

# Replacement Beeslack Consultation

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

**Q. What will be done to ensure there are safer routes to schools for the new Beeslack CHS and for children going to Penicuik HS?**

A. Traffic management and Safer Routes to Schools will be established for the new school building. A new pedestrian crossing at the A703 will be installed and transport will also look to improve active travel facilities. A701 Nivens Knowe junction near the Nissan Garage will be widened with crossings etc and a new junction will also be introduced with a crossing at Main Street at Nivens Knowe Road.

**Q. What will happen in terms of public transport. Will LRT be consulted for additional buses during peak times?**

A. Midlothian Council will have discussions with Lothian Buses regarding timings and areas to be used as well as routes for regular peak times.

**Q. Will there be a speed limit review in the surrounding areas/ roads of both Beeslack CHS and Penicuik HS?**

A. Midlothian in its entirety is being assessed for a move to 20mph villages, this will see 90% of urban roads become 20mph zones with arterial routes becoming 30 mph. This project will be completed prior to the replacement Beeslack CHS opening and a key factor in the assessment is facilities such as schools.

**Q. Will school transport be provided for children?**

A. Transport will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis based on Midlothian Councils Home to school transport policy and/or safe routes to school availability at the time.

**Q. Housing developments in the area have increased with many more planned, have these been taken into consideration?**

A. The proposal document shows the allocated house builds in the Beeslack CHS and Penicuik catchment areas from the 2023 Housing Land Audit which has been considered when formulating these proposals:

	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2026/27</b>	<b>2027/28</b>	<b>2028/29</b>	<b>2029/30</b>
Bilston PS Catchment	76	9	20	40	40	40	40
Roslin PS Catchment	113	159	90	1	0	0	0
Mauricewood PS Catchment	23	45	45	45	45	21	0
Glencorse PS Catchment	0	15	60	35	60	60	58

*Allocated housebuild in the Beeslack CHS catchment area as indicated in the 2023 Housing Land Audit.*

	2023/2 4	2024/2 5	2025/2 6	2026/2 7	2027/2 8	2028/2 9	2029/3 0
Cornbank St James PS Catchment	0	37	38	0	0	0	0
Cuiken PS Catchment	99	50	47	11	0	0	0
Strathesk PS Catchment	0	12	0	0	0	0	0

*Allocated house build in the Penicuik HS catchment area as indicated in the 2023 Housing Land Audit.*

**Q. How far in advance are pupil roll projection numbers forecast until?**

A. The proposal document has a table which shows the projected school rolls based on the current school catchment areas.

	Registered Capacity	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
Beeslack CHS	860	811	880	927	1003	1086	1155
Penicuik HS	945	673	682	699	700	677	658
Lasswade HS	1600	1618	1640	1667	1687	1703	1729

**Q. Capacity breakdown of the existing Beeslack CHS compared to the replacement Beeslack CHS?**

A. The existing Beeslack CHS building has a registered capacity of 860. The replacement Beeslack CHS building will be able to accommodate up to 1,600 pupils.

**Q. Is there enough space for all children to attend Penicuik HS once the catchment changes come into effect?**

A. The projected school rolls based on the proposed catchment changes can be seen in the table below and demonstrate that, in addition to relieving some capacity pressures at Beeslack CHS and Lasswade HS, they would increase the roll of Penicuik HS to a more viable roll.

	Registered Capacity	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
Beeslack CHS	860	811	880	962	1076	1174	1262
Penicuik HS	945	677	683	755	818	859	915
Lasswade HS	1600	1614	1577	1532	1473	1423	1381

*Projected school rolls based on proposed school catchment areas*

**Q. Why is Beeslack CHS being replaced?**

A. The existing building dates from 1984 and the accommodation is currently rated Condition B (Satisfactory) and Suitability C (Poor). As at census in September 2023 the secondary school had a roll of 751 against a capacity of 860. This roll is due to increase

further over coming years due to significant house build taking place in the current catchment area which is why part of the proposal is to change the catchment areas.