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Proposal to relocate Inverkeithing High School

**from the existing site of Hillend Road, Inverkeithing, to a new site,
south of the A985 (Admiralty Road), The Fleet Grounds, Rosyth**

Public Meetings

Inverkeithing High School – Thursday 20th April – 6.00-7.00 pm

King's Road Primary School – Monday 15th May – 6.00-7.00 pm

Dalgety Bay Primary School – Monday 22nd May – 6.00-7.00 pm

Shelagh McLean, Head of Service





Agenda

Background, rationale and implications in respect of the relocation proposal for Inverkeithing High School

Consultation Process and Timeline

Questions



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Improving the learning environment is one of the key priorities for the Education & Children's Services Directorate and the status of Inverkeithing High School, and the challenges that this presents, creates concern for Officers.

Our ambition is to create a school that is fit for purpose, with suitable and efficient learning environments for children, young people and other learners now and in the future.



Background

- Statutory duty to provide adequate and efficient provision of education.
- Statutory duty of 'Best Value in Public Services'.
- Economic climate means there are not enough resources to do everything, but the current position is unsustainable.
- Inverkeithing High School is the last remaining secondary school in the Dunfermline and South & West Fife areas to be replaced with a new building. Queen Anne High School was replaced in August 2003 and Dunfermline High School was replaced in August 2012. Woodmill High School and St Columba's RC High School will relocate to a new learning campus in August 2024.
- The proposed new secondary school to replace the existing Inverkeithing High School, which has significant accessibility, condition and suitability issues, will provide modern, inspiring and flexible learning spaces to allow young people to experience a wide-ranging curriculum offer.



Inverkeithing High School Information

- School Roll: was 1560 pupils at September 2022 census (97% occupied)
- The planning capacity of the school is currently published at: 1605 pupils
(Maximum capacity of the school is 1735 – this was reduced to allow an amount of decant accommodation should repairs be required)
- Core Facts:
Accessibility – “D” rated (building is inaccessible)
Condition – “C” rated (poor)
Suitability – “C” rated (poor)
- Existing building does not meet our aims in terms of accessibility, in all forms, for all pupils, nor for condition and suitability.
- School is located on different levels – pupils and staff have to exit and enter at different levels of the site
- Sports facilities are located in the Community Wing



Inverkeithing High School Proposal

- A new school would:
 - be fully accessible for all building users
 - be flexible – in terms of delivery of the curriculum
 - support curriculum for excellence
 - be of sufficient size to support house building in the area
 - support continued community use activities
- Construction period – of approximately 3 years from completion of the design and following approval of any planning process
- As a result of the identification of the preferred site, no decant would be required



Inverkeithing High School Proposal

- Proposed relocation of Inverkeithing High School, from existing site at Hillend Road, to a new site, south of the A985 (Admiralty Road), to The Fleet Grounds, Rosyth
- No proposed changes to the Inverkeithing High School catchment area or changes to the primary schools associated with Inverkeithing High School
- Due to the geographical location of the proposed site, the name of the school may be changed – this would be a separate consultation with the community
- Site selection was agreed by Committee on 3 November 2020 – following feasibility studies on 7 sites, to detailed feasibility on 4 sites.
- No changes to the existing links to Fife College in the delivery of senior phase subjects – Fife College Partnerships to continue
- Funding support through Scottish Government – Revenue model

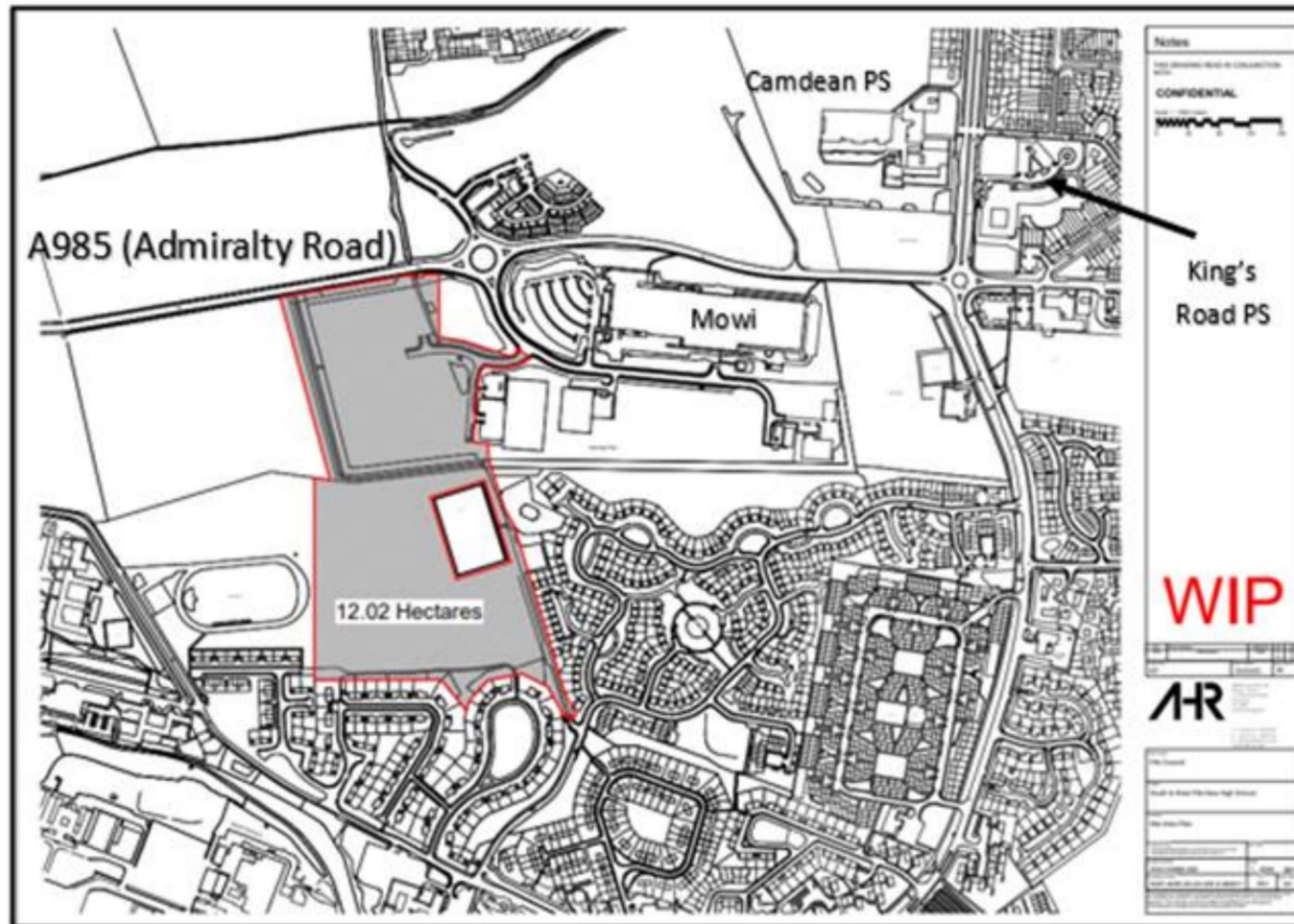


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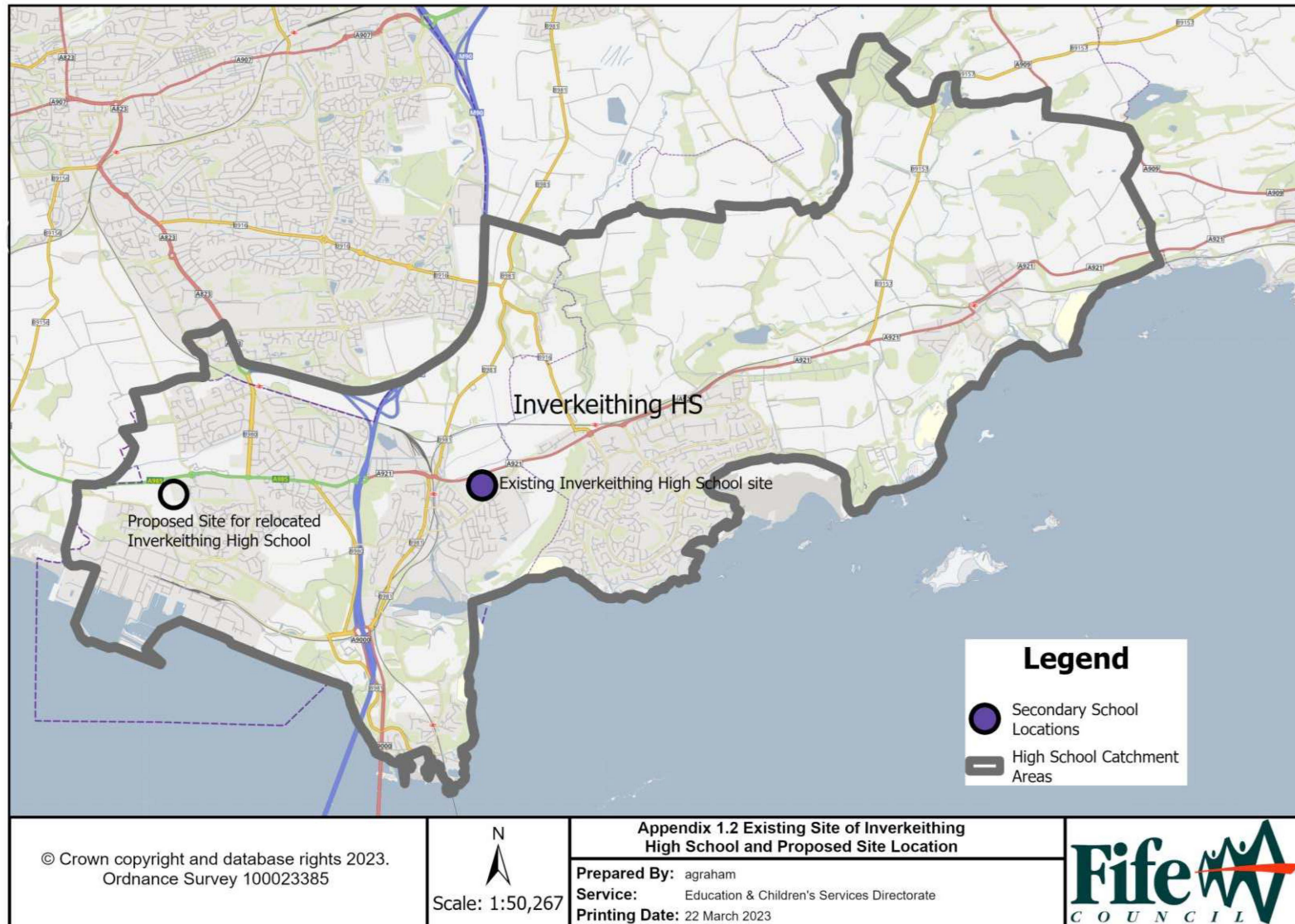
Proposed Site Plan

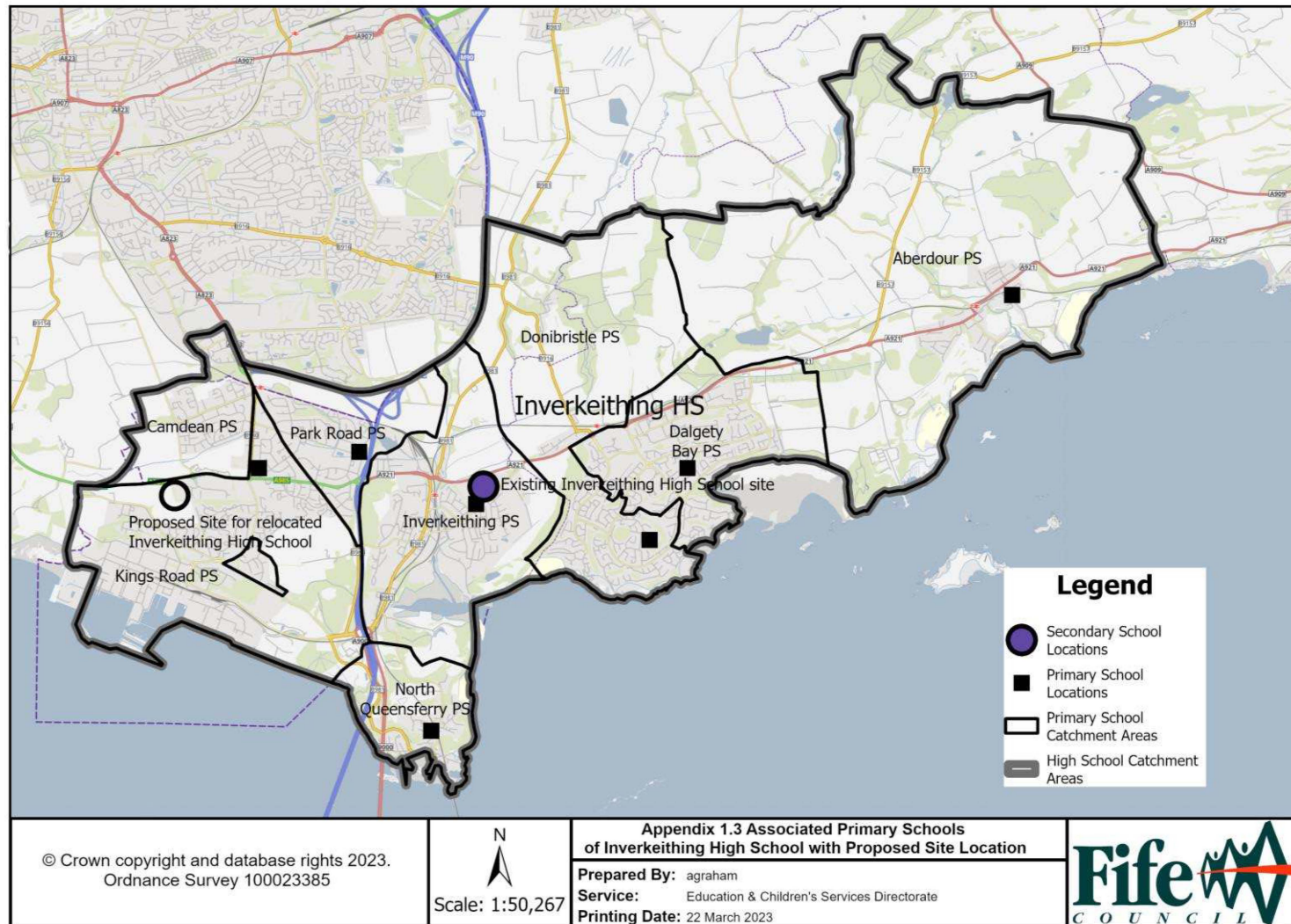
Site is north of Forbes Road and
to the left of Wilson Way





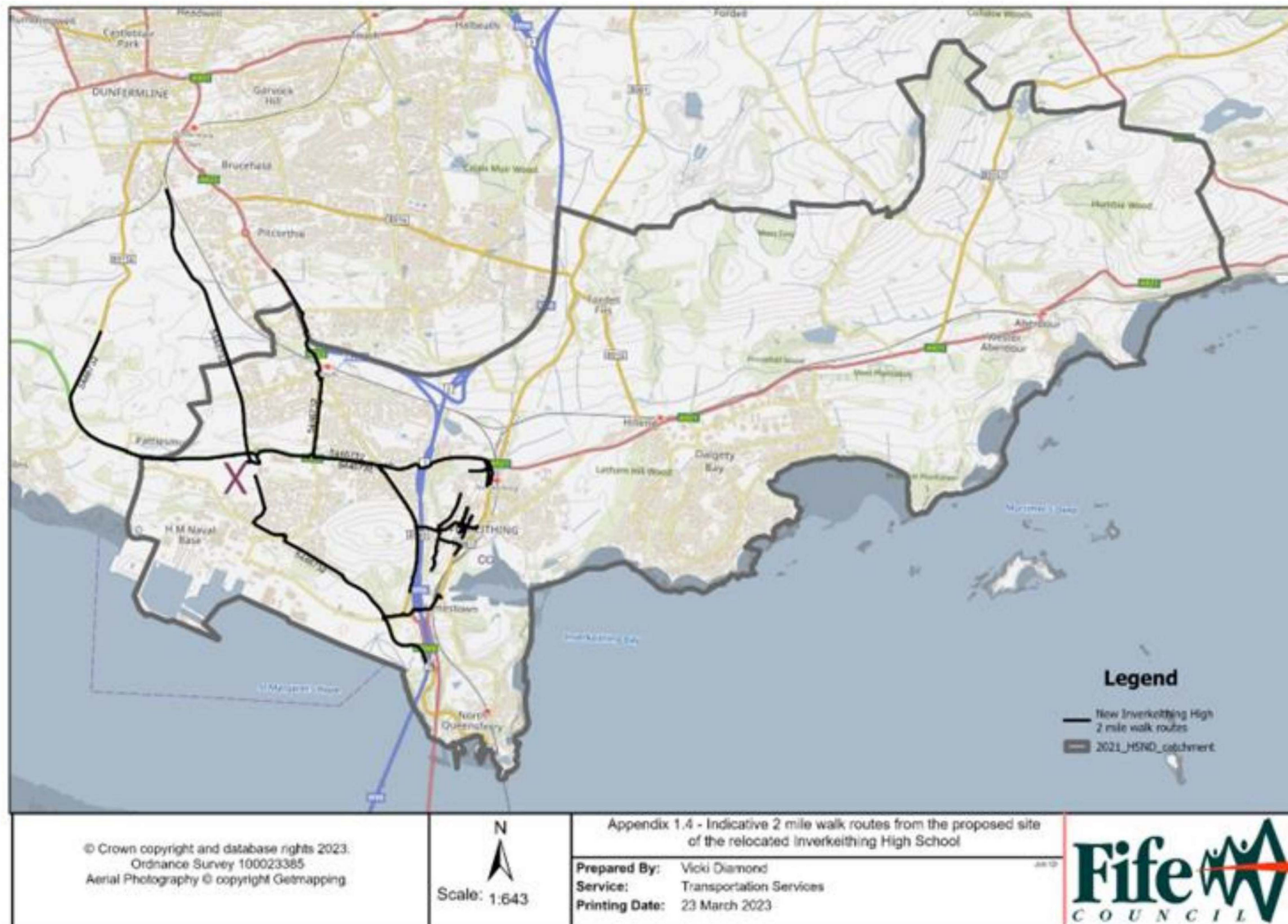
Existing Site of Inverkeithing High School







Indicative 2-mile routes from the proposed site





Educational Benefits

- The replacement school would ensure all facilities and learning spaces, both inside and out, are fully accessible to all young people and staff.
- Modern, fit for purpose accommodation tailored to meet the educational needs of all the communities in this area would create an inspiring and innovative learning environment that supports the delivery of Curriculum of Excellence.
- Different sizes of learning spaces would allow flexibility to support the delivery of small group work with partners, traditional classroom teaching, interdisciplinary learning across different subject areas, as well as large spaces in dining and assembly to allow performances and larger gatherings.
- The location and specification of both indoor and outdoor learning spaces for young people with additional support needs would ensure the accommodation is accessible and inclusive.
- The new learning facility would be digitally enabled, taking account of the latest technology and the move towards 1:1 devices.
- There would be enhanced sports facilities, both indoors and outdoors, including a fitness suite.
- Space inside and outside would provide opportunities for young people to socialise with peers to support their wellbeing.



School Consultation Process

- Statutory consultation in accordance with the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010
- Council required to consult for a minimum of 30 school days
- Statutory consultation period – Tuesday 18 April to Friday 2 June 2023, a total of 32 school days
- Pupil consultation – pupils from associated schools (P4-P7) and High School pupils
- Education Scotland involvement
- Consultation Report published middle August 2023
- Decision by Fife Council's Cabinet Committee in September 2023



Proposed Timeline of Events – School Consultation

Thursday 6 April	Consultation proposal considered by Fife Council Cabinet Committee
Monday 17 April	Parents and other statutory consultees issued with Consultation Notice, informing them of relevant dates and information about the statutory consultation
Tuesday 18 April	Consultation live
Tues 18 April to Fri 2 June	Consultation period (32 days - May Day and King's Coronation not included)
	Public meetings Thursday 20 April 2023 at 6-7 pm at Inverkeithing High School, Inverkeithing Monday 15 May 2023 at 6-7 pm at Kings Road Primary School, Rosyth Monday 22 May 2023 at 6-7 pm at Dalgety Bay Primary School, Dalgety Bay Drop-in sessions Civic Centre, Inverkeithing High Street – Thursday 20 April 2023 from 3-4 pm Inverkeithing High School - Thursday 20 April 2023 from 5-6 pm Aberdour PS – Tuesday 2 May 2023 from 2.30-3.30 pm Camdean PS – Thursday 4 May 2023 from 2.30-3.30 pm Inverkeithing PS – Tuesday 9 May 2023 from 8.30-9.30 am North Queensferry PS – Tuesday 9 May from 2.30-3.30 pm Park Road PS – Monday 15 May from 2.30-3.30 pm Kings Road Primary School - Monday 15 May 2023 from 5-6 pm Donibristle PS – Monday 22 May from 2.30-3.30 pm Dalgety Bay PS – Monday 22 May from 5.00-6.00 pm
Friday 2 June	Consultation close
Friday 9 June	Report on consultation process is submitted to HMI Education Scotland
Mon 12 June – Fri 30 June	Education Scotland 3-week review
Monday 3 July	Education Service receives report from Education Scotland
Wednesday 16 August	Consultation Report published 3 weeks before Cabinet Committee
Thursday 7 September	Consultation Report submitted to the Cabinet Committee



Public Meetings and Drop-In Sessions – School Consultation

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- Monday 15th May – 6.00-7.00 pm – King's Road Primary School, Rosyth
- Monday 22nd May – 6.00-7.00 pm – Dalgety Bay Primary School, Dalgety Bay

Informal drop-in online sessions will be held at:

- Inverkeithing Civic Centre (foyer), 10 Queen Street, Inverkeithing on Thursday 20 April at 3.00-4.00 pm
- Inverkeithing High School on Thursday 20 April 2023 from 5.00-6.00 pm
- Aberdour Primary School on Tuesday 2 May 2023 at 2.30-3.30 pm
- Camdean Primary School on Thursday 4 May 2023 at 2.30-3.30 pm
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- Dalgety Bay Primary School on Monday 22 May 2023 at 5.00-6.00 pm
- Donibristle Primary School on Monday 22 May 2023 at 2.30-3.30 pm



Planning Consultation – For information

- This public meeting is part of our consultation under the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010. This is separate from any planning consultation
- Planning Consultations are carried out under the current Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended)
- Dates associated with the **planning** consultation are:

Wednesday 26th April (3pm to 7pm) @ Parkgate Community Centre, Rosyth

Thursday 27th April (3:30pm to 7:30pm) @ Inverkeithing HS - Community Building

Wednesday 24th May (3pm to 7pm) @ Parkgate Community Centre, Rosyth

Thursday 25th May (3:30pm to 7:30pm) @ Inverkeithing HS - Community Building



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Discussion

Have Your say at

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Sustainableschoolestate.enquiries@fife.gov.uk

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Managing Our School Estate

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