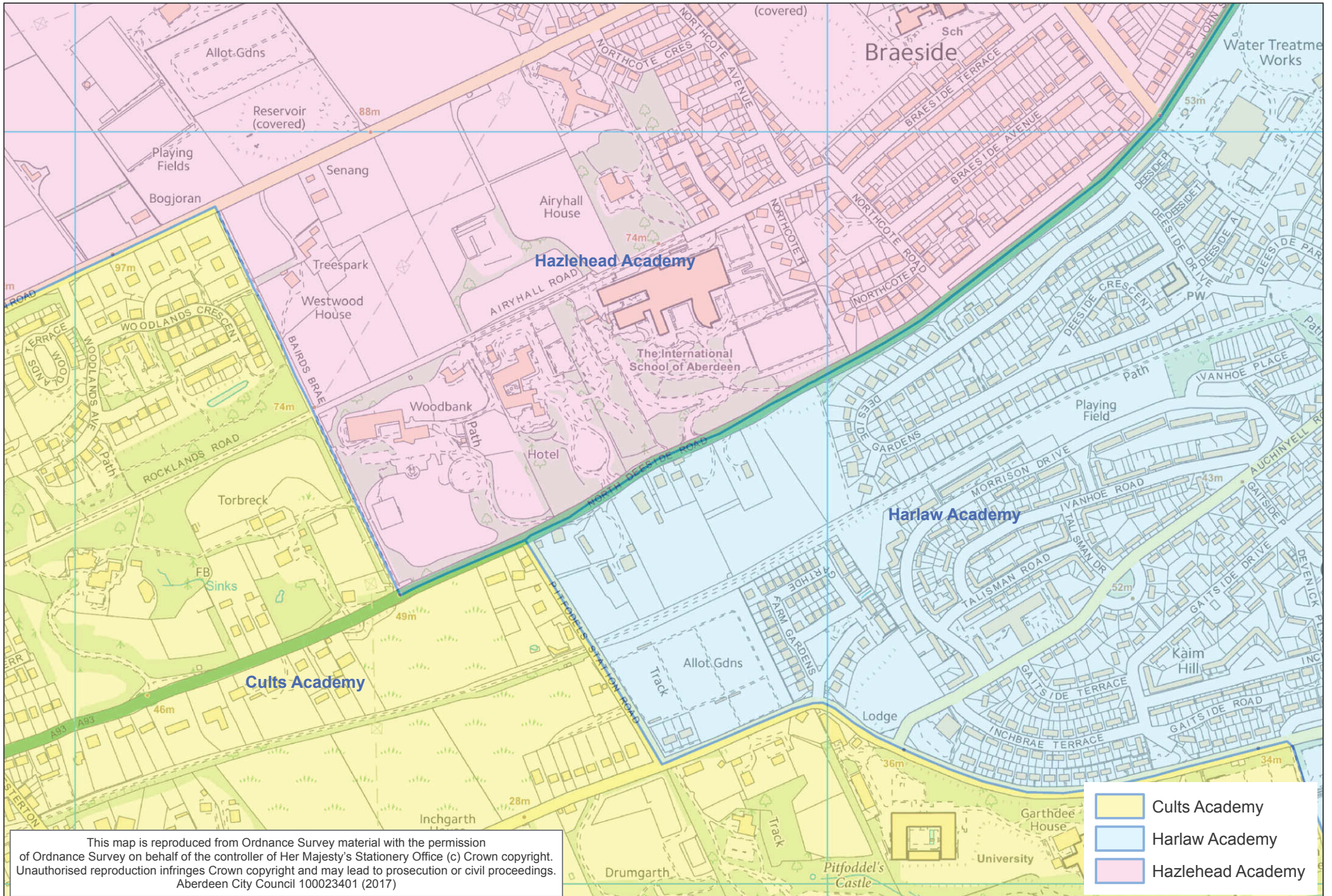
- Cults Academy
- Harlaw Academy
- Hazlehead Academy
- Proposed Rezone Hazlehead to Harlaw Academy

# Proposed Primary Zones



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# Proposed Secondary Zones



**Comment Form North Deeside Road Rezoning 2017**

**Public Consultation**

**Proposals:**

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All completed comment forms will be included in a final Consultation Report to the Education & Children's Services Committee.

**Contact Information (Optional)**

Provision of personal information is optional. Your personal details will not be published, nor will they be used for any purpose without your expressed consent.

First name(s):	
Last name:	
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I am a	Please tick (✓) all applicable boxes
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parent/carer of future pupil(s) (pre 5 child) <input type="checkbox"/>	
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If other, please describe:	

What is the most positive part of the proposal (if any)?

What is/are your main concern(s) about the proposal?

What would you like the Council to know about the proposal?

Overall, do you support the proposal? (Please tick) Yes  No

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Any other comments?

Thank you for your comments.

Please send this form to:

North Deeside Road Rezoning Consultation  
Education & Children's Services  
Aberdeen City Council  
Business Hub 13  
Second Floor North  
Marischal College  
Broad Street  
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by 5.00pm on Friday 3 March 2017

Further information about the consultation process, including a full list of all meetings, as well as the Consultation Document, is available from the Council website at [www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/northdeesideroad](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/northdeesideroad)