

Consultation on Options for Proposed Changes to the Catchment Area of Towerbank Primary School

Summary Paper

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Why do we need to change the Towerbank catchment area?

The number of school age children living in Portobello and Joppa has increased significantly over the last ten years. As a result in the longer term it is expected that the local primary school, Towerbank, will not be able to accommodate all the pupils in its catchment area.

Therefore, this statutory consultation considers options to make the Towerbank Primary School catchment area smaller so that fewer children live in it. If we reduce the number of children starting Primary 1 at Towerbank by around 14 every year, we can:

- bring the school back towards an annual P1 intake of 90 pupils
- reduce the school roll by nearly 100 pupils over seven years
- run the school as a three stream (21 class) primary in the long term

What options are being considered?

There are four options being considered as part of this consultation and the areas proposed for transfer in each option are outlined in the attached maps. A list of addresses affected by each option is also attached.

How would the changes affect other local schools?

In general terms, Brunstane, Duddingston and The Royal High Primary Schools would have larger catchment areas with more families living in them.

The catchment areas of Craigentinny Primary School and Leith Academy would be bigger if the stretch of industrial land (Area A on the attached option maps) next to Seafield Road (where the bus garage and car showrooms are) is moved as shown. It would simplify local catchment boundaries for the long term. It is a good time to make the change as there are no pupils living here, so no families are affected.

The Portobello High School catchment area would be smaller but pupil numbers would stay the same as the receiving primary schools are all feeder schools in its cluster.

What about younger brothers and sisters of current Towerbank pupils?

Options 1, 2 and 3 offer families within the proposed transfer areas priority places for younger brothers and sisters in any year if there are still P1 places available after catchment needs are met. The priority arrangements would be available for seven years (until August 2022). They would apply if a family remains resident in a transfer area and an elder sibling is still a pupil at Towerbank Primary School when a younger sibling enters P1.

In Option 4, younger brothers and sisters from families within the proposed transfer areas will be offered a guaranteed place at Towerbank Primary School as long as they are already born at the time of any final Council decision and an elder sibling remains at the school when they enter P1.

These arrangements would place siblings who meet the criteria ahead of placement requests from children living outside the realigned areas. Once sibling priority/guarantee places have been applied, then normal Council policy would apply for out of catchment placing requests.

Why do more houses have to transfer in option 4?

This is to provide the scope for the sibling guarantee and ensure there are places available for the extra pupils generated by this option. A larger area of the existing Towerbank catchment requires to be transferred to the receiving schools so that space is created for siblings at Towerbank Primary School.

When would the changes come into effect?

If any catchment changes are approved by the Council it is proposed that the changes would take immediate effect. This means that the placing procedures for Primary 1 pupils for the start of the 2016/17 school session would be conducted on the basis of the new catchment areas.

The Council are expected to take their decision on Thursday 22 October 2015 before the Primary 1 registration process starts in November 2015.

The consultation process

All comments made during the statutory consultation period will be recorded and represented in a n Outcomes of the Consultation report that we expect to be considered by Council on Thursday 22 October 2015. This report will be published three weeks in advance of the Council meeting so will be publically available by 1 October 2015.

Why are we consulting?

The different options put forward will have different impacts on families. We want to hear the views of anyone affected by the proposals. There is also a legal obligation to carry out a statutory consultation under the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 as amended by the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.

Why are Craigentinny Primary and Leith Academy being consulted when no Towerbank or Portobello High School pupils will actually move there?

Even though no current pupils are affected this could change in the future. The Council is legally obliged to tell both schools and parents or carers about the possible changes. They need to have the opportunity to find out more and give us their views.

How can I find out more about the proposals or make my views heard?

This paper outlines the different options proposed for catchment area changes to Towerbank Primary School. If you want more information you can find the full consultation paper, along with background reports, maps, address lists and other supporting information, on our website at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/towerbankconsultation

We have also organised four public meetings, as below.

Date	Venue	Time
Thursday, 21 May	Towerbank Primary School	6.30 – 8.30pm
Monday, 25 May	Brunstane Primary School	6.00 – 8.00pm
Monday, 1 June	Duddingston Primary School	6.30 – 8.30pm
Wednesday, 3 June	The Royal High Primary School	6.30 – 8.30pm

Each meeting will open with a short presentation about the proposed options for catchment change, followed by a question and answer session. Council Officers will take a note of each meeting and all of the points raised will be captured in the Outcomes of the Consultation report. You can attend any meeting that suits you. Please telephone (0131) 469 3161 by Friday 15 May if you need translation services or childcare at a meeting.

Tell us your views: public consultation period closes 22 June 2015

It would be helpful if you could take time to complete our short survey – you can find it easily online at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/towerbankconsultation. If you don't have internet access then you can pick up a copy at your school or in Portobello and Piershill Libraries.

You can also email comments to us directly at cf.propertyreview@edinburgh.gov.uk or if you prefer they can be posted to:

Gillian Tee
Director of Children and Families
City of Edinburgh Council
Council Headquarters
Waverley Court (Level 1:2)
4 East Market Street
Edinburgh
EH8 8BG.

All comments require to be received by 22 June 2015.

Towerbank Primary catchment changes: proposed lists of affected addresses – Options 1 to 4

Option 1 *

Area B: To The Royal High Primary School

Baileyfield Crescent	1 to 12	(odd / even)
Baileyfield Road	2 to 25	(odd / even)
Fishwives Causeway	3 to 17	(odd)
Portobello High Street	1 to 21	(odd)

Area C: To Duddingston Primary School

Adelphi Place	31 to 57	(odd)
Adelphi Place	36 to 70	(even)
Brighton Place	3 to 37	(odd)
Brighton Place	6 to 52	(even)
East Brighton Crescent	1 to 14	(odd / even)
Lee Crescent	1 to 29	(odd / even)
Rosefield Avenue	7 to 19	(odd)
Rosefield Avenue	18 to 30	(even)
Rosefield Avenue Lane	1 to 10	(odd / even)
Rosefield Place	1 to 21	(odd)
Rosefield Place	2 to 16	(even)
Rosefield Street	1 to 16	(odd / even)
Sandford Gardens	3 to 9	(odd / even)
West Brighton Crescent	1 to 19	(odd)

West Brighton Crescent	2 to 12	(even)
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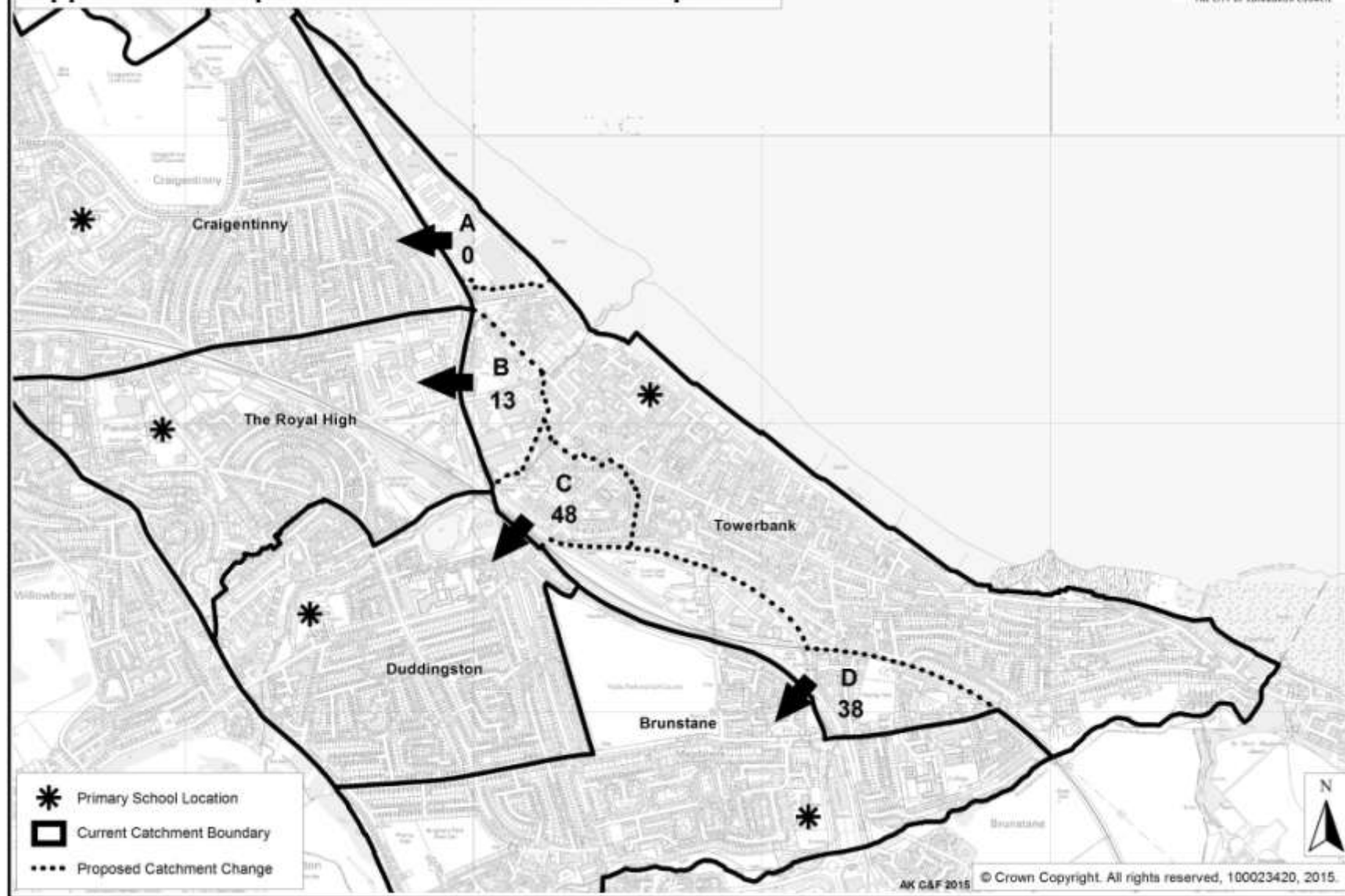
Area D: To Brunstane Primary School

A1 Industrial Pk, Sir Harry Lauder Rd	200-248	(even)
Ashton Villas, Brunstane Road	1 to 2	
Brunstane Road	45 to 83	(odd)
Brunstane Road	28 to 88	(even)
Brunstane Gardens	1 to 15	(odd)
Brunstane Gardens	2 to 20	(even)
Brunstane Garden Mews	1 to 2	
Duddingston Cresecent	59	
Milton Road East	1 to 99	(odd)
Queens Bay Cresecent	1 to 21	(odd)
Queens Bay Cresecent	2 to 12	(odd)
South Morton Street	3 to 5	(odd)
South Morton Street	2 to 18	(even)

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Appendix 4: Proposed School Catchments - Option 1

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Option 2

Area B: To The Royal High Primary School

Baileyfield Crescent	1 to 12	(odd / even)
Baileyfield Road	2 to 25	(odd / even)
Fishwives Causeway	3 to 17	(odd)
Portobello High Street	1 to 21	(odd)

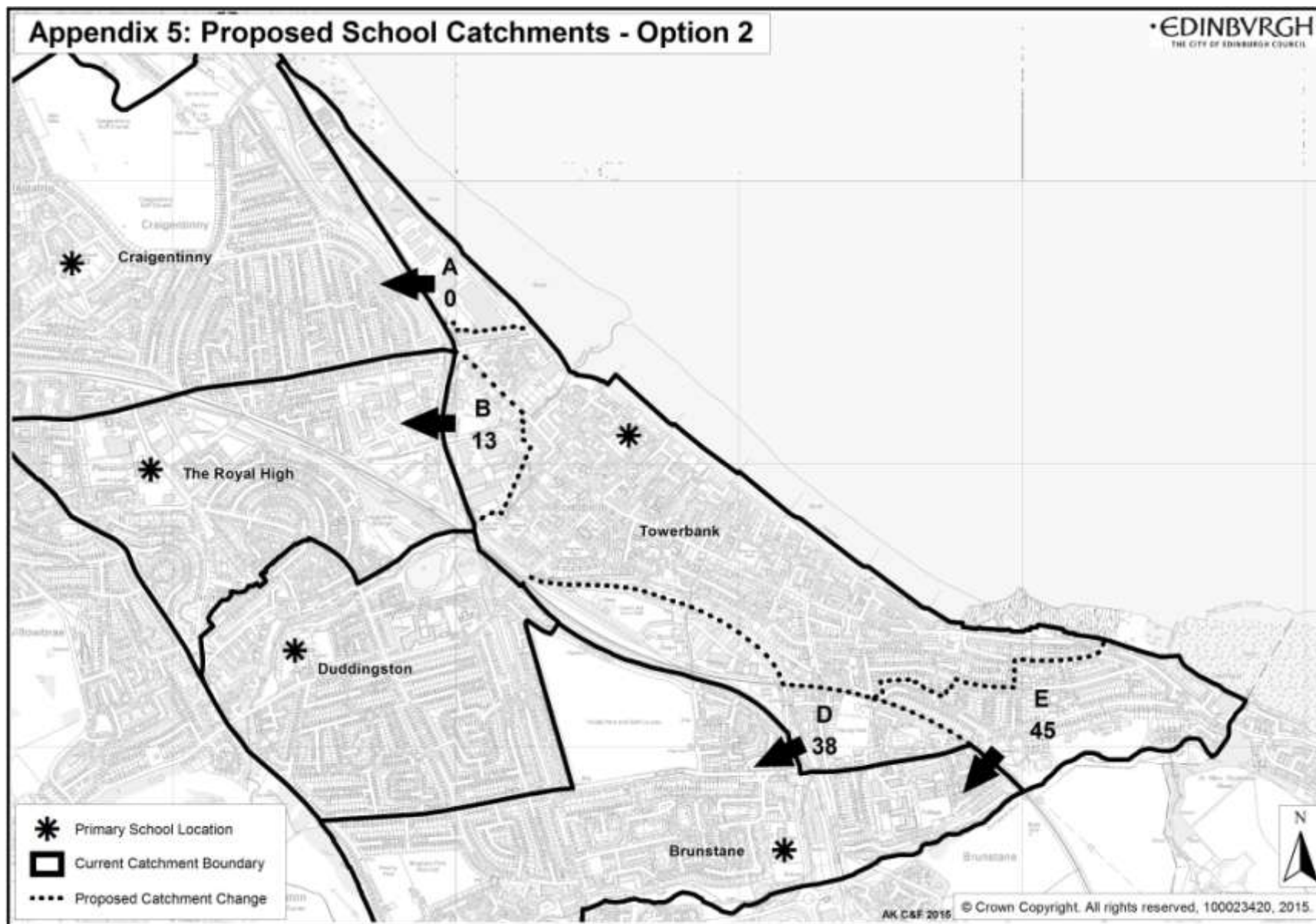
Area D: To Brunstane Primary School

A1 Industrial Pk, Sir Harry Lauder Rd	200-248	(even)
Ashton Villas, Brunstane Road	1 to 2	
Brunstane Road	45 to 83	(odd)
Brunstane Road	28 to 88	(even)
Brunstane Gardens	1 to 15	(odd)
Brunstane Gardens	2 to 20	(even)
Brunstane Garden Mews	1 to 2	
Duddingston Cresecent	59	
Milton Road East	1 to 99	(odd)
Queens Bay Cresecent	1 to 21	(odd)
Queens Bay Cresecent	2 to 12	(odd)
South Morton Street	3 to 5	(odd)
South Morton Street	2 to 18	(even)

Area E: To Brunstane Primary School

Brunstane Mill Road	1 to 17	(odd / even)
Coillesdene Avenue	67 to 127	(odd)
Coillesdene Avenue	38 to 104	(odd)
Coillesdene Crescent	1 to 43	(odd)
Coillesdene Crescent	2 to 48	(even)
Coillesdene Terrace	1 to 9	(odd)
Coillesdene Terrace	2 to 10	(even)
Coillesdene Gardens	1 to 15	(odd)
Coillesdene Gardens	2 to 14	(even)
Coillesdene Loan	1 to 14	(odd / even)
Eastfield Place	1 to 13	(odd)
Eastfield Place	4 to 10	(even)
Eastfield Gardens	1 to 5	(odd)
Eastfield Gardens	2 to 12	(even)
Eastfield (Musselburgh Road)	1 to 55	(odd / even)
Milton Drive	1 to 17	(odd)
Milton Drive	12 to 24	(even)
Milton Grove	1 to 19	(odd)
Milton Grove	2 to 8	(even)
Milton Road East	101 to 307	(odd)
Milton Road East	200 to 318	(even)
Milton Terrace	1 to 15	(odd)
Milton Terrace	2 to 10	(even)
Sea View Crescent	38 to 72	(even)
Seaview Terrace (Musselburgh Rd)	99 to 127	(odd / even)

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Option 3

Area B: To The Royal High Primary School

Baileyfield Crescent	1 to 12	(odd / even)
Baileyfield Road	2 to 25	(odd / even)
Fishwives Causeway	3 to 17	(odd)
Portobello High Street	1 to 21	(odd)

Area C: To Duddingston Primary School

Adelphi Place	31 to 57	(odd)
Adelphi Place	36 to 70	(even)
Brighton Place	3 to 37	(odd)
Brighton Place	6 to 52	(even)
East Brighton Crescent	1 to 14	(odd / even)
Lee Crescent	1 to 29	(odd / even)
Rosefield Avenue	7 to 19	(odd)
Rosefield Avenue	18 to 30	(even)
Rosefield Avenue Lane	1 to 10	(odd / even)
Rosefield Place	1 to 21	(odd)
Rosefield Place	2 to 16	(even)
Rosefield Street	1 to 16	(odd / even)
Sandford Gardens	3 to 9	(odd / even)
West Brighton Crescent	1 to 19	(odd)
West Brighton Crescent	2 to 12	(even)

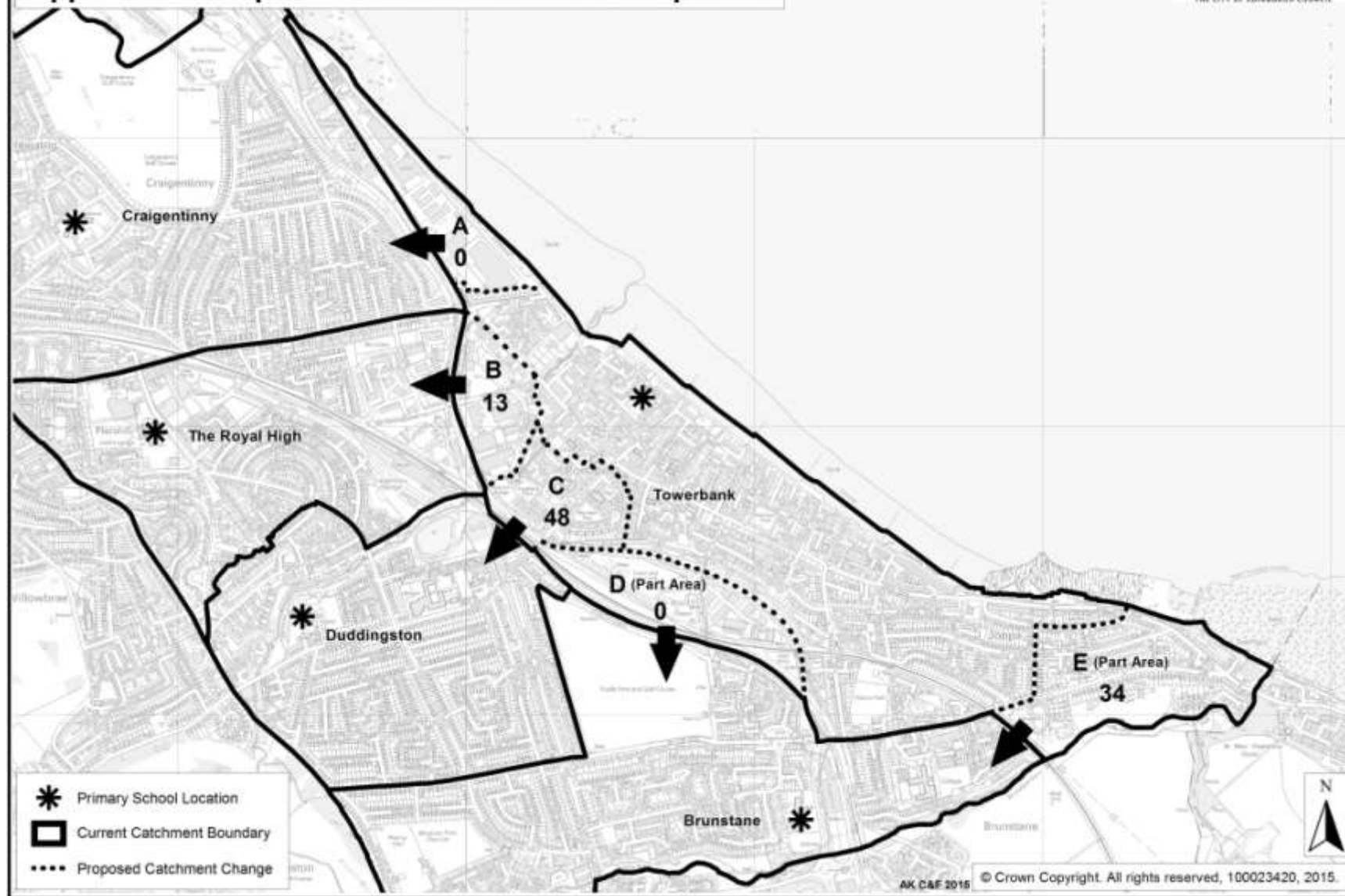
Area D (Part) and Area E (Part): to Brunstane Primary School

A1 Industrial Pk, Sir Harry Lauder Rd	200-248	(even)
Brunstane Mill Road	1 to 17	(odd / even)
Coillesdene Avenue	67 to 127	(odd)
Coillesdene Avenue	56 to 104	(even)
Coillesdene Loan	1 to 14	(odd / even)
Eastfield (Musselburgh Road)	1 to 55	(odd / even)
Eastfield Gardens	1 to 5	(odd)
Eastfield Gardens	2 to 12	(even)
Eastfield Place	1 to 13	(odd)
Eastfield Place	4 to 10	(even)
Milton Drive	1 to 17	(odd)
Milton Grove	1 to 19	(odd)
Milton Grove	2 to 8	(even)
Milton Road East	231 to 307	(odd)
Milton Road East	200 to 318	(even)
Milton Terrace	1 to 15	(odd)
Milton Terrace	2 to 10	(even)
Sea View Crescent	38 to 72	(even)
Seaview Terrace (Musselburgh Rd)	99 to 127	(odd / even)

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Appendix 6: Proposed School Catchments - Option 3

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Option 4

Area B: To The Royal High Primary School

Baileyfield Crescent	1 to 12	(odd / even)
Baileyfield Road	2 to 25	(odd / even)
Fishwives Causeway	3 to 17	(odd)
Portobello High Street	1 to 21	(odd)

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Rosefield Place	1 to 21	(odd)
Rosefield Place	2 to 16	(even)
Rosefield Street	1 to 16	(odd / even)
Sandford Gardens	3 to 9	(odd / even)
West Brighton Crescent	1 to 19	(odd)
West Brighton Crescent	2 to 12	(even)

Area D (All) and Area E (All): To Brunstane Primary School

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Ashton Villas, Brunstane Road	1 to 2	
Brunstane Road	45 to 83	(odd)
Brunstane Road	28 to 88	(even)
Brunstane Gardens	1 to 15	(odd)

Brunstane Gardens	2 to 20	(even)
Brunstane Garden Mews	1 to 2	
Brunstane Mill Road	1 to 17	(odd / even)
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Queens Bay Cresecent	2 to 12	(odd)
Sea View Crescent	38 to 72	(even)
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Appendix 7: Proposed School Catchments - Option 4

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